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The Editor's Bit

I don't know why it is, but we always seem to struggle with November's cover. Most other months are fairly easy to associate with something; last month was a doddle and as for December, we're spoilt for choice, but not November. It's that time of the year when nothing happens around town, the weather's too crap to go out and you can't afford it anyway, because you're saving up for Christmas. The last two points can't be helped, but a few of the bars are doing something to give you an incentive to get out.

Maloe Melo and the Waterhole have both got something special for music lovers this month, which you can read about on page 13.

London Bridge held their first karaoke night last month and will be doing it again soon. Details and pictures on page 10.

So, what else have we got for you in this November Stun? There are plenty of pictures from the Halloween and other parties we went to, plus the usual pictures from around the bars. We didn't put captions with the colour pictures on the back cover, but I'm sure they know who they are. Tales from the Gutter, Dear Dorothy, Jokes, Being Frank On Football; it's all here this month, so enjoy your Stun

Andy

Oh yeah, this month's cover was inspired by the new Stadsatlas Amsterdam, which explains the naming of every street and bridge in Amsterdam.

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Here's Annie from Susie's Saloon.



We met Davinia in the Newcastle Pub

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Nancee (in October actually, but somehow during Andy's health scare reshuffle three years ago, we lost her off the October list, we are very sorry, but you're back now), Trevor, Susie, Jo, Roxanne, Daniel, Ray, Owen & Aidan, Joanne, PT, Hennie, Neil, Monique, Lianne, Yvonne, Spek, Renee, Kate, Lonneke, Jared, Joan, Gerda, Julius, Reuben, Steve, Colette, Emma, Karen, Bob, Terry, Jettina, Rene, Maria, Angela, Mike, Maarten, Garri, Jordy, Cassandra, Sean-Patrick, Dave, Brian, Tiny, Tony, Fiona, Joey, Nicola, Jack, Nick, Paul, Jerome, John, Ria, Bruce, Walter, Remy, Clia, Cora, Joshua's first birthday on the 8th, Mah Noor's first on the 16th of November.

Ex Dubliner proprietor & my ex boss, Feargal, was back in Amsterdam for a weeks holiday. How things change in four years!



And how things stay the same?

Just another little quirk of nature. As soon as something starts making sense, nature throws a wobbly, just to remind us we haven't got a farking clue. Or is that just me?

But anyway.

Feargal was pleasantly surprised by how many people actually remembered & recognised him. Even people he himself couldn't actually recall. And when Andy produced a

broad selection of photographs taken over the (6) years Feargal used to entertain & cater to the Dubliner crowd, there definitely was a sweet "trip to memory lane" moment.

Ah, the good old days.

When we were young (well, younger!).



Feargal came over by himself, but he had some really nice photos of Ferdia. Top one (like father like son!) was taken in the Dubliner, but the bottom one in South Africa when Nancee went to visit her side of the family.



GUTTER

Meeting Feargal in the Dutchman was my first night out in quite a while. I didn't make it to Halloween, but Andy did and took loads of photos. Helena said she was the only dressed-up customer (Cat-woman) in Sláinte, but first prize went to a staff-member. I think she should have won something too!

One party I did go to (couldn't miss that one!) was Mickey's going away party (he promised to come and visit) in the Old Highlander, and on our way there we ran into Henkie and Anita (& a guy who's not on the photo, can't remember his name) so we had a nice chinwag & blocked up the alley.



Did anybody follow the political debates between Bos & Balkenende? JP's decision to not have a real opinion about the Saddam trial & outcome may cost him dearly. Not that he ever came across as actually having an opinion on anything, or is that just me again. Oh yes, he did have an opinion about the situation in Suriname. He thought everything was better during the East Indian Company times, when slaves worked the plantations.

