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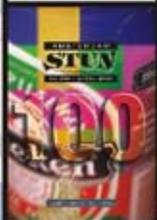
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The Editor's Bit

This month's Stun comes from our living room, where we've got the desks, computers and printers set up in the corner. It's here because I've finally made a start on decorating the Stun office, but I'm taking a break to put together this special Anniversary edition of the Amsterdam Stun.

We thought about throwing a party to celebrate 15 years of the Stun, but Elly's not quite ready to return to the party-scene at the moment, so we've got a crossword competition for you instead. It's on the back page. We've also got 15 jokes for you on page 23.

We've taken a lot of pictures over the last 15 years and this is the perfect opportunity to print some of the older ones again. It would have been hell trying to select our favourites, so we've gone for the first appearances of people who feature in this month's Stun. Our Blast from the Past starts on page 20.

We didn't get to many parties or hang around in bars so much last month, but we've still got a nice selection of pictures for your enjoyment. Jaime from Coco's Outback responded to my call last month and sent us some pictures of Peter's leaving party; they're on page 8.

We always welcome your pictures, so if you take any good ones at Halloween, send them in and we'll print as many as we can in the next issue. In the mean time, enjoy your Stun.

Andy

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Louise is ready
to step up to
the oche in
Susie's Saloon



Hester's looking
forward to the
Halloween
party in the Old
Highlander

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Beach-Boy Brian (Caella), Alberto, Pim, Frits, Els, Mart, Lisette, Mark, Signe, Melanie, VJ, Mickey, Nina, Owen & Aidan, Ruben, Tara, Lonke, Ingrid, Julius, Remco, Joan, Geoffrey, Jan, Ria, Ivan, Monique, Bernard, Mike, Danyel, Brian, Daphne, Caroline, Roy, John, Fred, Anne, Jackie, Gary, Daan, Kenny, Alex, Anneke, Karin, Roger, Carol, Marie, Montse, Isobel, Jason, David, Chris, Cora, Neal, Nic, Roxanne, Vivian, Eligio, Hester, Zorro, Mark, Dragan, Jayden.

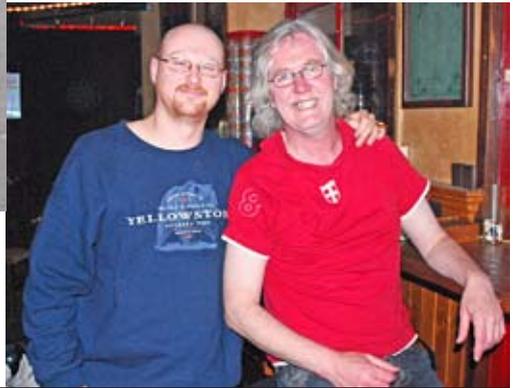
Happy Wedding Anniversary Vlatko & Nicola, Esteve & Montse, Al & Marie, Iepe & Els. Happy Anniversary Busters, Finnegan's Rainbow, Wonder Bar.

Mark was celebrating his birthday in the Old Highlander with Martje, Vince, Pete and Matthew, all of them friends from the days of Mister Coco's.



Long time Stun contributor and football pundit Frank took part in the Dam to Dam run recently, knocking 2:40 off his previous best time, finishing in 1:19:17. Totally unrelated to the run, Get Well Soon, Frank.

The last time Graham was in the Stun was following the birth of his son Jayden (2 on the 31st). This time, it's to announce that Graham and his wife Emely are expecting their second child next May. Nice T-shirt Andy's wearing!



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GUTTER



Gillian, who used to work in the sadly missed Three Musketeers, is back in town, with Nipper, after five years away. We saw her in the Flying Dutchman with fellow country(wo)men Jim and Carol, who told her somebody placed a small ad in the Stun two years ago asking her to get in touch. It took a while, but Gillian has seen it now.

Going back even further, we've been asked to help find out the whereabouts of Dave, a barman in the Last Waterhole in 1977. If you know anything, the contact details are below, or you can let me know and I'll pass it on.

