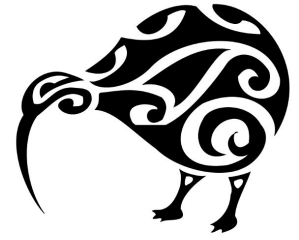


## LATEST EMAIL FROM DENISE IN OUR NZ LINK WI,



**From:** Denise Gavin  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** Julia Warne  
**Subject:** Re: March report from Baslow

Hello Julia and girls,

Well it is exciting news for Baslow with the RHS You might be able to make some money too, with the 'boarders'??

Our institute AGMs are usually around the same time in March and Federations are late March or early April. This year most our nearer federations have made their dates to coincide with the visit from our National President, Kay Hart, so SHB is on 6th April a Thursday and they usually have it on a Friday. I don't think I will be going as I lead a pre-school music session on alternate Thursday afternoons and it is this one. Never mind.

I bet the huge volume of traffic will be of concern to everyone. When our flat, but windy road through the Manawatu Gorge is closed and heavy traffic plus cars etc., have to use the Pahiatua Track, it cuts up the bitumen and costs our council a lot of money to do the repairs. The Gorge road is State Highway 3 and is kept up by national funding, but that doesn't apply to the 'track', which think should as an alternative road. It would impact hugely on your little villages, that's for sure.

Christine has had an interesting life with her career. Sounds just like Downton Abbey! Was the Dowager Duchess like Maggie Smith's character, Lady Grantham! Hope so, Maggie's lines were very good!

I watched the more modern version of Pride & Prejudice last week and have downloaded the book on to my E-Reader. I just love that story and both modern versions were very good. I love Colin Firth though!! When I see these films and the beautiful Houses/palaces featured, I think of Chatsworth and how lucky you all are with all that history on your doorsteps.

Where is Pat's grand-daughter living in Wellington? We used to live down there for 17 years and also our Pat lived there when they emigrated from the UK. Wellington is such a compact city, that we usually know the streets and in some cases know of families too!

One of our district's young sons, Tame Emery (29) died in a car crash last Wednesday and his funeral was yesterday in the Eketahuna Community Centre. About 600 attended and ladies from the district helped one particular family cater for it. We cooked roasts of meat for buns etc., slices/cakes were made and then others helped prepare sandwiches etc. Then came the teas/coffees afterwards. It was a very emotional send off for Tame, but his brother Marcus, spoke so well in farewelling him and telling a few tales and his sister Karla ( an 'adopted daughter' of ours) read well. Tame led life to the full and was a great friend to many, attested by the number of his friends who were there and everyone else. Tame and Marcus organised the family dairy farm, so now life without Tame begins for them all.

So on that note, I will leave you!

Take care, keep warm and dry  
and love to you all from  
Denise & the H-H girls x x x

**From:** Julia Warne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:29 AM  
**To:** Denise Gavin  
**Subject:** March report from Baslow

Hello Denise and girls

Always good to hear your news and also background information about the local area. It was Derbyshire Federation's Spring Council meeting in Chesterfield on 6th March. I was away but Baslow was well represented. The morning speakers were both from Chatsworth, the Head Gardner and the retired Housekeeper. Chatsworth is having a great deal of promotion at present as they have secured the right to hold an RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) Garden Show in the grounds early June, then for a number of years thereafter (can't remember how many, maybe 10 or 15). This is causing much activity in Baslow with roundabouts and Goose Green being smartened up. A big concern for Baslow residents is the potential volume of traffic clogging up the village. A call has also gone out for people to provide accommodation for the vast amount of visitors who will be setting up, exhibiting, attending and clearing away. All quite exciting for the area!

Our AGM will be in May this year, having previously always been in November based on our formation date. For administrative reasons National Federation wanted to get all WIs co-ordinated to the same month. So, our Team and President will be coming up for election/re-election. We have so many members now, it will be good if we can encourage a few of the younger and newer members to volunteer.

So pleased that Pat liked the necklace. Christine is very talented. She used to be Head Seamstress at Chatsworth (curtains, bedrooms, wallpaper etc. as well as personal clothing, particularly when there were large parties or weddings and guests experienced a wardrobe malfunction!) and then personal maid to the late Dowager Duchess.

Having had loads of rain, the weather here is now very Springlike, dry, sunny and about 12C. Daffodils and crocuses are in bloom, all looks lovely. However I was told this morning that local gritters and snow clearers are on alert for two weeks' time. We shall see!

I saw Pat Chambers yesterday, having returned from her Aussie and NZ travels. She apologised for not getting in touch. They only had 3 nights in Wellington. Their granddaughter had just or was just moving house and they got involved with all of that.

Jane's monthly report is attached as usual.

Best wishes to you all  
Julia