Isn't it a funny coincidence? Just before the elections in the States, the police & other law-enforcers picked up 10,000 criminals in a

week or so. Here in Holland, just before the elections, operation Blauwe Vliet came into action, and they searched lots of people, arrested quite a few, collected outstanding fines, gave out lots of new fines, confiscated weapons, drugs, cars & the IRS had a field-week too! I was thinking, it was so easy; they must have known the whereabouts of a lot of them (in the States as well as here), so how come they didn't pick them up before!

In the States it didn't work, they couldn't fool the people into thinking: "The System Works, Lets Vote For Them Again". Lets hope we get the same result, because the system doesn't firking work here either!

Whatever the outcome, there is already enough reason to call the result void: First of all because too many voting-forms have been printed (some people received more than one, some foreigners had forms sent to them, how can we be sure there's not more?), and they can't say for sure if the computer-voting is water-proof. The big cities, and numerous other cities, towns, villages, hamlets and the like, will go back to the old red pencil method.

Oh, and don't forget to check out the British General Stores, Lin just let us know Christmas orders will be in this week.

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SPOOKY SATURDAY

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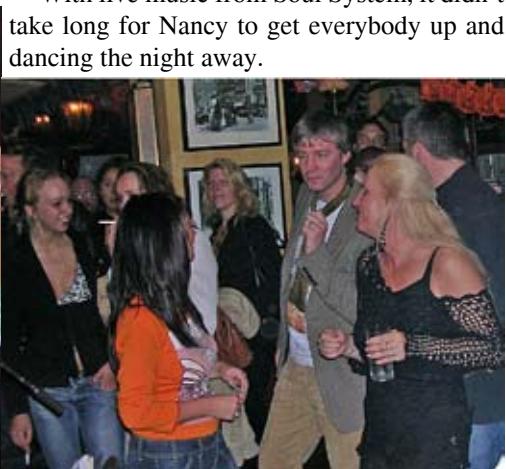
Robert, Adi and Arend came dressed as Robert, Adi and Arend.



Hassan, Raymond, Bob and Benjamin were too busy to dress up; they were cooking up spooky snacks in the kitchen.



With live music from Soul System, it didn't take long for Nancy to get everybody up and dancing the night away.



ALEX'S PARTY



Alex celebrated her birthday in the Flying Dutchman, where Vicky had organised a get-together with friends & presents, birthday cake & apple pie. Since I think that without balloons it's not a real party, I'm glad I had a few in my pocket. Beverly immediately offered to help inflate them, and the first one blew up in her face. Luckily no harm done, so we all had a good laugh. Tommy dropped in to wish



Alex all the best, Frank & Martina were still there when Andy got round to taking pictures, so was Chicha, and some people who didn't fancy their face in the Stun.



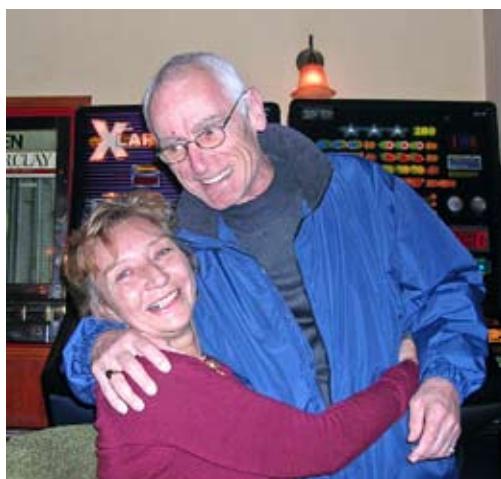
It was a very nice surprise for Alex, someone else organising it, because she's been very busy with her (private) Holistic & Aroma therapy practice. She is a member of the healing circle of Aurora, and after years of studying natural healing, she's also in the International Council of Holistic therapists.

