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Credit Crisis Endangers Bishop's Mission



Spain: 12 November 2008

For a long time now, Saint Nicholas has been making special visits to the sick and underprivileged children of life's society, bringing toys, presents and happiness to their life. This year, due to supply chain logistic problems caused by the global credit crisis, he was afraid he couldn't do as much as other years to help those who need it most.

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Musicians to the Rescue

Amsterdam: 12 November 2008

Here's your chance to see some great music and make a difference in a young child's life during the holiday season. A dedicated team of volunteers has organized 3 concerts that will feature different styles of music with good ol' rock n roll (bands Kick Ass and Club Ugly), hot pickin' bluegrass (The Devil's Dream string band), and swing jazz world folk tunes (The Kaluza Collective featuring mandolin mania). Please help spread the

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The Editor's Bit

I know this Stun has come out a bit later than I may have promised some of you, but what the hell - it's here now! I've had a busy month, decorating Stun HQ and getting round to as many bars and parties as I can.

With the walls painted and the floor laid, I could finally move everything back into my office a couple of days ago, although I've still got to give it the finishing touches. Putting this Stun together is my current priority, but once it's in the bars, I can put up the shelves, unpack the boxes and then finally get round to sorting out the entries for this season's Premiership Predictions League. I know a lot of people are dying to find out how they're doing, so I'll do my best to let you know before Christmas.

With Christmas in mind, why not do something to help underprivileged kids and enjoy an evening of good music? Read all about it on page 15.

Until Elly can type again, I'm still looking after Tales from the Gutter, but she did write Elly's Rant on page 11 and compiled the crossword again. Don't forget to enter last month's Crossword Competition; you've got until the 28th November to get your entry to us.

Anyway, we've got a bumper 36 pages for you this month, with loads of pictures, including nine pages from Halloween (thank you Di, Jaime & Jennie for some of them) and all of our regular pages, so enjoy your Stun.

Andy



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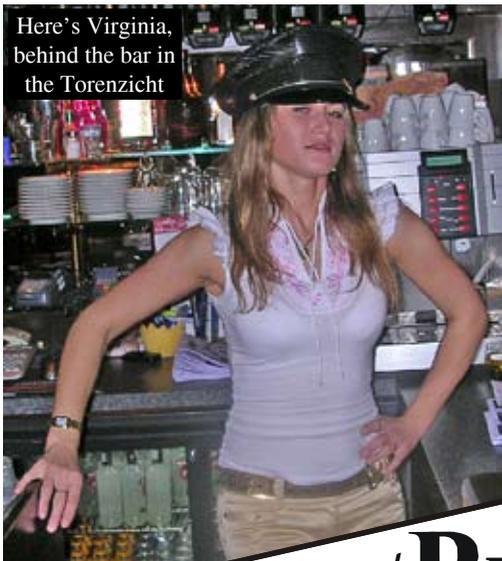
If you would like to contribute a story or even a regular column, don't be shy: we're all amateurs doing our best here.

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behind the bar in
the Torenzicht



Renneke, striking a
pose in Susie's Saloon



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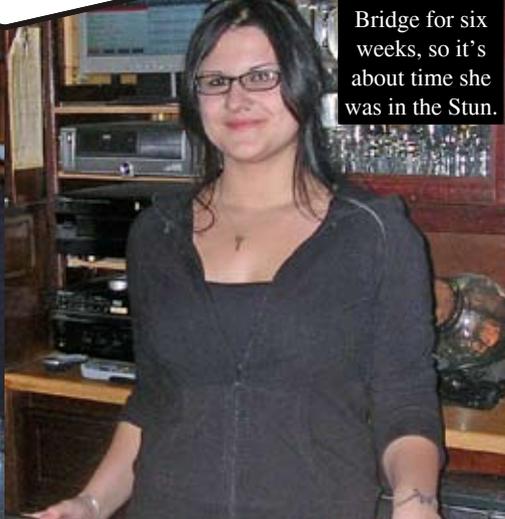
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Ireen told us about
New Year's Eve in
the Second Chance



Hanna has been
in the London
Bridge for six
weeks, so it's
about time she
was in the Stun.



TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday 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, November Graye, Joshua, Mah Noor, Christopher, Noemí.

Congratulations Sarah and Alan with the birth of your daughter, Saoirse (pronounced: SEER-shuh), on Tuesday 28th October; a little sister for their son Kealan.



Ann was over the moon with the arrival of her second grandchild and made sure we got

this picture with three generations of McGuire Girls, so that everybody can share in their joy.

Jaap wasn't mentioned in our birthday list last month, so to make up for it, here he is, in the Flying Dutchman with son-in-law Iain, a week after his birthday.



Roxanne was in the Old Highlander with Nicola, who was filling in behind the bar while her mum Linda used up some of her surplus holiday entitlement. Roxanne invited us to the grand opening of her Spray Tanning Studio (and birthday party) at Waterloo plein 179 on the 1st November, but sadly, a combination of Halloween hangover and exhaustion meant we couldn't make it.



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GUTTER



Rose said that she's got loads of photos of Rahim and herself, but very few of them together. We've got loads, and here's another.

With seating space on winter terraces at a premium, I'm going to have to be more careful when I park my bike in future.



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WARMOESSTRAAT CENTRUM



Laura, who works the day shift in the Old Quarter, has been dying to get back in the Stun, so she stayed late and posed with Róisín from the evening shift.

Despite being noticeably absent from the pictures we took at the Old Quarter Halloween Party (see pages 22 & 23), Ted was Rockin'n'Rollin' behind the bar on Saturday night a week earlier.



Marlene loves to party, and when she's having a good time, everybody in the Old Quarter has a good time too.



After the kitchen had closed, Old Quarter cook Mathias grabbed a microphone and sang "Hit The Road Jack" with resident band Olly De Quartz.



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ZACH'S BIRTHDAY

Zach was back in town to celebrate his 29th birthday in the Newcastle Pub with the love of his life, Lana.



Lana's mum Anita was there with Les. Zach's the first guy Anita approves of.

Beth was behind the bar, but came the other side for a picture with Zach and Lana.



Zach was pleased to see me at his party and I gladly posed with the birthday boy.



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Mark, alias Rhijnhardt, Pierre, Marie.

Dear Mark, etc.,

Although the credit crunch has not quite hit the local economy here, I have noticed a few people in the Vondel Park area stealing bread meant for the pigeons. This could be a first sign of an economy downturn; then again it could just be junkies. The type of employment you are looking for will be difficult to find. Not because of your age, but due to the fact that you have a Belgian passport(s). Try England, everyone else does.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

Last month when we had to turn the clocks back one hour, I forgot. Not too serious a thing you would think, but I'm a plastic surgeon in a large hospital. I arrived for surgery and checked the day's list of operations I was to perform. So at 8am I did a breast enlargement, as scheduled I thought for 8am. The patient was an 85-year-old woman. At 10am, or so I thought, I performed a nose reduction job, which should of course have been a breast enlargement. This carried on all day until I stopped for a tea break at 3pm and noticed that the canteen staff were still doing lunch. I've been suspended from my duties while an enquiry gets underway. Do you think I'll ever operate again?

Dr. W.F.

Anonymous Hospital in Amsterdam

Dear Dorothy

Dear Doctor,

I've been having some trouble with my left knee. It swells up now and again and can be quite painful. I would also like to know your opinion on HRT for the over 70's. But for now my advice to you is; I'd lie low and plead innocent. As a surgeon you can easily pass the blame onto a junior nurse. You would be believed before she would. I mean, you have lots of initials after your name. If not a junior nurse, the hospital porter will do. The insurers will have to pay out if it is their fault. I hope this helps.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I'm fed up to the teeth with Christmas. It's in your face everywhere by November and for some reason, I get inundated with letters from kids I don't know. How can I go about getting it cancelled?

