

This week...
Rose Thorne

*Asking the people of Cabaret
vs Cancer the same ten
questions...*

1. Who are you and what do you do?

Rose Thorne, founder of Cabaret vs Cancer, Queen of the Double R Club, retired burlesque performer and human-carer of monkey!

2. Can you list three people who are your inspiration, and why?

Obviously but my mum... she inspired me to be sometimes too stubborn, to take charge yourself and not rely on anyone... but that friends are the best thing in the world.

Jo King... she met me when I was at my lowest and gave me the courage and self belief that I had hidden away for a while.

Wonder Woman of course. She is entirely awesome. Be strong, be true and believe in yourself.

3. What would you save from your burning house?*(people, pets, legal documents and computers are already saved!)

The hand painted colour photos inside parents wedding album

The glass carnival clown statuette than has been with me my whole life

The ceramic stork that was on top of my christening cake

4. What's your favourite meal and what drink is it washed down with?

Steak and chips, with a Californian pinot noir... popovers and of course a glorious pudding!

5. What talent do you wish you had?

The ability to say no...

6. Where is your favourite place?

New York City, feeding squirrels in Madison Park on a sunny freezing cold day

7. What do you do to relax?

Bake cakes, watch movies and Monday night is 'Gin When I Get IN Night'!

8. What book do you recommend everyone reads?

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman in fact the whole trilogy). Monkey is of course my daemon.

9. What is your biggest regret?

Not always taking enough time to slow down, stop and smell the roses.

And to have bought a flat in 1989 when I had no debt and could have bought a flat in London with ease...

10. If God existed, what would you like to hear him say to you at the pearly gates?

Well now...