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# The Editor's Bit

Last month's Stun settled a family argument when somebody who denied being in town for Queen's Day last year was spotted on our cover. I was out with the camera again for this year's Queen's Day and we've got ten pages of pictures for you, but we still didn't have room for all of them, so if we haven't got a picture of you in The Stun, it doesn't mean you weren't there.

We have a new champion in our Premiership Predictions League. You can find the full table on page 33 if you want to know how you got on this season.

Some of the regulars in the Flying Dutchman took a trip to Poland recently. Peter sent us a report of the trip and Tam supplied photos, so you can read about it on page 12. We like getting stories from our readers, but they must have some sort of connection to the Amsterdam bar scene, if we're going to print them.

OK, the party to celebrate 12¾ years of The Amsterdam Stun (and my 50th birthday) is ON. We'll be holding it in Mister Coco's on Nieuwendijk on Saturday 15th July and we are open to your contributions. Donations of cash can be made to Elly or myself; Henry Lyons is the man to see for any other stuff for the party. He will also be visiting all our sponsors from late June.

I hope you enjoy this month's Stun,

*Andy*



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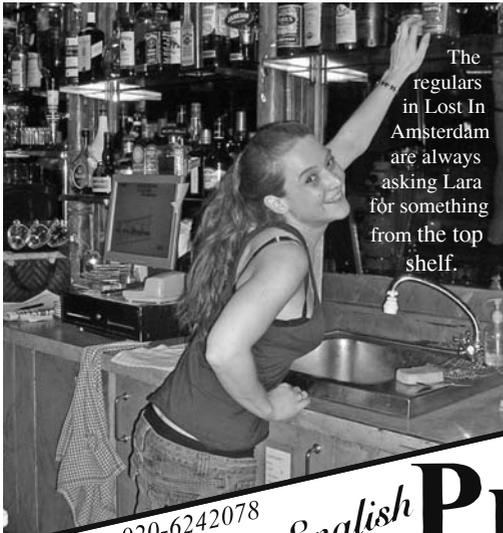
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The regulars in Lost In Amsterdam are always asking Lara for something from the top shelf.



It's about time Annie from Susie's Saloon appeared on Page Three.

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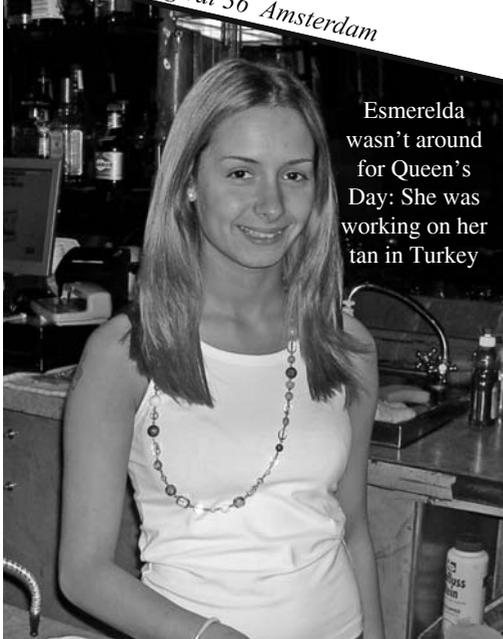
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Esmerelda wasn't around for Queen's Day: She was working on her tan in Turkey



When we asked Lauren how long she's worked in the Wonder Bar, she looked at her watch.

# TALES FROM

Happy Birthday Jannie, Jill, Mac, Claire, Vicky, CJ, Daniel, Maria, Helena, Nina, Ann, Big John, Gregorio, Cora, Kim, Zillah, Fiona, Arend, Raschid, Iris, Annie, Shannon, Keith, Mary, Joelle, Philip, Khaled, Jack the Lad, Andrew, Brian, Simon, Trina, Luca, Dave, Chantal, Wiet, Nathalia, Andy, Lisa, Craig, Tim, Alison, Phil, Frans, George, Kees, Sandie, Isabel, Frankie, Lotte, Andre, Sandra, Steve, Rick, Marietta, Monica, Marco, Garry, Rhian, Tattoo John, Guusje, Alan, Mick, Ilona, Ian, Rob, Carla, Henry,

We hear Suchada is expecting a brother or sister for Arabella. Arabella would like a girl, so she can be “big sister”. John said he’s happy either way, & he looked it!

really sick. She will be back next week. The pencils etc. have been purchased, & a bank-account will be opened with the money from the benefit & raffle. Try and find out from your side if & how you can have access. We also included the picture you asked for. Sorry you missed Queens-day, but you’ll be back.



