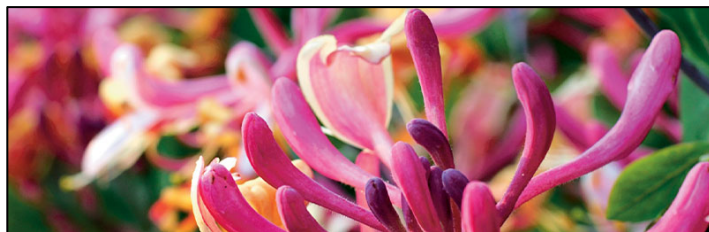


## **LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE IN HUKANUI/HAMUA WI – Our New Zealand Link WI AND JULIA IN BASLOW WI**

**On Wed, Feb 3, 2021 at 3:51 AM  
Denise Gavin wrote:**



American Honeysuckle - Image Garden Express

Hello dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

Well, we had our first meeting for 2021 today at Lesley's home in Eketahuna. There were 10/14 there, so that was good. A meeting and then we walked across the road to Lesley's neighbour Anna's garden.

I could really do a 'Jane' here with alliteration. Superb, showy, stunning, stimulating, sensational, secluded and supercalifragilisticexpialadocious! Anna and her husband John have been in their new but old styled cottage for 5 years. Just a small garden, but it is jam packed with the most delightful plants and shrubs. From beautiful Mutablis and Sally Holmes (think a NZ variety) roses to out of this world colours in hydrangeas. Gorgeous climbing American Honeysuckle, Queen Anne's Lace, some NZ native plants and other cottage garden plants. Not a weed in sight either – no room for them!! A raised vegetable garden bed as well and some peonies were planted in there as well and they were thriving. She also has a Hellebore (winter rose) that has decided to flower again – I must check mine! Anna and her husband lived in China for many years and they have two massive pots – she said rice wine was made in them over there. Elaine thought that that was quite a bit of wine to get through!!!!

Another hot day here for us – mid 20s, beautiful this morning to walk around the garden, but hot in the sun.

Our AGM is in March, so just having a quiet meeting here at my home. I was nominated again as President for another year – you would think that after 12 years or so in the job that someone else would want to do it!!!!

Keep safe, well and warm Darlings  
Love to you all from the H-H Darlings xx

**From: Julia Warne  
Date: Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 10:11 AM  
Subject: Re: Institute  
To: Denise Gavin**

Dear Denise and all the Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

Thank you so much for your delightful email, so uplifting to receive when we are experiencing snow and bitterly cold winds, as well as continuing social isolation. There is a plan that children, or at least some of them, will return to school on 8th March but this will not be confirmed until 22nd February. They have missed so much schooling this school year, particularly serious for those who have important exams coming up. When the rest of us are likely to emerge from lockdown is still unknown. By May all the over 50s should have been vaccinated, so the risk of further outbreaks should be reducing. If lockdown is lifted too early then, of course, we could still have problems. Those of us who have been vaccinated are starting to feel more confident but are still not allowed to socialise as, apparently, we could still pass on the virus. The only flowers in our gardens at the moment are snowdrops, although Vikki has posted a photo of one daffodil in her garden!

A couple of weeks ago chef, Monica Galetti, was the guest on Desert Island Discs. It is on BBC Radio 4; I listen regularly. One of the discs she chose was Footrock Flat 'You oughta be in love' by Dave Dobbyn to remind her of her youth in NZ. She said it was 'huge' at the time in New Zealand. Presumably some of you ladies will remember it.

You will see that Jane's 'fishy' report is attached. He was an entertaining speaker.

Still a cold wind here with some snow lying around, highest temperature in Baslow today will be -1C.

Enjoy your families, friends and gardens. We will be thinking of you enviously!

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

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