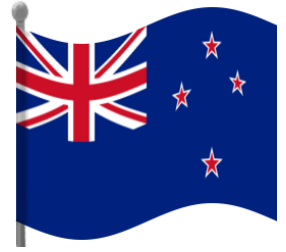


LATEST EMAIL FROM DENISE IN OUR NZ LINK WI,



From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:42 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: Happy Easter!

Hello Julia and girls.

I have just returned from a quick 9 day trip to Perth and Adelaide to be at my brother-in-law Murray's funeral in Perth and then to Adelaide to catch up with family and friends briefly. Just 9 days, but so good to be with them all. One thing about funerals is that everyone who can be there is and it makes being with family so much easier. The weather was beautiful, so I had my nine days of summer!

Fire has been going non-stop since I returned with night temps getting down to 3 deg! We aren't quite ready for winter just yet! I have a large fig tree and with all the rain we have had, the tree is laden and the ripe figs are lovely and big. Haven't been able to pick any for a couple of years as the frosts hit the tree, so hoping that we have some nice days to ripen some more. John's Dad (95) lives with us and he served in Egypt and Italy (amongst other places) in the 2nd World War and he loves figs because they abounded in both countries on the sides of the roads and the figs topped up their rations!

Yes, I heard from Pat. I did reply, but one bounced back so hope she did receive my email.

Yes, Ellie Sanderson is to be our new Assistant Bishop. I had a church Vestry meeting last night and we were talking of her. She is very popular in Wellington. It certainly is a very small world at times!

Elaine has had her identical twin sister Shirley, over for a week or so from Adelaide and they have caught up with other family members whilst over here. Other than that, we go along with highs and lows – trips away for members, some illnesses to contend with and special times with family and friends.

So, hope you had a Happy Easter and you have managed to stash your Easter goodies to last a while!!

Love to you all

Denise

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Saturday, April 15, 2017 12:12 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: Happy Easter!

Hello Denise and girls

Thank you for your interesting email last month. How sad to lose a young man you were so close to. Rural communities are particularly good at coming together to support each other in such distressing situations.

Pat tells me she has been in touch to explain about her family in Wellington. It is always interesting to make those connections. Speaking of which, I see in our local newspaper that a former pupil of the secondary school in Bakewell, The Rev. Canon Dr Eleanor Sanderson, will be taking up her new role as Assistant Bishop of Wellington after her consecration on 2nd June. Apparently she moved to New Zealand 17 years ago after being sponsored by Bakewell Rotary Club for a prestigious Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study in Wellington in 1999-2000. She has since married a New

Zealander and has two young sons. Eleanor's mother, Jane Chapman, will be attending the consecration. Small world!

You will see from Jane's report, attached, that there's been a lot going on at Baslow WI. The new Book Club is so popular and oversubscribed that a second one is being set up. Next month is our AGM with appointment of new Team (Committee) and possibly a new President. There is talk about possible changes to the Group System in Derbyshire. At present we are part of The Devonshire Group. There is a possibility of joining with another Group, as you had to do. We all have the same issues!

Last weekend the weather was fantastic with temperatures up to 20C. Now we are back to 12C with lower temperatures forecast over the next few days. Next month we have the annual Chatsworth Horse Trials to look forward to, 12 – 14 May. I always enjoy that. The going is perfect at the moment, so we will need some more rain, not too much, before that to keep it in good condition.

Best wishes to you all for a very happy Easter.

Love from Julia and all at Baslow WI

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