Helena, Henry, Alison, Vicky & Carla all celebrate their birthday in May.

Helena with a picnic in the park, on Wednesday. She invited us too, & the weather was great, but we were hard at work getting this edition ready for you lot.

Hello Kim, sorry we didn’t respond to your letter yet, but it took a while to get all the information. Lisa, who has all the details, had to go to the UK because someone in her family was

“Johnny Joint” & “Alan Butzi” from Denmark also missed Queens Day, by a whole week. Their excuse? They never heard of it! So I told them all about the event, & that they would feel right at home. They love dressing up (in the photo they wear dread-lock style wigs), and they promised they would be here next year

We are not sure if our cruise-master has actually found a buddy for the boat-trip to Berlin, but we hope he did. He should have someone with him on a long journey like that.

The new Flying Dutchman T-shirts have arrived, but Andy loves the old Fat Freddy T-shirt from years ago. When we saw Terry last week, he mentioned he actually still had a few of them, mostly smaller sizes. But the new ones go from Fin-size to Willy-size.

Talking T-shirts, our old Mr. Coco’s shirts came in really handy when Ray got very, very dirty trying to repair the faulty sewers last week.

# THE GUTTER



Cees, from Cees's Place in Utrecht thought: "I have to get myself one of these!", when Jur flashed his two-eyed trouser-snake at me in Maloe Melo.

Did you hear about Costner, who apparently couldn't keep his one-eyed trouser-snake under control while having a massage? In Scotland, in a posh hotel & spa belonging to one of his mates, on his honeymoon. The masseuse complained, got fired, and went to court. The case was settled out of court, and an undisclosed sum of money was exchanged. I wonder what Mrs. Kevin is thinking.

Our friend Alex is a masseuse. After many years of studying natural healing, she qualified as a holistic therapist, specialised in aroma-therapy massage. She is a member of the international council of holistic therapists, & has

a (recently started) private practice in Amsterdam, and is established in the UK. She is also a member of the healing circle of Aurora.

She does classic aroma-therapy massage (top to toe),

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A professional masseuse is well aware of that, & acts accordingly, always treating the client with courtesy. The client should have the decency to return the respect.

Amsterdam has to put the knife into many buses, and reduced routes from even more buses. I wonder if it has anything to do with the Combino disaster, which is costing millions. Initially the GVB said they worked out a deal with Siemens, & it was the German production company who would pay the lion's share of the costs. But is has emerged now that Siemens is not compensating the GVB for all the costs, so the money has to come from somewhere.

Maybe this is a case for the European Union. Keep them busy in Brussels, & let them earn their salaries.

*Elly*

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# WARMOESSTRAAT

CENTRUM

Benjamin introduced us to a couple of new faces in the Old Quarter kitchen - Raymond and Bob.



At last, we've got a picture of Zusana and Domingo together in Stone's Corner.

Klaas and Jill were about to leave Buster's, so we got the camera out quick.

A new face behind the Old Quarter bar too; Marlene and Cleo got Marije to pose for The Stun on her very first day.



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# Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

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Mr & Mrs A.M.

Address supplied

Dear Potential parents,

*If you are so desperate for a Chinese baby, the answer is so obvious I can't believe you haven't thought of the obvious. Have Mrs M impregnated by a Chinese man.*

*(I should be charging for this)*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

I am writing this letter to demonstrate how disgusted I was on hearing that this Tracey woman sold her sordid tale to the tabloid newspapers, telling all and sundry about her affair with John Prescott. For a 5 figure sum!! And I only got 50p from the Stun for the Polaroid's of me sitting on Jack Straw's face at the last conference. I feel like I've been cheated.

Yours - never again!

Sharon

Dear Sharon,

*The whole point being, your arse was so big, we could not distinguish what you were sitting on. Besides that Andy reckons that Jack Straw does not have a tattoo of Elvis. And 50p is the maximum for a Stun exclusive.*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

My girlfriend will not give me a blowjob as she reckons that she'll heave. Now I've heard that loads of women's magazines cover this problem. I ain't gonna spend me fag money on Women's Own and the like, so can you sort this one out fer us.