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Dear Dorothy,

Last year, I lost my entire savings trying to help this poor Nigerian fellow, Sydney Bonga, claim his rightful inheritance from his dead uncle. This month, I received a card thru my letterbox explaining that PDS parcel services were trying to deliver a parcel, but I was not home. They left a 0906 telephone number for me to call them on. I tried 5 times to get through, but just got a recorded message. Now I've had my phone bill in and I've been charged €500 for the calls. Is this right? I've looked for PDS in the telephone book, but cannot find their head office. Have any other readers had this problem?

Arthur Skruluss

Dear Arthur,

PDS (Standing for pretty damn stupid,) is a company in Lagos, run by a Mr S Bonga. Apparently, he used the money you sent him to start his own telephone call centre business.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I want to take my mate Crabbie out one night to pull im a bird. Poor bloke needs to get is leg over and hasn't scored since '95 when we went to the trash party and he wore his balaclava. He's an ugly sod but has a heart of gold. Any ideas?

Dogruff Dan (crabbie's friend)

Dear Dogruff,

Any bloke who is called Crabbie is bound to stay single, gay or straight. If he was called Eeley or Prawney he might stand a bit of a chance. It's just crabs... well... you could try the Expat Dating Night. It's usually conducted in dark clubs or bars to give the ugly ones a head start. But remember, only plain looking birds attend these evenings, or why else would they need to hold them?

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

In my experience, if you are on social security, the government will buy you a washing machine as a necessity. If the bailiffs come knocking at your door, they can take the TV but not the washing machine. So why is it that no one in Albert Square has a washing machine? And I've never seen Peggy ask Pauline or Dot for a VAT receipt either.

Jim C.

Dear Jim,

For some reason, no one has a back garden either- so where could they dry their washing? As for the VAT receipt, everyone knows that it's possible to fiddle in the UK, so Peggy would print her own.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I'm sending you a recent photo of me on Waikiki Beach for your page 3. I hope your readers like it. I am a 26 who is 36-24-36; I like 69 and have a 666 tattoo, which you can just about see as I bend over. I realise I have to start somewhere and I've heard that your editor is desperate. If you print, you can send me \$50 for this shot.

Pamela Quickshag c/o Rotterdam Docks

Dear Pamela,

Due to the pixels not transferring from IM-VCD to IPLOD, the picture as it was would not copy. However I did use the computer to enhance certain bits and came up with a join-up the dots version, which we will print in the next issue. I hope this furthers your porno career

Dorothy.

KARAOKE IN THE

Just in case you didn't hear about it, the London Bridge is under new management and Amber, the new boss, has got a lot of plans to liven the place up.

The Karaoke party in October was a great success and looks set to become a regular thing. It didn't take long for Jessie and Linda to get up and sing "Case of Theex".



Ernan was taking care of the music, but he still found time to sing "Angie".



Phil was spoilt for choice with the songs available, so he did "New York, New York".



There were plenty of barstaff around, so Femke and Deb had time to get up and give us a song or two.

LONDON BRIDGE



Henryk was having a great time, belting out “I saw her standing there”.

It wasn't just the people on stage who were having fun; everybody in the bar was having a ball, dancing on the tables and chairs.



A great night for all the family; Ashley was there with her mum, Claire, who works behind the London Bridge bar.



Mirka, Tony, Ant and Debbie still hadn't decided what to sing when we left. They could have been getting stuck into the €4 cocktails.



Maybe they'll agree on something at the next Karaoke Party in the London Bridge. It's on Friday 24th November, starting at 20:00 and admission it's free.

IN THE WATERHOLE

Here are new faces Penny and Sien the Piscean, who feels like a fish in the Waterhole.



Regular readers will recognise Miella, Frank and Youssef.



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Don't know much about Alisa and Danny.



Buddy from Mosquito was talking to Carole about her new band; listen to a few of her songs at www.myspace.com/ep4b.

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WHAT'S ON

The Wonderjam is back in Maloe Melo for the 4th Annual Texas Music Showcase, led as always by Carolyn Wonderland and her band.



