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The Editor's Bit

After last month's meagre 24 pages, I'm glad to say we're back to our usual 32 pages this time round. Paddy's Day gave us plenty of photo opportunities around the bars, so I went for it. A number of bars had Paddy's Day parties either the Saturday before or the Friday after the 17th, but they were all disappointing compared with the day itself.

I had a great time in Molly Malone's on the 17th and took loads of pictures while I was there. Some of the best are on pages 22 & 23. I also went to a few other bars on Paddy's Day and those pictures are on pages 24 & 25.

We've also got pictures from Duncan's leaving party in Finnegan's Rainbow (8 & 9), Mattijs & Shakira's joint birthday party in the Flying Dutchman (20 & 21) and some of the staff organised parties in The End (11).

Elly has been getting out and about a bit more over the last few weeks, so she wrote all of this month's Tales From The Gutter on pages 4 & 5.

Our agony aunt, Dorothy, has been struck down with a virus, so she can't reply to any of your letters this month, but she did get Rush and Lin to fill her page with some old-people jokes instead.

All the rest of our regulars are here though, so while you get yourself worked up for Queen's Day, enjoy your Stun.

Andy

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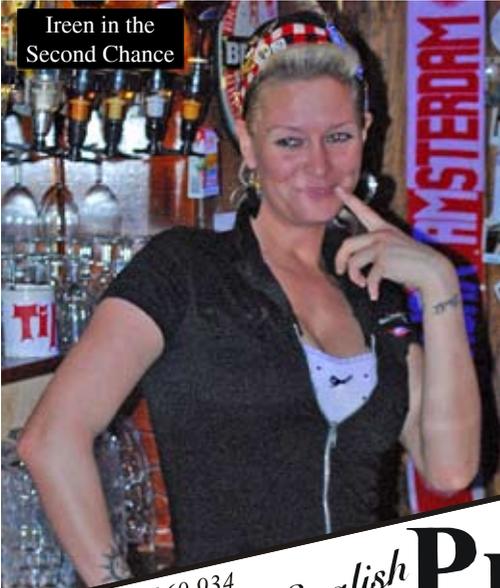
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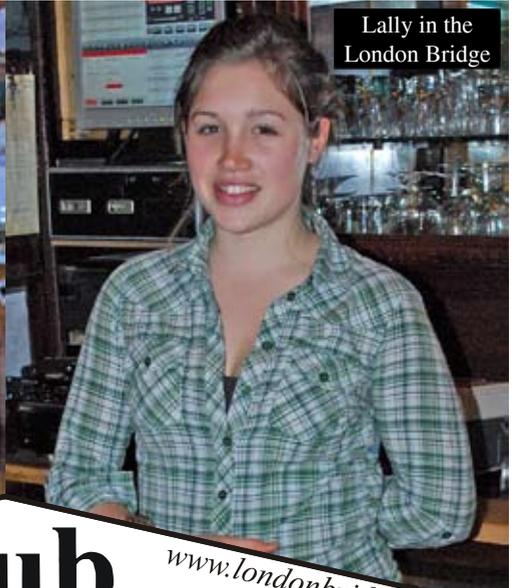
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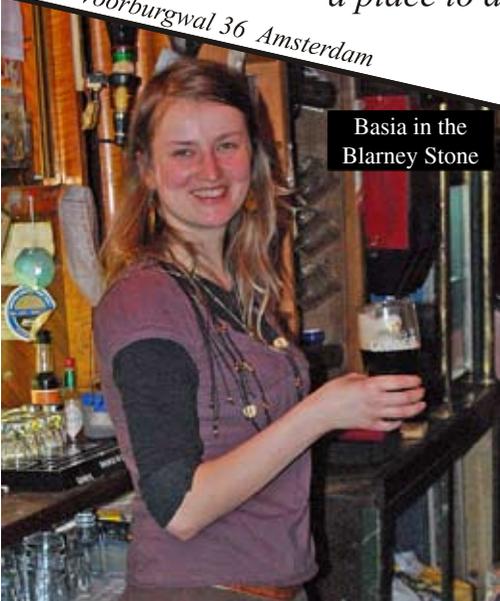
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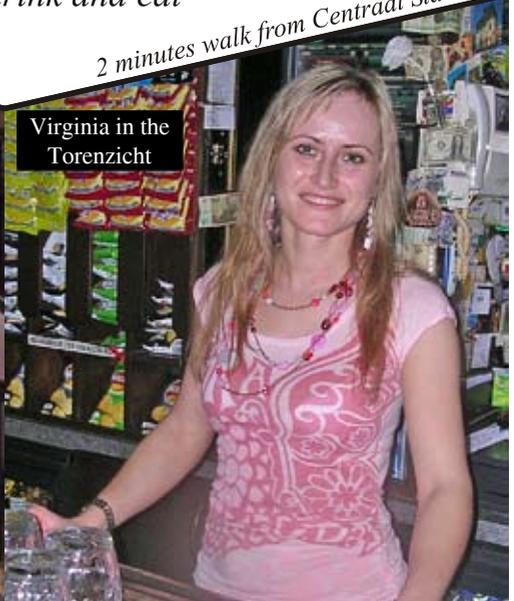
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TALES FROM THE

