

## Tony Thinking Aloud cxvi

My mate has just been on his holiday. I said to him – I hope you did not go via Dover. A few days ago, everyone would know I was referring to horrendous hold ups to get across the Channel.

My thoughts are how could things come to this, surely those in power would not be oblivious to the possibility of hold ups ahead, whatever political standpoint you might take. If it requires, post Brexit, to no longer, as it were, show your passport in passing but now have to have it taken off you examined, stamped, and returned it will take longer and provision must be made for more time involved.

It is necessary all the time to make plans for day to day living. It is expected by others, it makes life run smoothly.

My Grandpa who I wrote about last week (he had all the names!) had a milk delivery service – he was ‘the milk man’. People prepared for delivery to be made each morning by putting out the milk bottles the night before. Someone would often ask in the family each night – ‘have you put the milk bottles out?’ If you were planning for visitors, the next day you put a note in the bottle to ask for more – you would plan ahead.

Boris Johnson we are told is having a belated Wedding Party at Lord Bamford’s house. The preparations are immense, with details all over the newspapers today. Planning ahead!

We all plan ahead about things, as it were without thinking in our lives. We are dependent to do this in our dealings with each other, in our daily lives. It is what makes being and living together meaningful.

I am glad my mate did not need to go via Dover. It looks as if those responsible had little thought or care for others. They had lost the plot.

Keeping the plot, being thoughtful, looking ahead makes living together responsible. We must be mindful of others as we have thought so many times.