



## TEMPO

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Hi everyone,

Welcome to the latest edition of TEMPO.

### **Musical Magic**

Having just got home from the tech rehearsal I am sure that we now have a great show. The costumes and set look fabulous and the show is vibrant and varied with something for everyone. Now please, please sell tickets. I asked Hanny Alcock to write something on the young persons experience of being in a show with ROS so please read on ....

### **Getting in with the Grown-ups**

Hello, I'm Hanny and I'm going to talk about what it's like being a child in the grown-up shows! I have been in 2 shows with R.O.S (Musical Magic being my second). I played Frances Locke in Blitz and I'm singing a duo as Cosette and some chorus parts in Musical Magic. It is really exciting being in the main shows because Annie makes sure we are treated like grown-ups so we all feel equal.

We have to be disciplined and cannot expect everyone else to be responsible for us. Only we can learn our parts, our cues and our dance routines. The adults all have different ways of doing things and remembering things and we pick up tips from them. When they are not required for a number in rehearsals they practice parts they find difficult with others. We tend to run about and play, but they encourage us to rehearse more and help us out when needed. If we don't play our parts properly then we are letting everyone down.

My parents like me to take part, as this is the only time we get to work with people of all ages. At school, in scouts or guides, or in sport, you are always with your own age-group. Here we have ages from 7 - 60+ and everyone has something to offer.

We can also see the different talents people have and how they work to improve themselves. Watching people who are more experienced and comparing yourself with them helps you to grow your own talent and see where you need to develop. I love to watch Becki



dance as she is so light and graceful, and to hear Anastasia sing. She can project her voice, but not be too loud when she is singing with everyone else and she also is very friendly and inspires me with stories of when she was younger.

I also love show week when we have a full orchestra. We have to sing out as the music is loud, but with a big company it always sounds very good.

R.O.S. is like being part of a big family (and after Blitz, Alan will always be my second Dad!). Everyone has their role and watches out for each other. It is a great place to grow up and gives you great experience.

By Hanny Alcock

Thank you Hanny, I believe there are some very wise words here for some of us adults to take on board!

### **Members News**

#### **GOOD NEWS**

We are proud to announce the birth of handsome son, Matthew Vaughan Jones. My waters broke Thursday evening and I kept in hospital for the last day of term. He was born after quite a short labour on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.15pm weighing 6lbs 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs (2.9kg). We came home on the Sunday but went back in on the Monday because Matthew wasn't feeding properly due to his jaundice. We finally came home on the Friday, after Matthew had spent some time under UV lights on the Wednesday of that week.

We are all settling into our new way of life after a bit of a rocky start (hospital bag wasn't packed, Matthew's room needed plastering let alone decorating and half of the baby's things hadn't been delivered). It is only now 7 weeks later that we are getting straight but that's life for you.

A big thank you to everyone that sent us cards and good wishes. At the last count we have received over 75 cards. Also a big thank you to Jo Unwin who at very short notice produced several items for Matthew to come home to, including the all essential car seat and crib.

We hope to come down to "Get in" weekend so a few more people can meet "our miracle baby" as David Jones has referred to him as.

Amanda and Andrew

Congratulations to Amanda and Andrew.



Classified Section: From Les

Holiday Flat - Tenby sleeps 6+cot.  
Harbour View  
Close to beach.  
Rental from £280

Contact: Wendy Bynorth (ROS former member and friend) tel: 01895 672345

### **RDS**

Ruislip Dramatic Society annual quiz.  
Saturday 22nd October, 7.15pm for 7.30pm prompt start.  
Ickenham Village Hall, Swakeleys Road.  
Fish and Chip supper (or Chicken if requested)  
Max 8 people per table, prizes and raffle.  
Contact Barbara Johnson on 01895 637 765

### **Other productions in the area**

Forthcoming attractions: Alan Bailey and Jevan Morris are both appearing in "Half a Sixpence" at the Watersmeet Theatre, Rickmansworth (Box Office 01923 711063) from 10 to 15 October and Jevan's there again from 22 to 26 November in "Meet Me In St. Louis".

### **ROS Website**

The new ROS website is going strong. We have had number of great comments but would be interested in more feedback. Please use it to find out what is going on and if think there is anything which needs to be added please let Jackie know.

**[www.ruislipos.org](http://www.ruislipos.org)**

Why not save it to your favourites to make sure you always know where to find the news from your society.

That's all for now

Sarah