

11 August 1972

Miss Elizabeth Bowen, C.B.E.
'Carbery',
Church Hill,
Hythe. Kent.

Dear Miss Bowen,

I am so sorry to have telephoned you without any warning about the dates for the judging sessions. As I shall be unable to make contact with Mr Connolly for the next week I still have only provisional dates; they are, as we discussed on the telephone, 18, 21 or 22 September for the first session, and provisionally 16 October for the second session. Please do let me know if the October date is going to be too difficult.

In previous years the first judging session reduced the number of books to approximately 10 and the second session brought them down to a short list of 6 and the winner. The short list of 6 should be announced no later than mid-October in order that 'public speculation' may be encouraged, for a month before the winner is actually announced on 23 November.

I will write to you again as soon as I have heard from Mr Connolly more definitely.

Yours sincerely,

Marilyn Edwards