

## LATEST EMAIL FROM DENISE IN OUR NZ LINK WI



**From:** Denise Gavin  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 9:39 PM  
**To:** Julia Warne  
**Subject:** Re: July in Baslow

Hello Julia and girls. I was sitting, thinking about you last night, then it got too late for me to email and think straight!! Yes, I have still managed to avoid the bug! Elaine has pneumonia in her left lung because of the bug. She is taking it a bit more quietly, but is still helping her husband feed out to the animals on the farm.

We certainly have copped some weather this year and the last two days were awful. We had a light dusting of snow here on Thursday morning, along with a lot of rain. I think because we only had 59mls of rain in June, that the rivers were relatively low and the water could get away as our river rose from 2.3metres on Thursday morning to 6.1 metres on Thursday night. It was rising 1/2 metre every hour! It didn't go over our drive this time thank goodness, but we have a couple of dips on our road and it floods there, blocking us in. We have a bit of damage on the farm from slips on to tracks etc, so that will take some time to remedy. There was a lot of damage around the country on roads etc. Even Wellington wasn't untouched as State Highway 1 out of the city had a slip that came across 3 lanes of the highway. Gets bad when that happens. The seas were so high from the swell that the ferries were cancelled for 2-3 days and some of the trains that went around the coast were also being put on watch. The skifields in both islands were delighted with the huge snowfalls, although people already staying there couldn't get out and the new travellers couldn't get in! Today brings beautiful sunshine here, so hopefully it will help a few places to get back into business.

Alison was a lovely surprise for you and to know that she has been following you on FB is so good. Yes, put us on your website. Have heard back from most of the 'email' girls and they are in favour of it, so go for it!

I haven't watched the tennis – it is on in the early hours here ( as you would know!), but we hear of the results. Some very controversial players, just 'turning up' for the dollars. Those Aussie guys really make me cross (although with their surnames, they have some European blood in them)! Oops, did I say that???

Yes, the Lions tour was a success for the hospitality side of things, but the ABs weren't happy – especially with the ref! At least it was a draw and not a loss. My husband John and son Daniel went to the second test in Wellington and introduced themselves to a few Lions supporters at a hospitality venue. They were Welsh and my two thought one name was Ali. My husband was offering them his hanky before the game and after the game Ali gave John his Caernarfon beanie. Daniel got 'Ali's cellphone number and we text them after the third test asking for the address, so we could send a parcel. Turns out his name is Brynmor! The address is unpronounceable! Too many Ls, Rs and Ns in funny positions with not enough vowels!

Was to go to Palmerston North today to watch my daughter play netball, but it has been cancelled. The courts are in an old quarry and have been flooded. So she will be over here soon. Time for me to get going and feed my 3 piggies and do some housework and baking.

So from the H-H girls, all for now and love to you all

Denise x x

**From:** Julia Warne  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 12:31 AM  
**To:** Denise Gavin  
**Subject:** July in Baslow

Hello Denise and girls

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At our monthly meeting on Wednesday we had a surprise visitor: Alison from Country Women's Association Castlemaine, Victoria, Australia, has been following us on Facebook. She has been staying with family in London and told them she had to visit friends in Baslow – and turned up just like that, wonderful! Jane's monthly report is attached giving details of most of our activities.

Have you had chance yet to discuss with all your members whether they are happy for the exchange of emails between us to be put on the Baslow WI website? As mentioned previously, no surnames or email addresses will be included. It may encourage others to enter into a similar exchange across the world. We certainly have pleasure hearing about your WI activities and the things going on in your world generally, as we hope you do with ours.

The past couple of weeks many of us have been watching the tennis at Wimbledon. Anne D was lucky enough to have tickets for Court 1 on Monday and saw some fantastic tennis. Also, of course, we have been following the rugby and the Lions progress in NZ. A draw with the All Blacks seems an ok result, some on your side of the world may not see it that way. What we have been hearing about is the wonderful Kiwi hospitality to team families and also to British/Irish followers generally.

Where is your friend's husband, Keith, visiting in Derbyshire, do you know? I have pencilled 30 Sept/1 Oct in my diary that your friends, Anne and Peter from Perth, will be staying in Baslow and visiting Chatsworth. Please feel free to give them my contact details but, as I said before, I totally understand if they prefer to do their own thing.

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**To:** Julia Warne  
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Hope I didn't offend anyone with my comments on the European ancestry of the Aussie tennis players!! Definitely Eastern European and hope I am not digging myself further down the hole with this!!

Didn't mention our July meeting at the Lazy Graze. Nine ladies attended, Elaine wasn't well enough to come and it was just the start of her pneumonia. We enjoyed our lunch and meeting and confirmed our next meeting for August at Sue Philpot's home for morning tea.

Day here is still beautiful. Certainly lifts the spirits after the bad weather.

x x

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**To:** Julia Warne  
**Subject:** Fw: July in Baslow

Hello Julia. Pat's husband Keith, noticed the email I forwarded to them and his reply is below!!

[Denise](#)

**From:** Keith Holden  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 7:19 PM  
**To:** Denise Gavin ; keith-glasscraft@.....  
**Subject:** Re: July in Baslow

Hi Denise, noticed your WI emails ref Julia from Baslow I am in Crich, opposite the Tramway Museum, free day on Monday , happy to drive over to represent you, I gather it is about 15/20 minutes drive away.

Keith  
Sent from my iPad

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