

**LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE GAVIN -  
HUKANUI-HAMUA WI, NEW ZEALAND AND  
JULIA WARNE & DEBORAH BAX -  
BASLOW WI, DERBYSHIRE, ENGLAND**

**From:** Denise Gavin  
**Sent:** 16 March 2019 18:41  
**To:** Julia Warne; Deborah Bax

**Subject:** NZ



NZ Prime Minister Ardern met with community leaders.  
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Hello Julia, Deb and the Darlings

I think Deb and Nigel may be back home by now. Hope that Auckland was a great way to top off the trip.

Well, we are all shell shocked here to think that someone so sick could do such a heinous thing in Christchurch. So purposefully planned for maximum result for him and such devastation for the Muslims in Christchurch and surrounds and in turn crushing Kiwis.

Why couldn't he have done it in his 'own backyard', that he had to cross the ditch and do it in NZ. Poor Christchurch, having to deal with earthquakes and loss of life there to have this upon them now. He might have brought his white supremist to the fore, but NZers will be so much more against it I am sure.

Although I still hold an Australian passport and can't bear to give it up, I guess I am a NZer.....well, a little bit anyway!

We are shearing again today. Supposed to be last Saturday and Sunday. We got the job done on Saturday, but it rained so Sunday was shelved. Have organised for another parishioner to do my morning tea duty at church this morning. Whilst I cook for the shearers. They are having a meatloaf for lunch, so that is in the oven and the glaze is on the stove. Pikelets for morning tea – with jam and cream of course and sandwiches.

Last Friday Pat tripped and has a soft fracture of her right arm, just below the elbow. Pat and Keith are away this last week in the South Island after having had a busy few weeks prior to that with the wedding. Poor Keith will really have to do everything for Pat for a while!!! We won't hear the end of that!

Elaine is back from visiting her twin sister Shirley in Adelaide and Shirley has had good results from her cancer specialist, so that is good. Early detection makes all the difference.

Next meeting is at Barbara's home on the 3rd April. This was also Val's childhood home and she hasn't been back there since her Mum passed away 3 years ago, so it will be an emotional time for her. We will be prepared for that and she may have her sister in law with her for support.

OK. It is onwards and upwards for today. We are all continually praying and hoping that this is received by the families in Christchurch.

With love to you all,  
Denise and the Hukanui-Hamua Darlings x x

**From:** Deborah Bax  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 6:03 AM  
**To:** Denise Gavin; Julia Warne  
**Subject:** RE: NZ

Dear Denise and Julia

Many thanks for your email.

Whilst we were in Christchurch with Sarah, we stayed quite close to the mosque where the dreadful attack took place and we feel so sorry for all the people caught up in it in this beautiful country. Our son George and medical colleagues in Wellington are still on standby, in case Christchurch is unable to cope with all the patients with complex chest injuries who have survived thus far.

I'm so sorry to hear about Pat. Please send our very best wishes to her and to Keith – they were so kind to us on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

We're still in Auckland and have just had a whale of a time sailing on an America's Cup boat! We're about to fly to Singapore to see friends and also to visit Ipoh where we built a medical school and then it's back to the cold winds and rain in Baslow!

With love Deb

**From:** Julia Warne  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 11:25 AM  
**To:** Deborah Bax  
**Cc:** Denise Gavin  
**Subject:** Re: NZ

Dear Deb

Thank you for your interesting email. So pleased you are having/have had such a good holiday, albeit overshadowed by the outrage in Christchurch. It sounds as though our NZ ladies gave you a great welcome. I was confident you would get on well with Keith, he is such an easy going man. You have strengthened the bond between us.

A few years ago I was lucky enough to enjoy a trip on the America's Cup boat out of Auckland Harbour. Fantastic experience!

This morning I walked up to the surgery. Your daffodils are looking good and your hens are clucking. You have planned the timing of your trip well. Horrendous weather last week and the river is much higher than it has been for a few years. Much better today and forecast to improve even more over the coming week to welcome you home.

Looking forward to hearing what you have to tell us at the WI meeting on 10th April.

Best wishes Julia

**From:** Julia Warne

**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 3:05 PM  
**To:** Denise Gavin  
**Subject:** March 2019

Dear Denise and Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

We are so sad for you all at the terrible outrage that has occurred in your beautiful country. Many awful acts have taken place in the world for decades and now this evil has reached NZ. We do hope that your families and friends in the Christchurch area are all physically unhurt, although there will, undoubtedly, be mental shock and emotion.

It is a great pleasure for us that Deborah managed to attend your March meeting and get to know most of you. Sounds as though you all had a good time, as did Nigel and Keith. We look forward to hearing what Deborah has to tell us at our meeting in April. So sorry to hear about Pat's fall, hope she is now on the mend – with the help of tender care from Keith!

You and John have had your annual load of hard work with sheep shearing and everything that goes with it, including catering. Hope it has all gone smoothly for you. Looks like you are still enjoying good weather.

It has been horrendous here this last week, with the river in front of my window in full spate and loads of flotsam and jetsam passing by. The ducks appear to be water-skiing! We have had very strong winds and persistent heavy rain, causing flooding in some areas, particularly now as the water is running off the moorland.

Attached is Jane's monthly report. I was sorry to miss the last meeting, which sounded particularly interesting, but I had an important date with TV watching superb racing from Cheltenham. The evening talk by Steve Cooke was highly entertaining, everybody went home smiling. Do you have BBC Eggheads in NZ? In the days when we still had coal mines, Bolsover was a mining community, only about 30 minutes drive from Baslow.

Our monthly Lunch Club organised by Jane and Lorna has proved to be very popular. As well as enjoying lunch in a different location every month, it is an opportunity to meet, catch up and make new friends. With so many members now, our main meetings are incredibly busy and there isn't always time for chat and getting to know new members.

Lots of love to you all

Julia and Baslow WI Darlings xx