

## Tony Thinking Aloud XLIII

Most of us at some time will have enjoyed Ladybird Books, they have been about for many years, indeed since the 1940s. Last week I shared some thoughts from 'A Countryside Companion', the parallel Ladybird Book at the time was 'What to Look for in Spring' (and Subsequent Seasons).

They have just been revised. We have thought about nature being constant but over the years, life changes. Some flowers, plants, creatures have almost disappeared from the immediate scene, things are different to the 1940s. The new books reflect these changes.

Saturday sees the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> year of the Queen's reign, which will lead on to the Platinum Jubilee in the summer of 2022. Although the time of a monarch's reign may seem constant, life is not the same as it was in 1952.

Captain Sir Tom Moore was commemorated by the flying of the Union Flag in Barton on Wednesday in remembrance of him and all from the community who have died from Covid in recent months.

His life spread from just after World War I to the twenty first century. He fought in the Pacific War in Burma in World War 2 which led me to reflect about my father as I have his parallel medals, from the Pacific War, where he served in Hong Kong and was a Prisoner of War in Japan. After this Crisis, both Sir Tom and my father led ordinary lives whilst seeing many life changes and then, quite unexpectedly, in his 100<sup>th</sup> year, Sir Tom became Britain's National Hero at another time of Crisis.

We have reflected that the basis of life is the same, but there is progress and we must be mindful that God is with us in every situation. There are more quiet times of life right now in contrast to the demands of the present Covid Crisis. We can all do with God being there with support in the same way we support each other just now.