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# The Editor's Bit

If you're thinking, "Is it a month since the last Stun came out already," don't worry, you haven't lost a week out of your life; it is only three weeks since I last sat down to write this column before sending it off to the printers. I decided to do a bit of catch-up to get the Stun out earlier in the month, which means we've got more of this month's gigs for you in the gig-list. It also means I won't be trying to get the Stun finished on Elly's birthday next week; it will be finished and in the bars already.

Last month's What's On page was hijacked by the Rugby 7's, but it's back to music this month, with my tips for some good gigs in the next few weeks... and a musical!

We've got plenty of pictures from around the bars and at the ground during the Rugby 7's weekend, including some from Jennie, who was following the Plume of Feathers team with her camera. Although I took some pictures at Gregorio's birthday party, Gregorio took more and sent us some to use in the Stun, which we did. Thank you both. We welcome pictures from our readers, so keep sending them in and I'll do my best to include as many as possible.

No crossword this month: I had too much stuff to squeeze in the available space, but not enough to add another four pages, and I wasn't going to leave out the jokes, Dear Dorothy, Being Frank on Football or any of the pictures.

Enjoy your Stun.

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Laura, behind the bar in Hotel Old Quarter.



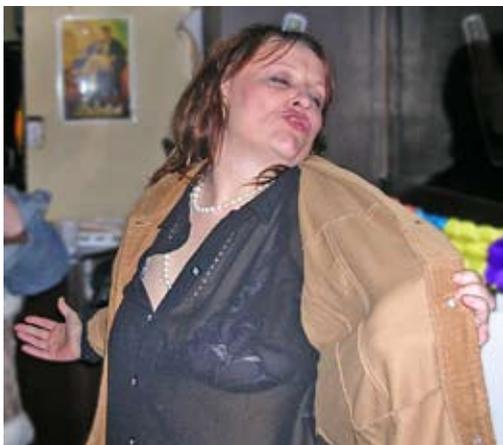
Lana was helping out behind the bar in the Newcastle and loving it.

# TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Elly, her siblings Ria & Adrie, Johan, Renee, Duncan, Jim, Steve, Tony, Liz, Gus, Mirjam, Sinead, Django, Ushi, Chris, Michelle, Joan, Michael, Sandra, Derry, Richard, Jessica, Tommy, Sean, Frans, Russell, Ann, David, Joost, Jay, Peter, John, Ian, Toosh, Diederik, CJ, Red John, Valerie, Sonja, Martin, Kimberlee, Ferrie, Alan, Mike, Sarah, Claire, Paul, Jo.

Happy Anniversary Anja & Cees, Alison & Phil, Ian & Richard, Liza & Lamar, Ilona & Ray.

Trina, sorry we didn't make it to your 50th in the Shamrock: If it was half as good as your 40th, we missed a good (Christmas?) Party.



Mandy says "Hello" to all her friends and can't wait to be back in Amsterdam.

We've heard good reports about Louise's catering, and not just from her sister Ilona in Café de Poort.



Fem was celebrating her birthday in the Waterhole at the same time as Gregorio; more pictures on pages 18 & 19.



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# GUTTER



Gwyneth was in town for a couple of days, visiting her sister Bronwyn, who works in Tig Barra, so we had to get a picture.



Susie's Saloon barmaid Bianca introduced us to her cousin Mariangela.



It's been over four years since we last had a picture of Aislinn in the Stun, so the camera came out when we saw her at the Rugby 7's with her dad, Bob.



Sarah and Janet were in town for sister/daughter Sue's hen party and were still going strong in the Blarney, where they met Conner.

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# WARMOESSTRAAT

## CENTRUM



Zusana and Justine, chilling on the bar in the Stone's Coffeeshop.



The barmaids in the Stone's Café are taking a break from appearing in the Stun this month, but luckily, we bumped into ex-barmaid Kim, who we hadn't seen in ages.

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Alex and Laura were wearing their 2004 Marauders (sponsored by Hotel Old Quarter) shirts on the night before the 7's started.



