

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

**From:** Julia Warne  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2021 2:05 AM  
**To:** Denise Gavin  
**Subject:** January 2021 in Baslow



Image-Longfield Gardens

Dear Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings,

Greetings today from a foggy and frosty Baslow. But the snowdrops are almost flowering and other bulbs are pushing through. Gradually the days will be noticeably longer. Yesterday we had lots of wet snow, unpleasant but at this level that didn't amount to much although higher up it settled significantly.

The weather hasn't bothered schools, universities, restaurants and most businesses as they are all still closed. I was lucky enough to receive my COVID vaccination yesterday in Bakewell. Very impressed with the efficient organisation getting everyone through. They were expecting to do 400 yesterday. My arm is a bit stiff and tender but that will soon improve. So pleased to have had it done. Second dose due in 3 months.

We had an excellent Zoom presentation on Wednesday as you will see from Jane's report attached. Hathersage is a village in the Peak District about 4 miles from Baslow. The grave of Little John (of Robin Hood fame) is in the churchyard. Visitors from other WIs have been joining our Zoom meetings by invitation. Chatsworth WI is returning the favour by inviting us to join their Zoom meeting next Wednesday 7pm when the speakers will be Deb and Nigel Bax speaking on 'Lines in the Sand' about the carving up of the Middle East. If you are interested and are able to join at that time, I will ask Melanie their President to send you the link.

Very envious of you enjoying your Summer at this time.

Stay safe, and lots of love to you all from  
the Baslow WI Darlings xx

**From:** Denise Gavin <[gavsters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gavsters@xtra.co.nz)>  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 7:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: January 2021 in Baslow  
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Hello dear Julia,

Lovely to hear from you and to hear about the vaccination too. That's the start which is great.

I will forward this on to Pat and Elaine. They might be able to join in and Zoom with you. I will have Ayla and it's a bit hard to watch something then! Have been thinking of Deb and Nigel over there, as their son is still in Wellington.

Such a difference. We are having a hot summer so far! Not much rain either. Hope we get some tomorrow/Monday. My tomatoes don't like the heat in the hot house at all!

I was in Palmy yesterday looking after Ollie. He is so easy to care for. He toddles around and has a sign for please – that he uses often!!!! Lets me know if he doesn't want something as well!

Am going over to weed one of Liv's raised garden beds this morning. They are away for the weekend. Her partner Jymahl's brother Nathan is a diplomat and is being posted to Switzerland in two weeks, so they are having a big family get-together out at the coast. Will let her two dogs off whilst I am gardening. She has such long days, that gardening isn't on the agenda and boy, it has got away. Hope to do a bit of gardening here as well and maybe mow the lawns. They usually do them, but that hasn't happened either – mainly white daisies!

Jymahl has had a very trying two weeks, starting just before Christmas. Jymahl is sole charge sergeant at Eketahuna Police. First was a suicide from a man from out of town who had recently moved a house onto some land. Then the next day, there was a fatal road accident in the district which killed a long time Eketahuna resident. Then NY day another suicide of an 18-year-old who we had known since he was little. Since that suicide the town has been holding meetings of families of young ones to make sure they are all OK. This weekend away will be great for Jymahl.

They are staying at a farm on which the land runs down to the beach. It is idyllic. Glenburn Station is the name. Anyway, there are 30 of them out there from both sides of his family.

Glad the bulbs are starting to appear, always brings joy I think. My dahlias are a picture and have a few new ones in. 3 are a dark nearly red/black.

OK. Time to really start the day.

Keep well and warm dear Julia,

Denise x x