

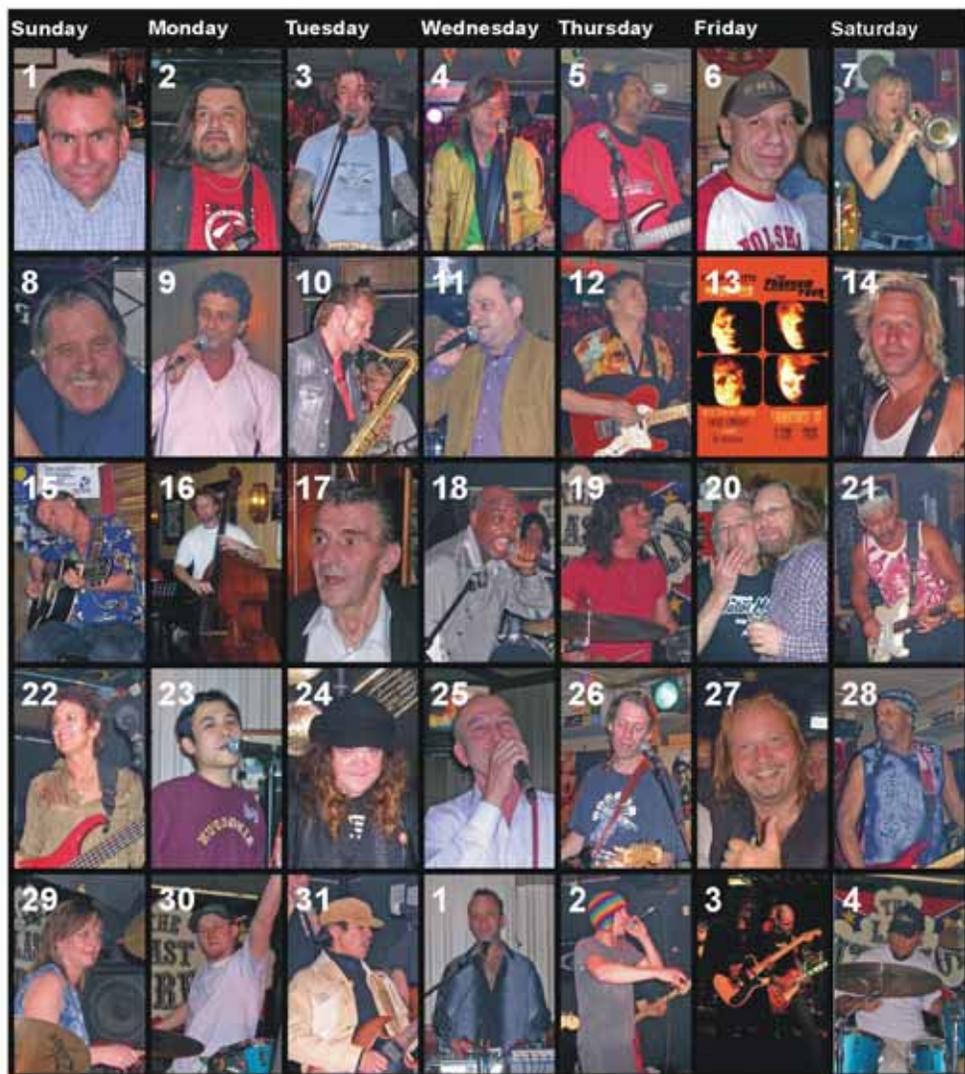
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The Editor's Bit

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's been a few years since The Stun came out this early in the year, but it's not so you can see pictures of what everybody got up to on New Year's Eve, because there aren't any. We celebrated at home, so we didn't take any photos and nobody sent us any either. As Jo in Mister Coco's put it, "Everybody depends on The Stun to take pictures so they can remember what they were doing".

We've got plenty of pictures from other days over the holidays though and from lots of parties, of course.

I suppose the start of the year is the time when I should be telling you about all the great things we've got planned for The Stun over the next few months, but I haven't got a crystal ball, so we'll just have to wait and see. What I can tell you is that Hilton has written an article for us this month and he's hoping to become a regular contributor.

