

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



From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2018 6:51 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: News from snowy Baslow

Hello Julia,

Just a quick read of your email.

WOW you do get some amazing speakers! We get Eggheads on SKY TV on the UK channel here. SKY is in our bedroom and in my father-in-law's room, but not in the lounge, so I don't get to see Eggheads much at all. It is a very good programme and those panellists are so very clever.

Then Joanna Trollope, amazing. Have only read one of her books I think and didn't enjoy it that much, so didn't read any more of hers!!! Funny how one book can deter from reading others!

Not good with all the snow once again for you. The daffodils will just about be giving up! More in detail at a later stage.

Keep warm and safe.
Love to you,
Denise x x

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 4:58 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: News from snowy Baslow

Dear Denise and Hukanui-Hamua Girls

This morning we woke to a pile of snow, about as much as three weeks ago. Thought we had seen the end of it – the coming week will be the start of Spring, doesn't feel like it. The poor daffodils have been taking a battering from the snow and the wind.

Ann Mc has been successful in getting publicity for our international friendship in the Derbyshire Federation 'Link' publication and also the national WI Life magazine. She has scanned both these articles onto the Baslow WI website on the NZ webpage. Direct link: <https://baslow-wi.weebly.com/new-zealand-link-wi.html>. Take a look and encourage your members and friends to have a peep as well, and maybe even 'like' us on Facebook. I know you personally are not keen on Facebook but you can view the Baslow WI Facebook page without signing up, just click on the Fb icon top right on the website page.

Ten days ago we had the Derbyshire Federation WI Spring Council Meeting in Chesterfield; just a 20 minute bus ride away from Baslow, which is much easier than driving, finding and paying for parking space. It is always a good event with hundreds of WI ladies from all over Derbyshire almost overwhelming the town of Chesterfield, and good speakers. This year we had a local, Steve Cooke, who has become a well known national quizzier on Eggheads. Do you get that programme on your channels? He spoke very well, and humorously, about his background and the trials and tribulations in achieving acceptance at this level of

quizzing. In the afternoon the speaker was the renowned author, Joanna Trollope, whose books some of you will have read, I would think.

Attached is Jane's monthly report, as usual. Quick turnaround for her this month as our meeting was on the 14th and she has to get copy to the local Parish News by the 15th of the month. She is well prepared and never fails us.

Lots of love to you all from

Julia and the Baslow WI Girls

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 9:31 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Fw: Ayla and march meeting

Good morning Julia and girls.

We had our AGM yesterday at the Lazy Graze. 9 of us there with 4 apologies. Short, sharp and shiny getting through the AGM, 'committee meeting' and March meeting! Lots of chatting and some very nice food too!

We put our programme together (which reminds me to type it out for Pat to 'beautify'!), mainly close to home this year. Outings don't seem to work much, but that's OK. There is a magnificent Rhododendron garden in Eketahuna, so we will visit that in November when it is at its best. Will also go over to the Hospice in Palmerston North too, to take goods that they need. Then mainly meetings at homes, with one or two cafes to visit locally! No bus stops or pubs for us unfortunately!

We are in a cold front at present with 50mls of rain over two days which was very welcome, but the temp has dropped about 10 deg – not welcome! It will pick up I am sure.

I read out your emails and Darlings Newsletter yesterday. Thought the Heart competition was a great idea. Elaine will take it through to Southern Hawkes Bay Federation to use in the future. Could also coincide with a donation to Heart Foundation perhaps.

My tongue tripped over the P paragraph in the Darlings section. How does Jane come up with all those words – she must either have a very good vocab or a dictionary handy!

OK. I have craft locally today in Eketahuna. Picked up a huge amount of yarn yesterday from a lady in Pahiatua who is undergoing cancer treatment and can't see herself knitting anymore. Will spread it out in the hall and see what is what and go from there. Hoping to use most for Maternity/Neo Natal wards in Palmerston North and Masterton hospitals. Am myself 3/4 way through a merino baby blanket for the national competition. Due on 23rd March, so I need to get cracking. This will be for our son Daniel and Amy's baby, due early August. Then have a cardigan for Ayla on the go too! Love knitting with merino, it is so soft, but so expensive too! At least it is usually superwash these days, so washing isn't so tedious.

All for now,
Love to you and the Baslow Darlings
From Denise and the Hukanui-Hamua girls x x x x

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