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**Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas**

And a Happy New Year!



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Welcome to the latest edition of the Handforth and Altrincham News and Views

Dear friends,

What a year! It's not what anyone planned and we know things are tough again with social restrictions, but remember, if you need someone to talk to, we're here. We've tried really hard to keep in touch with everyone and keep you all busy with all quizzes and Zoom events! I'm hoping that you are enjoying them - it's our new normal for the time being but here's hoping that things can only get better next year and we can all meet up again. Wishing you a wonderful happy Christmas, most importantly keep well and safe.

Sharon

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Christmas events from previous years



Shirley and Sheila, 2019



Rose and Chris, 2019



Janis, Jenny, Gill and Eileen, 2019



A great get together at The Kilton Inn, 2018



Having fun making felt robin decorations, 2015 (missing our dear friend Joe)

December

Tuesday 1 - Christmas Carols and Card Writing Together (Online), 10.30am

Don't write your Christmas cards on your own, join us on Zoom and we can write them together with a background of festive Christmas carols and friendly chat.



Wednesday 9 - Festive Coffee Morning and Christmas Quiz (Online), 10.30am

A friendly Christmas quiz with prizes and one you can share with your family and friends over the phone, garden fence or online – whatever happens in December.



Friday 11 - Christmas Jumper Day Coffee Morning (Online), 10.30am

Join us for a friendly chat, wear your Christmas jumper and donate £2 to 'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day' this year. We look forward to seeing you in your woolly glory!

Wednesday 16 - Mince Pies and Christmas TV Discussion (Online), 10.30am

The TV magazines should be out by now, so make yourself a cuppa and bring a mince pie and we can have a chat about the best and worse of the Christmas TV offerings for this year. Two of our favourite shows we have enjoyed this year are returning for a Christmas Special - 'All Creatures Great and Small' and 'The Repair Shop'.



For the Zoom link, please contact Sharon on sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk, unless it states otherwise.

They'll also be lots of national online events taking place in December, which we will share with you in the weekly Monday email newsletter in December.

Please let Sharon know if you would like the details of these Zoom events, read the simple instructions for using Zoom on Page 2 of Society News or ask Sharon if you'd like to practice and make some new friends from Branches across the country.

What a year!

Wishing all my friends a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and hopefully we can all be together again in the new year.

Rose Turner

Well, what a year

I do hope you and your family are keeping well. Who could have imagined what was coming when we sent out our Events Diary and had all our plans for this year, it's been very different from what we expected and let's hope that our normal returns sooner rather than later.

I look forward to seeing you all as soon as our events can start again - and if not, perhaps in a little square on Zoom during the Winter.

I wish you a very happy Christmas, keep well and safe and hope to see you again very soon.

John Funnell,
our Noble Grand this year



Sending our love and best wishes to everybody

Sending our love and best wishes to everybody. It's been a difficult year, stay positive and Lynn and I are hoping everything is ok with you all.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone when we come out the other end.

Chris Rawlinson,
our Deputy Noble Grand this year



Joining The Oddfellows

I'm really pleased I joined Oddfellows in September and I want to thank and send good wishes to Sharon for making me so very welcome and to the 'Zoom' fellows, both local and further afield, for some great chat, quizzes and talks.



Even though it's been via a computer screen, there has been warmth and a shared experience that is very reassuring. Also a special thanks to Audrey and Shirley of Goostrey for their company when they took me and my husband, Ralph, for a lovely walk around their patch. They gave a warm and friendly welcome to the Oddfellows - thank you!

Chris Carter

Looking forward to seeing everyone

Although we all have had to adapt our lives and for many of us, learn to enjoy home life more, we still really do miss seeing our friends in person and therefore cannot wait for the time when we are able to sit over coffee's or lunches together again and have a proper natter face to face.

Missing Oddfellows events has made a huge hole in our lives with little likely hood of meeting up pre-Christmas, Jean and I would love to send to all Oddfellow friends our best wishes for a lovely Christmas and new year.



Jean and Roger Hume

To all my friends out there



What a year we've had! No one could have imagined when we were all enjoying the Christmas lunch last December at Bramley Farm, what lay in store for us! I really hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. Looking forward to better times, hopefully in the new year!

All the best Viv Taylor

Please pass on my best wishes to everyone and God willing, see you all in 2021.

