

Tony Thinking Aloud xcvi

I am writing this on World Wild Life Day – March 3rd – it is also World Book Day. How do they relate? In a way they are contrasting. World Wild Life Day relates to nature when life progresses and cannot truly be controlled by us. The concern this year is focused on efforts to conserve and protect endangered species and seek to ensure their habitats are preserved.

World Book Day is entrusted into our hands. The mission to give every child or young person a book of their own. Schools put emphasis on this in many ways. On this special day children are often encouraged to dress up as their favourite character.

I am reminded that we are at the beginning of Spring this month. Metrological Spring on March 1st and the first day of Spring on March 20th this year! I have been looking again at my wife's book 'Country Companion' again. I note it was given her for her birthday in March 1945 – during the war!

So, this week we have the World Wild Life Day and the first day of spring relating to nature; World Book Day which we can control and also, consequent to man's activities, a time of conflict!

All around us we have the natural life of nature. In many ways it surrounds us and controls us. We do little to manage the life of the bird on my garden fence or at large. Basically, it looks after itself, as long as we do not interfere (something we sadly to often do).

So much of what effects our lives we do control and have the responsibility to do so for the good of all. World Book Day is about education, but conflict is about people managing their will out of harmony with each other!

A time to think and remember the natural world and all its times and seasons – but it is up to our freewill how we live with each other and the natural world around us.