Also in this month's Stun, we welcome a new sponsor, Abfab Dining with their Friday Night Curry Club, Elly interviews Eddy about his Karaoke show, Kim sends a letter from Sweden and you can put a Valentine message to your loved one in the next Stun.

On top of all that, we've got all our regular bits like Tales from the Gutter, Dear Dorothy, Jokes and Being Frank on Football, so get a drink, sit back and enjoy the latest Stun.

Andy

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Debbie is leaving the Stone's to work more regular hours



Lara is a new face in Lost in Amsterdam

TALES FROM

Happy New Year!,

And Happy Birthday to: my brother Piet, Mickey, Tom, Stan, Jan-Willem, my great-nephew Jordan, Rob (Susies), Willy, Crystal, Tam, Pasja, Andy's siblings Jack & Jill, Richard, Nico, Angelica, Jel, Kirstie, Robby, twins Aimee & Shannon, Jane, Natalie, Lin, Val, Jennie, Anne-Mary, Phil, Tracy, Gray, Russ, Danny, Mike, Tony, Marsh, Max, Rocco, Seamus, Ahmed, Neil, Dean, Karen, Denson, Olav, Joanna, Romme, Eddy, Aislinn, David, John, Eamon, Patricia, Aaron (in December), Hailey, Caitlin, Patrick, Paul, Johan, and of course Ceesje

Happy Anniversary Doug & Mandy, John & Suchada, Henk & Sharon, Willem & Monique, and of course Chick & Cathy.



Just a couple of days after Anja & May had some chips on Damrak (can't get patatje-met like that in England), that same chip-shop was voted "Best Chips in Holland". They certainly enjoyed it. May had been hungry for a while already, but it didn't stop her playing (& winning her first games!) in the Friday pool-comp. I gave her a game in the Newcastle Bar later, & she beat me too!



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High Jannie, how was your away-time? Andy & I stayed at home over Christmas, Andy went to a party in the Waterhole on

THE GUTTER

Dec 27th, we went out together on Dec 30th (May & Anja were in town and they must have brought the weather with them, we had a blizzard!), & stayed in on New Years Eve. Just the five of us, Andy, me & some bubbly, it was nice.

Mona, did you watch the new Dutch police-series on Talpa on Sunday evening? It's called Van Speijk, and is filmed in your old neighbourhood. Must watch!

Adele, thanx for the email, been a long time. Get back to you asap.

Willem would like to say Happy New Year to (all of us, but especially) Rita, Joost, Lenore and all the other Rodos regulars. He really wanted to come to the reunion, but it was impossible. And thank you for your card, Rita!

Emma would like to congratulate CJ with her new job at SBS 6.

You go for it, Girl!

In the Flying Dutchman we ran into Dominic, from the Warmoesstraat years. Hunters, Fiddlers, and G Force, the first S/M cafe in Europe. Sadly, it is no more, as Dominic would have loved to introduce Josie there, & show her the ropes, so to speak...



Since most of you, our readers, live here, you must have some affinity with, and/or knowledge of, the Dutch language. So have any of you lot been following the "Taalstrijd"?

They've come up with some new spelling for a few old words, and with the spelling of some other words switched back to before the last changes were made? Confused?

Well, so are a lot of the Dutch, and newspapers & other media have promised to boycott the new spelling.

I don't understand why they have to change it at all. The simpler the language, the easier it is to communicate!

Introducing new and/or foreign words to a language is a different matter altogether. I've come up with a few words myself. If, for instance, you're more stoned than drunk, you're strunk. If however, you're more drunk than stoned, you're droned. And with Christmas I tried to make a chutney, but it was more like a pickle. I decided to call it a chuckle.

Have you ever come up with a word you thought should exist, but is nowhere to be found? Let us know!

And don't forget to send us your Valentine messages to be published in the next Amsterdam Stun. (If you want it to be "anonymous", we'll do so, but we would like to know who you are!)

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Elly

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Casey was in the kitchen while Shake, Rattle & Roll was playing in the Old Quarter.



Marlene was Twisting the Night Away.



It was Summer Nights, in December, for Andrew and barmaid Femke.



