

Colin's Blog

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Continuing my current 'Flower Power theme,' a moment of joy entered my heart last week, when I caught my first glance of primroses, albeit in a garden centre.

I have decided to start my blog with a thought-provoking quote this week, which is particularly relevant to those of us involved in Neighbourhood Watch: -

"Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way." *Martin Luther King Jr.*



During my time as a Consultant and Trainer, flowers often featured in my training sessions.

One such flower is our beloved 'daffodil,' which, stands sedately and in its ultimate splendour, announcing that, although there might be bad weather still to come, with hope and anticipation in our minds, Spring is on its way.

If you believe in what you are doing, be like the daffodil,
'Trumpet your cause!'

Following on, this is an article that I put together for my blog on the 27th January last year...



I wander'd lonely as a
cloud
That floats on high o'er
vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a
crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath
the trees
Fluttering and dancing in
the breeze.

William Wordsworth

There may still be cloudy times ahead, but I have noticed that Daffodils have already started to appear in some areas.

When at last, they rise in glory, standing there with trumpets proud,

let us hope that they tell the story of better times that lie ahead,

As we admire them in fields of gold, in the wild, or even little flower beds,

They send a message of life and growth, which we as humans,

Must make the most.

Well, that's enough 'Flower Power,' for this week.



In the News...

We have probably all heard recent media reports about a senior police officer, who was accused of bullying and assaulting fellow officers, and who has subsequently been found guilty of misconduct in a public office. Some years ago, this was quite common place in many such institutions, as well as in the wider spectrum of employment, and, although we all

know that, to a lesser degree it still exists, there is no place for such behaviour in today's world, especially when you are in a position to moralise on, and discipline others!

I can remember an incident when I and colleagues, witnessed a senior officer, who gave a young officer a dressing down in front of his colleagues, and finished by telling the embarrassed officer that he demanded his respect. This behaviour, showed a total lack of management skills and professionalism by the senior officer concerned, and, being a civilian employee at the time, I in turn, rebuked the senior officer, by reminding him as he left, that respect for the person, is something that is earned! I have learned many things in life, one of which is not to suffer fools gladly, whatever their rank, status or position in life might be!

LATEST FROM NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Neighbourhood Watch is proud to be supporting **Take Five To Stop Fraud Week 22ND -26TH January**. It's a great pity that they failed to alert us about this until their email sent yesterday 25th January!

Week is part of the national campaign from Financial Fraud Action UK and the

Government. **Take Five To Stop Fraud**, backed by the banking industry coming together to tackle fraud.

The advice being issued this week is **really simple** but it can stop you becoming a victim of fraud.

1. A **genuine** bank or organisation will **never** contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.
2. Don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

Find out more at: <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

Like many people around us, my wife and I, are fighting off the dreaded lurgy week, but we need to be well enough to host an event tomorrow evening.

Keep Alert, Keep Secure, Keep Safe and have a good weekend, meanwhile, I'm off to take some more tablets!

Don't forget that you can also read my blog at: <http://www.eppingforestnhw.org.uk/>

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