Jimmy R

Amsterdam

Dear Jimmy,

*Easy, treat her to a botox lip job. Blindfold her or turn the lights out, and she'll never know.*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

Why is the cost of a dog licence so high? In England, I only paid 50p per year. I mean why such a big difference?

Jim

Amsterdam

Dear Jim,

*I looked up licence in our Double Dutch Dictionary and it says "An extra form of taxation". This is quite a handy little book at €29.95. Other useful translations are:-*

*Controle = Checking to see if you've paid all your taxes.*

*UPC = The main cause of Stress in Holland.*

*Organ Donor = Someone with no immediate next of kin who has been in an accident.*

*Keukenhof = Small area of Poland.*

*Balen = Oh fuck IT.*

*Admission Free = €2.00 to hang up your coat.*

*Rubber stamped = This is gonna cost you.*

*That's Amsterdam = We've ballsed up again.*

*I hope this explains it.*

*Dorothy*

# BEHIND BARS



“Big” Jur in Maloe Melo is so proud of his “Little” boys Patrick and Marcel, that he stood on a box for this picture.

Kees and Skip introduced us to Miella, who’s joined the crew behind the bar in The Waterhole.



Justine said she was having a strange night in the Stone’s Corner when we dropped in; It must have been a full moon.



Hamish the Highlander deer in the Old Highlander doesn’t talk to just anybody, so Nicola told us about the 60’s/70’s Night they’re holding on Saturday 17th June: Live DJ, free entry, free snacks and prizes for the best dressed, but the drinks are not at 60’s/70’s prices.



# OUTSIDE!

It's been a while since we last had Kim and Richard in the same picture, but they're still good friends, so they posed for us.



Seamus is holding Wee Dug to ransom 'til Johnny gets back.



Enda, Jonny and new boy Dave on the terrace at Coco's Outback.



Sam, Big John and Huib were soaking up the pints outside Susie's Saloon.



Caroline and Theo gave us a quick pose outside the Flying Dutchman.

# THE TRIP TO

The six of us (five adult men & one four-legged furry creature called Pedro the dog) met up in the Flying Dutchman for a few drinks before journeying to Poland. At Central Station we ran into Caroline. A coincidence, but it felt like someone came to see us of. Nice!

For the six-hour train journey to Berlin we didn't want to rely on the limited drink & food supply on board, so we brought our own cans of beer, spicy chicken-pieces, cans of beer, sandwiches, & some cans of beer. Nice!

While Tam slept, Pedro teamed up with a Jack Russell puppy, and people should not take puppies on a long train-journey! They leak, & you can't take'm for walkies, so they leak some more! Ray had to check for scent-marks, which Des found hilarious.



We were all allowed into the country, and in Berlin, Paul found a bar where we could have a fresh drink, replenish our fast dwindling stock for the one hour train ride to the Polish border.

The journey seemed endless, & we were all tired by the time we arrived. Maybe that's why Des went through customs twice!

And then Pedro had to go walkies.

It was just a short walk over the Oder bridge, so when we arrived in the hotel Relax, that's

just what we did, after some initial grumbling about who shares a room with whom!

After a hearty breakfast we set of to explore the little town of Slubice (or did that mean "Welcome"? ) where some of Paul's friends own a bar. On the way there, we found the London Pub, & a small market (where Des saw a kettle he just had to have). We discovered that paying with Zloty's is dirt-cheap, & for a few Euro's we got (z)lots!



We found Paul's friends' place, Oberza, where we ate, drank, socialised & relaxed.



After that we went back to the London Pub. Tam was the first to leave, Des took Pedro for walkies & back to the hotel, it was his turn to sleep with the dog. Paul, Ray & I found another bar, where Ray had a few before going back & we found Anabel's. I was the first to leave.

# POLAND

The next day we did some more exploring, & found a very large market where they sold just about everything. They even sold cats & dogs at the car-park, so we hung on to Pedro!



We went to Asha's place, Oberza, to drink & fraternise with the locals, Des & I went to buy the kettle, then back to the hotel for some r&r, before heading of to the London Pub again for a session with Paul's Polish Pal's.

