

## Tony Thinking Aloud cxxvii

Christmas is coming, so is the New Year! The shops not only have cards and gifts, I have had an email to encourage me to buy calendars. If it is anything like other years, there will be a vast selection of calendars to buy in Coopers Square.

What is your choice – are you up for a pop star, your favourite football team (a player of the match maybe). Perhaps pictures of a place where you have been on holiday or would like to go.

Calendars as we know them are relatively new .They would not be in good supply before commercial printing. The passage of time being studied by observance of the passing of the seasons. Clocks are also relatively new! The connection between clocks and calendars came to be appreciated.

Many calendars are given as Christmas presents. Calendars about our own area help us appreciate where we live. The pictures of the County of Staffordshire will probably show places we have not visited! We appreciate the area better.

What about making calendars! Did you buy the calendar tabs to put on a calendar? Perhaps to make at school! Grandma appreciated your effort much more than the most expensive ones in the shops!

Think about calendars and their pictures, start thinking about the great variety of life and nature around us. Pause and contemplate the world, the nature in which we live and may well ignore every day.

Every day in life is important. We can reflect on how we have spent it. What we did we leave undone? What we really ought to get down to tomorrow.

Calendars can help us think of how well we use our days, for ourselves, to support others and to appreciate the world in which we live and enjoy.