

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

From: **Julia Warne** Date: Sun, Oct 17, 2021 at 3:53 PM
Subject: Re: Hospice
To: Denise Gavin



Amanda Owen, The Yorkshire Shepherdess with
Darling Julia from Baslow WI

Dear Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

So good to hear your monthly news. Yes, Covid restrictions are interpreted differently in different situations, not always logical. In most shops masks are now optional. There are still significant infection rates among younger people. I notice you have just had a big Vaccination Day encouraging people to get vaccinated. Many of us oldies locally have now received our booster (third) Covid jab. Also, yesterday I had my flu jab. As we have discussed previously, heavily sponsored sports events just seem to be exempt. Jane is trying to re-establish our monthly Lunch Club but hotels and restaurants are short of staff and experiencing problems with supplies. She is no longer able to work her magic on selected menus and favourable prices. A few of us are looking forward to giving it a go next Wednesday (first time since February last year) at The Maynard in nearby Grindleford.

The Derbyshire WI Federation meeting was well attended last week, probably about 800 attending. Some of us from Baslow WI were on duty as Stewards. The main speaker was excellent telling us of her life on the farm in the remote Yorkshire Dales with 9 children, 800 sheep, cows, horses and ponies. Only one of her children was born in hospital. Four of them arrived in a layby on the way to the distant hospital. She is now making a name for herself as a public speaker and with the popular TV programme, Our Yorkshire Farm. No doubt more profitable than farming. It's on Channel 5 here. Have you seen it in NZ yet? Think you would enjoy it.

You will see from Jane's report that our programme is starting to get back to what it was previously. We are looking forward to our 102nd Birthday Lunch.

Love and best wishes to you and your families,

Julia and all the Baslow WI Darlings xx

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On Mon, Oct 11, 2021 at 8:24 PM Denise Gavin wrote:

Hello dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

Last Wednesday was our usual October visit to Arohanui Hospice in Palmerston North to take them goods from their wish list. In end the only four of us went. It is a busy time in a variety of ways. From the photo - Denise, Elaine, Gladys and Val. The hospice was delighted with the donation and whilst in the car park we caught up with an ex local who was in the Hamua WI before they moved away. We were so happy to see Pam and vice versa.

After the visit we went to a cafe at the Esplanade Park and had lunch. A very brief 'meeting', just covering a couple of things, but nothing else was urgent. In NZ south of Auckland, we can go to a cafe and eat and drink with friends and remove masks but elsewhere, we are masked and distanced. In my little church in Eketahuna with an average attendance of 8, we were told to mask up, distance and not share morning tea. mmph..... the devil in me decided that we could call our supper room a cafe and do as others do! Our church magazine wasn't being sent. Well if we can receive bills in the post, then we can receive the magazine too and so we have! It is all so very contradictory over here. Things are very different in cities from the country I think.

The photos of your get-together afternoon high tea looked a treat. Your happiness at being together just radiated from the photo. We hope that from now on, you can continue to meet together and share the companionship that Institute gives.

Your September newsletter was so full of your happenings. Sounds fantastic. We hope that the garden visit to Birmingham went well and also your Baslow allotment visit too! Think we may have to have a sunflower competition as well. I will buy the seeds today, whilst I think of it!

Keep safe and well as your slide towards winter!

Love to you all

Denise and the H-H Darlings x x