Kevin always shares a takeaway with Neil from Buster's when he's in town.

Aidan, Annie and Sam want to write something for The Stun, but for now, we've only got a picture of them in the Sláinte.



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Mitch tried his hand behind the bar, but Carla did all the real work.



It goes without saying that Willie and Paula were there...
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We've missed 'Some Like It Hot!' on Friday 13th (you need to make a reservation), so no onion bhajee, pork vindalu or kadja curry for us. Pity, I love onion bhajee's.

But they have three events already planned, Tandoori Nights Fever, with tandoori fish & chicken tikka masala on January 20th, Jai Poori , with Sri Lankan sour fish

curry & mild green plantain curry on February 3rd & Bangla Dish Delights with lamb biriany & dhal makhani on 17th. (I'm getting hungry here!)

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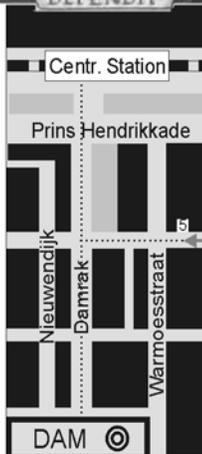


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Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

I'm a strapping lass from the Emerald Isle having come to Amsterdam a few months ago, to start me own hooking business. I'd heard that there's good money to be made in the oldest profession. However, I seem to be experiencing a few difficulties in getting me new business venture off the ground so to speak. I "opened shop" a few weeks ago on the Reguliersdwaarsstraat, a few doors away from a bar called the April on what is a very busy night street. I'm on the first floor and have a big red light on practically day and night. My problem is, even though the bars are packed with single men every night, I just don't seem to get any punters coming in.

I've tried to entice trade by flashing me tits out of the window, but to no avail. It's a queer situation I'm finding myself in, so it is.

Please advise me where I'm going wrong.

Bridie O' X

Dear Bridie,

First I'd like to see your profit/loss plan, did it include any bondage or leather, S&M, or ball room dancing? You might need to change your modus operandi slightly to fit in with your new surrounds,

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I am writing to warn your readers of the dangers of badly labelled food. Only last week I was in the British Shop and decided to treat myself to a Heinz Treacle Pudding, having not had one for many years.

When I got home I prepared myself a slap-up dinner, leaving enough space for my pudding afterwards. Being a very cautious cook, I read the back of the can very carefully, they said "pierce can and stand in boiling water".

I'm writing this from my hospital bed and the doctors say that the 3rd degree burns on my feet and ankles should be cleared up in a few months.

So readers beware, badly labelled food can lead to serious accidents.

Sebastian Twonk

Dear Sebastian,

You do not pierce the can anymore.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I've recently won first prize in the New Year raffle at my local. Imagine my joy at winning a weekend for 1 in a 2 star hotel in Paris. Unfortunately having received the ticket it turns out to be Paris, Uganda, not the one with Disney. I'm now told that there is a penalty to pay if I cancel. Can they do that?

Arthur Mijnd
Purmerend

Dear Arthur,

They probably can, there are all sorts of scams these days to get hold of your hard earned cash. Just check out when malaria season is.

Dorothy.

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KARAOKE TIME

Andy likes to do it in Spain, Jack did it once in the Asturias, Ria did it a couple of times a year in the Amstelstoom, Ann (Old Highlander) and Jacky would like to do it every day!

It's Karaoke, and it's here to stay!

Enough reason for The Stun to do an interview with Mr. Karaoke himself: Eddy!



Q: So Eddy, how did you first get interested in Karaoke?

A: About 15 years ago I came across it in Belgium, and I liked it so much, you could say I became addicted to it. I did find there wasn't enough variety in the menu, so I started looking around for discs, and started my own show in a few bars in Brussels. More languages, different music styles.

Q: So you started in Belgium. How long have you been in Amsterdam?

A: I arrived here in the year 2000.

Q: Not many places, except maybe some Thai bars, doing Karaoke then. What did you do?

A: Oh, I found some. Unfortunately, not one with the kind of music I like, and again, not enough variety in their song-catalogues. So I went to Belgium, looking for more discs, and the guy I usually bought from said to me: "Why don't you buy the lot, so I can retire". So I did, and I started my own show again, this time in Amsterdam.