Santos Halpa, Mr.

Dear Santos,

First you would need to get a petition organised and then a special notice from the Pope to cancel Christmas altogether. But Christmas time is not about receiving; it's about giving. Have you thought about making a business out of your good fortune? Charge the kids €10 to cover any carbon footprints you leave (that's a good earner). Most kids have €10 they would be happy to cough up if it meant that they get the expensive toy or computer game that they requested. And who is going to complain? A five-year-old kid? I don't think so.

Dorothy.

Smoking Ban?!

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Smoking

After playing a set in Maloe Melo, Carlos and Manu from Chasing The Krakheads had to go outside, without a drink, to have a smoke, just like everybody else.



Eric, the hairy one from the Baldies, taking a smoke-break with barman Paul, during Quiz Night in Finnegan's Rainbow (see next page).



Chef, Binnie, Robert and Steffi, smoking and sheltering by the door at Molly Malone's.



Elly's Rant

Stop The Smoking Ban! The Shit Has Hit The Fan! Worldwide Crisis!

On Saturday 29th November, a big happening will take place on Malieveld in The Hague.

Hundreds of thousands of people will gather to protest the smoking ban for the small horeca.

The small pub/bar/café is the living room and social life of single people, old age pensioners, divorcees, social outcasts, outsiders, loners, etc., alike.

The small pub/bar/café is the place where the lost find company, the disillusioned find hope, women can enter without getting hassled, where old and young forget the age barrier, everybody is welcome, where everybody finds and ear. It's the place where everybody knows your name!

The powers that be have us believe they are looking after our health, and therefore can decide what's good for us. Hello! Wake up, before they start making all the decisions. They want people to stop smoking because they will cost too much when they grow older and need more medical care. (They need the money for the big bonuses, handshakes and salaries they award each other!)

So who are they going after next? Which other groups will cost too much, in medical care?

Watch out drinkers, diabetics, HIV'ers, addicts, cripples, borderliners, pensioners, manic-depressives, misfits, social cases, nut cases, etc.! If you cost too much...

You might be next!

Elly

PUB QUIZ IN

Winter is coming, so Finnegan's Rainbow have got the Pub Quiz back on the agenda, but we haven't seen the agenda, so you'll have to drop in the bar to find out when the next one is. In the meantime, here are some pictures, and the results, from the last one.

It was a full house (book in advance if you want to enter a team in the next one), so Paul was kept busy behind the bar.



Marjolein was sitting close by, but she wasn't taking it easy - somebody had to check all the answers and keep score.



Mark Mysterious was MC and Quizmaster for the evening.



The Fab Four, at the bar (alias Andy, Maria, Alex and Vicky), came 6th, with 40 points.

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Team Martin, also propping up the bar, did a little better, finishing 5th with 46 points.

Sitting at a table, the Baldies were runners-up with their 60 points.



Blue Moon did well for a one man team, coming 4th with 53 points, but we suspect that Jude might have had some help from Seamus.

And the winners were: Team Aguilera, also sitting round a table, with a massive 68 points. They took the Winner Takes All cash prize and promptly rang the bell for "drinks all round".



The Derry Bombers, featuring former Miss Northern Ireland, Erin, weren't propping up the bar and took 3rd place with 58 points.

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MUSIC NEWS &

We mentioned in March that Liza Chase was putting together a rock band with the help of guitarist/producer Ron Gaudie. With Carlos on bass and Manu on drums (plus Romeo on keyboards) the line-up is now complete and they're called Chasing The Krakheads. The band made their stage debut at Rory's Open Mike night (every Monday in the Waterhole), but we caught them a couple of days later at Rahim's Blues session (every Thursday in Maloe Melo). Their next scheduled gig is at De



Old Quarter last December, but we heard good reports about them. So good, in fact, they've been invited back to play a lot more nights. They're very entertaining, interacting with the customers in the bar, playing a weird and wonderful mix of songs, with "Hello Dolly" and something Spanish mixed in with the more rocking numbers. Don't let the tourists hog all the fun: You can catch Olly De Quartz playing in Hotel Old Quarter every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Kleine Kade in Zaandam on the 20th December, but who knows? You might catch them at one of the sessions in Maloe Melo or the Waterhole before then.

