

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

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: December 2017



Morning Julia,

We all loved the oven mitt too and the bird explanations! Elaine is a very talented girl. Elaine has made me a couple for presents and I always ask for more when they have had enough!!!

We see that your weather has been extremely cold and snowy. One of the girls in our shearing gang has a teenage daughter who lives in Scotland with her father – he was shearing out here and they met! Amy was due to leave Heathrow on Monday night, so we were crossing fingers that she managed to fly out OK.

Hope that your travels will be OK and you get there and back 'safe and sound. A French Christmas will be lovely, possibly not as cold as the UK? AM sure the motorways are kept clear and with the amount of traffic on them, you will be OK for Birmingham.

We are still enjoying the warm weather – although a chilly start this morning with 8 deg. It was foggy during the night and that is good with no rain during the day, gives a little moisture to the pastures and gardens. Eketahuna and Pahiatua (both 10 or so kms away) got good rain on Wednesday night and yesterday morning, but once again we missed out!

We so enjoy Jane's reports. Always have a laugh and can imagine you all through her words.

Ayla won't know much about Christmas this year, but her bank balance will grow!! Her Nana Lynne has bought her a beautiful red dress with a tulle skirt with gold stars on it! She will look the part, I am sure.

OK. Safe travels to you and all your girls at Baslow dear friend.

See you in the New Year.

Love to you all

Denise and the H-H girls x x x

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 5:39 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: December 2017

Dear Denise and Hukanui-Hamua WI Girls

Well, it was our Christmas Party meeting yesterday and President, Christine, opened your Christmas parcel. What a beautiful card and there can never have been such a wondrous oven glove! The colours and the detail are stunning. We were all amazed. Thank you so much for both the card and the gift. We had a raffle in support of the President's charity, the WI national College, Denman in Oxfordshire, and Cate Hunt was the lucky winner of the beautiful oven glove. She was delighted but don't think she will ever dare use it, more likely to be on display.

We have had cold, snowy conditions since Saturday, with a number of events and gatherings being cancelled. Low temperatures mean it is still treacherous underfoot and also on untreated roads. Quite lucky near me as we are on a bus route which the Council clears and grits. Temperature is due to rise next week but we could still have a tricky weekend. Envy your current high temperatures.

I am due to spend Christmas with Claudia and family in France. Fingers crossed conditions will be ok for driving to Manchester airport, looking good at present. Driving to Birmingham soon for a Christmas get together with son, Karsten and family, Jyotee, Jaya and Anya. I am the 'mule' transporting presents between them.

You will see that Jane's latest report is attached. She does a brilliant job, always smiling and enthuses us all.

Very best wishes to you all and your families for a wonderful Christmas – I am sure Ayla's eyes will sparkle! Also we wish you all a very happy, healthy and successful 2018.

Lots of love from Julia and the Baslow WI Girls xx