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24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve

Dear Mary and Alan,

after an extraordinarily mild November, the last week has brought what passes for serious cold in these parts - trees and hedgerows covered in solid white frost, and ungritted roads not too good. So that reminds me even more of sliding up the hill to your house, and the woods on the way to Ivy, and your wonderful hospitality.

Thank you for your Christmas Card and for keeping me up to date. Chemotherapy does have a bad reputation for discomfort, but most of the people I know who have been through it are still here many years on - we've also had a lot of very bad news, ~~from~~ but all of people who were diagnosed much too late. One of the former is June's sister in London, with whom we're going to have Christmas Day tomorrow. So, here's hoping that all goes well, and that 1995 will get better and better as spring & summer come.

With every good wish

Peter.