We missed Romanian band Olly De Quartz when they played a couple of nights in Hotel



The JPR Strinxband played their first gig in the Waterhole since the death of front-man Jean Paul "Zoepie". Amongst the guest vocalists on stage with them that night were Dee Dee and November Graye from Something Rude. November Graye will be celebrating her birthday at Rahim's session on the 13th and all of Something Rude will be playing on Wednesday 26th November, both in Maloe Melo.

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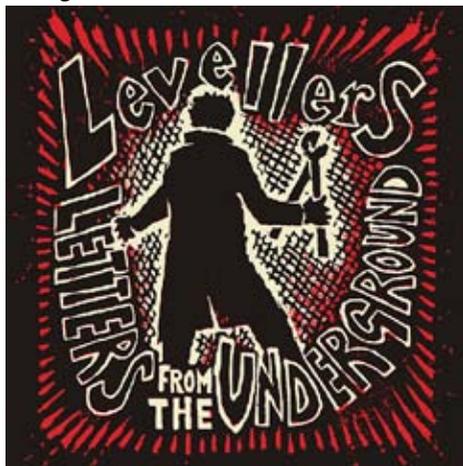
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WHAT'S ON

Jeff Cardey, leader of The End's Monday session, has got together with some friends to bring a bit of joy into the lives of underprivileged kids over the festive season. They've put together a Musical Trilogy of charity concerts under the name TicketsTunesToysLive, where, instead of paying a cover charge at the door, you bring a new toy (unopened, but not gift-wrapped). Sinterklaas will distribute the toys with the help of the Vrolijkheid children's organisation. The three concerts will feature different styles of music, kicking off with good ol' rock-'n'-roll from Kick Ass and Club Ugly on Friday 14th November. On Saturday 22nd, it's hot pickin' bluegrass from The Devil's Dream string band and a week later, on Saturday 29th, there's swing jazz world folk tunes from The Kaluza Collective featuring Mandolin Mania. All the concerts start at 20:00.

We don't normally write about big name bands in the Stun, but I make an exception for The Levellers, having first seen them play 'on the Island' and in Ze Crack, Haarlem, 19 years

ago. The Levellers are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year, with a new album, and a tour, of course. The album, Letters from the Underground, shows that the band have lost



none of their energy or commitment to social and political issues; it's well worth a listen. I'm glad to see that Amsterdam is included in their tour this time round, having passed us by last year. The Levellers will be in Paradiso on Wednesday 19th November, with support from Pigmee and Frank Turner. Tickets cost €18 (+ membership), doors open at 19:00 and The Levellers are on stage at 20:30.

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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

12th November 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gehakdag, *with: Outlive,*
This Routine is Hell, Sandbox Rebellion. €5

19th November 2008

20:30, **Paradiso**, The Levellers, *English*
folk/rock band celebrating 20 years of making
great music €18

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, t.b.a.,

26th November 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Something Rude, *blues-*
rock-soul €5

3rd December 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Band Stand with Rockin'
Nico, *various bands*

Thursday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Open Session,

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

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with*
Rahim

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted
by Kim Stevens, *Molly's invite all kinds of*
musicians to bring along their instruments
and jam with one of our resident musicians,
Kim. Come and join in!

