

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

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Image - Russian Giant
Sunflowers from Thompson
& Morgan

Hello dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

We had our November meeting on Wednesday at Val's home. 10 of us there from 13, so that was good. We had cancelled our September meeting and only 4 were at the October meeting, so it had been a little while between cups of tea!!

Just a quick meeting with not a lot to discuss as a lot of things have been cancelled in the Wi calendar, which is to be expected. However, we were reminded to collect Christmas gifts for the Pahiatua Christmas tree if so desired and our institute will buy some things too.

Our Christmas meeting will be at Pat's home and we each take an edible gift to put in the Santa sack, along with a plate for a shared lunch.

Pat had her quillow entry that was supposed to be an item for our Card Table entry at the Craft Show which was cancelled. The quillow is going to Melbourne to Pat's grandson instead! Elaine so liked the pattern, that she has made a quilt for her brother who turned 60 recently. Apparently, it is an 'easy and uncomplicated' pattern – an oxymoron to me when talking about patchwork!!! I have been knitting cotton cloths for faces or dishes and will send 24 of them to Perth next week for family Christmas presents. It is a pattern called "Chinese Waves" and is effective and quick – not an oxymoron there!!! Elaine had been to a card class in Napier with a friend from here and her sister from there and made 14 cards in a day! Some stunning designs.

I bought a packet of sunflower seeds and have given all the girls a seed to plant to see if we can match yours! They are Russian Giants, so we will see!! Gladys said they have a paddock of sunflowers planted at their farm at present and have done so for a few years. The cows love them!

No-one will be travelling far this Christmas with the covid restrictions. Immunisation rates are increasing and hopefully we will reach the 85-90% rate sooner than later and things can really open up. They are looking at letting double vaccinated and covid tested travellers self-isolate for a week instead of the managed isolation. There are some desperate stories of people wanting to come back, but no Managed Isolation beds available. Two pregnant couples have taken the govt to court in an effort to get beds before their babies arrive and they won, so that is good.

We are so pleased that you can get back to your circles – lunching out, walks, bus trips and just meeting together. We hope that winter is kind to you this year too.

OK. Tis all for now, keep safe and well.

Love to you all,

Denise and the H-H Darlings x x x