Casey doesn't sit around all night in the Old Quarter; he's got plenty of things to do to keep himself busy.



# AS SEEN ON TV

The Manchester United fans were out in force to watch the Champions League Final in the Flying Dutchman, with the former landlord, Terry, leading the singing, as usual.



After the match, the sole Chelsea fan in the bar, Paul, gave the United supporters a bottle of Champagne. One of them, H, said it was a very classy thing to do.



The Old Highlander had a Eurovision Song Contest Sweepstake; Linda, who was behind the bar that night, picked the winner, Russia.



Amongst the also-rans: Johnny (Poland), Hans (UK), Jennie (Spain), Nicola (Denmark) and Ann (Turkey).

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# Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

Six months ago I married a woman from Kazakhstan, she told me I was considered handsome where she comes from. My false arm did not put her off and neither did my severe twitch. Since she moved into my attic apartment with her mother and elder brother there is no room for intimacy. They speak to each other in their own language, and seem to ignore me - which is difficult in such a small living space. I thought this marriage might work, how can I find the words to tell my young wife enough is enough.

William J  
Amsterdam.

*Dear William,*

*Use the Kazakhstan Dictionary; you'll find one at the central library.*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

Don't you get fed up with all of the moaning and whining? Everyday you have to hear from people who complain all of the time. Giving advice to a bunch of pessimistic morons. Why can't bloody people be happy with what they've got. I mean, those who are constantly moaning and whingeing about their lot gets on every body's nerves. I'm fed up with listening to it myself,

Yours Faithfully,  
Mark Hayes  
Tilburg.

*Dear Mark,*

*We folded your 800-word letter in the middle, thus cutting out paragraphs 2,3,4,5 and 6. And the answer is Yes.*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

I recently bought a new bed from IKEA, but cannot understand the instructions that came with it. I've managed to secure the 4 legs but cannot get the slats to fit.

Why can't these international companies print clearer instructions?

Yours Truly  
Sandra from Essex.

*Dear Sandra,*

*Take part B2, connect with part D and THEN secure to the frame using the key marked C.*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

My mother wrote to you last year after an argument with her husband. Your advice was to administer small amounts of laudanum; you even sent her a recipe to extract cyanide from apple pips. Don't you think that it was a tad irresponsible of you? My mother now faces a long prison sentence, all because you planted a stupid idea into her head. I'll sue the Stun and hold you responsible.

Mandy Jacobson  
Salford, Manchester.

*Dear Mandy,*

*The editor told me the editor/publishers are not legally responsible for any recipes printed in the Stun. You will have to prove that your mother followed the recipe exactly as per my instructions, otherwise where's your proof? You cannot sue unless you can prove the recipe was incorrect.*

*Dorothy*

# WHAT'S ON

We wouldn't normally mention musicals in the Stun, but because it's the InPlayers, who are putting on a production of 1970's rock musical *Godspell*, we'll make an exception. There are performances in the Polanentheater on 19th, 21st and 22nd June at 20:30 and in the Ostadetheater on 27th, 28th at 20:15 and 29th June at 14:30. Tickets cost €14 and reservations can be made through the theatres.

Santanico are off to Austria & Switzerland for a couple of Euro2008 gigs on the 10th & 11th June, but they'll be back in time to play in Bourbon Street on Friday 20th June.

Also on Friday 20th June, the Waterhole will be hosting a reunion of the legendary Maguire Gang to coincide with singer Jim's birthday. They were playing everywhere when I first came to Amsterdam, but apart from a one-off party gig in 1997, it's been about 15 years since they played together.



Jim will be warming up his vocal chords with his current band, Joe Rocker, in Bourbon Street on Saturday 14th June.

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We saw Stewart playing in Molly Malone's last month. He's a great entertainer, doing requests and getting the audience involved; he even got me up singing Maggie May with him. Stewart will be back in Molly Malone's on Friday 13th June.

That's the same night as Waste playing in the Waterhole and Ignition, a rockabilly band with three girls and two men, in Maloe Melo.