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Happy Anniversary Alma & Ken, Susan & Glen, Carol & Rainor.

Congratulations Frank, who finished last weekend's Zandvoort Circuit Run in 56:52, 1:25 faster than last year, beating his work mates and good friend Jon in the process.

Since I don't go out much yet (but we did make it to Zaandam!) I haven't got much to write about town. But we've had a few visitors, so I'll write about them.

And Zaandam.

Liam was going to help us move, but he had an accident a couple of days before. He broke his hip. So this was his first visit here.

(He's threatened to come back and make cottage pie.)



Tommy's been here more often, but this time he brought Garrie, an old friend who also worked in Barney's Breakfast Bar ages ago. Garrie doesn't live in the Dam anymore; the last eight years (?!?) he's been driving heavy vehicles and swaying in a "cherry picker" up to 10 stories high!



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GUTTER

On Zaandam day, Peter picked us up with his boat, just 5 minutes walk from our place.



But as soon as we moored, Frenchy informed us of a better spot, so we moved and spent the rest of the day on Peter's boat, the jetty, and Frenchy's boat.

Tineke had boarded in Amsterdam North and welcomed us with a glass of wine. The sun was



out, a little bit of wind, on the waves of the IJ. Marvellous.

It didn't take that long to get to Zaandam, nor was it any trouble to get to the yacht harbour.

And drank a lot of wine.

Can't actually remember the train ride home. I remember the arrival, seeing Tineke to the ferry, but forgot about the walk home.

I won't forget what a fantastic day it was!

Elly



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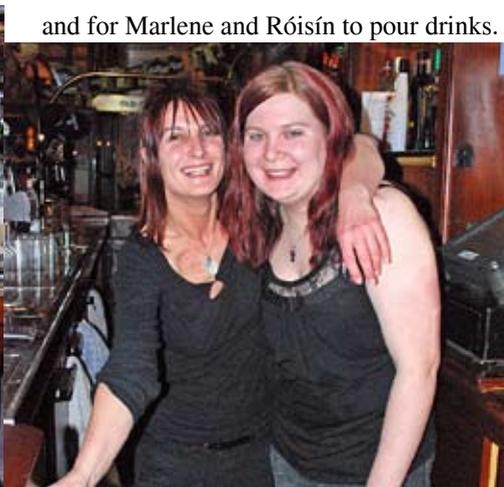
One of our printers, Jan Willem, joined me on the Stun delivery run last month. After he ate a schnitzel in the Old Quarter, I suggested sticking around because he'd enjoy Olly De Quartz, and I wasn't wrong. After the third song, he was singing along with them and by the fourth, he was all over the place.



Franklin was on stage for the Old Quarter's Paddy's Day party, singing soulful songs... for Rob and Nancy to dance to...



Olly De Quartz were there again the following weekend and Beth didn't need too much persuading to take up the microphone.



and for Marlene and Róisín to pour drinks.

DUNCAN'S

Finnegan's Rainbow barman Duncan has made his escape from Amsterdam and gone to Argentina to visit his friends there, but before he left, there was his going-away party.



Entertainment was in the capable hands of Mark Mysterious, assisted by Jur & Martino.

Loads of Duncan's friends and Finnegan's regulars were at the party, having a great time.

Marjolein made sure there were plenty of snacks in circulation for the hungry drinkers, like Mike.



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Dorothy's Jokes

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A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!"

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

"Where's my toast?"

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'you've got a heart murmur; be careful.'"

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really!? Like a new born baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

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PARTY MONTH

March was party month in The End, with each of the staff organising their own party and competing to see who can pull in the most people and cash.

Some of the parties struggled to get the customers in, but it looked quite busy when we dropped in for “Shaman” Shaam’s party.