Andy

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CENTRUM

Ted has still got the experience of his first Halloween Party in the Old Quarter to look forward to. If previous years are anything to go by, he's in for a treat.



Ruben and Mathias had just closed the kitchen in Old Quarter, so it was time for a beer, at last.



Nathalie said "Photo" before I had time to sit down in the Stone's Café and Susan joined her on it.

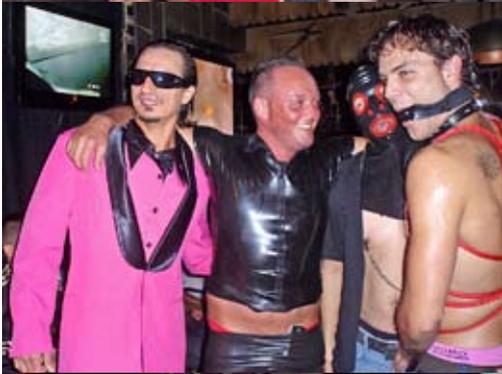


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Porntastic Party

We told you last month that Peter was having a leaving party in Coco's Outback. If, like us, you couldn't make it, here's a bit of what we missed. Thanks for the pictures Jaime!



Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

I have been trying to get rid of my husband for over 2 years. First I had him heavily insured, and then I cut his brake cables. We live in a flat area with no hills, so the car just slowed down. Next I mixed daffodil bulbs with his onion soup, he threw up a bit but wasn't suspicious. I always leave the pips in the apples when I make him a crumble, how long will it take before the cyanide builds up in his body?

Anonymous
Amsterdam

Dear Anonymous person,

Depending on whether they are Cox's or Golden Delicious, could be between 7 and 15 years. Do the shellfish number; that works immediately. Leave 'em to mature in the garden for a few days, drench in lemon juice and serve hot.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I have about €200,000 in a bank deposit in Jersey, C. I. Do you happen to know if Jersey have any guarantees in case of bank failure. It's in a long-term deposit account and they wont let me transfer any funds without 3 months notice.

Yours Faithfully
Gordon X (in case my mates read the Stun)
Amsterdam

Dear Gordon,

I cannot bring myself to give you the benefit of any free advice, you cheapskate. No wonder you accumulated so much money.

Get a lawyer.
Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I'm fed up with my boyfriend using my face creams and expensive bath preparations. He's always in front of the mirror, titillating himself. How can I cure him, I want a man not a Beau Brummell impersonator. The whole thing is getting ridiculous.

Yours Sincerely
Kate Shoebury.
Purmerend

Dear Kate,

Buy heaps of wax strips. Place them in the bed, on his side of course, with the waxy bits facing up. You can have great pleasure ripping them off later. Mix a dark fabric dye into a jar of Nivea and leave it on the shelf.

In the worst scenario you could use crushed glass, no sorry that was for the Anonymous lady with the Sloterdijk postmark. You need to replace hair gel with immac. These little tricks should stop him.

Good luck
Dorothy.

Dere Dorothy,

I avda job intavew on fryday. itz my thirst since I gott ere 6 munfs ago. I meta blooke who rekonz i'm gonna be hiz secratarry. he sed i dont aveta registrar innit. me mate brender sez the blooke must b barmey . i fink sheez jeluss. wot du yu fink?

Tracey Smith
Amstadam

Dear Tracey,

Tell me dear, do you have, by any chance, big tits?

Dorothy.

MUSIC & WHAT'S ON

Mama's Bad Boys launched their new CD "Family Business" in De Heeren van Aemstel on a rainy Sunday night. Lamar, Rahim and new drummer Tolik rewarded everybody who braved the weather with a great evening of funky rockin' blues.



After the CD presentation, the band were joined on stage by November Graye and Dee Dee from Something Rude, and Edgar on Sax, for a great jam.



It's been a long time since the Red Hot Chili Bastards last played in the Waterhole, so it'll be great to see the "#1 Pepper Neppers" there again on Friday 24th October.



Is that Lemmy jamming with Kim? Could be, they've got live bands in The End on Friday and Saturday now. Check the gig-list.



