

Tony Thinking Aloud xlv

Boris Johnson has a reputation for wanting to give good news and sometimes he has been so enthusiastic that he has had to change his mind! He has stated that he is thinking very carefully before he gives an outline on Monday on how we will exit Lockdown.

This is a good idea because, as all Guides will know, next Monday February 22nd is World Guide Thinking Day! The day was chosen as it was the day of both Lord and Lady Baden Powell's birthdays. On the same day – although not the same age. The day for thinking about each other worldwide.

We have done a lot of thinking about each other in the past year. We frequently and rightly remind each other – hands...face...space. It is not right to rush into a new liberated life without being very careful, even if a number of government MPs advocate it!

World Thinking Day. How far do we think in our concern, just those around us, do we really think worldwide? The pandemic perhaps has widened our horizons beyond our own shores!

The Thinking Day theme this year is Peacebuilding. Peace-making is at the heart of Guiding and is as relevant today as 100 or so years ago when Thinking Day began. Peace in the world is clearly the essence of harmonious existence, but there are always tensions to disturb full acceptance. Our prayers and thoughts should be focused on the pandemic which knows no national borders, it is odd, it brings worldwide identification!

February 22nd, the government has to make the next move, our thoughts and prayers must again be that rightful decisions are made which will seek to fulfil the needs of all. A Thinking Day to affect all our lives.