

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

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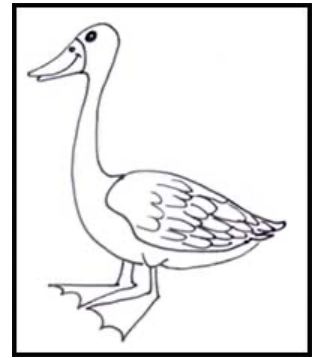


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Hello dear Julia,

I realised that I hadn't reported on our meeting last week! We had it at Colleen's home in Masterton for a morning tea meeting. Elaine wasn't there as she was on her way back from Conference. She had text the day before to say that she had done well in the National Competitions. A first for the Christmas Stocking, a first for Christmas decoration, a first for a handmade book and second for scrapbook page. She is such a talented and determined woman! Well deserved. She now has a couple of big trophies for the mantelpiece!!

This week Val and her brother and sister-in-law have headed to Rarotonga for a week. This was booked in 2019 for Val's 50th, but covid put paid to that for 2020/2021 and it will be a wonderful break for them now.

Winter has struck with a vengeance at present with wild weather over most of the country. Very strong winds and electrical storms and of course rain! However, snow on the mountains north and south, so the skifields are delighted.

Summer has started for you now, so hopefully you are enjoying some nice warm weather. Easier to travel and catch up with family and friends too. Know of a local family who are in Germany now as Julia is from there and hasn't seen her family for a few years and there is a new grandchild to introduce too. Others are heading over to the UK in the July holidays after years apart. It will be very emotional for them all.

You may have had your 4th jab by now? It is over here for the vulnerable, but not general population as yet. We are still getting 8,000 cases a day and that is the reported cases. There are probably twice that many. Our Daniel has it at present, after missing out when Zoe had it 2 months ago, then Amy had it in May, then Finny had it last week and finally it is Daniel's turn!

Have just heard that Katie who lived with us for 9 months a few years ago from Gloucester has had a baby boy in Holland. She married Melvin a Dutchman last year, after having covid put it off the year before. Katie can't believe how much love can come from a wee baby. They are miracles, I think.

Otherwise, we are all OK here. I am still down for hip replacement on June 27th, with a pre-op appointment next Wednesday.

Hope you and all the Baslow Darlings are doing well and enjoying being back to full pace with your meetings and various circles. Sherry at the bus-stop will be back in business now and maybe more eating establishments are open as well.

This is a Canada Goose and has lost his/her partner with duck shooting. It found its way to our place and has settled in nicely with sheep. Has been in a few paddocks. Reckon it would be safety in numbers!!

Only 2 more weeks of duck shooting left in the North Island, so then it can find another flock maybe, unless it is comfortable with the four-legged variety!

Denise x