Jennifer Harrison

We all look forward to meeting up together

In these strange and difficult times isn't it good that we have such an organisations as the Oddfellows. How well we have been looked after with all the different ways of contact; emails, phone calls and Zoom meetings.

We have been cosseted, treasured and been welcome in a community bubble. Whilst it speaks volumes of the organization, it is due to our wonderful worker Sharon who has gone beyond her call of duty keeping us informed, entertained and upbeat.

Whilst it is not possible to meet up in person the challenges of Covid-19 have been met, we all look forward to meeting up together. Be it a coffee morning, a visit out or even a quarterly meeting! In the mean time we have to keep safe and wait for things to improve before we can meet up. This comes with all good wishes and hoping we can all celebrate a happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

Mary Ramsden

I wish everyone well and look forward to when we can meet in person again. Stay well and safe. Val Hutchinson

Wishing everyone in our lovely group a peaceful and healthy Christmastide.

I have missed our regular meetings and talks. However, I have been able to join in yoga online and have spoken to one of our members on the telephone.

As you all know, I am a published writer, my first talk on 'Untangling The Webs' was at our group on a very cold day two years ago, but with hat and coat on in the Village Hall, it was a success, and several books sold to members. At the moment, I am writing the sequel to 'Untangling The Webs' a psychological relationship thriller, like the first. Set in Cheshire, Worcestershire and Cornwall, it resumes where the first finished, in 2010. I must not say too much about it as some of you may not have read the first book, so no spoilers. Expect the unexpected is still the theme, as for the first. Do look me up on Facebook 'Joy Pearson Author', where you will find extracts, five star reviews, photographs of me selling in Waterstones, WHSmith and independent bookshops.

Joy Pearson

Our friend Emma gets festive in her Christmas jumper

2020 has without doubt been the most unusual year I have ever experienced.



At the end of March I left the busy office environment to work from home, for a few weeks I foolishly thought! Months later, with 2020 drawing to a close, there's no 'return to office' date on the horizon as I write this. I work in travel for an airline, and I can honestly say my workload has never been higher as we deal with the huge volume of bookings to be refunded or rebooked.

On my days off I've been decorating the house, tidying the garden and getting to the gym again once it had re-opened in the summer.

I've missed seeing my friends, family and work colleagues in person, but have tried to make up for that with plenty of Skype, WhatsApp videos and FaceTime calls... and not forgetting our new friend for 2020, Zoom! I hope everyone is keeping well. Please stay safe and healthy during these trying times. Wishing you all the best for the Christmas season.

Emma Moores

Hello fellow Oddfellows

Although I haven't been to many outings in the past, during self-distancing I have joined one or two Zoom meetings.



I now feel more of a belonging and look forward to meeting up in person, when we are allowed. In the meantime I wish all fellow members a very peaceful Christmas and very best wishes for good health in 2021.

Hilda Prescott

Having survived an unusual year our hopes for next year are that things can only get better. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Jack and Freda Woolcock

Wishing all my friends at Oddfellows a happy, healthy Christmas and the joy of time with friends and loved ones in 2021.

Coral Laidlar

Hi you lovely Oddfellows, how are you all?

I trust you are safe and well. What a year! May 2021 be a new year when we can have some kind of normality (whatever that may be) again.



I cannot use Zoom so sadly miss seeing things and have noticed that as time has gone on we no longer communicate as much on WhatsApp. Let's put that right soon please. I miss all the funnies and things that kept me going for months. Anybody got some new ones? Being a shielder your messages kept me company I looked for them every day so for those. We all owe such a debt of gratitude to our wonderful Sharon so three cheers for the best organiser on the planet, she has worked so hard for us she deserves a medal, bless her. Let's have a good Christmas (hopefully) and meet again in 2021 as soon as we can. Happy Christmas everyone.

Ez Lan

Hello Everyone, and a Happy Festive Season To You All

I say festive, but this year we may have to use a different adjective. I'm going to miss all the lunches and get togethers that Sharon organises. Who would have thought that this year, the nearest we'll get to one another would be via Zoom (which most of us had never heard of a few months ago), or via a telephone call. If this goes on for much longer, I'm going to forget names... always a problem in normal times!



