

LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE IN HUKANUI/HAMUA WI - Our New Zealand Link WI AND JULIA IN BASLOW WI

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2018 7:58 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: January 2018

Hello Julia and Darlings,

That makes it sound like you aren't a Darling, should be Julia Darling and the WI Darlings! There, that is better!

We see in the news of your snowy and cold weather this winter. It certainly matches the Christmas card scenes! Think the UK is getting off lightly in comparison to the US weather extremes. So sad in California with the mudslides and floods in usually dry places.

Well done to Elaine with her Christmas card – the challenge is on for Christmas 2018 now! She is a very talented girl, that's for sure.

We have been continuing with our warm weather which is good, but so hard to sleep at night. I talk to my Australian family about it and they think high 20s is lovely – but they have air conditioned houses, shopping centres etc and can escape the heat, where we haven't that luxury – well some do with their reverse cycle heat pumps! Yesterday evening we had a storm and it was so very windy and wet. Over in a flash though, but yesterday added 19mls of rain to our tally! It is mounting up now, but so nice and warm that we aren't complaining. The gardens are flourishing and the daisies in the lawns just love it!

We are heading down to Colleen's new home on Wednesday 25th January, a week earlier but Colleen usually works, so we fit in with her.

I can imagine the mayhem at 2pm at the village hall for the jumble sale – a bit like when Harrods have a sale and people are queuing at the doors!

OK. Time to get cracking for church. We are a very small congregation and with a few away I seem to have readings, prayers and morning tea!

Hope that your colds aren't getting any worse and you are all looking after yourselves and each other.
Love to you all

Denise and the H-H girls x x x

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2018 7:08 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: January 2018

Hello Denise and Hukunui/Hamua Girls,

A very happy and healthy 2018 to you all. May you and your families prosper.



Well, you will see from Jane's report attached that the competition for a favourite Christmas card, a lot of entries, at our meeting on Wednesday was won by you!! Well done, however the only prize is the prestige. This is getting a bit like the rugby and the cricket, although I understand they do enjoy financial benefits, in fact they wouldn't even be there otherwise.

Our speaker this week, Sally Mosley, is always very entertaining. She does guided walks in the area and is so interesting and knowledgeable, particularly with local gossip and little quirky bits of information.

The Jumble Sale, our annual fundraiser, is coming up shortly, so we are hoping for reasonable weather to encourage a good turnout. It is usually bedlam when the doors open at 2 pm. By 3.30 pm things are starting to calm down. Then there's all the clearing up. We do have somebody to take away all unsold/unwanted articles.

Many of us are suffering with bad colds and other similar ailments at present, very envious of your current warm weather.

Love to you all,

Julia and Baslow WI Girls/Darlings