

## Tony Thinking Aloud cxxxiii

So, it is hello to the New Year, Hello to 2023 ... Hello to Coronation Year. We are used to the New Year, but it is seventy years since we had a Coronation Year.

Big years in the last century have mainly been connected with the Royal family, relating most often to the reign of Queen. We did have the Victory Year in 1945, the Festival of Britain in 1951, the Olympic Games in 1948 and the World Cup in 1966. You may think of others I have not included.

Coronation Year is special, the passing of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the welcome to King Charles III. Not many people may remember the last Coronation in detail. Those who do will probably be thinking of how they huddled around a small television with neighbours and friends in the same room. There were street parties and the like and quite often Coronation Mugs for children.

My father was a member of the local Urban District Council (as they were called in those days). I went with him and others at about 8a.m. to let off rockets at the boundaries of the town. I think they were pretty mild affairs. My mother went to Holy Communion at the Parish Church. On the next day we went on a coach trip for the day to London to see the decorations.

I guess celebrations will be somewhat different this year.

Our Musings over the months have often been considering how much stays the same, particularly in nature and the countryside. We can look at seventy years in nature and little changes beyond the influence of humanity. We are there, the outpouring of God – if that is how you look at life – there all the time .

So, whatever the reign or the season, nature, creation is there same, and we can look to support each other whatever the circumstances.