Q: When did you do your first "professional" show?

A: On Queens-day 2005, in cafe the Mug, but I've come a long way since then.

Q: Oh?

A: Yes, I can proudly say that I now have a catalogue in 10 languages! English, French, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Thai, Filipino, Indonesian, Greek & Chinese.

Q: Any more plans?

A: I've got Japanese & Hungarian coming soon. And I want to ask everybody with another language, Polish, Croatian etc. etc, to contact me!

Q: You sound really dedicated to Karaoke. How come?

A: Because there's so much to it! Where else do you find so many nationalities having fun together, doing the same thing? That's why I want even more languages, so that many different people, from all kinds of cultural backgrounds, can meet each other and know that they might look, talk and behave differently, in essence we are all the same.

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Herman Brood Tribute in Maloe Melo

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Well, it’s a long time since I contributed to the Stun, but I had to write this as not only was the guy a famous musician, I knew him, played with him, & he jumped of my hotel. I’m talking about Herman Brood (sex, drugs and rock & roll junky), I loved him, he was a nice guy, and he was my hero!

So, I’m here in Maloe Melo, and I’ll tell you how it went.

“Brood für die Welt” are led by Marcel on vocals, who told me: “When I was a FC Den Haag hooligan, we played in Breda & I got arrested. In the “Koepel” (jail) I met Herman Brood, & we fought the “3 van Breda” together. (Notorious war-time Nazi’s, who were given life imprisonment). Since then, Herman has been my idol! I must have seen him 120 times. Holland, Belgium, Germany. In Berlin, I played piano with him, & I don’t play the piano!”. Completing the band were Nancy & Sandra (backing vocals), Thijs (drums), Menno (guitar), Roland (bass), Jim (piano), & Daani, who sang Nina Hagen.

The band were really good, & the girls made a big impression with the band; I like Sandra & Nancy as well!

I actually spoke with more of the musicians there for the tribute, Lamar & Liza Chase among others, & they all want to pay tribute to Jur! I can only agree with them.

That however, will have to wait till the next Stun, because I was allocated only so much space.

Herman Brood is Dood,
But his music will live forever!

Hilton

A LETTER FROM SWEDEN

Kim has asked the Amsterdam Stun to pass on a message to everybody who was involved in the benefit session in the Shamrock.

Excerpt from letter: “I can’t believe how much money my guitar-pick raised at auction - if I’d known, I’d have thrown in a strap and a set of strings as well - but seriously, I can’t believe how much was raised and all the thought and effort that went in to putting the whole thing together. It does me a whole lot of good to know I’m remembered - especially in a way like this - and I’d be grateful if you guys could give a really big thank you to everyone who came, especially the players, and most especially Marcel, Mark and Lisa. I’m looking forward to doing it in person but that’s going to have to wait a while”. End of excerpt.

He does go on a bit, & he repeats himself, but what it comes down to is, he does go on a bit...

As for the Stun, we’ve asked Kim if he fancied doing some artwork for us (which means for you, our readers!), like maybe a cover!

Well, he has the time to do it, the material to work with, and most important, the heart of an artist. He said “yes, he would love to”.

We could do with a “Valentine related” for February, or a “St. Patrick” for March, and/or even a “Queen” for April. Or anything he can come up with.

We would like bold colours, clear lines, and preferably funny!

MUSIC NEWS &

Saskia Laroo is playing her cool jazz sounds with Jazzkia every Friday and Saturday in Lost In Amsterdam on Nieuwendijk.



DJ Jeff-X from In Deep 'n' Dance records is playing once a week in the Wonder Bar. The day varies, so ask in the bar.

Joe Rocker, The Joe Cocker Revue, will be launching their new CD in the Waterhole on Saturday 14th January. I'm sure singer Jim will tell everybody it's also guitarist Stan's birthday.



Mama's Bad Boys, featuring Rahim, will be playing Maloe Melo on Saturday 28th. Rahim is also leading the Thursday sessions there this month.



