

Tony Thinking Aloud lxxv

Quite a Saturday! I sent a text to a friend - 'Too tense to watch' (re tennis) – the reply – 'Last Night of the Proms is more relaxing!'. Then, too, there was Cristiano Ronaldo scoring goals for Manchester United. More seriously, it was the 9/11 20th Anniversary. One of the commemorations of 9/11, showing the bond between this country and the USA, was the playing of the American National Anthem at the Changing of the Guard at Windsor Castle. It showed a valuable solidarity on the Anniversary.

This was not the only link with this country and the USA! A gripping and amazing challenge for the American Open Tennis title by Emma Raducanu . It had half the country on the edge of their seats watching the television for over two hours. This held counties and families together!

All this at the same time as I was recommended 'The Last Night of the Proms' as being more relaxing. I decided to leave it to catch up on Sunday afternoon. And I'm glad I did catch up, I felt so involved in the traditional sections at the end! A great national occasion. Replicated many times at similar concerts in Barton Parish Church some years ago, such happy memories. What? Have a man rendering 'Rule Britannia', I cannot remember it happening before. Someone will remember if I am wrong! Some will still think it should be Constance Shacklock!

On another day, the event that would have caught all the news headlines would have been Cristiano Ronaldo, signing on for Manchester United and scoring well awaited goals on his return!

It is good we all share in these events together – rather like an early Christmas which is only 100 days away!!

A reflection on our bonding together for the past eighteen months and a prayer that folk will still be mindful the pandemic is not over. We need to remember this not just for ourselves but for others too. Our prayers and thoughts must still be for those who are there for us in the NHS - carers and we think too of those still with Covid and others we know in bereavement. And, of course, all who have been there so that we can buy food and have essentials services, so often forgotten.

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