We usually go away to family for Christmas, so I haven't had to cook and organise the food for some years. Can I remember how to do it all? Perhaps if we stay at home I'll be motivated to spend some time decorating a tree, which will be lovely, doing it that is, not the result. I don't go in for colour coordination, just stuff we've had for years. Having said that I remember giving a lot of things to my daughter last year, and to a charity shop. Oh dear! I do love the smell of a real tree, it is so redolent of childhood Christmases.

Yes I can remember that far back. I'll also be able to use all the candles, which seem to be piling up. I love the flickering, a bit of a substitute for a real fire.

I'm still trying to go out walking, though as winter approaches I won't be so keen. Fair weather walker only. It's too easy to stay cosy and warm...and eat...Hopefully I'll continue painting, might even make some Christmas cards, but I have to admit that most of my cards were bought in January in the sales. What a skinflint! I do hope that next Spring we'll all be able to meet up and socialise again. We don't appreciate how important friendships are, until something like this hits us, you are all missed.

I'd just like to say a big thank you to Sharon and Holly too. I think Sharon has worked harder than ever to try to keep us all in touch, and is full of suggestions for things to do and watch. She's also a friendly voice at the end of the phone, and we know we can turn to her at any time. It means a lot.

Terry and I send all our best wishes to you all. We hope you have a healthy and peaceful December, and look forward to getting together again next year, it will be extra special.

Shirley and Terry Collins



This Christmas, may you know the love and hope that Jesus came to bring, be blessed. (Sheila's beautiful Christmas sitting room last year).

Sheila Danquah



Could I wish all my friends at Oddfellows a Happy Christmas.

Barbara Frankish

Beryl Earnshaw wishes all her friends a Happy Christmas and here's wishing for a better new year.



Why not become an Oddfellows pen pal friend?

With so many of us staying safe in our homes, how would you like to write a letter to another member and become a Penfellow? If the answer is yes, get in touch.

Contact Sharon on
01925 758117 or
sharon.hulseccottle@oddfellows.co.uk

Best wishes from our members

Wishing everyone the nicest Christmas possible under the current circumstances. I don't think it will be like what we are used to – it certainly won't be for me – but I'm sure we'll all get through this period and appreciate future Christmases. Hopefully sometime in 2021 we will be able to get together with our family and friends and celebrate all those special days we've missed.

So keep safe and well and remember all the positives and how much better off we are than a lot of people. Let's look forward to some normality in the near future and to seeing our Oddfellow friends again.

Janis Souza

Messages from our new friends at City of Norwich Oddfellows

We have very much enjoyed meeting you all at the Handforth and Altrincham Branch, during the COVID19 pandemic. And we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and prosperous new year.

Gary and Vera Hatt

We have enjoyed joining in and making new friends on Sharon's virtual coffee mornings and quizzes in Cheshire. Join them and see for yourself.

David and Dorethy Hale

It's been a bizarre year, and we've been unable to meet since March, but it's been good to see some of you on the 'Zoom' coffee mornings online. If you haven't tried it yet, why not make it a new year resolution to have a go at it. Sharon can give you a practice run / coaching session. I'm sure many will join me in thanking Sharon for her energetic and excellent work during this year to keep us all informed / challenged with puzzles / connected to Oddfellows activities nationwide etc, and not forgetting Holly's help with the technical online aspects. Good wishes to fellow members for Christmas. Hopefully, sometime in 2021 we'll be able to meet again in person.

Richard Grieve

I haven't been a member of the Oddfellows very long but I have very much enjoyed meeting new friends, albeit only online so far. I look forward to seeing people in person some time! Wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a happier and better new year.

Alex Bradley

I send my Christmas wishes to all Oddfellow members and hope you are all keeping well and clear of this virus. Hoping we come out of this present lock down with good results and are able to meet up with our families and friends at Christmas! Looking forward to 2021 in the hope that it will be a better year even if masks have to be part of our lives in the distant future!