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

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

13th November 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Ninske,

21:00, **Volta**, Hardcore Night, *with So Called*
Celeste, Virtually Nothing €5

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20th November 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Valerius,

21:00, **Volta**, Pop Night, *with Gallery +*
support €5

21:30, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke
Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

27th November 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Revival,

21:00, **Volta**, Singer/Songwriter Evening, *with*
Oldseed (ca), Lukas Batteau €5

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, John Schooley, *amazing*
one man band €5

4th December 2008

21:30, **Mulligans**, Andrew Gordon,

Traditional & Contemporary Scottish music,
as well as some Irish and other tunes

Friday

Weekly

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

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

14th November 2008

20:00, **The End**, TicketsTunesToysLive: Kick
Ass + Club Ugly (Rock'n'Roll), *admission: a*
new toy for underprivileged kids

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk
Connection, *They don't fake the funk!*

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/*
songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by
popular demand

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Happening Present:
Kilroy, *60's garage (sweden) + Happening*
DJs, guest Pallino €7

23:00, **The Waterhole**, 7 T.Rocks, €1

21st November 2008

20:00, **The End**, Murph & The Magic Tones,

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

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Mystery Train
Conductors, *jazz-a-billy* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Yellow Dogs, €1

GIG-LIST

28th November 2008

- 20:00, **The End**, Night Train to Mombasa,
20:30, **House Concert**, Ad Vanderveen, €12
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Funky Pilots,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Declan Downey,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dee-Ann & The
Nightcaptains, *rockabilly* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Awesome, €1

5th December 2008

- 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/
songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by
popular demand*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Shotgun Whalers,
rockabilly (Norway) €5

Saturday

Weekly

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

15th November 2008

- 20:00, **The End**, Kelvinators + Ackees,
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Nazca Lines,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/
songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by
popular demand*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae and Dancehall
Explosion: Tallawah band feat. Osagyefo
- Ghana's top reggae artist, *Soundsystem:
Manjahfyah Sound, special guest sound:
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- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

22nd November 2008

- 20:00, **The End**, TicketsTunesToysLive:
The Devil's Dream string band (bluegrass),
admission: a new toy for underprivileged kids
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shawn Harvey & B57,
Great Rocknroll-boogie combo from the UK.
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Boule's Blues Band, €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, *Top cover
band* €1

29th November 2008

- 20:00, **The End**, TicketsTunesToysLive: The
Kaluza Collective featuring mandolin mania
(swing jazz world folk), *admission: a new toy
for underprivileged kids*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Flaro Rad,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Declan Downey,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Bad Penny, *bluesrock
(Germany)* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, G.S.I., €1

6th December 2008

- 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/
songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by
popular demand*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Phantom Four +
Surprise Act, *surf party* €7

Sunday

Weekly

- 17:00, **The End**, Rock/Fun(k), *Clubugly
sessions*
18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee
presented by Theo de Mosquito & band, *a
musical antidote for your hangover (funk soul
session)*
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

Monday & Tuesday Gigs are on page 33.



ROUND



Walter's been playing Happy Family in Ecuador, which explains why we haven't seen him in the Newcastle Pub with Andy for ages.



Just missed Tokyo Rosenthal's surprise gig in Maloe Melo, but caught him in the bar with Alex Little later that evening.

In Molly Malones: Max, making his first appearance in the Stun, Peter, Binnie and Ralph.



November Graye was in Molly Malone's with boyfriend Karel for Halloween.

Waterhole boss Big Case dropped into The End to see Little Kees.



Janice has had a shit year, so she needed a night out with Cathy. In the Old Highlander, they ran into Ann, Jennie, Sheila and Linda.



THE BARS



Former Molly Malone's barmaid Karen would only pose if barman Tom could be in the picture too.



Louis was taking refuge in Café Corso.



Amadeo's band, Olly De Quartz, play in the Old Quarter every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but want gigs the rest of the week too.

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Amy was making an all too rare appearance behind the bar in The End.

BEHIND

The Stone's Café was packed, so they had the Fantastic Four behind the bar: Susan, Rachel, Lotte and Nathalie.



It's always nice to see Justine's smiling face behind the bar in the Stone's Coffeeshop.

Jaime, Sanne, Rebecca, Sarah, Mylo, Leo, behind the bar in Coco's Outback.



Here's Conner with Natalie, whose street fashion collection is available online at www.giorgi-moda.com and on display in the Blarney Stone, where she works 3 days a week.