I'm reliably informed that Didi and Syreeta, alias Something Rude, will be playing in Molly Malone's sometime this month. Check our website at [www.amsterdamstun.com](http://www.amsterdamstun.com) for the latest updates to our gig list.





On Friday 27th June, it's Punk Party night in Maloe Melo with a trio of local bands who've been around a while: X-Offenders, Uit De Sloot and G.O.H.

Because of Euro2008, there's no Monday night jazz in Hotel Old Quarter on the 9th or 16th of June.

For the same reason, and dates, no Monday jam in The End either, but the other days should take place, including Kim's Tuesday and Wednesday sessions.



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# THE STUN GIG-LIST

## Monday Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Pop Session, (*except 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>*)

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The International Dance Fever Jam, *open latin, soul & funk jam session with Gregorio*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell*

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, *All musicians, even bands, welcome. (e-mail in advance if you want to play a full set) €1*

### 23rd June 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Thijs Cuppen Trio, *+ special guest Anne Chris (jazz)*

### 30th June 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Thijs Cuppen Trio, *+ special guest Jasper Blom (jazz)*

## Tuesday Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim*

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with special drinks & snacks, giant jenga & DJ from 22:00*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Lamar Chase Jam, *open jam session/blues*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Archie (except 17<sup>th</sup>)*

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's Blues & Rock Jam, €1

### 17th June 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.*

### 24th June 2008

20:00, **TWSTD**, Talent Night, *hosted by Ken Parsons*

# THE STUN

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## Wednesday

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### Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim*  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Micky Llewellyn,  
*blues & rock*

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock &  
Pop Jam, €1

### 11th June 2008

21:00, **Volta**, Rai/Rock/Funk Session,  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gethouse Blues Band, €5

### 18th June 2008

21:00, **Volta**, Reggae-jam, *i.s.m. Ghattowish*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Bridge, *southern  
roots rock (USA)* €5

### 25th June 2008

21:00, **Volta**, Rai/Rock/Funk Session,  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Jamsession, *with  
Solo Simporé*

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## Thursday

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### Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Open Session, *with Henning  
Brand*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium, *with  
Kim*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with  
Lamar Chase*

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman  
Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking  
ass every Thursday* €1

### 5th June 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Edukators, *new  
girl rockband from Amsterdam*

21:00, **Volta**, Metal Night, *Monkey Beats  
Donkey* €5

### 12th June 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Revival,  
21:00, **Volta**, RockNight, *Code3, StarAbove*€5

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### 19th June 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Apollo's,  
21:00, **Volta**, Punk Rock Night, *Fatneck Jr.,  
The Allegro's* €5

### 26th June 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,  
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Seafur, Naked Watt,  
Antlers* €5

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## Friday

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### Weekly

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

### 6th June 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Serial Chillers,  
*Modern pop covers*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Kim & Friends,  
22:00, **Volta**, Lil' WhipCream, *urban music*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, All & The Blackcats,  
*rockabilly (USA)* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Awesome, €1

### 13th June 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Stewart, *whatever you  
want, a great entertainer*

22:00, **Volta**, Rough, Rugged & Raw, *urban  
music*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Ignition, *rockabilly band  
with 3 girls & 2 men* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, *classic rock* €1

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# GIG-LIST

## 20th June 2008

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Alice-Dee & The Blenders,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Special Guest Musician,  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Santanico, *latin rock*  
22:00, **Volta**, Convooi, *urban music*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Blue Moon Special, *jump-jive-rock'n'roll* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Maguire Gang Reunion, *rock* €1

## 27th June 2008

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Connection,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Special Guest Musician,  
22:00, **Volta**, Amsterdam Art Attack, *urban music*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, X-Offenders, Uit De Sloom, G.O.H., *punk party* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Running Birds, *from France* €1

## Saturday Weekly

- 22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
**7th June 2008**  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Leotards,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Micky Llewellyn, *rock*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam Beatclub, *CD Presentation: The Westhell Three* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Yellow Dogs, €1  
**14th June 2008**

