

Education Newsletter

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South East Central Branch

The communications union

Free Microsoft software online learning

Click on the links below for the following software packages.

- Create a basic chart in Excel 2016
- Explore Word 2016
- PowerPoint 2016 training
- Access 2016 training
- Outlook 2016 training



Digital Photography Guides

On our own website there is a guide developed by the BBC and collated together in one booklet which can be found at:-

<http://goo.gl/6LEia7>

The CWU Left Click website has a no-nonsense course, designed to give the necessary skills to go out and enjoy taking photographs, whatever your circumstances and whatever your equipment.

<http://leftclick.cwu.org/>

There is a quite in depth course on digital photography which gives you gives you the opportunity to gain extensive **knowledge** and understanding of digital photography including topics such as exposure settings, how to read and use the histogram, how light affects a photograph, how the camera sensor and lenses work, and how to process a photograph using computer software. You will also learn tips and techniques on what not to do when taking a photograph.

<https://goo.gl/zMk9jX>

So what are you waiting for?

Get Clicking!

CWU South East Central 2016 Digital Photographic Competition

Once again the South East Central CWU Branch will be running a digital photograph competition which is open to all members and their immediate family. It was agreed at the AGM that the prizes should be :-

Winner	£50 prize
Second	£30 prize
Third	£20 prize

There are 5 categories this year and they are as follows:

People

This can be any shot in which people (or a person) is the main focus or contingent of the photograph. Examples being; bride at wedding, child concentrating, person relaxing in a sun chair.



Seasons

This photograph can be any photograph which depicts one of the four seasons, so it might be weather related, dried up river bed, daffodils in the spring, ice forming on a window.



Sports/Action

This would be any action shot or sporting event which captures the action. It could be a gymnast at an event, a car in rallycross meeting or even a bird diving into the water to catch a fish.



Landscape

Any Photo that is taken just for the scenery, and as we are spoilt for areas of outstanding natural beauty this should be hard.



Close up

For those of you who can use a macro zoom on your camera/smart phone this is the one for you. This can be anything - but it has to be close up!



Members are allowed up to four photos in each category, which includes family members photos.

Full details and rules can be found on the website cwusec.org.uk

News Snippets

Education in Sevenoaks

In the Spring newsletter we advised that there may be an opportunity to open up a CWU education room in the Sevenoaks Workstyle building. I can announce that we have negotiated the use of Room F, so it will not be long now before we can hold our first event there. The reason its not already open is that we are waiting for the company to install a direct exchange line in the building with broadband on it. Unfortunately this task, although seemingly simple, is quite a protracted affair with several more hoops to jump through yet. Once we have got the line and broadband installed, we shall notify you when we shall be opening the room.



LTB 409/2016

For those of you who are not aware of an LTB is, this means "Letter To Branches". LTB's are the way in which the CWU headquarters pass official information down to branches such as ourselves. This LTB the 409th LTB in 2016 hence 409/2016 is regarding the changes in union education.

The union will be, for various reasons, be relying more on e-learning to give a blended course by using the CWU's "Left Click". So look at the back page for the Left Click article as the content of the website will be increasing over the coming months.

Free online courses for everyone

To encourage people taking up further education and improvement we often advise you of free online courses and this newsletter is no exception. These genuinely are high standard and completely free so you have nothing to lose. Look on the website <http://goo.gl/UW3EAb> or contact Steve Taylor for more details on cwu.sec.finsec@btinternet.com

At last, a genealogy course which doesn't cost anything. Once you have completed the course we will hopefully had the phone line sorted in Sevenoaks so some of you can try out your new found knowledge. **Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree**

Just Started

Perhaps you are a YouTube fan and wish to take it a little further, then try **Digital Storytelling: Filmmaking for the Web**

Just Started

You may be of an age that your children are about to go to university then you might find this course interesting. **Prepare For Career Success at University.**
Starts July 18th

Is there a budding poet inside you trying to get out, or do you want to know a little more about that famous Scottish man. No not our own George Hannah, but none other than Robbie Burns in **Robert Burns: Poems, Songs and Legacy.**
Starts July 18th

Do you have children who use the internet? Are you afraid or excited on what technology can give todays young people? **Childhood in the Digital Age** may be of interest to you.

Starts July 25th

Fed up with your same old job? Want to look for a new one, either within the company you work for or a totally different one. Make your CV stand out above the rest with **Net That Job: How to Write a CV Online.**

Starts May 2nd

Are you any good at programming or do you want to learn? Try **Creative Coding.**

Starts August 1st

Perhaps you are thinking of going into management or perhaps know someone else who might benefit from this, **Management and Leadership: Leading a Team.**

Starts August 8th

Arte you concerned about the Olympics and the Zika virus and lack the knowledge of how to deal with it, then **Preventing the Zika Virus: Understanding and Controlling the Aedes Mosquito** might be for you.

Starts August 8th

Check the website for these and other courses in the July & August at:
cwusec.org.uk/further-education/online-courses.html

"Unshackle your mind-forged manacles", educate. Wil-

Genealogy

A film crew visited one of our genealogy lunchtime learning events in Tunbridge Wells and should you wish to view the four and a half minute video click on the link below. However, I must say that I am not a professional and the video camera puts on at least two stone, and maintaining the grin did hurt!!

<https://goo.gl/oLPfRV>



Please look on Page 3 of this newsletter and on our website <http://goo.gl/at5oPQ> for a free online course to develop an understanding of genealogy, how to research your family tree and communicate the results to your family and friends.

This free course is run by Strathclyde University.



E-Learning: Where & When YOU Want It

<http://leftclick.cwu.org/> (click on link).

Left click is designed by the CWU to give its members access to valuable bite sized learning for all members. To register you need to have to quote your membership number so if you don't know it give the office a ring (see below for no's). They have sections as Computers & IT, Languages, English & Maths, Art & Music, Creative Writing (i.e. for competition), Higher Education and Working Class History.

As one famous Scot once said, "You have nothing to lose!"
George Hannah
So register and have a look on what's available for you.

We never look down on anyone, unless we're helping you up!

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