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There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real.



hey june

Our next Meeting,
**We still don't know but
hope it won't be too
much longer.**

**Stop Press: See Brian's
Bits and Bytes for a test
run of a general meeting by
Zoom next Friday.**



2 NEW MEMBERS

Garnet Tregonning
Margaret Hawkeswood



Greetings from our E-Bubble

We have conducted a number of on- line workshops with up to 9 people participating in the largest. We have also run two committee meetings in the same way. This has given us some experience with the product Zoom.

Next Friday 22nd we will attempt an E-based monthly meeting at 10.30 am and keep it to about 1 hour. Our experience with on-line workshops is that the concentration required is greater than meeting face to face particularly for presenters hence the shorter time.

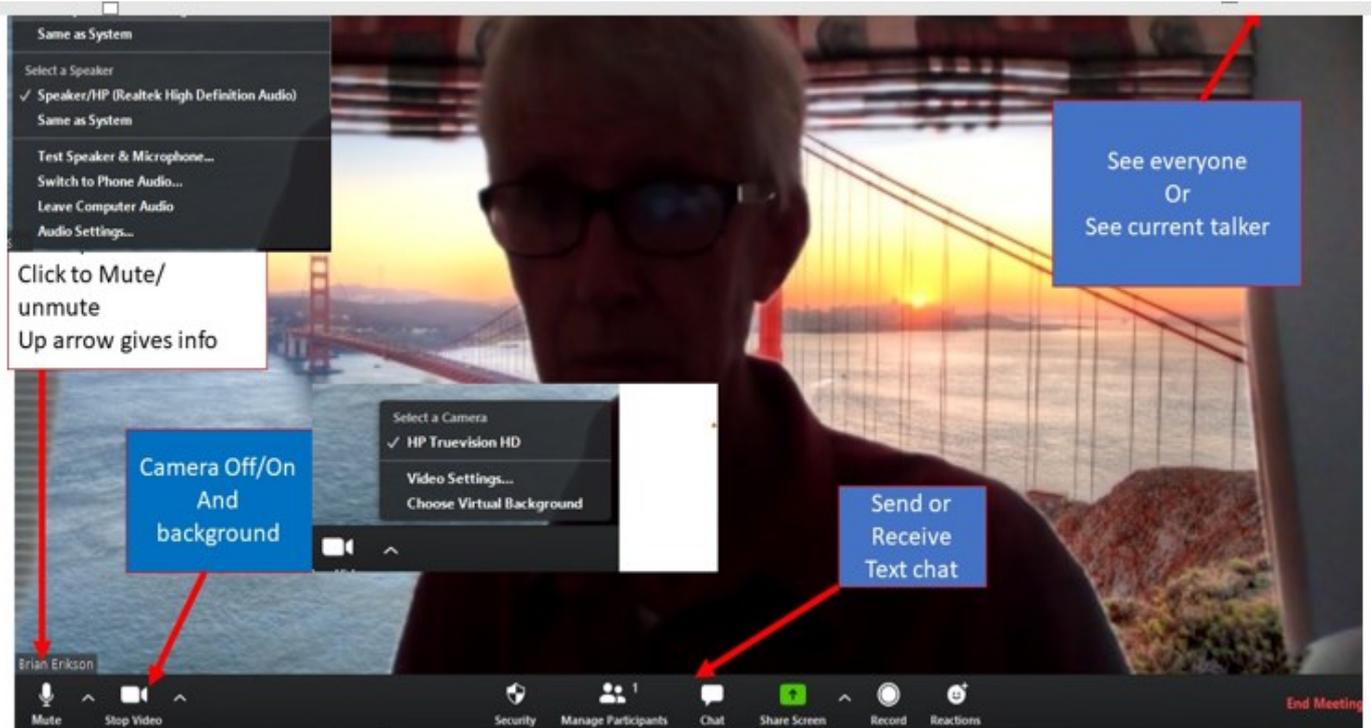
What will happen is that you will receive a usual email advice which will include a link to click if you want to be included. If you don't have Zoom the product will initiate its own download and installation. There may be one or two times you need to intervene with a "tick" to agree to proceed. Actually you can do this well ahead of the scheduled meeting and then you know you are ready, then close Zoom and comeback to the link nearer the meeting time. This is a link to a basic "how to Zoom" You Tube video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

This applies to PCs and tablets. With a PC you need at least that it will display a video and has a speaker for sound.

There is a price limit of 100 in our particular Zoom licence (we would need 300 plus for the full club but that's a 12-month payment of about \$2,200) so its first come first served. If you miss out we will record the meeting and provide a replay option.