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Wat,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Special Guest Musician,  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Joe Rocker & Friends, *Joe Cocker tribute band - rock*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Skinner, *Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band - southern rock* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, €1

## 21st June 2008

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Aga Live Band,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Special Guest Musician,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Red Meat, *new cd, produced by Master Blaster Dave Alvin (USA)* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Continental Breakfast, *power-pop trio* €1

## 28th June 2008

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bruver,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Special Guest Musician,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Driving South, *blues rock* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Running Birds, *from France* €1

## Sunday Weekly

- 17:00, **The End**, Rock/Fun(k), *Clubugly sessions*  
18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee presented by Theo de Mosquito & band,  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Evenio Martinez*  
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes & Baukje Westerlaken, *Sunday night jam with a feminine touch* €1

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# ROUND



It was a sunny day, so Bronwyn, Gwyneth, Juanita and Leanne were on the terrace outside Tig Barra.



Johnny and Hester felt like dancing when the Scissor Sisters came on the jukebox in the Old Highlander.



Bianca got a visit in Susie's Saloon from her best friend Cristine, who's over from Brazil.

The Survival Poet has avoided being in the Stun since its inception, but Liam has never shied away from our camera.



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# THE BARS



Newcastle Pub barmaid Beth thinks Onno from Waste has got a sexy guitar, so expect to see her in the crowd at their next gig in the Waterhole on Friday 13th June.

Teine and Caroline talked me into posing with them in the Flying Dutchman.



Rebecca and TK posed with Gigolo Jaime in Coco's Outback.



Martina, Brian, Paddy and Sabina were over for the weekend, again, drinking with Jill and Klaas in the Flying Dutchman.

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# BEHIND



In Coco's Outback, it's Mathijs and Sanne. Susie's staff were out in force for the Rugby 7's weekend: Alex, Anti, Bianca, Yuri, Frank and Pim took care of Friday.



Saturday night in The End, with Amy and Phung behind the bar, ready for the arrival of karaoke crowd.



Deb was doing secretarial work for 7 months, but it was too boring, so she's back behind the bar in the London Bridge with Claire.



  
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# BARS



Postman Bob made a rare appearance behind the bar in Café Corso with Super-Sub Carla on Bloody Mary Monday, but it was only a one-off for the camera.



Molly Malone's barmaid Karin would only have her picture taken if Tom was in it too. No problem there.



Mak doesn't always work the Backstage bar in the Waterhole; he was behind the main bar with Nieke and Manon when we dropped in for Gregorio's birthday party (see next page).

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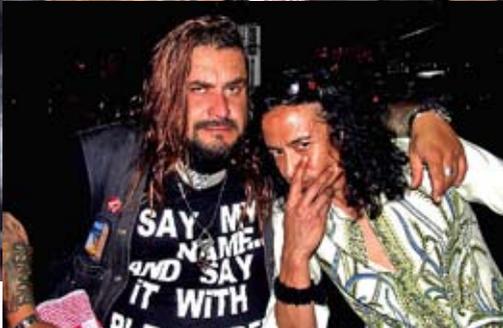
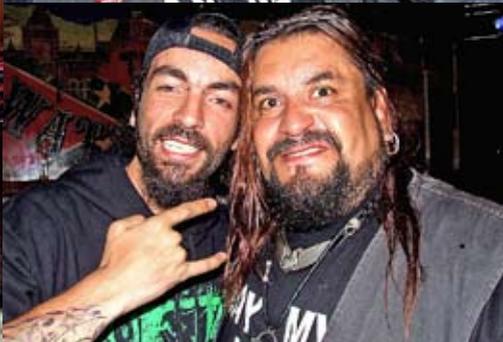
Laberinto/Santanico bass player Gregorio celebrated his birthday with loads of friends at Stan's Wednesday jam in the Waterhole.



After the Happy Birthday, Stan got Gregorio to sing a song, even though, in the words of Gregorio, "I'm drunk, you motherfuckers".