D. Brown Fisher & Speedy Sparks and Shelley King, with their bands, are just some of the artists coming over from Texas, with all bands playing all four nights. But more than that, it's a huge jam session, with Maloe Melo regulars, like Jan the Lazyman, Rikkie van Doorn and Jur, joining the Texans on stage. The Wonderjam started on Wednesday and runs until Saturday 11th November.

There's a mini festival in the Waterhole on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th November when they host Alkmaars Trots, which will be showcasing some of Alkmaar's finest bands. Friday's line-up is: Suzenzo (rock), Four Mice and a Rat (rock), Big Red (pop/rock), Mantikhoras (symphonic/gothic rockmetal) and Rising (metal). On Saturday, the line-up is: McNoise (bluesrock), Mezcaline (psycho-billy), Golf O'Rama (surf), Nomansland (prog rock) and Poontang Riders (rock). Both nights start at 21:00 and admission is free.

Wicked Fruit Company will be saying a musical goodbye to their drummer PJ in the Waterhole on Saturday 11th November. WFC



are a great cover-band and always get the audience rocking in the Waterhole, but PJ wants to concentrate more on his own material.

Although it's not mentioned in the gig list, Gabriel has promised me that they have got live music in The End this month. As soon as we hear more, we'll update the gig list on The Stun website.

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Thursday 09 November

Maloe Melo	Wonderjam €7.50
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Vinnie Circus 22:30 Gus Genser Jam
Volta	Stoner Night with Hiatus, Scrapeyard €5

Friday 10 November

Finnegans R'bow MM plays from the soul	
Maloe Melo	Wonderjam €7.50
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Mark Wilson 23:00 Rubber
Volta	FFF: Relaxing Ragga & R&B

Saturday 11 November

Maloe Melo	Wonderjam €7.50
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Mark Wilson 23:00 Wicked Fruit Co.

Sunday 12 November

Maloe Melo	Acoustic session with Yanko
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Ladies Nite with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 13 November

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

Tuesday 14 November

Maloe Melo	Back to the Roots with Laurens Joesen €5
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Rory's Open Mic

Wednesday 15 November

Maloe Melo	Texas Mike & Stumbleweed Cartel
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Real Jam

Thursday 16 November

Maloe Melo	Blues Session with Rahim
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Vinnie Circus 22:30 Gus Genser Jam
Volta	Pop/Rock Night with Half Minute Men, Audacious €5

Friday 17 November

Finnegans R'bow MM plays from the soul	
Maloe Melo	AmsterdamBeatClub Live: Das Aldi Combo
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Kagan 23:00 Executives
Volta	FFF: Tripl-x

Saturday 18 November

Maloe Melo	Moonhawks
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Dan & Friends 23:00 Waste

Sunday 19 November

Maloe Melo	Acoustic session with Yanko
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Ladies Nite with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 20 November

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

GIG-LIST

Tuesday 21 November

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

Wednesday 22 November

Maloe Melo	Bluesjan
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Real Jam
Volta	Reggae Jam

Thursday 23 November

Maloe Melo	Blues Session with Rahim
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Vinnie Circus 22:30 Gus Genser Jam
Volta	Hardcore/Punk Night with Raw Power, Scheisse Minnelli, The Shining €5

Friday 24 November

Finnegans R'bow MM	plays from the soul
London Bridge	Karaoke Party
Maloe Melo	Rococo's + Norway + The Siems (free)
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Alkmaars Trots, with Suzenzo, 4 Mice and a Rat, Big Red, Mantikhoras, Rising
Volta	FFF: Daring Dance Dimensions

Saturday 25 November

Maloe Melo	Maloe Melo All Stars
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Alkmaars Trots, with McNoise, Mezcaline, Golf O'Rama, Nomansland, Poontang Riders
Volta	Break & Enter with CB, Eye-D, Flat Mike, b2b Jambossa €5

Sunday 26 November

Maloe Melo	Acoustic session with Yanko
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Ladies Nite with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 27 November

