

Education Newsletter

October 2018



South East Central



The communications union

Digital Photographic Competition **2018**

As you will hopefully be aware, the photo competition is in full swing but time is running out!

The prizes for the competition are as follows:

Winner £75

Second place £50

Third place £25

CLOSING DATE - 31st October

So there's not much time left, send your photos in as soon as possible. Here is a reminder of the categories.

Sport

This photo has to show some sport where people are involved. It could be any sport you like, table tennis, kite flying, darts, team sports, motor racing, but whatever you do think about the composition.

Industry/Work

This photo would depict some sort of industry or work. It can be of people working, machines working or even working landscape.

Animal Kingdom

This photograph is one for all the animal fans but we are looking for something a bit special in colours and composition.

Photo Manipulation

This is a new category in which the photograph has to show some photo manipulation like the coloured lady in the black and white photo on the website. This is to encourage furthering your digital skills. See website for info.

Rebellion/Protest

Any photo's showing a protest or rebellion. Could be a punk rocker or even a stubborn child, just use your imagination here.

Send photos via return email or to email on back page. Full details on website cwusec.org.uk

Mathematics - A Case Study

Whilst on holiday in Cuba this year, enjoying the never ending sun, relentless heat and a few thunderstorms, the conversation turned to Maths!

Why Maths, I hear you despair? My wife was contemplating becoming a nurse but the idea of having to sit a

Maths exam was putting her off. She hated Maths whilst at school and found all the Maths teachers unfriendly, so hence she got put into a lower class and got a low mark in her exams. Well in my O Level Maths (GCSE), my exam revision consisted of 5 formula's on the back of my hand, which I looked at it whilst riding my bike into school, and this resulted in a grade B.

"How can you say Maths is hard, when you are so good at English? Maths just follows rules, English makes them up as you go along, like "I" before "e" except after C with exceptions" (and so many exceptions) I argued in vain. Nope, there was a block on Maths with my wife and she wasn't shifting.

"Look, I'll pay for you to have lessons and make up for those missed opportunities as your school failed you and I will help", I offered. There was still a reluctance to move from her entrenched position, but I noticed her wavering. "I know what!", I quickly added, "If you go to night school and pass your Maths GCSE, I will take Italian classes with you next year!" That was it, the deal was clinched.....time for another mojito and a bit more sun.

Aware of the governments push for Literacy and Numeracy, I searched for a GCSE course for my wife and found they were free. On one Saturday, she took a test in Tunbridge Wells, but she was told her Maths needed to do an extra course prior to doing the GCSE. Disaster, she was crestfallen! Her school life repeating itself.

However, now that she was aware of what sort of questions that would be asked, I suggested trying a different night school and that I would prepare her as much as I could. So she reapplied to a more local adult education centre, and passed the entrance criteria with flying colours. Instantly she became a changed person, one who was a success, and also one who suddenly got a new pencil case, protractor, compass etc. Looks like I might have to do another case study next year on, "Englishman, with no grasp of foreign languages, learns Italian!"

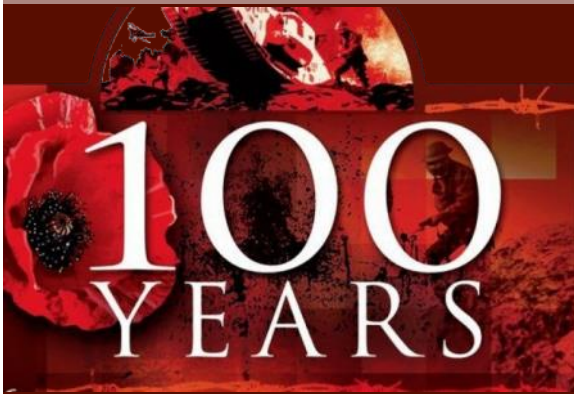
If you or any member of your family did not get a good result in Maths or English, the Government has set aside money for courses. See websites.....