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BARS



Jur, in Maloe Melo, with a picture of himself and some famous Burlesque dancers.



Louise told us that the End of Summer Party in Susie's Saloon might be held on the 28th November, but regulars will know for sure closer to the day; they will put up posters in the bar.



On the limes in Coco's Outback, it's Sam, Caroline, Gerry and Jono.

Steve and Rebecca behind the bar in Susie's Saloon on a Saturday night.



Pascal and Virginia in the Torenzicht.

HALLOWEEN BARSTAFF

While the rest of us were having fun on Halloween, the people behind the bars were working hard, but also having fun.

Ann always has a great time both sides of the bar at parties in the Old Highlander, and this Halloween was no exception.



Don't know the name of the barman in the Batavia; it was late when I got there.



Marlene, Róisín and Nancy kept the beer flowing in the Old Quarter.



Tom, Steven and Sarah had a great time in Molly Malone's.

Mystery barstaff in Coco's Outback.



HALLOWEEN IN THE OLD QUARTER

No prizes for best costumes, but that doesn't stop Rob in the Old Quarter throwing a memorable Halloween party every year, with Paul on hand to book some great live music.



HALLOWEEN IN

No room for captions, but thanks to Jennie for a couple of the pictures on this page.



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HALLOWEEN IN



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HALLOWEEN IN

We didn't make it to Coco's Outback, so thanks to Diana and Jaime for sending in the pictures on these pages.



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HALLOWEEN IN THE BATAVIA



THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

After 20 years of marriage, a couple was lying in bed one evening, when the wife felt her husband begin to fondle her in ways he hadn't in quite some time.

It almost tickled as his fingers started at her neck and then began moving down past the small of her back. He then caressed her shoulders and neck, slowly worked his hand down over her breasts, stopping just over her lower stomach. He then proceeded to place his hand on her left inner arm, caressed past the side of her breast again, working down her side, passed gently over her buttock and down her leg to her calf. Then, he proceeded up her inner thigh, stopping just at the uppermost portion of her leg.

He continued in the same manner on her right side, then suddenly stopped, rolled over and started to watch the television.

As she had become quite aroused by this caressing, she asked in a loving voice, 'That was wonderful. Why did you stop?'

He said, 'I found the remote'

If mothers celebrate Mothers Day,
fathers celebrate Fathers Day,
lovers celebrate Valentines Day,
do wankers celebrate Palm Sunday?

Paddy weighs 20st, so his doctor puts him on a diet. 'I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day and repeat this for two weeks, you should loose 5lbs.'

When Paddy returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost 4st.

'That's amazing the doc said.'

Paddy nodded. 'I'll tell you be Jesus, I taut I was gonna drop dead by da 3rd day.'

'What, from hunger?' said the doc?'

'No from the f.....g skipping!'

Year 2 class comes in from playtime. Teacher asks Sarah: "What did you do at playtime?"

Sarah says, "I played in the sand box."

The teacher says, "That's good. Go to the blackboard, and if you can write 'sand' correctly, I'll give you a chocolate Hobnob."

She does and gets a chocolate Hobnob.

The teacher asks Michael what he did at playtime.

Michael says, "I played with Sarah in the sand box."

The teacher says, "Good. If you write 'box' correctly on the blackboard, I'll give you a chocolate Hobnob."

Michael does, and gets a chocolate Hobnob.

Teacher then asks Abdul what he did at playtime.

He says, "I tried to play with Sarah and Michael, but they threw rocks at me."

The teacher says, "Threw rocks at you? That sounds like blatant racial discrimination. If you can go to the blackboard and write 'blatant racial discrimination' I'll give you a chocolate Hobnob."

I was in the pub last night when the barman asked me, "how come I never see you in here with Pete any more?"

I asked him, "would you drink with a bloke who's a liar, always late, borrows money he never repays, always tries to squirm out of his round, jealous of everything you have and when your back is turned he tries to fuck your wife and daughter?"