Joan Kirkham

Twelve Days of Christmas Wordsearch

Answers on page 18

F	R	E	N	C	H	H	E	N	S	W	A	N	S	V
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U	W	B	N	O	O	S	Q	Y	T	X	P	C	F	S
N	T	V	O	M	U	Y	E	E	R	T	R	A	E	P



Calling Birds
Christmas
Days
Drummers
Drumming
French Hens
Geese

Golden Rings
Laying
Leaping
Lords
Maids
Milking
Partridge

Pear Tree
Pipers
Piping
Swans
Swimming
Turtle Dove
Twelve

Christmas Puzzles

Answers on page 15

1. Which two of Father Christmas's reindeer's are named after meteorological terms?
2. What's the name of the monster in the 2017 John Lewis Christmas advert?
3. Who, from his cave, can hear the noisy Christmas festivities that take place in Whoville?
4. In the poem, The Night Before Christmas visions of what danced in children's heads?
5. Actor Rudolph Walker plays which character in the BBC soap opera EastEnders?
6. The American states of Georgia, Arizona and Indiana all have towns that share which same Christmassy name?
7. Popular in Victorian England at Christmas and also appearing in the Dickens' novella 'A Christmas Carol', what is a 'smoking bishop'?
8. St Knut's Day mark the end of Christmas and the holiday season in which European country?
9. Bob Geldof and Midge Ure wrote the song 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' in which year?
10. 'Driving Home for Christmas' was used in Christmas commercials for which supermarket chain in 1997, 1998 and 2011?
11. Christmas Island, a territory of the Commonwealth of Australia is located in which ocean?
12. Which novelty Christmas song was written in 1944 by New York music teacher Donald Yetter Gardner?
13. Which country was the first to use the tradition of the Christmas tree?
14. Which Christmas carol based on a poem by English poet Christina Rossetti has been set to music many times, the most famous by Gustav Holst?
15. The 2013 fantasy film 'Frozen' was inspired by which Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale?



Christmas Poem

My friend I want to wish from

From wishafriend.com

My friend I want to wish you love
I want to wish you happiness along

I want to wish you good times

Just like the wonderful

Christmas song

I want to wish you well, my dear

So that you stay happy along

So that you spread the

Christmas cheer

My friend I wish you lots

of happiness

So that smile does not

leave your side

This Christmas, you have

many things

Just to be happy and go

with the tide

Merry Christmas to you!



Christmas presents already wrapped for this year



Loving Tescos enthusiasm, where do they think we're going?

Answers for Christmas Puzzles

1. Donner and Blitzen (the names mean 'thunder' and 'lightning' in German), 2. Moz, 3. The Grinch (from How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss), 4. Sugar Plums, 5. Patrick Trueman, 6. Santa Claus, 7. A type of mulled wine, 8. Sweden, 9. 1984, 10. Iceland, 11. Indian Ocean, 12. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, 13. Germany, 14. In the Black Midwinter, 15. The Snow Queen

2020 Quiz

1. How many rings are on the Olympic flag?
2. Who discovered Penicillin?
3. What does an acrophobic fear?
4. From which part of its body does a cow sweat?
5. Which French town has a reputation for miracle cures?
6. What name is given to a person that stuffs animals?
7. Who is the patron saint of lovers?
8. In which year did Prince Charles and Camilla marry?
9. Which is the worlds longest mountain range?
10. In which month is VE Day?
11. Who played Rick Blaine in the film Casablanca?
12. How many strings does a ukulele have?
13. Which vegetable is also known as an egg plant?
14. In what year did Margaret Thatcher become PM?
15. What is the coloured part of the eye called?
16. What is a village without a church called?
17. To whom is the most mail addressed?
18. Who was Britain's first Labour PM?
19. What is the official language of Austria?
20. Where is the Ceremony of the Keys held every evening?
21. What colour is vermilion a shade of?
22. What is the opposite of a concave lens?
23. Who was Anne Hathaway married to?
24. What type of fruit is a cantaloupe?
25. In bingo calls what number is two fat ladies?

