

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

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:28 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Re: Baslow WI April 2019



Hello Julia,
Maybe you should put your feelers out for local farmers to generously graze a beast for you?

We used to have swallows nesting when I was young and living in Adelaide. My Mum just loved them and so did I, but they did make a mess!

Does it show the infamous bus stop in the film? Will have another look. Loved the big American (?) car, with everyone turning heads to get a glimpse. Would be worth a fortune now!

I tipped out 25mls this morning from the rain gauge, so that was good. Temp is a little cooler this morning. 15 inside. Don't light the fire until it is about 13 deg though!
Am driving to Wellington on Monday to collect my sister (nearly 84) from the airport. Deirdre is from Perth and has had a long weekend in Adelaide, then a week in Melbourne (to sing in the choir at the ACWW International Conference) then a week in Sydney visting with a granddaughter and now two weeks over here. Haven't seen each other for 2 years, so we are very excited.

Didn't hear much about the 1950s party, but both your descriptions together made it sound lovely. Pretty china and all the 50s baking. They were such good recipes!
Right. Time for some breakfast, then am helping John to draft some sheep – male/female.
Love to you
Denise x x

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 5:19 AM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: Baslow WI April 2019



Dear Denise and Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

You have already heard from Deborah that yesterday we had a good 1950s style party and meeting with our National Federation Chair telling us about how she was gently initiated into the WI. The Team had gone to so much trouble setting out china tea services and preparing 'Coronation chicken', jam tarts and lots of other 1950s goodies. You will read more about it in Jane's report attached.

Deborah filled us in on her visit which she enjoyed enormously, you made her so welcome. She also explained about Harry! What a fund raiser, you have done so well. There are we working away for a Jumble Sale: delivering flyers, collecting jumble, setting up the room, laying out the jumble, the stress of selling it (as well as serving tea, coffee, juice on the side) and then the horror of clearing and cleaning up the hall at the end of the day. Our President, Christine, has a paddock at the back of her house but she doesn't seem keen to follow your example. There was also a draw for two bursaries of £200 to enrol on a course at Denman College and I was fortunate to win one of them, so now I am busy trawling through the course brochure to see which courses appeal and whether the dates are ok.

It is not overly warm here yet but we are having lots of sunshine and the longer evenings are very pleasant. Years ago, the daffodils were hardly out by my birthday, now they are practically finished. My niece lives in a converted barn in rural Lincolnshire. Swallows have been coming to their carport area, presumably, for centuries and they seem to be arriving a day or two earlier each year. I am going to stay with them overnight on 1st May, so my car will be bedecked with poo! There's a very convenient carwash in the village, so no problem.

Looking forward to the joint birthday weekend coming up with my son and family in Birmingham. Granddaughters aged 13 and 12 are growing up and growing so fast! Enjoy your baby granddaughters, suddenly they are no more.

Re the cine film, yes it does show the main road through Baslow which nowadays has a pedestrian crossing controlled by lights. Keith may remember crossing over it during his walk around the village; hope he enjoys the film.

Lots of love to you all from

Julia and Baslow WI Darlings