# BIRTHDAY BASH



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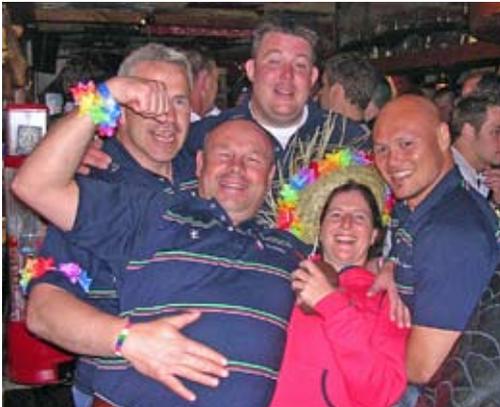
# RUGBY TIME IN

There was plenty of action on and off the pitch during the Rugby 7's weekend.



Unbeaten Old Guildfordians were partying in Susie's Saloon on the Saturday night.

As were Wooden Spoon Vets, who beat Corso Marauders Vets 28-7 in the final of the Veterans 10's the next day.



Susie's Valkyries watched the Ladies 7's final from the sidelines after being up against both finalists and the Canadian national team in the Sunday pool.



Corso Marauders lost 21-24 against Susie's in the quarter-finals, so Klaas, James and Robbie retired to the bar.

Jill never misses the Rugby 7's and her brother Andy was there too.



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# TOWN

The Plume of Feathers were back, with a bag of coal dust, after a six year break, but lost to Susie's and Millfield on Sunday morning.

They made the Old Highlander their clubhouse for the weekend, so Ann and Jennie (who took most of the pictures on this page) were there to cheer them on.



# MARAUDING

Café Corso is home to the Marauders when they are in town for the Rugby 7's. Here are a few of the people we saw Corso boss James with over the weekend.

Cousins David and Mike Bedford have been Marauders from the start.



Doyle, owner of the Marauders' home base in England, the White Hart, and Rocky.



Marauders captain Howard Graham; Barry, manager of the White Hart Marauders; James and Bob, a Marauder like the rest of them.



Traditionally, the day after the Rugby 7's finals is Bloody Mary Monday in Café Corso. Bob, Jill, Klaas and Hans were there to help keep the tradition going.



As the evening approached, Mario and Jill swore blind they were both still sober.

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# THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

A man is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds to walk into the water and subsequently bumps into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk answers, "Yes, I am." So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water.

He pulls him up and asks the drunk, "Brother have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus."

The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again for a little longer.

He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, "Have you found Jesus my brother?" The drunk again answers, "No, I haven't found Jesus."

By this time the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk in the water again, but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds and when he begins kicking his arms and legs he pulls him up.

The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

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A new guy in town walks into a bar and reads a sign that hangs over the bar: "Free Beer For The Person Who Can Pass Our Test!"

So the guy asks the bartender what the test is. The Bartender replies, "Well, first you have to drink that whole gallon of pepper tequila, the whole thing at once and you can't make a face while doing it. Second, there's a 'gator out back with a sore tooth... you have to remove it with your bare hands. Third, there's a woman

upstairs who's never had an orgasm. You gotta make things right for her."

The guy says, "Well, as much as I would love free beer, I won't do it. You have to be nuts to drink a gallon of pepper tequila and then get crazier from there". Well, as time goes on and the man drinks a few, he asks, "Wherez zat teeqeelah?"

He grabs the gallon of tequila with both hands, and downs it with a big slurp and tears streaming down his face. Next, he staggers out back and soon all the people inside hear the most frightening roaring and thumping, then silence.

The man staggers back into the bar, his shirt ripped and big scratches all over his body. "Now" he says "Where's that woman with the sore tooth?"

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A guy walks into a pub and sees a sign hanging over the bar which reads:

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Chicken Sandwich: €2.50

Hand Job: €5.00

Checking his wallet for the necessary payment, he walks up to the bar and beckons to one of the three exceptionally attractive blondes serving drinks to an eager-looking group of men.

"Yes?" she enquires with a knowing smile, "Can I help you?"