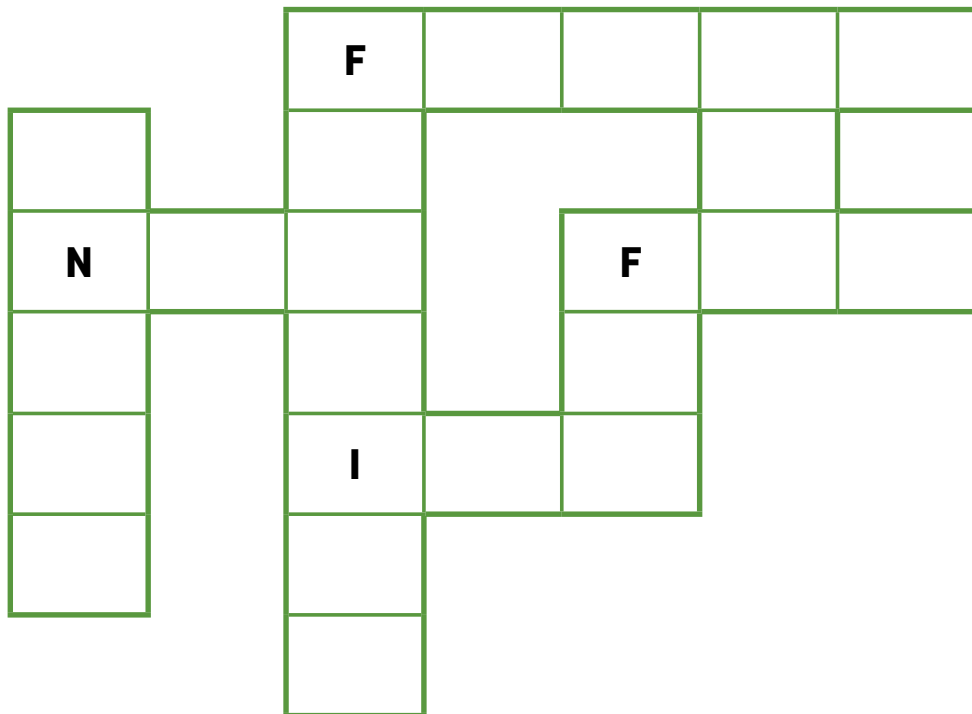


26. Who was Sherlock Holmes housekeeper?
27. What are artist LS Lowry's first names?
28. What is the 16th letter of the alphabet?
29. How old is Prince Charles?
30. How many shillings in an old pound?
31. The Oddfellows' motto FLT, what does this stand for?
32. Who hosted the first Play Your Cards Right game show?
33. What are Prince William and Kate's children called?
34. Which childhood disease is also known as Rubella?
35. What can be a sleep or how fabric lies?



Crossword

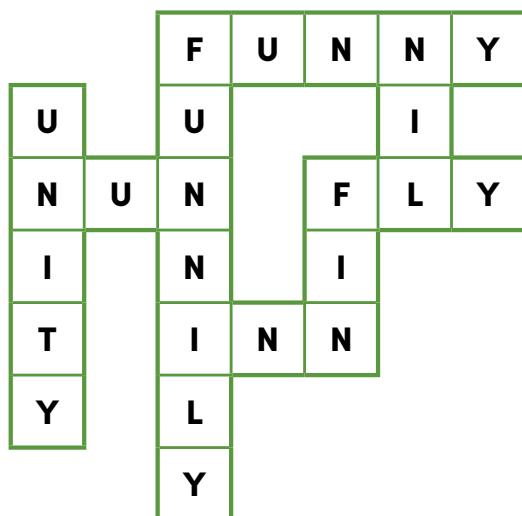
Using the word 'FUNNILY' can you find eight words in our crossword puzzle!



2020 Quiz Answers on pages 16 and 17

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| 1. Five | 19. German |
| 2. Alexander Fleming (1928) | 20. Tower Of London |
| 3. Heights | 21. Red |
| 4. Nose | 22. Convex |
| 5. Lourdes | 23. William Shakespeare |
| 6. Taxidermist | 24. Melon |
| 7. St Valentine | 25. 88 |
| 8. 2005 (9 April) | 26. Mrs Hudson |
| 9. Andes | 27. Laurence Stephen |
| 10. May | 28. P |
| 11. Humphrey Bogart | 29. 71 (14 November 1948) |
| 12. Four | 30. £20 |
| 13. Aubergine | 31. Friendship, Love and Truth |
| 14. 1979 | 32. Bruce Forsyth |
| 15. Iris | 33. George, Charlotte and Louis |
| 16. A hamlet | 34. Measles |
| 17. Father Christmas/Santa Claus | 35. Nap |
| 18. Ramsey MacDonald | |

Crossword Answers on page 17



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OddfellowsUK

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Sharon on **01925 758117** or email **sharon.hulsecottle@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on welfare benefits, money and debt issues, consumer problems, housing, fuel bills, employment issues and many other issues.

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

Our Making a Difference 2020 Award winners!