Mosquito were on stage, with Daniel standing in for Buddy on drums, at the “Sam Sam” party, organised by Kees and named after the bar he worked in years ago.



Kim’s Spring Fever party had some great live music; pity there weren’t more people there to enjoy it.



The mix of music, tequila and Kees behind the bar certainly worked: The End was packed and Kees is leading the contest with one party to go: Ab’s Thai Disco on April 3rd.

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WHAT'S ON

After an absence of almost three years, it's great to see the legendary Julius E. Green back on stage in the Waterhole, where he's leading the Blues & Soul jam every Tuesday.



Craig Coe will be playing in Molly Malone's on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th of April. He's got a huge repertoire of songs and is more than happy to take requests from the audience.

Peter Lavell is now playing four nights a week, Thursday to Sunday, in the Old Nickel. An ever changing line-up of top musicians will be playing with Peter, like Kika on trombone, so you can expect some good music.



Olly De Quartz put on a real rocking show in the Waterhole last month, so expect a full house when they return on Friday 10th April.

The midweek jam sessions in The End are no more. From now on, there will be live bands playing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 20:00. Check in the bar to find out who's playing. On Sundays, Kim Stevens will be there to entertain you from 19:00.

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Tokyo Rosenthal, pictured here with bassist Alex, will be playing at the Queen's Night party in Maloe Melo on Wednesday 29th April. Balkan rockers Artery will be on stage the following day for the Queen's Day party.

In the Waterhole, Vezpa are back by popular demand and will be belting out 50's/60's rock on Queen's Night from 22:30 and on Queen's Day from 13:00.

There will be plenty of other things going on all over town on Queen's Night and Day, but I'm not going to write about any of them; I wouldn't know where to start in the limited space I have left.

Instead, I'll tell you that it is Anzac Day on Saturday 25th April, which will no doubt be a good enough reason for a party in Coco's Outback. There's also an Anzac Day concert in Bitterzoet, with live music from Aussie rockers Yazuka Smile and Kiwi singer/songwriter Mike Berry.

GIG-LIST

Sunday

Weekly

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee with Theo de Mosquito & band, *a musical antidote for your hangover (funk/soul jam)*

19:00, **The End**, Sunday Jam Session, with Kim

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Tom Dalton, *Whether delivering his own songs or much loved recognizable favourites, Tom delivers an emotionally charged and passionate vocal.*

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*

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

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

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

5th April 2009

15:00, **Volta**, Kids In Concert, with *Kick Ass, The Sound of Silence, De Vetbekband, Freaky Boyz, Botox, The Lost Sheep, Junior Jam kids bands, winners of "Best of the West"...*

Monday

Weekly

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *jazz*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mosquito Unplugged, *funky soul*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with Peter Lavell (*not 6th*)

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

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, *All musicians, even complete bands, welcome.* €1

6th April 2009

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Michael Rorby (jazz)*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Psylli Billys Present:, *Roy & the Devils Motorcycle* €5

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Weekly

- 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel (not 21st)*
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Blues & Soul with Julius E. Green, €1

21st April 2009

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

28th April 2009

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

Wednesday

Weekly

- 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Micky Llewellyn, *blues & rock*
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock & Pop Jam, €1

8th April 2009

- 21:00, **Volta**, Mooie Noten, *Grap singer/songwriter competition* €6
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Super Jam, *with Rocking Nico*

15th April 2009

- 20:00, **Volta**, All Styles Jam Session,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Boogie Parkers + Friends, €5

22nd April 2009

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Super Jam, *with Archie*

29th April 2009

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Tokyo Rosenthal, *Oranje Party* €5
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Queen's Night Party, *with Vezpa (50's/60's)* €1

Thursday

Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Live Music,
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
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

9th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Deeperwater,
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *with Tarball, Fwww* €5
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

16th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Revival,
21:00, **Volta**, VoltAcoustic, *singer/songwriter evening, with Matthew de Zoete (Canada)* €5

23rd April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *with Pep & Sarah* €5
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

30th April 2009

- 13:00, **The Waterhole**, Queen's Day Party, *with Vezpa (50's/60's)*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Oranje Party, *Live: Artery* €5

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- 20:00, **The End**, Live Music,
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
23:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

3rd April 2009

- 20:00, **The End**, Ab's Party Night, *Thai Disco with Thai Dancers* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Jig,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Olly De Quartz (unplugged), *pop/rock covers*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sleazy Rock'n'Roll Night, with *ams m.o.f.o.s. + Black Bottle Riot + DJ Annelies* €5

- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, G.S.I., €1

10th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Connection,
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Craig Coe, *Singer/guitarist/Songwriter/Entertainer*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Mike Mok & the Em Tones, *rockabilly/surf* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Olly De Quartz, €1

17th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Wicked Fruit Company, *60's/70's rock*
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Olly De Quartz (unplugged), *pop/rock covers*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam Beat Club., *Dee Ann & The Nightcaptains + ABC DJs* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, 7T Rox, €1

24th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Pronto,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Bob Dylan tribute act,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Olly De Quartz (unplugged), *pop/rock covers*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Bacon & Eggs, *60's/70's* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

Saturday

Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Live Music,
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
23:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

4th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Olly De Quartz (unplugged), *pop/rock covers*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Apollos, *soul trio a la James Brown/Dr. John* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, €1

11th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, More Cowbell,
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Craig Coe, *Singer/guitarist/Songwriter/Entertainer*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Los Tiki Boys, *surf* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, €1
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Olly De Quartz, *rock*

18th April 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Olly De Quartz (unplugged), *pop/rock covers*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Hik, *sixties* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Wendies, €1

25th April 2009

- 20:30, **Bitterzoet**, Anzac Day Concert, *live: Yakuza Smile (Aus) & Mike Berry (NZ)*. €7.50
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy,
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Phil Carr, *singer/songwriter*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Anacondas, *surf* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Ithak, *from France* €1
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Olly De Quartz, *rock*

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ROUND

Contrary to what we might have said before, Aad (seated) is the chef in Molly Malone's, not Chef (standing). Chef is the chef in Morita-Ya on Zeedijk.



Rick and Jackie were taking the family to the Holland-Scotland match; Rick got hold of some VIP tickets.

These guys didn't want tickets for the match; they preferred to watch in Café Corso.



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THE BARS



When I saw Garrie, Pat, Tommy and Chris propping up the bar in Coco's Outback, I got one of the bar staff to take a picture so that I could be in it too.

Peter has moved to Zaandam (see page 5) for a couple of months, but I'm sure he'll drop into Molly Malone's to see Mireille before he leaves Holland for good in the summer.



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BEHIND

Paul was behind the bar at Duncan's leaving party in Finnegan's Rainbow (page 8), but we put him here so we can tell the world that he's leading the PPL (page 29) this month.



Bernadette was helping out Audrey and Jenny in Fifty-Nine, a new English owned bar on the Lindengracht in the Jordaan, where they also serve 100% organic meals and bar snacks. See www.fifty-nine.nl.



It was Peter's night off from the Old Nickel, so he was in Buster's with Berber.



Gerry told us about this month's special in Coco's Outback: Five bottles of Aussie brewed VB for €12.50. Just what you need to wash down one of their new crocodile burgers.



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BARS

Karin was helping Matthew and Sarah in Molly Malone's during the Tartan Invasion.



Stone's Café sells beer: Susan and Bianca sold loads of it that weekend.

Mario and Eric had everything under control in Café Corso.



Lars was supporting Scotland, behind the bar with Louise and Ruud in Susie's Saloon.

They don't sell beer, but Justine was still busy in the Stone's Coffeeshop during the big match weekend.



Linda and Ann are the real thing and they had a great weekend behind the bar of the only Scottish bar in town, the Old Highlander.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY

Shakira and Mattijs both celebrated their birthday in March, so they threw a joint party in the Flying Dutchman on the Saturday that fell between their birthdays.



One of the birthday presents Shakira got was a new watch.

It was her party, so Shakira wasn't working that night, but she did go behind the bar to pose with Carla, who was working.



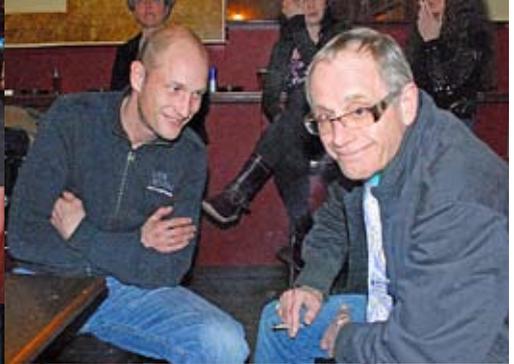
Mattijs got just what he always wanted: A road sign with his age on it.

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PARTY



Richard and Tineke were there along with a lot of Mattijs and Shakira's friends.