"I was wondering", whispers the man, "are you the one who gives the hand-jobs?"

"Yes" she purrs, "I am."

The man replies "Well wash your fucking hands, I want a cheese sandwich!"

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# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

I don't normally feel that sad for football managers. Especially those of them that make rich pickings in the Premier league and expect us all to feel sorry for them when they get the proverbial boot in the butt. There are exceptions however and in the last few weeks, I found myself in the unusual position of feeling real sympathy for Avram Grant, and more recently, Sven-Goran Eriksson. Let us first look at Av. Yes, he was apparently very close to the owner before he got the job, and in those days it certainly appeared to be a case the AV's and the AV nots, and at Chelsea you could take the spending for granted. (Oops!) But anyway, my first impression was that he would not last long and after the "Special One" had discovered that he was NOT that special after all, here on the scene came a man with a

certain reverence and dexterity that belied the behaviour of your average football manager. This, ironically, was the thing that made him stand out in the crowd. A crowd of football people anyway. He was indeed his own man and in the end, I think, won us over. Then he won the Chelsea fans over by getting the Blues to a League Cup final, where they lost narrowly to Tottenham, 2-1. This was just the start of course, as he guided the team from Stamford Bridge to within a whisker of winning the Premiership and an even thinner whisker - the width of a post perhaps - from winning the most prestigious European club trophy of

all, the Champions league. If John Terry had not have slipped at the vital moment - when all of us considered his penalty kick to be nothing more than a formality - then it could have been all different. In fact, IT WOULD have been all different, but the football referee in the sky deemed otherwise and that was that. So long Avram Grant, nice knowing you.



Now we all knew quite a lot about Sven from his England days. We knew he was shrewd and more of a football psychologist than a football manager. Taking on Manchester City intrigued us all. He was a man who was about to transform Manchester City overnight into a team of world-beaters, playing fast flowing football under the watchful eye of the ex-Chang Mai police cop who earned a reputation in the force for taking no hostages. Thaksin

Shinawatra obviously went on to bigger and better things and once he took his ill-gained riches to Manchester City, one just knew that he wanted immediate results. His love of football may be great, but his knowledge of football is exceedingly small. Only a madman or a fool would off-load the man that he personally recruited when most of the supporters still felt he was doing a reasonable job. After all, in his first term in charge, he took City back into Europe for the first time in yonks and he even managed to do the double over the Champions of Europe and the Premiership, the one and only Manchester United! Now when was

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the last time that double was realised? Getting into Europe and gaining a double over your archrivals and greatest foe? The answer of course is never in a million light bulbs. This is why I am absolutely convinced that whoever City recruit for the job in the future, Shinawatra will always be the mill-stone around the club's already twisted neck and not the saviour, as some misguided supporters naively suggest.

And finally, onto other matters and this month sees the start of the Euro 2008 Championships and the hope that without the home nations participating, the level of violence and crowd trouble will lessen too, in the process. That is a bit harsh on Wales, who never seem to qualify anyway and even if they did, would probably make their way to Zurich on a minibus, now that their beloved rugby team is up and running again. I think this could be the year for the Dutch or perhaps the Spanish to finally do something to suggest that their superior technical ability is more than just some kind of optical illusion. The Germans one can

never write off either and I think that Croatia will fair better than both France and Italy, who I suspect will have disappointing campaigns. The Portuguese are another nation that often threaten to deceive, but much here depends on the best player in Europe, if not the world at this time, and that of course is Cristiano Ronaldo. If he is fit, then anything is still possible, but how tired he will be after a long campaign with Manchester United is still open to debate. The Netherlands may rely just as heavily on van Persie and van Nistelrooy. They certainly cannot rely on Ryan Babel anymore, as he is out of commission. One thing is certain; it should be a fascinating few weeks of football and because we're not there, no hope of any false expectations either!

*Frank*

Footnote: Last month, I inadvertently referred to the Champions League final being on July 21st and not May 21st. In case you are still waiting until then, don't bother. United won.

