

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

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11.12 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Institute in October



Dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings,

We hope this finds you all well and enjoying Autumn – with Winter a way down the track!

We had our meeting last Wednesday (I think yours may be today?). 8 of us met at the Arohanui (arrow ha newey – Aroha means love) Hospice in Palmerston and delivered boxes of unperishable goods from their wish list. We had a great collection with nearly 90 items, ranging from tinned food for their pantry to toiletries and personal needs.

Weather was OK then and we then drove a couple of kilometres to the Esplanade Park where we had our meeting in a cafe and it then proceeded to pour down! I read the newsletter and emails and then owned up to my Mig Holder mistake! We were all astounded at the cost of the royal wedding cakes! Makes the cakes we see these days look a pittance!

On Saturday I organised the usual World of Wearable Arts day to Wellington. 23 of us caught the train down there and met another 11. We have such a good day down there and the show as ever was such a spectacular. There are entries from all around the world and the UK did very well.

One designer, Jack Irving did very well with his Sea Urchin Explosion. There are some good photos on www.theatlantic.com I reckon they all must have terrible dreams as they imagine these designs!! The weather gods played their part until we went into the show at 1pm but turned it on whilst we were in there and afterwards. We scurried along to the restaurant where we were booked in for dinner and had a drink or two before our meal. Then across to the railway station where we caught our train home.

On the farm we are into docking. Did two small mobs on Sunday, then two large mobs yesterday and have another 4 days of it. All weather and labour dependent!

Hope your jumble sale plans are full steam ahead with lots of goods and hopefully a nice day to bring out the buyers! Definitely won't be snow in October!

This is the second and last week of school holidays here, so some members have had grandchildren staying. Always a busy time on dairy and sheep farms as well.

OK. Time for me to get going. Need to let off two dogs for a run over at Liv's home next door, then feed a lamb we brought home after docking, then am on duty at Op Shop in Eketahuna at 12.30 and there goes another day!

Love to you all,

Denise and the Hukanui-Hamua Darlings x x x

From: **Julia Warne**

Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2019 at 3:07 PM

Subject: Re: Instutite October!

To: Denise Gavin

Dear Denise and the Hukanui-Hamua Darlings

Thank you so much for your interesting email, we really love hearing about what's going on the other side of the world. So pleased you had a good visit to Wellington to the World of Wearable Arts, sounds such a mind-blowing day. That's what art is supposed to do, getting us to see things outside our normal comfort zone.

Yesterday was Apple Day with a high profile presence from Baslow WI, of course. So lucky, it was a bright sunny day, sandwiched between two very wet ones. It was a pleasure to meet two ladies from New Zealand who are staying with friends in Baslow. They have both been spending several months in Europe. One lives in Auckland and the other nearby on Waiheke Island. Brought back happy memories for me. Two of our members, Mary and Iris, won prizes in the baking competitions judged by Michelin starred Chef, Max Fischer. I had a brief catch-up with Deborah who is very much looking forward to visiting you in the New Year, February, I think.

The speaker at our meeting this week, Mig (childhood abbreviation of Margaret) Holder was a great success. As well as cast off clothing, she collects unwanted curtains, tablecloths, duvet covers etc. and converts them into wearable and usable items. She brought loads of things for sale and display. Hard work loading and unloading everything from her car.

So, now we are hoping for a good day for the Jumble Sale on Saturday.

Hopefully, you will find that Jane's report is attached. My email system has changed, so I am on another learning curve. Let me know if the report doesn't come through and I may have to take advice on how to change the format.

You are having a busy time on the farm. Hope things continue to go well. You should soon be able to look forward to some welcome Spring weather with the days starting to get longer. Whereas we are going the other way.

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