Our annual Making a Difference Awards identify and celebrate the people who make the Oddfellows the warm and welcoming Society we know and love.

We would normally present the winners with a trophy at our annual AMC, but unfortunately lockdown meant we've had to reschedule the presentation until 2021. Regardless, these four fabulous members deserve every ounce of recognition, and so we're pleased to announce this year's winners in their respective categories.

Jane Nelson, CEO, says: "All of our members make the Society a wonderful place to form friendships, access advice and provide support, but we also believe it's important to recognise when somebody goes above and beyond for their Branch. A huge congratulations to this year's winners, and of course thank you to everybody else who was nominated! Your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed, and we hope to see you nominated again next year."

Member nominations for 2021 are now open, so if you know somebody who always goes the extra mile when volunteering, raising money, checking in on other members, or doing their very best for the Branch, fill in the member nomination form overleaf and hand it to your Branch Secretary. Additional nomination forms and further information can also be found at www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.



Winners have been sent a certificate to mark their achievement (for now!) but are invited to the AMC 2021 to be presented with their specially engraved award.

2020 Making a Difference Award Winners

FOR GIVING A HELPING HAND

Bruce Nicole

Concord Branch

FOR WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUALITY

Barry Bedford

Nene and Welland Branch

FOR GIVING SOMETHING BACK

Effie Bowman

Burton-on-Trent Branch

FOR ENRICHING LIVES SOCIALLY

Margaret Wells

Cleveland and Durham Branch

Attending a Zoom get together



Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool that can be accessed through the internet, or via an app on your computer, mac, smartphone or tablet. You will need to have a valid email address to register and use it.

To find and install the app, just visit the app store on your device and search for Zoom. You can still use Zoom without installing the app - just go to **[www.Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us)**

How to join Zoom

Joining Zoom is really easy, just follow these simple steps:

1. Click on the Zoom app and then click on 'sign up'.
2. Enter your email address, as well as your name.
3. Set a password.

If you are not joining through the app the process is exactly the same through the website **[www.Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us)**

Zoom allows users to meet online, with or without video, so if you don't have a webcam, don't worry, you can still take part as if you were on a telephone conference call.

How to join Zoom meeting:

The host of the meeting will have sent you a joining code / Meeting ID - the Meeting ID can be a 9, 10, or 11 digit number – they may have sent you this by email, WhatsApp or other means. There may also be a password to enter a secure meeting.

If this has been emailed to you, you may be able to click on a link and go straight into the Zoom meeting automatically – it may also give you a password to put in.

If you cannot click on a link:

Open the app on your device, or go to **[www.Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us)**

Click on 'Join a meeting'

Put in the meeting ID followed by the password if required hey presto, you are in – just make sure you can be seen and heard – say yes to any camera and microphone requests. Please be aware that a red line through the microphone and/or camera icons (located in the bar at the bottom of the screen) means you won't be seen or heard - see screenshot below. The meeting host may also give you some help and guidance in the meeting if there are issues or problems.



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Member Nomination Card

My name is:

I would like to nominate *(insert the member's name and Branch they belong to)*
.....

Category *(please tick as appropriate – descriptions on reverse of card):*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enriching lives socially | <input type="checkbox"/> Giving something back |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working in the spirit of mutuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Giving a helping hand |

In less than 50 words, please explain why this member should be shortlisted for this award:

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.....
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Once you have filled in your member nomination, please return this form to your Branch Secretary.

Making a Difference Award



1. *Enriching lives socially*

This member loves contributing to social activity, whether as a frontline organiser or backroom support. Whatever they do, they can always be relied on to get everything together for the get-togethers and without their input your events just wouldn't be as good as they are.

3. *Working in the spirit of mutuality*

This member's passion lies in the running of the Branch and Society as a whole. Typically they will have held one or a number of formal roles and worked collaboratively with their management committee to make positive things happen.

2. *Giving something back*

The focus of this member is to raise as much money as possible for worthy causes. They may be involved in organising or participating in fundraising activities or events and will use every opportunity to help raise money or 'in kind' charitable support.

4. *Giving a helping hand*

Looking after other members is what this member loves best. They are likely to be a Welfare Visitor or other caring volunteer who goes out of their way to look after the wellbeing of members – whether phoning, writing or visiting, they can always be counted on when it matters or in times of need.