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WHAT'S ON

A bit of variety in the Tuesday night jam sessions in the Waterhole this month: On the 24th, Rory will be looking after the evening from behind his keyboard.



On the 17th and 31st, it will be Augusto taking care of things.



On Thursday 2nd February, the Waterhole will be holding a Red Hot Chili Peppers Tribute Special, featuring documentaries, videos, concerts and a live performance by the Red-HotChiliBastards. Doors open 20:00, the band starts at 22:30 and there is a DJ from 24:00 'til 03:00. Admission is free and there will be no decibel limiters this evening.

The first round of the International Karaoke Competition saw about 100 people pack into Café The End. Tor was the judges favourite, but it's a long way to the final on the 27th February. Before that, there are two more rounds, on Monday 23rd January and Monday 13th February.

ROBBIE SCHOUTEN



News reached us just before this Stun came out that Robbie Schouten has died. We don't know any details, but there will be a Benefit Concert in his memory in the Waterhole on Thursday 12th January, featuring Stan, Gus Genser, Joyce and many more of Robbie's friends and fellow musicians.

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The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Benefit Concert
 for Robbie Schouten

Friday 13 January

Finnegans R'bow Mark Mysterious
Lost in Ams'dam Saskia Laroo
Maloe Melo The Phantom Four
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Sugar Mama

Saturday 14 January

Lost in Ams'dam Saskia Laroo
Maloe Melo Punk Party with G.O.H.
 + X-Offenders + Sidekick Bob
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Joe Rocker

Sunday 15 January

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
 with T-Bone Fisher
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Ladies Nite

Monday 16 January

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
 with Magic Sem
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
 the Old Quarter Trio
 guest: Leah Kline
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Illegal Jam

Tuesday 17 January

Maloe Melo V.S.P.A. Student Session
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Augusto's Jam

Wednesday 18 January

Maloe Melo Winston Popprijs - heats
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 19 January

Maloe Melo Session with Rahim
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole The Gus Genser Jam

Friday 20 January

Bourbon Street Santanico
Finnegans R'bow Mark Mysterious
Lost in Ams'dam Saskia Laroo
Maloe Melo Rootsclub with Bert Boot,
 Rik & Jan the Lazyman
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Nozy Neighbours

Saturday 21 January

Lost in Ams'dam Saskia Laroo
Maloe Melo Chief O'Hara
Molfest, Laberinto
Heerhugowaard
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Short Fuse

Sunday 22 January

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
 with T-Bone Fisher
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Ladies Nite

Monday 23 January

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
 with Magic Sem
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
 the Old Quarter Trio
 guest: Mike del Ferro
The End Int'l Karaoke Competition
 Round 2
The Waterhole Illegal Jam

Tuesday 24 January

Maloe Melo Balkan Session with Yanko
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Jam Session
 with Rory Campbell

GIG-LIST

Wednesday 25 January

Maloe Melo Winston Popprijs - heats
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 26 January

Maloe Melo Frank Carillo
& The Bandeleros
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole The Gus Genser Jam

Friday 27 January

Finnegans R'bow Mark Mysterious
Lost in Ams'dam Saskia Laroo
Maloe Melo Beatclub
Live: The Dorktones
+ Beatclub DJ's
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Marcel Scherpenzeel

Saturday 28 January

Iduna, Drachten Laberinto + Osdorp Posse
Lost in Ams'dam Saskia Laroo
Maloe Melo Mama's Bad Boys
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Strolling Bones

Sunday 29 January

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with T-Bone Fisher
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Ladies Nite

Monday 30 January

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Magic Sem
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
the Old Quarter Trio
guest: Clous van Mechelen
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Illegal Jam

Tuesday 31 January

Maloe Melo Balkan Session with Yanko
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Augusto's Jam

Wednesday 01 February

Maloe Melo Winston Popprijs - heats
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 02 February

Maloe Melo Session
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Red Hot Chili Peppers
Tribute Special

Friday 03 February

Finnegans R'bow Mark Mysterious
Lost in Ams'dam Saskia Laroo
Maloe Melo t.b.a.
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Jack's On Five

Saturday 04 February

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The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Santanico

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ROUND



Monta posed with Reno when we dropped into Lost In Amsterdam.