"Bloody Hell, no!" he said, somewhat flabbergasted.

"Well, neither would Pete," I added.

If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

I predicted at the start of the season that Liverpool could win the Premier League this term and on the evidence so far, I see nothing that makes me want to change my mind. They have shown they have strength in depth in all departments and with the notable absence of Ryan Babbie and Torres of late, this has not deterred them from their ultimate quest of attempting to capture one of the most coveted trophies in the World of football. This is the one that has evaded the reds for so long and although it is very early days yet, the signs are encouraging. Beating Manchester United recently was a real scalp and interestingly, they seem not too distracted by their European exploits either this time, which all bodes well, I think. Of course, Chelsea, Arsenal and the Red Devils will have other ideas, but if Liverpool can maintain the form they have displayed

so far, I believe they have every chance of realising their dream. Arsenal will be pleased to have disposed of United last Saturday too, because their form has dipped a little of late.

Just to prove that I am human after all, I must point out that I suggested that Spurs would finish in the top four and how wrong I was! Ramos is now a thing of the past and under Harry Redknapp, they are starting to believe in themselves once more. He really is some sort of miracle worker this man and although it is hard to pinpoint what he does that helps to turn

things around, there is no doubting his uncanny ability, whatever this is exactly! To most observers, this remains a complete mystery. His facial expression on the touchline implies he is anything but calm, yet he has the best of all football instincts when it comes to tactical awareness and substitutions. Most importantly of all, perhaps, the players believe in him. Although I got my theories on where Tottenham might finish completely wrong, there is some consolation in the fact that Darren Bent continues to score freely. I said that he would be the top goal scorer in the Premiership this season and with three goals in midweek in Europe and another two against Manchester City on Sunday, who could doubt his or my prospects? The thing about Bent is that when he runs into a rich vein of form, he rattles them in like there is no tomorrow and certainly at

the moment, he is virtually unstoppable in a team that is languishing at the bottom of the league. Under Redknapp however, there is visible improvement and I would be absolutely amazed if they are not out of the relegation dogfight sooner rather than later.

Here in the Netherlands, not everything has gone to plan either. PSV have already lost four times in the league this season and Feyenoord have had a nightmare start, finding themselves, until very recently, in 16th place in the top flight of Dutch football. Their 5-2 thumping of



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Utrecht last Sunday will have boosted moral, but they still have a long way to go to repair the damage that has already been done. Ajax, on the other hand, has made up for lost ground already. They too had a bad start to the season, but have found some form of late and share top spot with two other teams; AZ Alkmaar and unlikely heroes NAC from Breda.

In Scotland, Celtic have the lead already, but with Rangers hammering Kilmarnock 0-4 away last Sunday, the lead has been cut to two points and we can expect this battle to go right to the wire, as usual. Also, as usual, you can forget about the rest of the chasing pack, who are already ten points adrift of the top two and chasing nothing but their tails it would seem.

Frank

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GIG-LIST

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Monday

Weekly

- 17:00, **The End**, Bluegrass/Country Session, *with Jeff*
- 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mosquito Unplugged, *funky soul*
- 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*

17th November 2008

- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Wouter Kiers (jazz)*

24th November 2008

- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Jesse van Ruller (jazz)*

1st December 2008

- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *spec. guest: Clous van Mechelen (jazz)*

Tuesday

Weekly

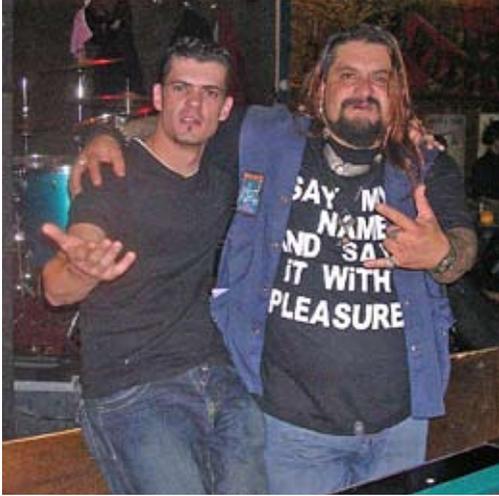
- 17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim*
- 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*
- 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Lamar Chase Jam, *open jam session/blues*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*
- 22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
- 22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's Blues & Rock Jam, €1

18th November 2008

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

WATERHOLE BY

Gregorio introduced us to Laberinto's new vocalist, Ronny Tuinman.



