

LATEST EMAIL FROM DENISE IN OUR NZ LINK WI

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:19 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: August is nearly over

Elaine received the beautiful butterfly card either early last week or late the week before. Great minds think alike with butterflies on both cards.



I am not watching the programmes on Diana either, although there is one on Harry tomorrow night in Africa that I might tune into.

Oh your next meeting sounds GREAT! Does Virgin Atlantic have resorts that have spa and hairdressing facilities? Can't imagine them on the planes.....but hey, you just never know these days! Maybe Harvey will bring a voucher for you to raffle!! Is he a local or does someone have connections with him?

My lambies are going well. Being twins they aren't as friendly as singles as they have each other, but the boy loves a scratch under his chin and stretches out when I do it!

This morning we are having a heifer killed for house meat. Yay, will be so good to have home killed meat again. Have been buying from the supermarket for a couple of months now! Next Monday our 3 pigs go to the butcher too! Just have to wait for docking time (lopping off lambs tails) to see the ewes that are 'dry' and get one of those for mutton. I am usually the 'caller' at docking time as they go through the race. Can spot udders and non udders. If they haven't got an obvious udder, I feel underneath as sometimes the old girls and some young girls have a small udder, but they are still in working condition!!!! A bit like us girls I guess! I also mark the lambs ears with a cutter with our earmark (a W) and vaccinate the lambs. So I am forever saying 'sorry' to them! The cute ones get called darling too! Then the lambs with a 'black face' father are usually ice-cream flavours – caramel creme, chocolate swirl, cookies and cream!!!

Am off to the midwife with Liv tomorrow morning. She is also having a scan as the baby is breech at present. Jymahl will go to the scan with her, but not the midwife. I am enjoying this bonding time together. Liv is 32 weeks tomorrow. My knitting needles are going at a cracking rate!

Right. Time to do some housework and also start to apply for the Pension and Gold Card – I will be 65 in October! Can't wait – bring it on sisters! The Gold Card isn't much use out in the country, but I can get a free train from Masterton to Wellington in the Off Peak hours which is good. That is 1+1/2 hours each way.

Am taking 29 other girls to World of Wearable Art in Wellington on Saturday 30th September. Pat and Elaine are amongst my group. Some are travelling down from Palmerston North by cars and a few meeting us in Wellington, including another ex Bush WI girl. 18 of us will be catching the 7.59am (so precise!) train from Masterton to Wellington, arriving around 9.30am. We then find a cafe for something to eat and go our separate ways for a couple of hours, meeting up again at 12 for lunch on the wharf in Wellington, then moving in to the venue at 1.15 for the 2pm show. After the show I have booked 25 of us into a 'casual' Japanese restaurant named Wagamama for 5pm sitting and then we make our way back to the 7pm train and home. It is a long, but so very enjoyable day with friends. I will send you the programme so you can see all about it. I know it is also on the website too.

Well, this was supposed to be a quick type, but I find it so easy to talk to you!

So, until after our next meeting (at Taniwha Daffodils – will take a photo) and yours on the 13th, take care and love to you all.

Denise x x

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:42 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: Re: August is nearly over

Good morning to you, Denise.

So pleased your weather is picking up, as it does every year. We always complain about the weather but it does go round, sometimes more or less extreme. I so much you enjoy your farming report. When things go wrong, those little lambs are so lucky to have you as their substitute Mum. Hope your lambs and calves continue to thrive.

Thank you so much for forwarding the Baslow WI link to your National Office. It will be interesting to see how much interest it generates – Ann is keen on recording hits and likes.

Did you receive our Baslow WI card to Hukunui/Hamua celebrating 70 years' of friendship? As you know, I received your beautiful card just as I was leaving for the airport and then dropped it off with Lorna. She passed it to Christine, who made a lovely card, then passed to Jane to write words.

Personally, I'm not watching any of the Diana programmes. She had a profound influence on the Royal Family, for the better in my opinion, and would be proud of her sons.

I have just driven back from Birmingham having done a day of childcare. They won't need that for much longer as the girls are now 12 and 10 years. Now, they only need feeding and nudging or prompting at appropriate times. Also, sometimes help with schoolwork is required e.g. Grandma's knowledge of English grammar is better than the parents!

We have our next meeting on 13th September. The speaker is Harvey – Spa Supervisor and hairdresser for Virgin Atlantic. Let's wait and see! Will be in touch again after that with Jane's report.

Love and best wishes
Julia x

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:43 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: August is nearly over

Morning Julia, trust this finds you well and still enjoying summer.

Well, this is the week for memories of Diana. Programmes on our TV every night I think. Generally all rehashing the same stuff. Must be so hard for the Royal Family to have this in 'their face' constantly. Diana left a great legacy and it is wonderful to have it ongoing in many countries.

I emailed your email with the Baslow link to our National Office and our EO Colleen Dryden, was delighted to see it. She has forwarded it to other NEC members and also to the magazine editor, so we shall see what comes of it.

Colleen asked if H-H were going to have a website. I didn't think any of us were IT inclined/technical enough!

We had a week of fine weather last week and it is wonderful to see the mud slowly firming up. The calves and lambs are just enjoying the warmth and romping around. My husband brought me a lamb last Wednesday, but unfortunately he didn't last long and was a beautiful black faced lamb too. However I now have twins – one of each – to feed and touch wood, they are doing well. The ewe was cast and had delivered one, but John had to deliver the other one. Our daughter lives just across the paddock from us now and she had spotted the ewe in trouble, so she lent a helping hand too! The ewe was very attentive when they were born, but she was very weak. I managed to get two bottles of 'energy water' in to her and she was able to get up. Meanwhile I had taken the lambs to feed with colostrum for the night. Took them out to her the next morning and although she knew they were hers, she wasn't standing up for them to feed, so we could hear their plaintive bleating. Fed them out in the paddock but after a few hours, she still wasn't doing anything, so it was time to take them. Am feeding them every 3 hours – last feed close to 10pm.

Next Wednesday is our September meeting and we are travelling north for just over an hour to go to a farm that has 120,000 daffodils. Taniwha Daffodils has been planting about `10,000 bulbs each year for 20 or so years. The Matriarch of the family who is in her 80s has been told that she can have no more paddocks now! They are absolutely magnificent. Public can purchase 30 blooms for \$5 and that goes to the local district Plunket (mothers and babies) group. Only 5 of us could make the trip last year, but hoping for a few more this year.

OK. Time to hang out some washing, have a shower and then travel south to Masterton (40mins) to have morning tea with a friend who I haven't seen for over a year!

Keep well and love to everyone

Denise x x