Ema and Jo keeping warm by the fire in Coco's Outback.



Nina is new to the Wonder Bar, but Driss and Max have made her feel at home.



Ashley and Robert were over for New Year and met Keith in Mister Coco's.



Grandpa Iain & Great Grandpa Jaap were in the Flying Dutchman wetting the head of baby Mandy Celeste, born on the 31st of December.

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THE BARS



Rory and Jimmy were getting in some practice for New Year's Eve.

Ingrid was in the audience with Elsemiek when the Maloe Melo Allstars were on stage in their home bar.



Raphael wanted his picture in The Stun and he knew he had more chance if Natascha from Lost in Amsterdam posed with him.

May and her mum, Anja, were in town for a couple of days, so we took them to a place that's always popular with tourists: the Newcastle pub, where Elly could have a game of pool with May.



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IN THE OLD

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HIGHLANDER

Janet celebrated her birthday there as well; here she is with Ann.



Owen was having a drink with Janet's husband Harvey.



Tommy, John and Jim were having a pre-Christmas drink together.



It was like a Rodos reunion with Lenore, Jennie and Nellie there.



Bob, Bonne, Karen, Jo, Jennie, Stef, Andy and Aart all wanted to be in The Stun.



Rene was there for his birthday and Marco joined him for a drink or two.

PARTY TIME IN

They had a party for the staff, musicians and regulars in the Waterhole just after Christmas and with beer for €1, spirits for €2, loads of food and a great jam session, everybody had a good time.



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ROB'S BIRTHDAY

Rob was celebrating his birthday in Susie's Saloon and Stun editor Andy got into the party spirit.



Rob was joined at the big table by Chris and Tanya...



Carla, Stacy and Chris from next door...



And Scotty, with Deborah. Ireen, Jim and Saber also joined in the fun.



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ALSO IN SUSIE'S

Brigitte came from Sweden to spend Christmas with her sister Annie. Brother Fred came up from Den Haag.



Alex, Liam and Vicky were also getting into the Christmas spirit.



Did Jan have a surprise for Liam?



Trevor is no longer working in Susie's Saloon: He's now a full time meter man for Nuon, so if he comes knocking at your door, you can trust him.



Dennis sent us a little poem:
When in Amsterdam
I went to Susie's
Hoping to meet some Floozies
All I got was Woozie
And met Big Bad John !!!



BEHIND

Here's Coco's Outback manager Enda, with duty manager Lu and Bess, who works.



Nun and Manan were behind the bar in the Kamasutra on our last visit.



Ruth was busy when the Maloe Melo All-stars were on stage; Jur was playing too.



Monday night in the Waterhole, with Frank, Julie and Kees.



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BARS



We could barely see Mirka behind the bar in the London Bridge.
Can't say the same about Eric in Café Corso.



Paul had a great New Year's Eve in Finnegan's. He threw the last customer out at 7:30.



Lost in Amsterdam barmaid Marcusia is a new face to The Stun, but we know Julia.

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MORE

Henry was very welcoming when Anja and May came out of the snow and into the Flying Dutchman.



Lily did a Willie and won the pool comp she organised in the Flying Dutchman. Guy was runner-up.



We've already seen the TV commercial that Danny made for Randstad (it's got skaters in it) and when we bumped into him in Coco's Outback, he told us his next one, out in February, is for Vodafone .

John and Ian, from Bermondsey, were in the London Bridge, striking a strange pose.



It was Josélito boss Danny's day off, so he was relaxing in Lost In Amsterdam.



ROUNDS



It came as no surprise to see Henk sitting at the bar in Café Corso. If we didn't know better, we could think he's part of the fixtures and fittings.



Amy and Gabriel took advantage of a quiet spell in Café The End to grab a quick meal and check the latest news.



Murat, Webster and Cüneyt were chilling out to sounds of Saskia Laroo and her band, Jazzkia, in Lost In Amsterdam.

Noel, Cara and Brian made the Newcastle pub their local when they came over to celebrate the New Year.



Just when you think you're safe... Vince and Martje were spotted on Zeedijk after Mister Coco's had closed.



