

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



From: Julia Warne
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: Re: May

Hello Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua Darlings (Apparently it is no longer PC to call each other Darlings – but do we care?)

Lovely to hear your latest news. As you are going into Autumn, we are starting to enjoy some really warm sunny weather – at last. Wonder why Keith didn't hang around when you were all meeting at their house? It was a lovely day when he visited Baslow last July. Please give him our best wishes. Bet that fig jam tastes good. Have both you and Coral had a good crop of figs? In the UK I think they sometimes don't produce much fruit. Pleased you had a good meeting, food and chat is always a good combination.

Queenstown is a lovely place with so many places to visit. Hope they are having a good time and, particularly, Ayla her first holiday of many. Brings back some good memories.

I was glued to the TV watching Badminton, as was Ann. Janelle's win was impressive. Ann has put congratulations from Baslow WI on our website and Fb. See link: <https://baslow-wi.weebly.com/new-zealand-link-wi.html>

The Chatsworth Horse Trials are this weekend. Two weeks ago there were serious doubts as to whether they would go ahead due to all the wet weather we have experienced. The ground doesn't drain well here. However, after 10 days of dry, sunny weather, it's now looking better every day. All being well, I should be there on both Saturday and Sunday.

Claudia was here for a few days last week and we managed to fit in an overnight visit to Karsten and family in Birmingham, so good family catch-up.

Jane's informative and entertaining report is attached to give you an idea of what we have been up to over the past month.

Love to you all from Julia and the Baslow WI Darlings xx

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 4:59 AM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: May

Hello Julia and Baslow Darlings, (You are a Darling too, Julia!)

We had our meeting last week at Pat & Keith's home near Masterton. Keith excused himself from the house! Nine of us there and we nominated Coral to our institute. No, Coral hasn't any links with the UK that she knows of! Coral and I have been making fig jam as we both have trees. Coral is renting a home on 10 acres which has a few fruit trees, so she is being very productive! It was social meeting with a shared lunch and plenty of chat!

Elaine is representing H-H at the national Conference in Wellington at the end of the month. Another interesting meeting I think as the NEC are trying to incorporate the cost of our magazine with our subs. They try it most years and it is always vetoed. However, something has to be done to stop the haemorrhage of money from the magazine which isn't well subscribed. No easy solutions. It is available online now, but not a lot of the older members are computer savvy, so it wouldn't suit them at all. Our membership base is declining too, as opposed to the UK, Canada and Australia (I think).

Have been sitting at the computer today, doing farm bookwork and Church bookwork too! Oh yay, I just LOVE GST (your vat) and PAYE (employers deductions). Just has to be done, so no use moaning about it!

Olivia, Jymahl and Ayla have gone to Queenstown for 10 days. They can hire a police holiday home for \$60 per night throughout NZ. Amazing places. Other daughter Laura and her partner Jimmy are flying down on Friday and then they will all drive to Wanaka for the weekend, which is another beautiful spot.

Weather is unsettled at present (no surprises for us!). Still no hard frosts, so the dahlias are still producing flowers and the roses are hanging on.

Jonelle Price did very well at Badminton, didn't she? Am sure you would have been tuned in to that. Am looking forward to watching the Royal Wedding on the 19th. Not sure what time it is, but am sure I will be recording it as it will be in the wee small hours here. What with Royal babies, birthdays and a wedding, May is a happy month for the UK.

Right, tis all for now, about to pick what flowers I can muster for a bunch for my neighbour Joy, who has a birthday today.

So, take care everyone, hope the weather is on the up for you all. Think of you often, love to you all

Denise and the H-H girls x x