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

Tuesday 28 November

Maloe Melo	Marcel Scherpenzeel
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Rory's Open Mic

Wednesday 29 November

Maloe Melo	session
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	Real Jam

Thursday 30 November

Maloe Melo	Blues Session with Rahim
The End	Karaoke
The Waterhole	20:30 Vinnie Circus 22:30 Gus Genser Jam
Volta	Rock Night with Fort Knox, The Exposition, A New Hope €5

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ROUND

In six years, Simon had never been in the right place at the right time to get in The Stun, until we saw him in Susie's with Fabian.



Chuckin' out time in the Flying Dutchman and Billy was still there, but it was only 10:20 on a Monday evening.



Sláinte barmen Jimmy and Sean like to have a drink or two in the Newcastle.



Patrick getting cool in the Stone's Café with Daddy Cool himself, Bobby Farrell.



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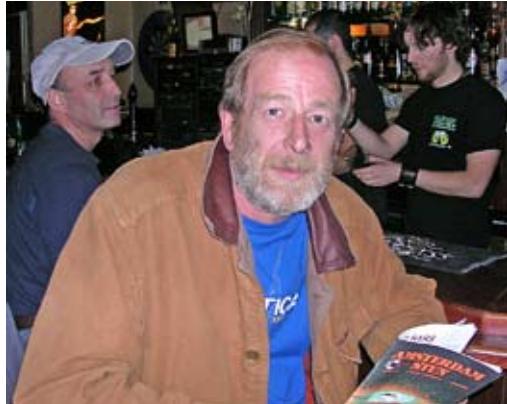
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THE BARS

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Cor the Killer, in The Stun at last, with Mario in Café Corso.

Peter and Paul were at Buster's party.



Remy, Tineke and Colette have taken a shine to Coconut Groove.

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MICKEY'S GONE



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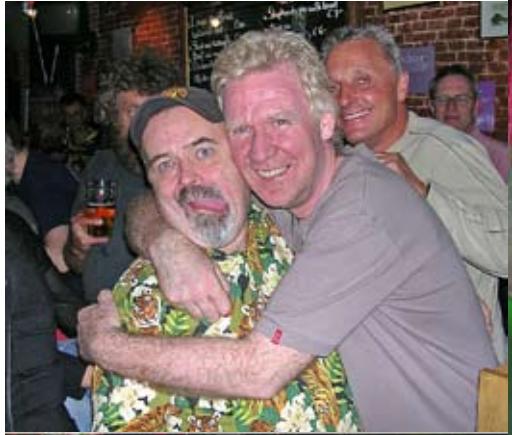


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HOME



HIGHLANDER

Of all the Halloween parties we went to this year, the Old Highlander had the highest percentage of people dressed for the occasion. It was to be expected; their staff and regulars like to get dressed up.

Ray and Alan came as a couple of Smurfs.



Never ones to miss out on a good party, Keith came as a Mummy with Baby and Jo did a great Wizard.



Sarah and Alan came as the Corpse Bride and Groom.



You can't have Halloween without a witch and a black cat, so it's a good job Janet and Josie were there.

HALLOWEEN



Hester and Ann, behind the bar.

There were prizes for the best costumes, but before they could be handed out, the judges had to make their deliberations. As one of the judges, I must say that I was a bit disappointed that nobody tried to sway my decision with wads of cash, or even pints of beer.



In the end, the judges placed a spooky looking Ann third, with Keith in second place. For their efforts, they won a bottle of Mickey Finn's each.

But the deserving winner was Jo, who was delighted with her prize from Ray: an iPod.



Baz, with black cats Josie and Linda.



Wellu, Alan and Robert thought Nicola was bewitching.



