

Tony Thinking Aloud cxlvii

Last month I shared some thoughts about being in April and what we might notice. There is so much we take for granted that we 'see and do not notice'! A large array of flowers appearing this month, but some we used to find in profusion are difficult to find. It is good if we make an effort to bring them into our gardens.

I think particularly of primroses all along the country lanes and in most of the woods. I recall my mother pointing them out on walks and helping me to appreciate them. The same may have been said of cowslips. Alison's Countryside Companion Book (1945) has a whole page devoted to a picture of a large meadow covered with cowslips. I find it difficult to see one today, perhaps you know a spot! It would be best to keep it to yourself, there could be rush to see it - and then pick them – could mean none for another year!

Thinking about the familiar, yesterday I sat for a while in the car overlooking the Lake at the Marina. An opportunity to observe and appreciate so much we take for granted, the wonder of the world of nature around us. The stillness of the lake, the activity of the lake. The stillness and peace, so close to the far from peaceful A38! Do we appreciate how the colour of the trees blend together – yet whilst they are mostly shades of green, they do not jar against each other. They have not been planted by a landscape gardener! Then after a little while the swan appears – what a contrast – only one while I was there.

The situation changes as residents appear on a walk! Some come with bread and all the inhabitants of the lake know it and a change again. Just for while!

So often we do not notice, we take nature for granted. We live in a panoply, a blending, of so much mixing naturally other. We are part it - we should all appreciate the Creator God.