Big Frankie was in the bar, so we took his picture with Zuzan, Silvia, Miny and Julia.

Nieke and her brother Niels, family behind the bar in the Waterhole.



Nieke again, this time with barman Nils, Magic Sem and Theo the Mosquito.

The Waterhole crew, all together: Geranne, Arjan, Niels, Nils, Mo, Katja and Nieke.



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NIGHT

Big Frankie got up on stage to sing a few numbers with the JPR Strinxband.



It was Youssef's last night in the Waterhole and he wanted Gregorio in the picture with him.



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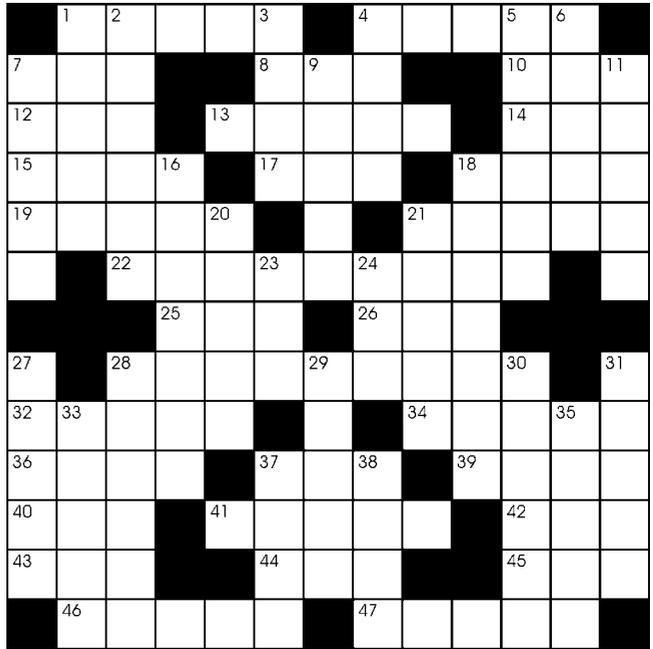
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Across

- 1: First in quality.
 4: Well known.
 7: Part of India.
 8: Road to Rome.
 10: Zip.
 12: Tearjerker McGraw.
 13: Wide view.
 14: Foot digit.
 15: Serpents weapon.
 17: Roaring star sign.
 18: Stream.
 19: My brother went to France to become a monk!
 21: Quoted.
 22: Adroitness.
 25: Consumed.
 26: Screen goddess, sounds like Longoria.
 28: Twisting.
 32: Dutch shawl.
 34: Type of vine.
 36: Divine.
 37: Hike.
 39: Exult.
 40: Finish.
 41: Obscure.
 42: The Lot.
 43: Not born in Holland.
 44: High pass.
 45: Eat (coleslaw), and you might get this.
 46: Imbiber.
 47: Cloth from natural fibres.



Down

- 1: Type of bear.
 2: Precipitated.
 3: Lurid, vile.
 4: Alliance.
 5: Being.
 6: Electrical term.
 7: Blunder.
 9: French river.
 11: First city in UK, we hear.
 16: Very.
 18: Epic.
 20: Over.
 21: Polite.
 23: Green, or rosehip.
 24: Fled.
 27: Wan.
 28: Alloy.
 29: Full-grown insect.
 30: Car centre.
 31: Shouts.
 33: Well defined.
 35: Singing sisters.
 37: Prepare for a trip.
 38: Listless.



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