

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



From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 3:28 AM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: Hello

Hello Julia,

Well the Hip investigation didn't really happen. Apparently they had tried to contact Liv earlier with no success for an appointment for a scan. The first appointment card found her OK! So, now she goes back on 19th February for a scan. Meanwhile Liv has found that Ayla's hips are now flopping over to the side, so she is hopeful that all is OK there. Has just taken time that's all.

We know the feeling of wearing several 'hats'! Has to be done in smallish communities.

They are still trialing things for facial eczema. Some farmers cull out ewes/rams that have facial eczema, but there is nothing medicinal just yet. The affected animals look awful and having the sun on them must be very painful. Hope that we are OK this year. Haven't really been affected much over the years, but we do keep a lookout for it.

We still have 13 members in total. Think it is about average for small districts these days.

Flooded rivers are dramatic with the flotsam and jetsam aren't they? We can see our river from the house when it is in flood and sometimes it looks like Captain Cook's ship The Endeavour as huge trunks with bare branches pointing upwards float past. Then we hear the bonk as they hit our bridge and we cross our fingers for no damage. Kayaking I see the trees on the bottom of our river. Some would be very old and other willows that need to be chopped back as they are blocking the water flow.

Right. Have been to Wellington today with Liv and Ayla. Liv's Wairarapa Area Commander in the Police passed away last week. Donna was 43 and was diagnosed with brain cancer in October and not given long. She was a very good policeperson. Caring for staff and victims alike. More interested in resettling victims and finding out why offenders committed crimes and trying to rectify that instead of ticking off the statistics in the 'solved case' book. A very big funeral in tribute to Donna. We left here at 6.45am and got down there just after 9am. I stayed with Ayla at a friend's home just around the corner from Police College where the funeral was held. Liv fed her before she left and Ayla slept for 2 hours, so that was great. Got her up for a kick on the floor, then she took a bottle from me and brought up some wind and hey presto Liv was there! Then left there at 1pm after Ayla was fed and she slept the whole way home! Perfect!

Time to think about tea - isn't that always the way??

Love to all the Baslow Darlings,

Denise and the H-H girls x x

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From: Julia Warne

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8:25 AM

To: Denise Gavin

Subject: Re: Hello

Hi Denise,

Lovely to hear from you and to see the photo of your little poppet, she's growing so fast. How did the hip investigation go?

Very envious of your lovely weather. On Sunday it snowed all day, now temperatures have risen somewhat with blustery rain. No problems for me as I have just stayed in. The river in front of my window is higher than for some time as a result of the melting snow off the moors, quite dramatic with tree trunks, flotsam and jetsam floating past. Might be a bit too exciting for your kayaking unless you revel in 'white water'.

Today we have had a National Village Halls Week event at Baslow Village Hall. Lorna was representing WI and I was representing Senior Citizens. Some of us 'wear a few hats'. A good turnout from Councillors and representatives from other villages. Rather dreary presentation and potentially worrying because of impending data protection legislation coming in on 25th May 2018 relating to personal details we hold on members.

Hope you have a lovely day visiting Colleen's new home. Please wish her well from all of us at Baslow WI. How many members are you now in total?

Blackberries and mushrooms are sounding rather autumnal, when you should still be in high summer. Here, the bulbs are coming up and the ducks on the river are already 'frisky'. Have been catching some of the tennis in Melbourne and the heat has been brutal for the players. We do have an English 'hope' into the semi finals.

Interesting that the fungi from mushrooms transfer to sheep; I didn't know that. Do you have to medicate the sheep?

Make the most of your kayaking opportunities and enjoy Ayala; before you know it, she will be a stropky teenager. Don't know how you find time for anything else, what with all your family and WI commitments.

Lots of love,

Julia and Baslow WI Darlings xx

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From: Denise Gavin

Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:20 AM

To: Julia Warne

Subject: Fw: Hello

Hello Julia,

Hope you have come out unscathed with your recent weather extremes. It looked quite rough in places, just when you thought winter was coming to an end!!

Meanwhile over here, we are still having lovely warm weather, with the odd bit of rain which is very welcome.

We have institute this Thursday at Colleen's new home in Masterton. Looking forward to that. Think she has a pool, but won't swim - paddle definitely! Have been paddling most days in my kayak. Today I spotted some yummy blackberries dangling down a bank so managed to get a few! Will go out and look in our usual blackberry spots now. They are usually later, but with the warm and wet weather, they are early. Have had a few mushrooms which is very early too! Unfortunately if we get mushrooms, it sometimes means that our sheep are liable to get facial eczema as it is the same fungi/spore family.

Other than that, all is good I think. Hopefully there will be a few of us at Colleen's home. Now have to put my thinking cap on for a shared lunch.

Love to you all, keep warm and dry,

Denise x x