

Thursday, 9 April - our one permitted outing of the day for exercise/food shopping

Another lovely, warm sunny morning for our regular walk. We were lucky enough to see a beautiful goldfinch <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/goldfinch/> in the front garden of house in Whitefields Road.

Then along past the college to Brueton Park (or is it Malvern Park?) and along the Blythe past the remains of the row of willow trees that were felled by the great storm of 1987. The willows were allowed to stay where they fell and some still survive. This was the famous Michael Fish storm that wasn't supposed to happen <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-41366241>. On my screen (but maybe not on yours) it was interesting to see the reference to the Beatles alongside that article. It is exactly 50 years ago today that they ceased recording - can it really be true? What memories!).



We came across this plant quite close to the fallen willow tree and have no idea what it is. It obviously likes damp ground. Its flowers look similar to a crocus but is otherwise quite different with all the flowers bunched together.



A couple of signs to cheer us up in an art shop and a fashion shop in the near deserted High Street on our way home.



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