

Tuesday November 25 (1969)

Dear Dorothy, It was such a lovely surprise I had this morning and I want to say thank you very much for it. It has added a lot to my happiness this 72nd Birthday of mine. When I saw the parcel I wondered what and from whom it could be and then I was delighted with the contents of it. The slippers fit me 'just right' and they are so unusual and my word so smart - I'm delighted to have them.

How are you? I hope you are all right and that you've had no more 'intruders' _ you will know the sort I mean. I've not been able to get up to see you and your new home as was mentioned during those few pleasant days I had at Barbara's last August but I hope to do so very soon in the New Year. I will mention it to Bill Bragg that this will be for I think he would like to come also - I will let you have some warning in good time.

Have just got back from some shopping and feel almost frozen, it is most bitterly cold here today - we've had flurries of snow even. It has suddenly turned like that - but the weather has been remarkably good and mild up till now.

I am wondering if you might be at Canterbury on the 28th? I propose popping over in the afternoon for a quicky visit just to see your Mother for her birthday.

I somehow feel it might well be her last. I expect to get there about 2.30 and to leave at 3.45. That's all for now I think except again my thanks for your very nice present and good wishes.

With love Reg.

Sorry I've found myself suddenly to be right out of ordinary envelopes!!