

Tony Thinking Aloud lxxxiii

Craig Revel Horwood seems to have learnt the sign language for 'fab...u...lous'. This week the Musing is about 'Strictly Come Dancing' again, but from a very different angle.

Rose Ayling-Ellis the deaf dancer (yes, deaf dancer, if you have not seen the show) dances perfectly to receive 40, the maximum points available from the judges.

Rose has given her first interview to the Daily Telegraph.

She has been deaf all her life, learning to live with her deafness, she has an amazing attitude to admire. A sequence from a recent dance was with her partner and no music. This is what every dance is like for her! She learns through rhythm and observation and instruction of her brilliant partner/teacher to capture the dance.

From the Daily Telegraph

Her professional dance partner, Giovanni Pernice, calls her a superhero. She explains, it is the biggest show on television, a lot of people come (on it) for different reasons. Some people come for popularity. Some people come because they want to learn to dance. But Rose came here with a mission. She wanted to help the deaf community!

When these Musings began it must be nearly eighteen months ago. I was asked to write to encourage positive thinking much of this regarding our relationships with others (many we did not know). It was a time of apprehension and uncertainty, we needed to share with others!

Rose is a manifestation of someone who is concerned with others and for others. She does this in showing what it is possible to do in deafness – there are no holds barred for any of us!

I think I have learnt from her positivity; you do not think 'No, I can't do that' or perhaps 'I will have a go tomorrow' or 'I will never achieve that!'.

You see I believe that God is there to help us in all situations, and not the least in guiding me to write these musings each week!

Take the opportunity to see Rose on Saturday night (You can record it if you are helping Santa Claus to switch the Christmas Tree lights on!). She will be showing and sharing her talents unreservedly. Do we do the same?