We will set some pre-meeting conditions such as muting your microphone as I doubt we can manage 100 people talking together. You have the option of also turning off your video camera if you are still in pyjamas or the table needs clearing, etc. Zoom provides a Chat button and you can use that to lodge questions, and if everyone opens their chat button they will see the question and the name of the submitter.

The picture below shows a typical Zoom screen with the controls that you have access to. If you have to leave early click on the Leave Meeting button, lower right and pick-up later with the video recording. The host has a different button End Meeting if it gets out of control. I was not in San Francisco in this picture; its just a virtual background you can use or even create your own.



Dawn's Ramblings

Well freedom at last — and I'm scared of it. Hard to believe how much I missed friends, coffee dates, hugs and all the nice things that retired people can do. Now we are allowed to resume them, I want to stay home. I never saw empty roads, queues at supermarkets, closed shopping centres. I started staying home when I heard of panic buying prior to our lockdown, and now have had 54 days without leaving our village. Yesterday I had to attend a funeral and having discovered my car battery was flat, we quickly emptied hubby's car so we could take two friends with us, and off we went. Today I learnt that I can press a button on the dashboard of my car and the start button at the same time, and just like magic, the car started. Incredible. Aint technology wonderful - I love it. Then it was drive for 30 minutes to recharge the battery and all should be well.

Life seemed so easy in lockdown, the groceries arrived, walks were lovely, the whole pace of life was great. I like the leisure I have become used to. Am I the only one like that or have I just become lazy?

I have been thrilled lately to see tuis visiting the tree just outside our window. I have had a tui feeder hanging there since Christmas 2018 and last month the tuis found it. I took a video to send around the world (to both my friends), although I don't expect David Attenborough will be asking for a copy. I am in heaven watching them. Their colours are magnificent when the sun shines on them. Oh they are a joy and can't fail to lift your spirits. I hope busier roads don't frighten them away.

Here's hoping we can keep those "No new cases" days rolling on. We need them and I do a happy dance every time—not a pretty sight. Hopefully by this time next month, all our restrictions will be history and we will be able to have our meetings again. Now wouldn't that be great. Keep smiling — and start hugging your friends again.

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."



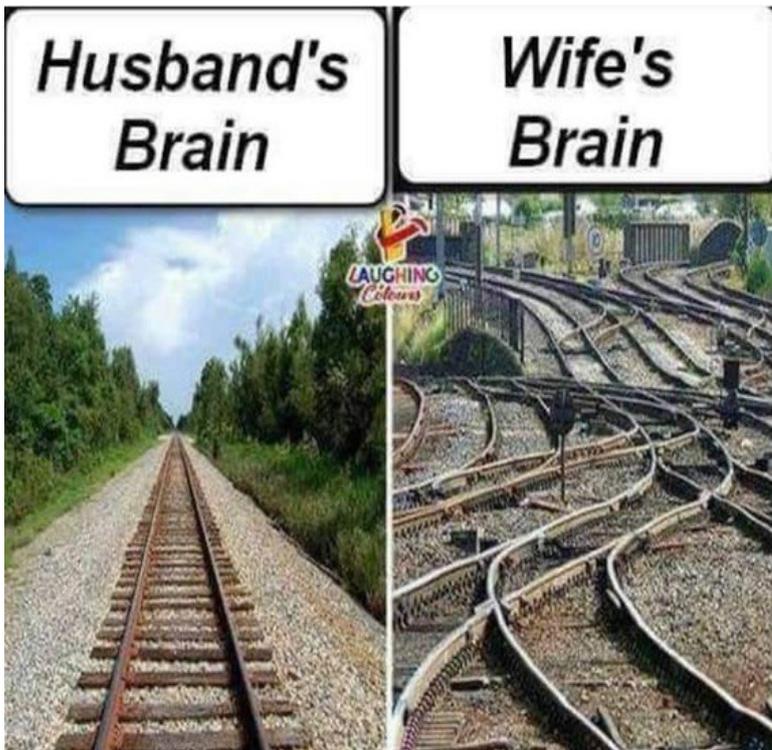
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I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes (he is 92). We decided to grab a bite at the food court. I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colors: green, red, orange, and blue. My dad kept staring at him. The teenager would look and find him staring every time. When the teenager had had enough, he sarcastically asked, 'What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life? Knowing my Dad, I quickly swallowed my food so that I would not choke on his response, knowing he would have a good one, and in classic style he did not bat an eye in his response.

"Got drunk once, and had sex with a peacock. I was just wondering if you were my son."

THE IDEA HAD TO COME FROM SOMEWHERE



There are two ways of arguing with a woman.
Neither one works.

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