I left early, Ray & Des late, but Tam & Paul ended up in a disco. Can't remember who took the dog. Did we bring Pedro back with us? (Just a little joke)

To be able to spend some time in Berlin, we left early (ish), and I don't understand why they picked me as the suspicious looking one at the border, but I had to open my suitcase. What is there to smuggle out of Poland, I wonder?

Anyway, we all made it back to the Dam, including Pedro, and a good time was had by all.

## *Dzigkuje*

*Words: Peter Hayes*

*Pictures: Tam McGovern*

# THE WEDDING

Big John and Thuyet got married on the 22nd of March, but the pictures arrived too late for inclusion last month, so here they are now.



Willie acted as chief witness...



and Paula was there, of course.

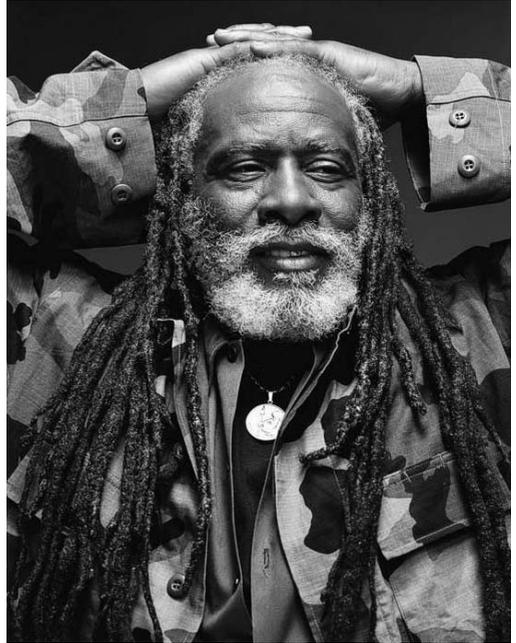


# MUSIC NEWS

We're starting with a bit of sport this month: This year's Heineken Amsterdam Sevens will be held at the National Rugby Stadium in Geuzenveld on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May. The first matches start at 10:00 each day and continue until around 17:00. With 80 teams from all over the world playing, you can expect to see a lot of big guys round the bars that weekend. Susie's Saloon will have their usual two teams competing and are expecting big things this year. In addition to the Corso Marauders, Café Corso will also have a team in the ladies event: The Corsolettes. Day tickets cost €10 or you can get a weekend ticket for €15. Bus 21 from Centraal Station goes all the way to the stadium.

Festival time is upon us again and Laberinto will be kicking off their season at the Jera On Air Festival in Ysselsteyn near Eindhoven on Ascension day, Thursday 25th May. Osdorp Posse, Green Lizard, Pater Moeskroen and Feuerengel will also be playing.

No Terrace? Want to get customers in during the nice weather? Why not talk to Eddy and arrange a Karaoke Night in your bar. His collection of songs is huge and he's got a great choice in at least ten different languages, so he's got something for everybody. Give him a call on 06-17 610 561 and if you make a booking, let us know too; we'll mention it in The Stun Giglist, plus we'll try to drop round for some pictures of the party.



Reggae legend Burning Spear will be playing in Paradiso on Monday 5th June. His European tour, which starts later this month, doesn't include any dates in the UK or Ireland, so I've heard a few people will be coming over to Amsterdam for the show. Tickets cost €35.

Barefoot Elegance, who describe themselves as a real songs band, will be playing in The End on Friday 12th May. Singing in English and Dutch, they do a mix of their own work, plus anything else they like. Joining them on the bill are 100% Paranoid.

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The same night, but down on the Leidseplein, Jack's On Five will be belting out 70's & 80's rock covers in the Waterhole.



On Saturday 27th May, the Waterhole will have “An Evening with Julius”, but he won't



be leading the Wednesday session on the 31st, because Andy Tucker of the Dead Beat Club will be playing in the Waterhole.

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Also on Wednesday 31st May, David Childers & The Modern Don Juans will be playing in Maloe Melo. If you're into Americana & Roots Rock, this is one not to be missed. Duane Jarvis is the support act and admission is just €5.