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk
aspiresex.org.uk
acreslearning.org.uk



It's Free!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" - Nelson Mandela



On November 1918 at 11 o'clock, the armistice came into effect and the guns fell silent This was 90 minutes too late for George Ellison, a private soldier Leeds, who was shot at Mons, France that morning. George was buried nearby, and was poignantly placed opposite John Parr, who was the first British soldier to die in the war. The war officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed, 28th June 1919.

Many families will have stories of relatives who did their part in the war, either on the home front or the front line. My great grandfather must have witnessed many things that I could not imagine in my worst nightmares. His deeds in the war years, make my life efforts seem laughable, but it was something he had to endure. He rose to the rank of sergeant and got a mention in dispatches for saving a French girl from being trampled by a run away horse - how can I match up to him? However, he is my Great Grandfather, and I am proud of him.

So we will be running lunchtime ancestry events (see back page for dates) to allow you to find out if you have any heroes in your family - either on the front, or at home. We will make the ancestry website available to you, so you can investigate the past.

Warning - some records are incomplete due to damage in the 2nd world war.



Free Online Courses



The Book of Kells: Exploring an Irish Medieval Masterpiece. The Book of Kells manuscript, housed at Trinity College Dublin is world famous - it attracts almost one million visitors a year. But what can this book tell us about Irish history? And what significance is the manuscript in today's world?



Understanding the GDPR By developing good knowledge of the GDPR and understanding how it affects you, you will learn about the first steps for making your organisation compliant and can immediately start taking them. You will explore data subjects' rights, data controllers' and processors' obligations, and enforcement and compliance notions in the context of the Regulation.



Understanding Depression and Low Mood in Young People. This course will help you to recognise low mood and depression in teens, understand CBT - an evidence based treatment, discover practical techniques to help support young people and, access sources of further advice.



First Steps in Data Science with Google Analytics: Bridging Business to Technical Experts. You'll be introduced to data science through Google Analytics, an industry standard. You'll learn how to create and use tracking codes, and to view the types of data it produces. By the end of the course, you'll have new practical skills you can use immediately and will be ready to take your next steps in data science.



Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite's. On this course you will unravel the Jacobite story. Using objects from National Museums Scotland you will discover the lives of the rulers and their followers who sought to change history.

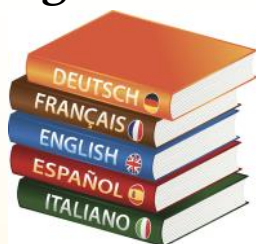
There are many other courses, including the foreign languages on the last page of this newsletter so click on the below link to investigate further. All courses in this section are free, unless you wish to take an exam or to have a certificate. Click on the links or pictures to go to a website or go to

<http://www.cwusec.org.uk/further-education/online-courses.html>
or ring Steve (see details back page)

"Unshackle your mind-forged manacles", educate. William Blake .

Foreign Languages

Learn French	Click Here
Beginners Italian	Click Here
Conversation Italian	Click Here
Learn German	Click Here
Beginners Spanish	Click Here
Learn Greek	Click Here
Learn Welsh	Click Here
Beginners German	Click Here
Beginners Norwegian	Click Here
German at work	Click Here



Genealogy and Photo Restoration Lunchtime Learning courses will be held at:-

Sevenoaks Workstyle	Nov 2nd at 12:00-14:00
Brighton Withdean	Nov 16th at 12:00-14:00

Unfortunately - these events are only open to people with access to BT buildings. Retired and other employees please ring the office to arrange other events.

For a more in depth look at Genealogy there is a free online course **Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree**—with the Strathclyde University [Click Here](#)



E-Learning: Where & When YOU Want It

As you should be well used to seeing Left Click by now but this notice is slightly different. Left Click have teamed up with *"The Skills Network"*, and have a variety of courses free at Level 2 (like GCSE) - which will be certificated at the end.

So if you, or any member of your family want a qualification in **Childcare and Education**, **Business, Leadership and Management**, **Health and Social Care**, **Retail and Hospitality**, **Personal Development and Employability** or **Health and Well-being** please click for more details. Details [Click Here](#)

Why not see what other courses you can have from LeftClick What have you got to lose? <http://leftclick.cwu.org/> click on link and register.



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

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