After Darren Byrne's show in Molly Malone's, local band "In Vino Veritas" were given a chance to play a couple of songs. Topping the bill in Molly's this month are Declan Daly and Peter Carroll.

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It's always more fun when Halloween falls at the weekend, but with so many parties on the same day, how do you decide where to go to? Here are some of the parties I hope to get to with the Stun camera.

The **Old Highlander** always have a good one, with music, free snacks and prizes for the best costumes. This year's theme is The Rocky Horror Show.

Hotel **Old Quarter** is an old favourite, with live music from the Dennis Burke All Stars.

Molly Malone's have Peter Caroll on stage and bar staff who like to party.

It's always party time in **Coco's Outback**, but they go really wild for Halloween.

My last stop will be **Maloe Melo**, where they're sure to have a spooky band playing and the dress code is Halloween!

GIG-LIST

Monday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Bluegrass/Country Session, with Jeff

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, International Dance Fever Jam, latin, soul, funk jam 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 complete bands, welcome. (e-mail if you want to play a full set) €1

13th October 2008

21:00, **Parool Theater**, Maloe Melo, Home of the Blues, documentary by Ruben Harry & Rein Hazewinkel €7.50

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

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Mama Rosin, Cajun music from the alps €5

20th October 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, special guest: Tom Beek (jazz)

27th October 2008

21:00, **Paradiso**, New Moon Festival, with singer-songwriter-musicians Tim McMillan, Ken Parsons (UK), Katbite (NZ), Paulina Dubaj (NL/PL) & Fabiana Dammers (NL). €5

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, special guest: Eline Gemerts (jazz)

Tuesday

Weekly

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

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, with DJ

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

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

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

14th October 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Plate, *various artists*
+ *jam session with Paulien*

21st October 2008

20:00, **Buster's**, 4th Anniversary Party,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *V.S.P.A.*

28th October 2008

20:00, **TWSTD**, Talent Night, *hosted by Ken Parsons*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

Wednesday

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

15th October 2008

21:00, **Volta**, Rai/Rock/Funk Session,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, *P.E.P., female rock band*
+ *More Cowbell, rock €5*

22nd October 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Jamsession, *with Solo Simporé*

29th October 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Even Worse Records
present., *various bands €5*

Thursday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Open Session,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Lamar Chase*
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted
by Kim Stevens, *Molly's invite all musicians to bring along their instruments and jam with one of our resident musicians, Kim.*
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking ass every Thursday €1*

STUN

16th October 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Tilia, *Very Soulful singer-songwriter with band.*
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Wave Zero, Najchevski €5*
21:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Vocal Jazz session,
with Ilse Huizinga & Erik van der Luijt

23rd October 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Katbite, *Totally unique singer-songwriter from New Zealand.*
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Escape Everyday, Red Eyes €5*
21:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Vocal Jazz session,
with Ilse Huizinga & Erik van der Luijt

30th October 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Leotards, *rock-pop*
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Yellow Knife, Red Over Black €5*

Friday

Weekly

22:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Olly De Quartz,
pop/rock covers
23:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

10th October 2008

19:00, **The End**, 555,
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Connection, *They don't fake the funk!*
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Declan Daly,
professional entertainer and cracking musician from Ireland
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Happening Present:
Bottle of Moonshine, + *Happening DJ's €7*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Awesome, €1

17th October 2008

19:00, **The End**, De Klik,
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shawn Harvey & B57,
Great Rocknroll-boogie combo from the UK.
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Killer & The Coolcats,
Jerry Lewis tribute band €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Running Birds,
Incredibly talented French cover-band €1

GIG-LIST

24th October 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Lips of Shame, *It would be a shame to miss this new band!*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jailbirds, *rockabilly* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Red Hot Chili Bastards, *The best chilli-peppers tribute band around!* €1

31st October 2008

19:00, **The Old Highlander**, Halloween Party, *theme: Rocky Horror Show*

19:00, **The End**, My Vanity Project,

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Halloween Party with Live music: Dennis Burke All Stars, *Soul Band featuring one of Holland's most promising Soul Artists.*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bruwer, *Power-pop combo fronted by great girl singer.*