## Last Month's Crossword Solution

### Across

1 Captain, 4 Dover, 6 Lords, 8 Vivaldi, 10 Select, 11 Miss, 13 Tailor, 15 Gavels, 18 Soap, 19 Canada, 22 Extract, 23 Aside, 24 Lacks, 25 Realist.

### Down

1 Culprit, 2 Paris, 3 Novice, 4 Diva, 5 Ruins, 7 Seldom, 9 Loire, 12 Panama, 14 Inapt, 16 Salient, 17 Easter, 18 Swell, 20 Alibi, 21 Pads.

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# IN THE BACK

Saturday night in Coco's Outback; Fraser and Gerry are in control behind the bar.



Finnegan's Rainbow had the most PPL contestants we've seen together in one bar: Paul and Andy came joint 6th, Jude 26th.

Two minutes later, the same can't be said about their colleagues Sanne, Jess and Jaime.



Shannon and Ned took a picture of me (Andy) singing in Molly Malone's, but sadly/luckily it was out of focus.

After another altercation with some taxi drivers, Maarten won't be pulling pints or playing drums for a couple of weeks, but he could pose with Nils in the Waterhole.

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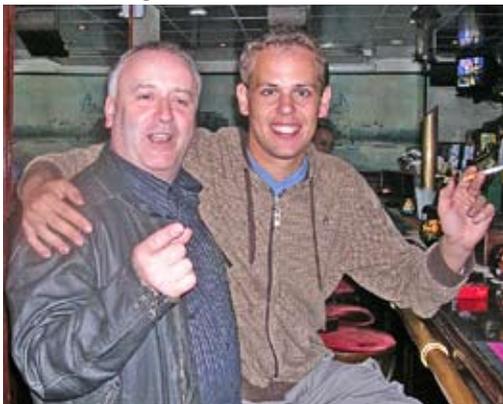


Cynthia and Willie from the Flying Dutchman were going out to dinner, but not on the night we took this picture.



Beth was in the Waterhole, having a good time drinking pints instead of serving them.

Phil and Michael are both regulars in the London Bridge.



# HELP

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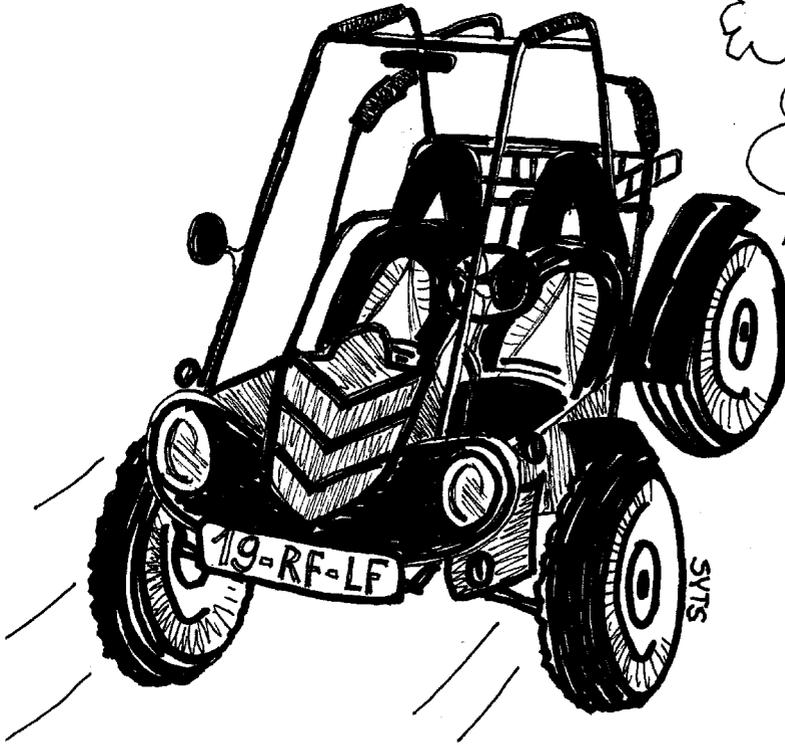
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