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Old Nickel Peter Lavell  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole 20:00 Ruth Rocks  
22:30 Gus Genser Jam

## Friday 12 May

Maloe Melo De Dam  
The End Barefoot Elegance  
100% Paranoid  
The Waterhole 20:00 Augusto  
22:30 Yellow Pearl

## Saturday 13 May

Maloe Melo The Road Dawgs  
The End New Bands - Live  
The Waterhole 20:00 The Stutters  
22:30 Short Fuse

## Sunday 14 May

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon  
Maloe Melo Acoustic Jam with Derek  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Ladies Nite  
with Joyce & Baukje

## Monday 15 May

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio  
Maloe Melo Acoustic session  
with Peter Lavell  
Old Quarter Jazz Session with the  
Old Quarter Trio  
guest: Jesse van Ruller  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

## Tuesday 16 May

Maloe Melo V.S.P.A. Student Session  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

## Wednesday 17 May

Maloe Melo Open Podium  
with Tommy Thiepont  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

## Thursday 18 May

Maloe Melo Blues Session with Rahim  
Old Nickel Peter Lavell  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole 20:00 Stan & Chaja  
22:30 Gus Genser Jam

## Friday 19 May

Maloe Melo Superbird  
supp. Heaven's Devils  
The End New Bands - Live  
The Waterhole 20:00 Ruth Rocks  
22:30 Rattle Snake Train

## Saturday 20 May

Maloe Melo Larrios  
The End New Bands - Live  
The Waterhole 20:00 Dan & Cindy  
22:30 Blaffende Vis & Friends

## Sunday 21 May

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon  
Maloe Melo Acoustic Jam with Derek  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Ladies Nite  
with Joyce & Baukje

## Monday 22 May

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio  
Maloe Melo Acoustic session  
with Peter Lavell  
Old Quarter Jazz Session with  
the Old Quarter Trio  
guest: Ed Verhoeff  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

## Tuesday 23 May

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

## Wednesday 24 May

Maloe Melo Open Podium  
with Tommy Thiepont  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

# STUN GIG-LIST

## Thursday 25 May

Jera On Air      Laberinto  
 Nieuwegein  
 Maloe Melo      Blues Session with Rahim  
 Old Nickel      Peter Lavell  
 The End          Karaoke  
 The Waterhole    20:00 Stan & Chaja  
                          22:30 Gus Genser Jam

## Friday 26 May

Bourbon Street    Santanico  
 Maloe Melo        Rootsclub  
                          with Bert Boot, Rik  
                          & Jan the Lazyman  
 The End            Catharsis, MRmoody,  
                          Dr. Zilch  
 The Waterhole    20:00 Stan & Chaja  
                          23:00 Jack's On Five

## Saturday 27 May

Maloe Melo        Beat Club  
                          Live: The Spinshots  
 The End            New Bands - Live  
 The Waterhole    20:00 Augusto  
                          22:30 An Evening with Julius

## Sunday 28 May

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon  
 Maloe Melo        Acoustic Jam with Derek  
 The End            Karaoke  
 The Waterhole    Ladies Nite  
                          with Joyce & Baukje

## Monday 29 May

Bourbon Street    Latin Jam with Gregorio  
 Maloe Melo        Acoustic session  
                          with Peter Lavell  
 Old Quarter        Jazz Session with  
                          the Old Quarter Trio  
                          guests: Kai von Rosenberg Trio  
 The End            Karaoke  
 The Waterhole    Magic Sem's Jam

## Tuesday 30 May

Maloe Melo        Jam Session with Arwen  
 The End            Karaoke  
 The Waterhole    Rory's Open Mic

## Wednesday 31 May

Maloe Melo        David Childers &  
                          The Modern Don Juans  
                          + supp. Duane Jarvis  
 The End            Karaoke  
 The Waterhole    Andy Tucker -  
                          The Dead Beat Club

## Thursday 01 June

Maloe Melo        Blues Session with Rahim  
 The End            Karaoke  
 The Waterhole    20:00 Stan & Chaja  
                          22:30 Gus Genser Jam

## Friday 02 June

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# ROUND

Buster's is closed on Mondays, so Hanny and Neil dropped into the Wonder Bar for a drink before going to the Movies.



Eric & Heather from Eagle River, Alaska rang the bell in the Flying Dutchman just as we walked in. Good timing or what?



Roger, Susie, Saskia, Franky, Mischa and Ger were in De Pul, so we had to get a picture of them together.