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Peter Caroll, *One of the big boys from the Temple bar circuit*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Santanico, *latin rock*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Halloween Party, *dresscode: Halloween* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Weber Brothers, *Very high energy rock with a bit of billy!* €1

Saturday

Weekly

22:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Olly De Quartz, *pop/rock covers*

23:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

11th October 2008

19:00, **The End**, The Heretics,

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Down By 2, *New rockers onstage!*

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Declan Daly, *professional entertainer and cracking musician from Ireland*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Stetus Kwo, *Status Quo tribute band* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Xewelyn, *Xellent Rockers!* €1

18th October 2008

19:00, **The End**, Picknick,

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Aga Band,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Joe Rocker, *Rock*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gene Taylor, *ex-Blasters, Fabulous Thunderbirds* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Running Birds, *Incredibly talented French cover-band* €1

25th October 2008

20:30, **House Concert**, Eric Taylor, *Texan singer/songwriter, live in Ernst & Annette's living room* €12

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shit Happens, *New rockband to WH*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Underground Star Power, *rock* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, JPR, *They will raise the roof with ROCK!* €1

1st November 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Peter Caroll, *One of the big boys from the Temple bar circuit in Dublin*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Weber Brothers, *rock&roll/rockabilly from Canada* €5

Sunday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Fun(k), *Clubugly sessions*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Archie*

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

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes & Baukje Westerlaken, *Sunday night jam with a feminine touch* €1

12th October 2008

15:00, **Maloe Melo**, Yawp, Real Hate, When Seasons Change, *punk* €5

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ROUND THE



Toosh has known Helen since they were both 15 and Tony used to work with Toosh. Does that make Toosh Cupid? Helen and Tony first met in the Three Musketeers – where Robbie from Café Corso was working.

Wendy has been a Stun reader for 10 years, so it's about time she appeared in it.



We never found out the name of this guy posing with Waterhole barmaid Geranne.

Andy and Marko work in the Sea Palace, but when they finish for the day, they like to relax in The End.



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BARS

We ran into Helena, Gopi, Maria and Vicky in Finnegan's Rainbow.



Stone's Café barmaid Nathalie introduced us to her friend Gabriella.



It came as no surprise to see Liza Chase at the Mama's Bad Boys CD launch; husband Lamar is in the band.



November Graye and Dee Dee from Something Rude were at the CD launch too.

Ria, ex-Amstelstroom, was having a drink with former employee Linda, one of the stars behind the bar of the Old Highlander.



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BEHIND

Yazzamin, making her first appearance in the Stun, behind the bar in Rick's Café, with Frank from the next-door neighbour Susie's Saloon.



The Newcastle pub's genuine Geordie barmaid, Beth, was still smiling, despite watching Newcastle United getting beaten by Spurs on the big screen.



Jill is now behind the bar in the Flying Dutchman on Wednesdays, in addition to her alternate weekends. Jill also works in Buster's, where they are having a party to celebrate their 4th anniversary on Tuesday 21st October.

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BARS



Jennie and Dorothy (not our Agony Aunt), behind the bar in the Black Tiger, will be doing their thing for Halloween.



Lisette and Lotte in the Stone's Café, the only bar in the world selling Agwa de Bolivia on tap.



On one visit, it's Milos, Peter, Frazer and Jono behind the bar in Coco's Outback... and the next, Sanne and Jaime.



Steven, another Stun first-timer, behind the bar in Molly Malone's.



We were hoping to tell you about parties, pool and darts in Susie's Saloon this autumn, but I'm sure Bianca and Louise know a lot more about what they've got planned.

ON THE



Lesley was outside the Flying Dutchman and got Josie away from the bar to pose for a quick picture.



Rahim and Rose were cooling down after Mama's Bad Boys came off stage.



Martje and Vince, outside Molly's with their new baby Coco.

