

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

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 6:39 AM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Elephant



Here is Elaine's beautiful elephant. Really is exquisite and has such a cute face too. x x



From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: Bakewell

Hello again, thank you for the info on the rivers etc. Will get out my atlas and have an in depth look!

We had our meeting the week before last here at my home. Just 7 of us and just morning tea and the meeting. Elaine brought her beautiful patchwork elephant doorstop that won first prize at the national competitions. She is going to bring it here this week so I can take a photo and send it to you. I have battled a heavy cold this past week and coming right now, but haven't gone anywhere in that time. Liv and Jymahl brought me a mask so I could talk to Ayla! A lot of bugs going around at

present. Weather is supposed to be bad across the country this week, so will only be going out when necessary I think.

Your plant hunter would have been very interesting. Kew Gardens wouldn't be anything like it is now if the plant hunters weren't around in days gone by.

Time for bed for me now Julia. Have a good week

Love to you

Denise x x

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: Baslow WI June 2018 report

Hello Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

Hope you are all well and preparing for hunkering down for your winter. Let's hope it is neither too cold nor too long – but it will be what it will be. Having had an awful April here, May was kind to us with lots of warm, sunny days. June has started off a bit mixed, for instance, lovely sunny day today but with high winds. Thought I was going to wake up to rain this morning but nothing, we do need rain.

It was the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) Garden Show at Chatsworth last week. This is the second time; there is an agreement for it to be held here for 10 years. Last year the weather was diabolical and the organisation not much better. This year the weather was good and organisational lessons had been learned. The floral displays in the marquees were impressive, as were the gardens, not at all the same as Chelsea, which you may have seen on TV, probably because there is so much more space here.

You will see that Jane's monthly report is attached. Our speaker yesterday on Plant Hunters was very interesting covering the early intrepid men, always men! They had to be single, so that, if they didn't survive, families were not left to suffer hardship. They were often from Scotland and also had to be from poor families, can't just remember now why that was, and they usually had well-off sponsors with botanical interests who wanted to impress others with their grand gardens e.g. the Duke of Devonshire, who owns Chatsworth. Why the Duke of Devonshire should have his estate in Derbyshire is an English curiosity! He also has estates in Yorkshire and Southern Ireland, as well as significant property in London and Sussex, maybe other places as well, but as far as I know none in Devon! We heard that these plant hunters travelled to North America, China and, of course, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Apparently, Botany Bay was an area of great interest and, thus, named. When they discovered breadfruit, the ships' biscuits were, apparently, left untouched.

We have a full programme at Baslow WI. You can follow us on our website: www.baslow-wi.weebly.com and even if you are not signed up to Facebook, you can still view our page by clicking on the Fb icon top right on the website page.

Lots of love to you all
from all the Baslow WI Darlings xx

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:45 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: Re: Bakewell

Hi Denise,

I think I remember seeing this programme some time ago. Couldn't quite place the location but it was an amazing undertaking. It is the River Wye, much beloved of trout fishermen, that flows through Bakewell. The River Derwent flows through Baslow, then on through Chatsworth Park. About 5 miles further south at Rowsley (pronounced Rosely), there is a confluence of the Wye and the Derwent, which then continues as the Derwent until flowing into the River Trent around Derby.

We have had our WI June meeting today on the subject of Plant Hunters, taking us right back to Botany Bay. Jane is currently working on her report, whilst juggling all the other things she has going on, so will be back to you in a couple of days.

Julia x

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 5:13 AM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Bakewell

Hello Julia. Watched Grand Designs UK last night and they showed a house that was built on the outskirts of Bakewell! It was excavated well back into the hill it was built on. They showed Bakewell from above with a stream and I wondered if it is your Derwent River?

Denise x

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