Moir and Debbie, the Linty girls, were doing a Shirley Valentine in the Old Highlander, where they met Isobel, the Kelty Klippie.



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# THE BARS



Cindy, Vicky and Kelly from Texas loved the music playing in Café Newcastle Pub, so they kept coming back for more.

Nina joined Liam and two of his fan club members, Luke and James, for a quick picture during Susie's Saloon Happy Hour.



Janice and her mum Edna were taking a break from the culture: After the Amstelkring museum, they dropped into Café Corso.



Peter and Luca were playing with the beer-mats in Café Corso.



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# BEHIND BARS



Jill was kept busy doing the day shift in the Flying Dutchman.

The Wonder Bar was busy, so Amani, Zoe and Karen were all behind the bar.



Singh and Shahid kept their cool while serving curries in the Kamasutra.



London Bridge had an outside beer-tap, but Eva was on hand for the serious drinks.



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# ON QUEEN'S DAY



Rachel and Nathalie were rushed off their feet when we first dropped into the Stone's Café, so we came back later for a picture.

It's not often we see a man serving in Stone's Corner, but Richard was behind the bar on Queen's Day.



Menno was helping out behind the bar in Café Newcastle Pub until Andy arrived.



Jo and Ashanty found time to give us a smile between serving the hungry and thirsty crowd in Mister Coco's.



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# OUTSIDE BARS



Linneke and Kirsten joined Jay doing what he does best: Selling juices from his shop.

Karolina was selling pancakes outside the Wonder Bar, so she had plenty of friends around to keep her company.



London Bridge had a prime location for their outside bar, so VJ, Ouissem, Nick and Debbie were kept busy all day.



Danny was pleased with the weather and who can blame him; Josélito has one of the best terraces in town.



Rob was outside Susie's Saloon with Vera and Klaas Koole.



# ON QUEEN'S DAY



Maja had no time to lounge around outside Lost In Amsterdam.

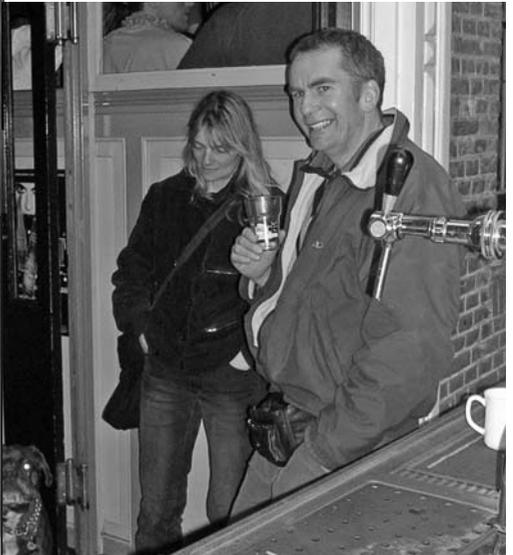
Jordi and Vera were dancing away outside the Sláinte.



It's been a few years since Enrico was last in The Stun, so when we saw him outside the Greenhouse Effect, we had to get a picture.



It was a long day for Neil and Hanny with their bar outside Buster's; they were first and last stop for a lot of people going between Central Station and the Red Light District.



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# IN THE BARS



Mark was in Mister Coco's with his dad, Dave, and Colin.

Wee Ann came over for Queen's Day and went on the town with Corry.



Joanie was in the Wonder Bar with her son John - the one who's never been in The Stun.



Man. U. fan Terry was having a pre-match chat with Chelsea fan Linda.



Neil, Josie and Steve escaped the crush to relax in the Old Highlander.



Tony Blackburn and friends were watching the world go by the Flying Dutchman.



# ON QUEEN'S DAY



Andy gave Amber a big kiss when he got to Café Newcastle Pub.

Rick, Eveline and Rogier were in Buster's with Berber.



Val and Spud were in Susie's Saloon...



Tricia picked up last month's Stun on Queen's Day and went straight for the jokes.



and so were Vicky, Elke and Alex.



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# ON THE STREETS

Truus and Janice were outside the Blarney...



I Love Hardhouse, with Danny D.

with Joe and Gretchen Kimberley.



Willie, Paula and friends had just arrived at the Flying Dutchman.



Don't know why Mandy and Zippy were singing outside Susie's Saloon.