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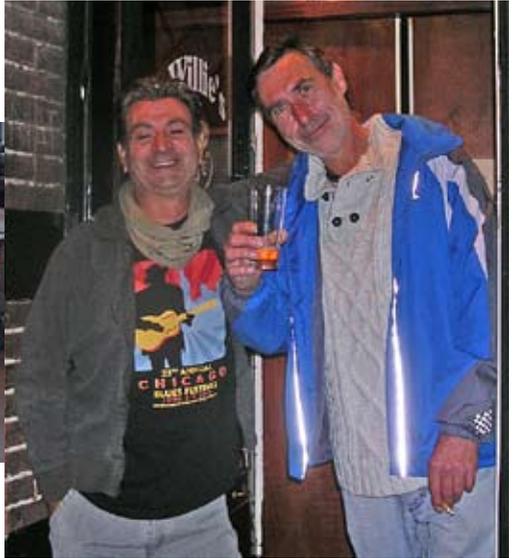
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STREET



No need to sit shivering with your beer on Josérito's terrace this autumn; they've got heaters to keep you nice and warm.



Graham was back in town for the weekend, so of course, he had to spend some time in the Flying Dutchman, meeting up with old friends, like Josep. Both of them feature in our "Blast from the Past", which starts on the next page.



Waterhole barman Skip was on Coco's Outback's terrace with Joya (ex-Waterhole and Coco's, currently living in Cork).

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BLAST FROM THE

We've trawled the Stun archives for the first appearances of people featured this month and it comes as no surprise that Liam is one of the earliest with this picture from January 1994, in the Fiddlers with Fred.



He was Being Frank on Football for almost a year before this picture from June 1995.

Hilton's first time was a year later, also in the Fiddlers, and there's Liam again.



Ria was celebrating her birthday in the November 1995 edition.

The first picture of Stun team Andy and Elly together appeared in February 1995.



Toosh, behind the bar of the Flying Dutchman in April 1996.

PAST



Lamar and Rahim were playing at a wedding we went to in September 1996.



Jim Maguire and his band, outside Susie's Saloon on Queen's Day 1997.



Graham was celebrating his birthday with Phil in February 1997...
and they ran into Linda, celebrating hers.



Seamus wrote us a limerick for the June 1997 Stun.



Jim made his first appearance in April 1997, but it wasn't a very flattering picture, so here's one from three months later.

MORE BLASTS

Jur made the first of many appearances, cigar in mouth, in July 1997.



Josep sent his mum a copy of the November 1997 Stun, his first time, but censored the cannabis leaf on the cover.

Jill and Klaas were in the very first Stun to have a full colour cover: August 1997.



January 1999, when Louise was working in the Stone's Café with Lotte, who's still there.

Lesley wrote a few stories for the Stun in 1997 and was on the back page with Billy T in September that year.



Liza and Lamar's wedding was front page news in May 1999.

THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

Two aliens landed in an outback desert of Australia near a petrol station that was closed for the night. They approached one of the pumps and the younger alien addressed it saying, 'Greetings, Earthling! We come in peace. Take us to your leader.' The petrol pump, of course, didn't respond. The younger alien became angry at the lack of response and the older alien said, 'I'd calm down if I were you.'

The younger alien ignored the warning and repeated his greeting. Again, there was no response. Annoyed by what he perceived to be the pump's haughty attitude, he drew his ray gun and said impatiently, 'Greetings, Earthling. We come in peace. Do not ignore us this way!!!! Take us to your leader or I will fire!'

The older alien warned his comrade saying, 'You don't want to do that!!! I don't think you should make him mad.'

'Rubbish,' replied the cocky, young alien. He aimed his weapon at the pump and opened fire. There was a huge explosion. A massive fireball roared towards them and blew the younger alien off his feet and deposited him in a burnt, crumpling mess about 200 yards away in a rabbit burrow.

About a half hour passed. When he finally regained consciousness, he refocused his three eyes, straightened his bent antenna and looked dazedly at the older, wiser alien who was standing over him shaking his big, green head.

'What a ferocious creature!' exclaimed the young, fried alien, 'He damn near killed me. How did you know he was so dangerous?'