BEHIND MORE BARS



Despite how it may look, Ray isn't trying to strangle Linda in the Old Highlander; he knows good bar staff are worth their weight in gold.

We've had pictures of Lisette and Nathalie before, but this is the first time we've had a picture of them together in the Stone's Café.



Jason has been working in Coco's Outback for about two months now, but this is the first time he's got his picture in The Stun.

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THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

An old lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat on tightly so that it would not blow off in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said: "Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the lady, "I need both hands to hold onto this hat."

"But, madam, you must know that your privates are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest.

The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir anything you see down there is 85 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car. Both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through red light."

After a few more minutes they came to another intersection, the light was red, and again they went right through.

This time, the passenger was almost sure that the light had been red, but was also concerned that she might be seeing things. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they blew right through it.

She turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred! Did you know that you ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh Shit! I thought you were driving?"

Three old ladies were sitting side by side in their retirement home reminiscing.

The first lady recalled shopping at the green grocers and demonstrated with her hands, the length and thickness of a cucumber she could buy for a penny.

The second old lady nodded, adding that onions used to be much bigger and cheaper also, and demonstrated the size of two big onions she could buy for a penny a piece.

The third old lady remarked, "I can't hear a word you're saying, but I remember the guy you're talking about."

A bear walks into a bar in Billings, Montana and sits down. He bangs on the bar with his paw and demands a beer.

The bartender approaches and says, "We don't serve beer to bears in bars in Billings."

The bear, becoming angry, demands again that he be served a beer.

The bartender tells him again, more forcefully, "We don't serve beer to belligerent bears in bars in Billings."

The bear, very angry now, says, "If you don't serve me a beer, I'm going to eat that lady sitting at the end of the bar."

The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Billings"

The bear goes to the end of the bar, and, as promised, eats the woman.

He comes back to his seat and again demands a beer.

The bartender states, "Sorry, we don't serve beer to belligerent, bully bears in bars in Billings who are on drugs."

The bear says, "I'm NOT on drugs."

The bartender says, "You are now. That was a barbitchyouate."

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The third round of the F.A. Cup lived up to the traditions of the oldest knockout football tournament in the world. Even the mighty Manchester United of old could not destroy the fabric of this event, although they gave it their best shot at the time, I recall. Thankfully, there were indeed some classic David and Goliath encounters that lived up to, and perhaps even exceeded, all expectations. Luckily for the BBC, they just happened to be LIVE on TV and who could forget in a hurry that Luton versus Liverpool action-packed match, which not only provided us with eight goals and end to end football of the highest order, but also one of the most dramatic last minute goals in the history

of the competition! To go into a three-one lead midway through the second half would have been good enough for most teams and surely it would have been good enough for Luton too, had they not had to face the awesome talents of the fight-back kids. We should have known they were capable of this, because in recent years they have done it with ever increasing regularity and often against more prestigious opponents. As a neutral watching this, it had to be

one of the most exhilarating games I have had the pleasure of witnessing in a long time and a highlights programme could never have done it any real justice, I feel. Xabi Alonso's 173-yard clincher proved to be a fitting end to a very memorable game.

As if that wasn't enough, we then had another game to remember on the Sunday, when another Championship club came face-to-face with another big Premiership fish. As the teams kicked off, Leicester City were floundering in 21st place in the league and level on points with Brighton. If they stay around here, there is every likelihood they will do a Notts Forest and plummet yet further into footballing oblivion. On the other hand, Tottenham Hotspur have gone from strength to strength under Martin Jol and are lying currently in fourth place in the Premiership, having lost just three games all season. On this form, you would expect them to be playing some sort of European football next

term, but form of course counts for nothing in the cup and nor does your lofty league status either. Everything went to plan to begin with though. Spurs took an early lead and increased it before the break. They began to dictate play and I was just about to turn the television off - because if this had been a fight, the referee would have stopped it long ago - when suddenly, on the stroke of half-time, an inspired substitution lead to a Leicester goal

and I was once again engrossed in a plot that in the second half reached an almost orgasmic crescendo! Leicester were a different team when they marched out after the interval and how it showed. That goal had done them the world of good and as so often hap-



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pens in football, the home crowd sensed there was an upset on. Soon it was 2-2 and the game ebbed and flowed as the excitement increased. Like a good film or a great play, it was not until the final act that we witnessed the extraordinary. A goal in injury time ensured that Leicester went through by three goals to two against all the odds!