Guess where Josep's friends are from.

# & IN MORE BARS

## On Queen's Day

Jan and a very serious looking Liam were in Susie's Saloon, as usual.



Ray had a shitty Queen's Day - don't ask!



Also in Susie's, Chris got a visit from his Russian Fan Club.



Cameron did his best to cheer Terry up after Man United lost to Chelsea.



Janine and Henry were still going strong in the Flying Dutchman later in the evening.



Mandy got kisses from Vicky and Doug, but Carey was hiding behind a beard.



# MORE QUEEN'S



Paul was doing a great job with the glasses in the Flying Dutchman.

Charon was looking after the bar and Jim was in the back in Rick's Café.



Stacy, Annie and Mara were kept busy in Susie's Saloon.



Björn, Andy and Niall were on top form behind the bar in the Sláinte.



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# DAY WORKERS



Signe certainly looked happy to see us when she started her evening shift in Susie's.

Finally, we mustn't forget the cooks slaving away in the kitchens!

Liam and Gavin got through a lot of burger patties in Mister Coco's on Queen's Day.



The rush was over for Don, Hassan and Bob after a busy day in the Old Quarter.



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# IN THE WATERHOLE

Tessa, Leny and Gigi were in the Waterhole when we went to see Mosquito play.



Big Franky dropped in with Christel and Gregory.

Chicha and Cathelijne were there too.



Monya was all smiles, as usual.

Magic Sem was celebrating his birthday, so Liza and Leny joined him for a picture.



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# THE JOKES PAGE

A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down but lacks the nerve to talk to her. Suddenly she sneezes and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket towards the man. He reaches out, grabs it out of the air with sharp reflexes and hands it back.

“Oh my, I am so sorry,” the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. “Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you.”

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his.

After paying for everything she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast.

They make passionate love most of the night and have a wonderful time.

Next morning she cooks a gourmet breakfast with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible!

“You know,” he says,

“you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?”

“Oh no,” she replies.

“You just happened to catch my eye.”

Man says to wife ‘I had a wet dream about you last night; I dreamt you got run over by a bus and I pissed myself laughing’.

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

Yesterday I read an article about the dangers of drinking too much, it scared the s\*\*t out of me. So today I decided I’m never reading again.

A couple in a cafe in Llangollen asks “Can you settle an argument for us and pronounce where we are, VERY slowly?” The waitress leaned over and said “Burr gurr king”.

Paul McCartney poem: We lay upon the grassy bank, my hands were all a quiver, I slowly undid her suspender belt and her leg fell in the river.

Sorry I haven’t been in touch, a friend was rushed to hospital to have a dangerous mole removed from his penis... He won’t be shagging one of those again!

Tampax have replaced the string on their tampons with a piece of tinsel... They say it’s only for the Christmas period.

A woman goes to her doctor with a bit of lettuce hanging out of her pussy. Doc say’s “that looks nasty”. She say’s “Nasty, it’s just the tip of the iceberg!”

A man and his wife are dining at a table in a plush restaurant, and the husband keeps staring at an old drunken lady

swigging her gin as she sits alone at a nearby table, until the wife asks;

“Do you know her?”

“Yes,” sighs the husband, “She’s my ex-wife. She took to drink right after we divorced seven years ago, and I hear she hasn’t been sober since.”

“My God!” says the wife, “Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long.”



# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

So was there a food fiend in the Marriot Hotel? Perhaps he was a fanatical Arsenal fan who could not resist the urge to add a little something to the soup or it could just have been incredibly bad luck? Maybe we'll never know, but one thing is sure and that is it's Arsenal who have snatched that last Champions League place and not Spurs, who seemed in an unassailable position just a game or so ago. It is awfully bad luck for Martin Jol, who has worked wonders in his first season at the helm and although they will still make it into Europe via the UEFA cup, this must be a hard pill to swallow in the light of all that has occurred. I am sure it was not just the players who felt like vomiting when the final whistle blew and he knew that he had missed the fat pickings of Europe's most prestigious of tournaments by the slimmest of margins.