The older alien leaned over, placed a friendly feeler on his crispy friend and replied, 'If there's one thing I've learned during my intergalactic travels, you don't want to mess with a guy who can wrap his penis around himself twice and then stick it in his ear.'

Nothing worse than, after sex, looking down and seeing that limp used condom hanging off your dick... Particularly when you weren't wearing one when you started.

I parked in a disabled space today and a traffic warden shouted, "Oi, what's your disability?" I said, "Tourettes! Now fuck off!"

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world was a logical place, men would ride horses sidesaddle.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible... and I believed them.

Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long.

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.

When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to look like a nail.

How can there be self-help "groups"?

Is there another word for synonym?

It's not an optical illusion... It just looks like one.

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

I suppose it is to be expected, given the volatile nature of the world's financial market just now, that football has come under the microscope. According to Football Association Chairman Lord Triesman, the global credit crunch could inflict a heavy blow on football too, sooner perhaps rather than later. Referring to English football especially, and the Premier League in particular, he said grimly, "I don't think anyone who is rational can look around this environment we are in and think that they are immune. Football is obviously carrying a very large volume of debt and we are now in a position where it is very hard to track things. It is not transparent enough and even if we are able to track it, we don't know if people who are financially secure hold the debt or not."

Richard Scudamore, speaking on behalf of the Premier League, countered, "The FA themselves know all about these things because

they are one of the most indebted organisations in the world." He was of course referring to the amount of money it cost to build the new Wembley; believed to be in excess of £380 million. All debt has to be sensibly managed, he went on, "Look, where do we draw the line?

Does this mean that someone who has a mortgage in England is not allowed to leave the country for a holiday in France, simply because they still have outstanding debt? It is absurd." He also defended the fit and proper persons act, suggesting, "I am quite certain there are people who are not owners of clubs because of the test. You could argue that one of the reasons that Mr. Thaksin Shinawatra has decided that it might be right to sell is that it might be

at some point he may fail our fit and proper persons test." What a load of old cobblers. If the act had been doing its job in the first place, Thaksin would not have got within smelling distance of a Premier League club, let alone buying one! The only reason he sold up was because his assets were frozen in Thailand, where he was deemed to be anything but right and proper! Richard Scudamore on the other hand, has always come over as a person of dubious intent, in my view, and this kind of nebulous argument confirms my worst fears. He is seemingly not much interested in anything else, other than how to manipulate and exploit the market place. Yes, the Premier League is a





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huge success story, but at what price? One day the bubble will burst and when it does, he will be the first to exit through the side door.

The writing may already be on the wall. Liverpool have suspended plans for a new £350 million stadium until the present unstable financial climate eases and West Ham United have got no money in the kitty and must sell to buy. Owner Bjorgolfur Gudmundsson is of course Icelandic and he was a major player in Landsbanki - or should that read Noloansbanki, which went into receivership earlier this week.

Lord Triesman also cast doubt on the wisdom of the fit and proper person's test in its current form, which he claimed had serious flaws in it. He explained, "The legal tests are very straight forward. People who have been convicted of a serious offence don't meet the fit and proper person's test. This applies also to people who already own another football club. That said, it does seem to me to be quite reasonable to say that there are some things

where it is possible to make a pretty clear-cut judgement. I think that if there is a prima facie case for example, where someone's human rights record is regarded internationally as being very, very, serious indeed, we should be asking whether this person really should be running a football club." I wonder whom he could be referring to? Surely he was not referring to the new owners of Manchester City, the Abu Dhabi United Group, who took that great weight of expectation off the shoulders of the man from the land of smiles. Surely not! Then again, Thaksin Shinawatra was the premier of a democracy in the old days and not a dictatorship, unlike the new incumbents of Manchester City, the oil-rich Arabs. The reason Thaksin does not want to return to his motherland, has everything to do with his love of football and the English way of life. It has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that there is a travel warrant out for his arrest for skipping bail and his wife would go to straight to jail, having already been tried and convicted of fraud. His case is still pending.

