Dear Ross,

Thank you so much for your letter of 22 April and your kind words. Your kindness and moral support throughout it all has been marvellous.

Thank you also for your very useful suggestions over the show card, it really does seem an insoluble problem, in that no one bookseller will agree with another in terms of display, but in the end I am sure you are right to have a small number of booksellers making a decent show - and you know my feelings about colour! These thoughts, along with the idea of spare wrappers, I will certainly put up at the next Booker meeting which is to be held shortly.

It was a great honour to have you on the panel of judges, and I am still in awe at the way you were able to combine all your various duties so wonderfully, again thank you.

Again your offer of help after May 19th is extremely kind and I would be delighted to take it up.

Yours ever,

Marilyn Edwards