Others were not so unlucky. Of course we all expected Chelsea to lift the title again, although Manchester United never gave up the fight and all credit must go to Sir Alex for this. I had written the guy off as someone who should be put to grass, but I am now of the opinion that he still has the desire to succeed and his never-say-die attitude is a tribute to the club itself and everything that he has achieved for it over the years. Say what you will about the man, but one thing we cannot deny is his tenacity. Interestingly, he was the only British manager to land a place in the top four and therefore a place in the Champions League. Liverpool finished third, just a point behind the Red Devils and they will be a little disappointed with their season I feel, especially after what happened last term. Still they are in

the frame for the big money, so they should not be too despondent I suppose.

In the Championship, Reading and Sheffield United have already booked their seats in the Premiership, but what is intriguing me and any floating voter is who will take the play-off place? Before things kicked off, I would have expected it to be either Leeds United or Crystal Palace, but after the first leg matches, this is not looking very likely anymore. Watford excelled in their first leg away at Palace and came away with an astonishing three goals to nil victory! Preston then managed to draw at Elland Road one all and although away goals don't count double, they must be favourites to progress to the final too! I would not have put much money on either Preston or Watford getting to Cardiff, but that is what is about to happen it would seem and after the gallant performance of West Ham and Wigan in the top flight this season, who would be so bold as to suggest that they cannot stay there?

And what of Division One? Here, the Shrimpers have come out on top against everybody's expectations and Colchester join them in the Championship next year too. Both teams would not have been fancied when the season began, but it is good to see that there is still an element of unpredictability in the English game and I think any discerning followers of the beautiful game will be scratching their heads right now and wondering what this is all about. Actually, from an aesthetics perspective, the game may have lost a little of its beauty, but the thrill of seeing these two teams giving their loyal supporters some joy at last is absolutely delightful in my view and I person-

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ally wish them every success.

Finally let us focus on the recently announced World Cup squad of England and I am amazed to see NO Jermain Defoe and NO Darren Bent in the selected twenty-three. Defoe is a prodigious talent and an instinctive finisher and has already proven his worth in the Prem. The fact that he is only on standby is quite frankly amazing. As for Bent, he may have only played one friendly for England and failed to score, but just look at that Premiership record of eighteen strikes in the league and twenty two in all competitions and you would have to say he was worth his place. I mean, Wayne Rooney is NOT going to make it and even if they did bring him on in a wheel chair, he is not going to do himself, his club, or his country any favours by turning up and Eriksson has lost the plot completely here in my view. I also think that Michael Owen should not be included too, because even if he does prove his fitness, he lacks match sharpness at Premiership level, let alone international level and we are talking about the World stage and

our hopes are already up in smoke if he plays either of them, in my view. Maybe now that he has got the push, he has decided to set fire to the house now there is nothing in it that belongs to him. This smells of sabotage to me, or insanity. Both ways it is destined to end in failure. Mark my words!

*Frank*

## Premiership Predictions League 2005/2006

With John Raftery finishing in mid-league obscurity, we have a new champion this year. Manchester United supporter Gareth takes the honours, but no prizes for his record breaking 24 point total. Second place Steve deserves a special mention after some poor performances in previous seasons. Anyway, here's the final table for the 2005/2006 season.

<b>Name</b>	<b>On</b>	<b>Nr</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Gareth	7	3	24
Steve	6	4	22
Iwan	5	5	20
Cezary	5	5	20
Daniel	5	3	18
Bertis	5	2	17
Emanuel Cuvaco	5	1	16
Peter Drost	4	4	16
Tricia Willis	3	6	15
Mathew Wright	3	4	13
Andy F	3	4	13
John Raftery	3	4	13
Fernando Netes	2	7	13
Paul Finnegans	1	9	12
John Davies	2	5	11
Terry Hickey	2	4	10
Frank Weston	2	4	10
Paddy Wynne	2	2	8
Quisippe	0	7	7
Callum Dickie	1	3	6
Arun Pankerd	1	2	5
Polly	0	4	4
Neil Weston	0	3	3
Jonathan Shelduck	0	1	1

# IN THE BACK



Wayne and Hayley were over visiting great uncle Toosh and visited the Old Highlander.

Look what Maja and Yuri found!



Barry was not amused when they took the fountain out of the Wonder Bar.

Ray and Tineke will miss seeing Gavin in the Flying Dutchman, but he'll be back soon.

We weren't at Marjolein's birthday party in Finnegan's, so she posed with Clia, who was.



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loved you,  
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,  
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