

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

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:45 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: October in Baslow



Jacinda Ardern NZ Prime Minister
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Dear Denise and all the Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

So the months go on and we keep having updates from Government relating to restrictions. Chesterfield and Sheffield are now in Level 2, High Alert, so some of our members are affected. Here in Baslow we remain at Level 1, Medium, for the time being. We are hoping that the spike is mainly because students have returned to University. If they can cope with isolating on campus and NOT return to their families, maybe things will level out in a few weeks time. In NZ you seem to be doing particularly well - and Jacinda has achieved a resounding victory! We are all anxiously waiting to see what happens in America.

You will see that Jane's monthly report is attached. She does so well producing an amusing report out of very little material. Ten days ago eight of us (including a WISH - WI Supporting Husband) visited Chatsworth Gardens and enjoyed the beautiful Autumn colours. The weather was kind until the last 15 minutes when we all had a good soaking.

Your Christmas package is on its way; very early, I know, but last year I was disappointed that it didn't arrive until after your pre-Christmas meeting, particularly as it contained a calendar. I am loving the Eketahuna calendar. Don't actually use it as a calendar as it didn't arrive until March via Deb. But I turn the picture over every month and it gives me such a good feeling of your beautiful rural community.

Very best wishes to you all and your families.

Lots of love from Julia and all the Baslow WI Darlings xx

From: Denise Gavin
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 9:05 PM
Subject: Re: October in Baslow
To: Julia Warne

Good morning dear Julia. Yes, on it goes! I see from the news this morning that Belgium has a tsunami of cases and from the paper that Sweden is revising it's way of coping with the latest wave of cases.

The USA has its own 'deadly virus' too and in another two weeks the world will know who is to govern there. Have friends in Minnesota who don't like either candidate.

Yes, Jacinda has had a resounding victory. A lot of National supporters were disillusioned and also hoped that by voting in Labour, maybe we wouldn't have the Greens in government. Labour don't need the Greens and we hope they don't use them..... From a farmer's point of view they seem to be vegans and vegetarians who want to plant a lot of trees. Farmers are being paid huge prices for their land

and are opting out, but you can't eat trees! Greens want less vehicles on the road – a bit hard when you live in the rural communities!

We are posting your Christmas parcel early too! Our postal services are terrible at present as I found out that parcels are going by ship to Australia anyway. Took 7 weeks for a parcel to get to Perth. 3 weeks for a block of chocolate to get to Adelaide, so there is some improvement!
Apparently the latest Eketahuna calendar has been printed, so I will send another over!

Love the WISH explanation. How cool is that? Might just send it in to our Home & Country magazine. Am sure there are very many WISH (es) in NZ!!

it was Ayla's 3rd birthday on the 8th. She had a lunch party with mainly family on both sides and a couple of little friends. Ayla loves Paw Patrol, so was very lucky to receive quite a few of those toys etc.
I went down to Dan and family in Wanaka on Sunday of last week and came back on the Wednesday. Such a beautiful place, but quite cold and a raw wind from the mountains. Now I can picture where they go, so that is good.

It is Ollie's 1st birthday on November 14th so Dan and Zoe are coming up for that. Amy will have a break in Christchurch!

I hope that you are seeing Karsten and family regularly now in your bubble. Not long until Christmas either. There will be many families in the UK/Europe who are hoping that there will be a little normality by then and that you can travel, maybe not freely, but at least be able to travel.

We have had a lot of long days of late with docking of lambs here. It is pretty much done here on the main farm, with just the run-off 400 or so to do. Then starts the preparation of crutching in readiness for shearing in December! We are starting the process of selling/leasing the farm to Liv and Jymahl. Lots of groundwork to be done, researching options. Not as easy as we thought it would be – the IRD want as much tax as they can get!!!! This paragraph is under wraps for now!!

OK. Time to feed the pigs and head into town to do a few jobs, then it is Op Shop duty this arvo.

Keep well dear Julia, love to you and the Baslow Darlings x x x