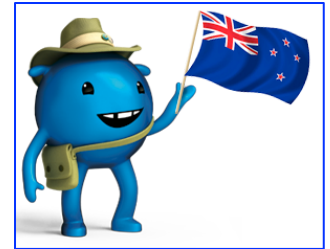


## LATEST EMAIL FROM DENISE IN OUR NZ LINK WI

**From:** Denise Gavin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:42 AM  
**To:** Julia Warne  
**Subject:** September



Hello Julia.

I think this will be waiting for you when you get back from holidays! Hope you went to France to see your daughter and her family, or maybe you went somewhere else and they went too!

Anyway, we had our meeting this morning at Sue's home. Just six of us there. Margaret and Christine were busy feeding calves and moving stock etc. as calving has started on dairy farms now. Leonie had a fall two weeks ago and hurt her left wrist. She went to the doctor yesterday, as it hadn't improved to have an x-ray and find it was broken, so she is in plaster. She will be feeling very 'caged' as she is a superb patch-worker/quilter so that will go on the backburner for a while. I have a friend at church who goes to the same quilting group as Leonie and Debbie has her right arm in plaster at present – they could make beautiful stitching together!! Val's great aunt passed away at the ripe old age of 100 and Val had her funeral today.

We had our Southern Hawkes Bay Federation president with us today. Bettina McCulloch is a very vibrant and positive lady and a joy to be around. She is a very accomplished painter too and paints saws for people. I will send you a photo of a saw that she painted for my husband last Christmas. I have asked Bettina if she will paint a saw with our 6 dogs on it, so will look forward to that one.

Pat gave us a report on Keith's day with you. Said he had a wonderful time with you. Thought Baslow was an exceptionally beautiful village and your home with the garden sloping down to the river was gorgeous. The photo of the veg garden that he took – is that yours? I thought it must have been an allotment garden. So neat and tidy and the rhubarb looks massive. Pat was disappointed that she hadn't been to Baslow in previous trips to the UK, but was always told it was 'miles away' – and not 15 minutes like Keith found! So you will be on the itinerary when her next trip comes around.

Winter has another month to go and it is so very muddy around the farms. Makes things take twice as long to do.

OK. Tis all for now. About to start to cover a foam squab for a window seat at my daughter's home. We are thrilled that we are to become grandparents for the first time. Baby is due on 26th October! Olivia, our daughter, and her partner Jymahl are living next door to us too, so they will have to put up an electric fence to stop me going over once the baby arrives! Liv has threatened to call around midnight when she needs help!!!!

This time, it is goodbye from me.

Take care, keep well and happy

love to you all,

Denise and the girls x x