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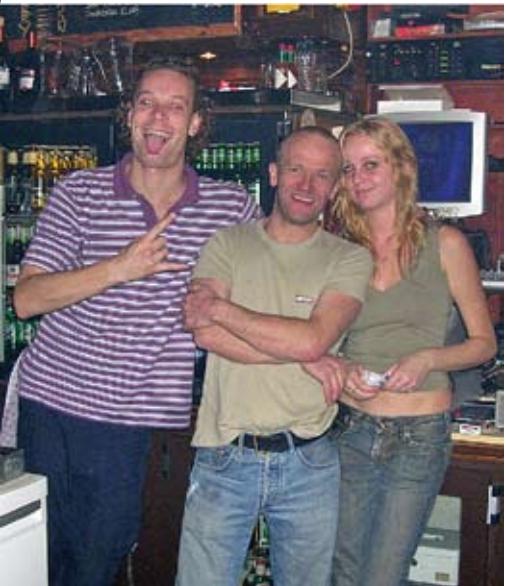
Angelo and Irene in Josélito thought it was about time they had their picture in The Stun.



The bar formerly known as Amsterdam Spirit has re-opened and it's now called the Coconut Groove, with Derrell in charge, ably assisted by Ema.



EJ, Kees and Miella found time to pose behind the bar in the Waterhole.



BARS

Richard was trying to tempt us with some of his wares in Stone's Corner, but we resisted his advances, honest!



No tricks, only treats from Jur in Maloe Melo at Halloween.



It's not often we see Claire, Femke, Deb and Jessie at the same time in London Bridge.



If it hadn't been for the cigar, we might not have recognised Patrick in Maloe Melo.

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MORE

Zorro was only hours away from his birthday, but was still hard at work in the Stone's Café.



Andrea was in the Flying Dutchman with Jill, who'd just finished work, and Klaas, who she thinks wants to eat her ferret, Boswell.



Feargal was back in town for a holiday and Sandra was also paying a visit, so we thought we'd take a picture of them together in the Flying Dutchman.



Galed was having a late drink in The End.



Neil and Hanny were celebrating two years of Buster's Café with some of their regulars.

ROUNDS

We saw Beverley in the Old Highlander and she was wearing the T-shirt she won in the Stun raffle in July.



Also in the Old Highlander, we bumped into Cathy, with her daughter Saarain and future son-in-law Neal.



Fraser and Robby were busy taking in the terrace at Coco's Outback.

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Nieuwendijk 3



It's not just Alon who likes posing with Zoe; his brother Hassan does too.



Wonder Bar boss Alon likes to pose with Zoe, and who can blame him.



Elske was kicking into the weekend, behind the decks in the DJ booth on a Friday night.



Barbour and Driss having been helping new girl Eva feel at home in the bar.

JOKES

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

A little girl walks in to the lounge one Sunday morning while her Dad is reading the paper. "Where does poo come from?" she asks.

The father feeling a little perturbed that his 5 year old daughter is already asking difficult questions thinks for a moment and says: "Well you know we just ate breakfast?"

"Yes," answers the girl.

"Well the food goes into our tummies and our bodies take out all the good stuff, and then whatever is left over comes out of our bottoms when we go to the toilet, and that is poo."

The little girl looks shocked, and stares at him with watery eyes in stunned silence for a few seconds and asks, "And Tigger?"

Two priests are off to the showers late one night. They undress and step into the showers before they realise there is no soap. Father John says he has soap in his room and goes to get it, not bothering to dress. He grabs two bars of soap, one in each hand, and heads back to the showers. He is halfway down the hall when he sees three nuns heading his way. Having no place to hide, he stands against the wall and freezes like he's a statue.

The nuns stop and comment on how life-like he looks. The first nun suddenly reaches out and pulls on his manhood. Startled, he drops a bar of soap. "Oh look", says the first nun, "It's a soap dispenser".

To test her theory the second nun also pulls on his manhood... sure enough he drops the second bar of soap.

Now the third nun decides to have a go. She pulls once, then twice and three times, but nothing happens. So she gives several more tugs, then yells!