Strange old world isn't it.

Frank

Last Month's Crossword Answers

Across: 1 Cover, 6 Fight, 11 Maxima, 12 Anodes, 14 ID, 15 Not, 17 An, 18 Flagstaff, 19 Do, 20 Ely, 21 OK, 22 Ear, 25 Oar, 28 Ogres, 29 Added, 31 Gem, 33 Doc, 36 All, 38 Pa, 39 Increases, 42 Sr, 44 Sam, 45 As, 46 Tomato, 49 Please, 52 Baron, 53 Sorts.
Down: 1 Cad, 2 Ox, 3 Vial, 4 Em, 5 Range, 6 Fatty, 7 In, 8 Golf, 9 HD, 10 Tea, 11 Minds, 13 Snake, 16 Oslo, 22 Egg, 23 Are, 24 REM, 25 Odd, 26 Ado, 27 Rec, 30 Moist, 32 Flea, 34 Raise, 36 Arson, 37 Lamps, 40 Near, 41 Ever, 43 Rob, 45 Ass, 47 Ma, 48 To, 50 Lo, 51 At.

IN THE BACK



To tourists, he's the house dealer in Rick's Coffeeshop, but we know him as Jim Maguire, lead singer of Joe Rocker, who are playing in Bourbon Street on Saturday 18th October.

Liam's fanclub missed seeing him in last month's Stun, but he had a good excuse; he broke his hip. We're glad to report that he's recovering and back in his usual place in Susie's Saloon, although he needs to use crutches.



Seamus was in Finnegan's Rainbow. He said he got his T-shirt from the Pope, but we know it was really Maria.



It takes more than an injured arm to stop Hilton playing at The End jam sessions.



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Tommy will be opening the first Coca Leaf Museum outside Bolivia soon, where they will sell Agwa de Bolivia, the coca leaf liqueur. It's also available in Molly Malone's, where he told me all about it.



In the back and in the picture with Youssef this month is Waterhole regular Anniek.

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The Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: Extra bit (not on the side). (5)
- 6: Pick-me-up. (5)
- 10: Not developed. (9)
- 11: Wider than tall. (5)
- 13: Not on time. (5)
- 15: To pay homage (to). (3)
- 16: Pertaining to light principle? (5)
- 19: Party centre? (3)
- 20: Forgotten. (4)
- 22: Like O', or Mc? (3)
- 23: Runs 40 miles to Southampton? (4)
- 24: Sober. (7)
- 27: Not too late. (2,4)
- 28: Chimney piece. (6)
- 29: Definite article suffix separates two NY boroughs. (7)
- 31: Sounds like the singer's got them covered. (4)
- 33: A white gets more attention. (3)
- 34: Likes to create friction. (4)

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Down

- 2: Urge to surge? (5)
- 3: Unit of work. (3)
- 4: Attachments. (4)
- 5: Resting place. (6)
- 6: Mountain range down under? (4)
- 7: Seaman's destination, we hear? (3)
- 8: Audacity. (5)
- 9: Where horror stories are kept? (5)
- 12: Better chance to win ball game? (9)
- 14: Lending organs to the needy? (9)
- 17: Be a voyeur? (7)
- 18: Bloom. (7)
- 21: Different rules? (5)
- 23: Taut. (5)
- 25: Quentin's muse. (3)
- 26: Fish favoured in Nippon? (3)
- 30: Do they rant about parties? (6)
- 31: Was German cobbler the best? (5)
- 32: Pates. (5)
- 35: Reprimand. (5)
- 36: Did they see it coming? (5)
- 38: Kicks over. (4)
- 39: Pity. (4)
- 42: Sass. (3)
- 44: Don't drink from this source! (3)

WIN, WIN, WIN

We are celebrating 15 years of the Amsterdam Stun! No, don't send us any presents, (but you could buy the Stun a drink, if you see us :-)) we want to give you prizes instead! All you have to do is answer as many of these questions as you can and send us your answers. First prize is dinner for two at Stun HQ, cooked by our crossword creator, Elly. Other prizes to be announced later.

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