

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

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:03 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: July 2020 in Baslow



Dear Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

We hope you are all well and enjoying your 'freedom' from lockdown. Things are starting to ease here but there was a serious 'spike' in Leicester. Last weekend pubs and restaurants were allowed to open, with 2 metre distancing, following which a few pubs have been closed due to infection. It is still all very tentative, with most people reluctant to wear masks and often a lack of respect for social distancing. A few of our local restaurants are doing 'take-aways'. (I think you call them something different.) The Prince of Wales, where we met up with Keith, has closed its car park and set up trestle tables, socially distanced. They are serving mostly a variety of skewers to eat outside or take home. I tried it last Sunday and my chicken skewer was delicious. Also, it was a lovely sunny day, so they had customers. Since then the weather has been awful. 12C in July, rainy and windy! Forecast to improve towards the end of the week. We are lucky to live in a rural area and at present many of our age group are reluctant to enter the 'wider' world.

You will see that Jane's latest report is attached. Amazing what she creates out of very little. Most of us are now getting to grips with Zoom. I didn't think I would be able to join as I wasn't aware there was a camera in my laptop. Alison patiently talked me through it and all is very straightforward. Now we are on a mission to persuade a few of the reluctant ones to contact Alison for support.

Denise, I hope you enjoyed your 'birthday' weekend with the family. Thank you so much for sharing photos of your gorgeous grandchildren. They will grow up so quickly. My youngest is now 13 and taller than me.

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

From: Denise Gavin
Date: Sat, Jul 11, 2020 at 7:02 AM
Subject: Re: July 2020 in Baslow
To: Julia Warne



Hello dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

Yes, we are so lucky here to have things almost normal – in fact it is really, apart from overseas travel and that isn't a worry really.

Hadn't heard about the spike in Leicester – Victoria in Australia is really catching on fire with terrible daily numbers. They are fearful that when their lockdown ended a few weeks ago that Melbournians travelled to other states and are spreading it again there.

Yes, we call it 'takeaways' too! We had Indian and Chinese and Fish and Chip shops over here, taking phone orders and meeting customers at their door across a table with an eftpos machine, or paying online beforehand. Was a good service. Skewers is a good idea!

We didn't have a meeting for July. Just too many away or unable to attend at the last minute, so cancelled it. Nothing much to discuss, so that was OK. Have some remits to work through before the National Conference, now in Wellington over two days at the end of September. It is at a hotel near the airport so easy for delegates to fly in. I will wait until next year for the 100th celebrations.

Haven't spoken to Pat for a couple of weeks but am hoping that she is improving every day. She said she was when I last spoke to her. Will ring over the next day or two and check-up.

Other than that, it is winter over here! Cold days with some frosty starts and then clear skies which is good.

Hope you are all keeping well and that your summer makes an appearance soon!!

Love to you all

Denise and the H-H Darlings x x x x

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