That was not the end of the third round shocks either. Manchester United could only draw 0-0 with Nigel Clough's Burton Albion - although it must be said they fielded a weakened team on the day. However, even when re-enforcements were called for in the form of Wayne Rooney and Ronaldo after just ten minutes of the second half, they still could not stop the rot! This is the second season in a row that United have fallen foul of non-league opposition. Now they must take them back to Old Trafford and hope they can overcome them with home advantage and a full strength team. Fulham were another Premiership outfit to be knocked off their bikes. They went down at home by two goals to one

to Leyton Orient. Leyton who you may ask? And let's not forget little Nuneaton, who confounded the experts and drew at home to Middlesbrough, against all expectations. Yes the F.A. Cup has lost none of its magic and how tragic it would have been if it had.

Let me wish you all a very happy New Year, and on that subject, here are a few resolutions for a few familiar faces in the football community. They say that resolutions are like eels. Easy to catch, but hard to hang on to. I just hope a few of these folks hang onto them for good!

- Sir Alex Fergusson Get a life.
- Sir Bobby Robson Get a job
- Jose Mourinho Get a smile
- Sven Goran E. Get a joke
- Arse Wenger Get a head. Of Chelsea that is!

And now onto the PPL and here are the standings on Friday 13th February 2005.

Name	On	Nr	Pts
Iwan	7	1	22
Cezary	6	4	22
Steve	5	4	19
Mathew Wright	4	5	17
Gareth	3	8	17
John Raftery	3	4	13
Polly	3	3	12
Emanuel Cuvaco	3	3	12
Tricia Willis	3	3	12
Peter Drost	2	6	12
Daniel	3	2	11
Arun Pankerd	3	2	11
Frank Weston	2	5	11
Fernando Netes	1	6	9
Quisippe	1	6	9
Bertis	2	2	8
Paul Finnegans	1	5	8
Andy F	1	5	8
John Davies	1	4	7
Terry Hickey	1	3	6
Paddy Wynne	1	2	5
Jonathan Shelduck	1	1	4
Neil Weston	0	3	3
Callum Dickie	0	2	2

IN THE BACK

Last month, we had a full page of Big Franky in The Stun. Shortly after that, he got a call from TV Noord Holland to tell him that he had won their "Onbekende Talent" competition. Franky didn't even know he'd entered it! He'd recorded a video of him singing his favourite Rolling Stones song and it took the most votes in the Internet poll. To celebrate, Franky arranged for an all night bar in Café De Pul so all his friends and fans could come see him on TV.



When it comes to tequila slammers, Tanya and Alex are no match for Vicky.



We had a lot of pictures of Janet to choose from this month, but we've only got room for this one of her in the Flying Dutchman with Colonel Mike.



I'm sure Jur will be on stage when the Rootsclub returns to Maloe Melo on the 20th.



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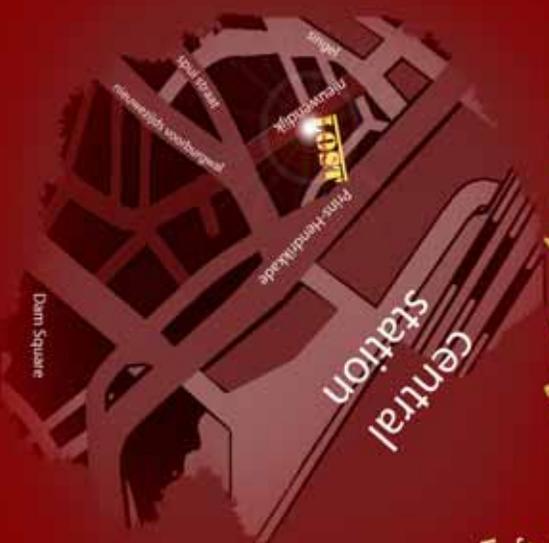
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