"Holy Mary, Mother of God! - Hand Lotion too!"

The wife came home from work early and found her husband in their bedroom making love to a very attractive young woman. Understandably, she was somewhat upset. "You are a disrespectful pig!" she cried. "How dare you do this to me - a faithful wife, the mother of your children! I'm leaving you. I want a divorce straight away!"

Her husband replied, "Hang on just a minute luv, I can explain what happened."

"You can try", she sobbed, "but they'll be the last words you'll say to me!"

And the husband began - "Well, I was getting into the car to drive home and this young lady here asked me for a lift. She looked so down and out and defenceless that I took pity on her and let her into the car. I noticed that she was very thin, not well dressed and very dirty. She told me that she hadn't eaten for three days!

So, in my compassion, I brought her home and warmed up the soup I made for you last night, the soup that you wouldn't eat because you're afraid you'll put on weight. The poor thing devoured three bowls in moments. Since she needed a good clean up, I suggested a shower, and while she was doing that I noticed her clothes were dirty and full of holes so I threw them away. Then, as she needed clothes, I gave her the designer jeans that you have had for a few years, but don't use because you say they are too tight. I also gave her the underwear that was your anniversary present, which you don't use because I don't have good taste. I found the sexy blouse my sister gave you for Christmas that you don't use just to annoy her,

and I also donated those boots you bought at the expensive boutique and don't use because someone at work has the same pair." Then he took a quick breath and pressed on - "She was so grateful for my understanding and help and as I walked her to the door, she turned to me with tears in her eyes and said,

"Please ... Do you have anything else that your wife doesn't use?"

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

I will begin this month's column with a Roots Hall on a cold night and, to use an old glowing tribute to Southend United and a cliché, you could cut the atmosphere with a special word of congratulations to the only knife. Apart from Freddy Eastwood, who has Shrimpers supporter that resides in the Netherlands, as far as I am aware. Martin Murray must have been left speechless after this performance, which saw his club, who lie bottom of the Championship (or first division as it was once known), beating the mighty Manchester United, who sit proudly on top of the Premiership, by a solitary goal at Roots Hall on Tuesday evening.

Yes, we know it was only the Carling Cup, which is seen by most football people as the poor mans FA Cup, but make no mistake; this was a remarkable achievement, because the Red Devils were out to win this, without a shadow of a doubt! You only have to look at their starting line-up to realize this. In it they included Wayne Rooney, Les Brown, Silvestre, Ronaldo, Alan Smith, O'Shea, Richardson and Fletcher. Sir Alex has been accused of fielding

now scored an astonishing 68 goals in just 115 appearances for his club, they were all heroes and not least the goalkeeper, Darryl Flahavan, who pulled off a series of stupendous saves, and at critical periods of the game.

I was listening to the game on the internet via Radio Southend and the noise was something else. It was as if the club had been transported to the Nou Camp for a night!

The end result was good for the Carling Cup and good for football. This will be a game that will live long in the memory for all Southend supporters everywhere and especially the fans that filled Roots Hall. That is one for

under-par teams in Carling Cup matches before, he was never going to succumb to this in the later stages of a tournament and even in the last round against Crewe Alexandra he fielded a relatively strong side. Freddy Eastwood was the hero for Southend, when his magnificently taken free kick in the 26th minute put the home side in front. Against the ten internationals in the red army ranks that stormed forward with ever increasing regularity as the game wore on, the Shrimpers stood firm and withheld an almighty assault on the goal as the minutes ticked by. 11,532 people were crammed into

their grandchildren to savour too!

