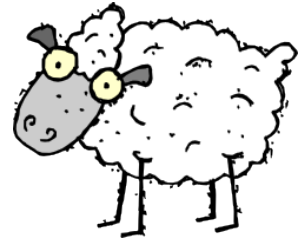


## LATEST EMAIL FROM DENISE IN OUR NZ LINK WI



**From:** Denise  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 11:59 PM  
**To:** Julia  
**Subject:** Re: June in Baslow

Hello there Julia. Was sending an email to a friend in Gloucestershire (that took a bit of spelling!) and yours popped up!

Jaine said it was 30 deg over there and it was a bit hot for some. Oh you lucky things. We are starting the days lately with minus 3 and a good frost. Quite foggy too which makes things so cold.

Yes, we hear about Mrs. May's problems. What a mess.

No, we hadn't heard about Prince Philip. At 96, he has done so well and sometimes when we slow down/retire, health problems are more obvious. Hope he recovers quickly. The Queen as you say is an amazing woman, doing all she does and keeping well abreast of the times and situations. She has seen a lot through her years.

Our last meeting was held at Val's home. Just a meeting and a cuppa with 10 of us there (same as your lunch group!!). Nothing much to discuss, but we have the October craft competitions for Southern Hawkes Bay Federation to do. A knitted baby's blanket from squares or strips. To be donated to the Kind Hearts Foundation which helps Palmerston North Hospital babies. It is an amazing group of people who started out with one family having a sick child there and finding a lack of supplies for families. So they started taking baking in to the children's/neo nate and maternity wards. This has evolved with groups knitting for the babies there (they like to send babies home with a knitted article) and two recipe books being printed for fundraising and also a 'pay it forward' scheme, whereby people can pay for an extra coffee at shops around Palmerston North to be given to customers who look like they could do with a treat.

Today Elaine and I and two members from Mangamutu WI are going through to Dannevirke for a SHB Institute Officers' meeting. Think we are old hands at this stuff, but need to make an appearance! They are also discussing the October Craft Show schedule, so hope that doesn't take too long.

OK. Time for me to shower and get going, so I will leave you here.

Next meeting is in two weeks time and we are having lunch in Eketahuna for our 'Mid Winter Christmas' get together.

Love to all of you

Denise and the girls x x x

**From:** Julia  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** gavsters  
**Subject:** June in Baslow

Hello Denise and girls

We have been experiencing and enjoying a few days of extremely hot weather. This evening it is breaking down with heavy rain and thunder storms forecast.

Our general election didn't go quite as predicted, so now we have a hung Parliament and will have to see how that works out, particularly with all the turmoil and changes surrounding Brexit. Racing at Royal Ascot this week, two Aussie winners already and it's only the second day. The Queen's speech was supposed to be delivered last week, detailing Government plans for legislation in the forthcoming parliamentary term. However the Government couldn't manage to write and coordinate everything in time, so it was delayed until today. Royal Ascot Week is very special for the Queen. At the age of 91 she delivered the Queen's Speech in the morning, looking magnificent in a blue outfit, getting away before noon, in a Bentley rather than horse-drawn carriage, and then joined her guests for lunch at Windsor and the carriage procession down the Royal Mile to enjoy an afternoon of racing in a wonderful yellow outfit. Also Prince Philip was admitted to hospital yesterday evening. What an amazing woman.

Ten Baslow WI ladies enjoyed our monthly Lunch Club today, this time at the Cafe at Hassop Station. The railway line has been discontinued for many years but it is now a popular walking area. Only a couple of miles away from Baslow, everybody chose what they wanted, all excellent and very good value. With having such a large membership, it is good to sit down with a smaller group and talk to different people who we don't necessarily talk to at the main meetings.

Hope all is well with you. We all really look forward to hearing your news.

As usual I have attached Jane's press report. At our meeting last week Baslow WI members voted by a majority of 3 to no longer to be part of the local Devonshire Group. Some longstanding members are rather upset by that. The world has changed and people want different things/have different priorities these days.

Much love and best wishes to you all

Julia and Baslow WI Girls x

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