

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

From: Denise

Date: Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 7:55 PM

Subject: FW: Too early for snow!

To: Julia



Jane's card to Frances & Frances ready to meet the King!

Hello dear Julia

Wanaka has had snow on mountains twice in last 3 weeks! Then we get a cold snap.....brrrrrr

March and Autumn are here, so cooler mornings and lovely afternoons. NZ is still in disbelief at the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle in Hawkes Bay, Gisborne and Northland. Unbelievable. Streams that have been trenches for half a century, suddenly turn into raging rivers. Forestry slash has caused most of the damage. Forests cut down, logs taken away and the trimmings just left there to tumble down the hillsides with the rain and into streams. Then bridges are blocked and smashed. Think there is something happening almost everywhere in the world with cyclones, earthquakes, flooding, snow, blizzards..... and now snow in the UK!!

Eketahuna is 150 years old this weekend and my church is 125, so we will be a busy little town. I have a dinner to cater for at the Club tonight, so preparation for that yesterday and then today. Church open on Saturday for people to come back to. We have marriage registers from 1898 there and burial records too.

Lots of love dear Julia,
Denise x x

From: Denise

Date: Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 7:41 PM

Subject: RE: Baslow WI March 2023

To: Julia

Morning. It looks fabulous, have gone on to website and copied and emailed it to our 9 girls on email. Will print it out for other two.

My sister Deirdre has an Order of Australia Medal for her voluntary services to RSCM and music in general in Western Australia.

Stay safe in all that snow. Incredible for this time of year for you. Those spring bulbs will be putting their heads down 😞

Denise x x

From: Julia

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 4:52 AM

To: Denise

Subject: Baslow WI March 2023

Dear Denise and all the Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

Hope you are all well. Greetings from snowy Derbyshire, not quite what I was expecting to wake up to this morning. I have spent a good hour clearing snow from footpaths and walkway to the bins for 'elderly' neighbours. Picking up the snow shovel this morning, I realised I am also in that group. It is several years since we have had any significant snow and now I find it such heavy work. Lovely sunshine this afternoon and some of the snow is melting. However, temperature of -11C forecast overnight, meaning treacherous conditions underfoot and on the roads tomorrow morning. I have scattered a little rock salt on the areas I have cleared to, hopefully, prevent icing.

At our WI meeting this week, I chatted to Liz Birkby, the first time I have seen her since the November meeting. She was telling me how much she enjoyed her two months with family who live in Wanaka. She posted our Christmas package to you from there. Her son, Richard Birkby is an active outdoorsy person and she is wondering whether he knows Daniel. She is going to ask.

Attached is Jane's monthly report of activities over the past month. Although she hasn't mentioned it, Jane has had an exciting time recently. Her younger sister was awarded either a CBE for services to education and invited Jane to join her for the investiture by King Charles at Windsor. If you look on the Baslow WI website, under News/Photos you should be able to see a superb birthday card she has done for her sister. Jane used to teach art and is a talented artist.

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



Jane's snow-covered gardens belonging to Baslow WI members, March 2023.