Here in the Netherlands, Ajax are on the up and up! They have now won their last seven league games and are three points clear of the nearest rivals, PSV. Next week, the big two meet at the Arena and although a draw is perhaps the most likely outcome, I have a football feeling that the home side will prevail. The Achilles heel for Ajax however, remains their defence. Jaap Stam is as solid as a rock, but he has lost a bit of his pace and is sometimes found wanting in very competitive encounters. You can only give so many free kicks away on



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the edge of your own penalty area and get away with it against good-quality opposition. The midfield is strong however and Wesley Snider is an inspiration! Their attacking options are very good too and Huntelaar on his day is one of the most naturally gifted strikers in Europe. Super-sub Perez seems to score every time he enters the fray and although he cannot be happy playing bit parts, after his ever-present appearances with AZ, from a team perspective at least, he is a lethal weapon in Ten Cate's armoury. There are three teams in with a chance of lifting the trophy this season in my view and realistically perhaps only two. For me it is between Ajax and PSV and I am of the view that AZ will be left wanting again, because in those crucial encounters against the best of the rest, they drop points all too freely. Louis van Gaal has continued where the last coach left off, but they still have a tendency to blow it when they come face to face with the big guns too. This has been a bad habit of theirs for some time and unless they can start to take points off Ajax,

Feyenoord and PSV more frequently, they will remain the bridesmaid and not the bride.

Well, that is about it from me for another month, but now let us all see how we are progressing in the PPL. My apologies to Callum Dickey for failing to make the league this year: I know you have entered before, but you were too late with your entry this time and I suggest that any one who wants to join the fray next time around should endeavour to get those entries in as soon as possible and avoid disappointment.

Frank

Pos	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 st	Stones	3	4	13
2 nd	John Raftery	3	3	12
3 rd	Paul Tandy	3	2	11
4 th	Gareth Kingdon	2	5	11
5 th	Katie Wright	2	5	11
6 th	Alex	3	1	10
7 th	Daan The Man	3	1	10
8 th	Quisippe Ten Brink	2	4	10
9 th	Andy F	2	4	10
10 th	Carlos	1	4	7
11 th	Matthew Wright	1	4	7
12 th	Emanuel Cuvaco	1	4	7
13 th	Gerry	2	0	6
14 th	Peter Drost	1	3	6
15 th	The Prophet	0	6	6
16 th	Neil Weston	1	2	5
17 th	Daan Van Kampen	0	5	5
18 th	Paddy Wynne	1	1	4
19 th	Paul Finnegan	0	4	4
20 th	Frank Weston	1	0	3
21 st	Steve Mahon	0	3	3
22 nd	J. R. Donoghue	0	3	3
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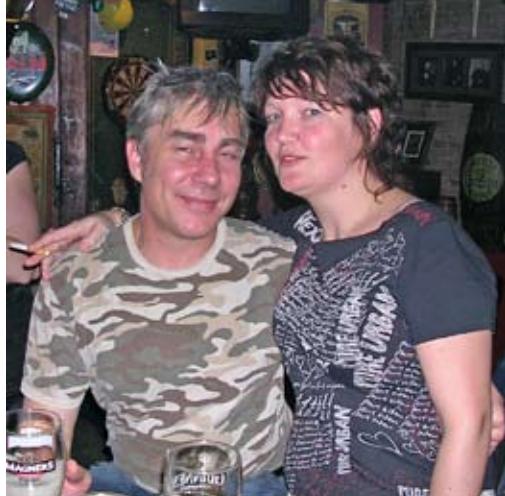
MOLLY'S

We heard they were having a party in Molly Malone's on the 28th October and presumed it was for Halloween, but it wasn't; they were celebrating the bar's anniversary.

Asling, Kevin, Tom, Joni and Daniel make sure the beer kept flowing.



Among the people from other bars, Andrew from the Pimpelmei was there, with Diana.



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Jason, Olivia, Matt and Atmar all work in the Melkweg, but weren't going to miss out on Molly's party.



Mickey took a wrong turn on the way home and ended up in Molly's, or so he said.

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The Blarney Stone was well represented at the party, with Little Paddy...

Big Paddy, Pauline...



and Connor in attendance.



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