PADDY'S DAY IN

Great party atmosphere in Molly Malone's on St. Patrick's Day, which came as no surprise. Here are some of the pictures.



MOLLY'S



PADDY'S DAY



Sasha and Fiona were behind the bar in the Blarney Stone.

Kirsty was behind the bar in Hoopman with Aisling, the new barmaid from Letterkenny.



Steven and Sarah had no time to pose for us in Molly Malone's.

Miriam and Sean were hard at work when we dropped into Mulligan's.

They might not be Irish, but that didn't stop Sanne and Jaime celebrating Paddy's Day in Coco's Outback.



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ROUNDS

Emma and Jo were having an Irish girls night out at the Hole in the Wall.



When it comes to live music on Paddy's Day, Mulligan's like to keep it traditional.

Bumped into Trevor and Roxanne, having a drink in Susie's Saloon.



Joep and Carol were about to go on stage in the Waterhole, but didn't forget Paddy's Day.

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MORE ROUNDS



Here's Liam again, this time with another Liam in Susie's Saloon.

Mark, Matthew and Jason dropped into the Old Quarter to see Olly De Quartz play.



Mart was helping out, washing glasses in Susie's Saloon, because the regular staff were busy with the kilted masses.



Garrie was in town for a week and bumped into Josep in the Flying Dutchman.

Zorro, big man in the Stone's Café, with Mark from Manchester.



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THE JOKES PAGE

With Guest Jokers: Tommy, Rush & Lin

A man who just died is delivered to a local mortuary wearing an expensive, expertly tailored black suit. The female blonde mortician asks the deceased's wife how she would like the body dressed. She points out that the man does look good in the black suit he is already wearing.

The widow, however, says that she always thought her husband looked his best in blue, and that she wants him in a blue suit. She gives the blonde mortician a blank check and says, 'I don't care what it costs, but please have my husband in a blue suit for the viewing.'

The woman returns the next day for the wake. To her delight, she finds her husband dressed in a gorgeous blue suit with a subtle chalk stripe; the suit fits him perfectly.

She says to the mortician, 'Whatever this cost, I'm very satisfied. You did an excellent job and I'm very grateful. How much did you spend?'

To her astonishment, the blonde mortician presents her with the blank check. 'There's no charge,' she says. 'No, really, I must compensate you for the cost of that exquisite blue suit!' she says.

'Honestly, ma'am,' the blonde says, 'it cost nothing. You see, a deceased gentleman of about your husband's size was brought in shortly after you left yesterday, and he was wearing an attractive blue suit. I asked his wife if she minded him going to his grave wearing a black suit instead, and she said it made no difference as long as he looked nice.'

'So I just switched the heads.'

A mother took her five-year-old son with her to the bank on a busy lunchtime.

They got behind a very fat woman wearing a business suit complete with pager.

After waiting patiently for a few minutes, the little boy said loudly, "Wow, she's fat!"

The mother bent down and whispered in the little boy's ear to be quiet.

A couple more minutes passed by and the little boy stretched his arms out as far as they would go and announced; "I'll bet her bum is this wide!"

The fat woman turned around and glared at the little boy.

The mother gave him a good telling off, and told him to be quiet.

After a brief lull, the large woman reached the front of the queue. Just then, her pager begins to emit a "beep, beep, beep".

The little boy yelled out, "Run for your f***ing life, she's reversing!!"

A beautiful blonde was walking down the street when a man approached her.

The man said, "You are perfection, I must have you right now! I'll drop £500 on the ground at your feet and in the time it takes for you to pick it up, I can have had my way with you roughly from behind!"

The blonde thought it over and told the man to wait a minute.

She called her friend on her mobile phone and told her about the man's proposition.

Her girlfriend said, "He's an idiot, take it 'cos when he drops the £500 on the ground, I'm sure you can pick it up and run before he even gets his pants down. Call me back and tell me what happened".

An hour and a half later, the blonde had still not called back, so her friend called her.

"Well? What happened?" the friend asked.

The blonde said, "The f***er had it in 50p's"

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The World Cup is getting closer with ever increasing rapidity. Before we know it, 2010 will be upon us and the hopes of many nations' football aspirations will rest in the balance. Let us examine the state of play in the European qualifiers, in an attempt to work out who will be in the finals in South Africa in fourteen months time.

Group 9: This has been a one horse race from the off and The Netherlands have already qualified! Their 4-0 drubbing of Macedonia the other night confirms their place in the finals and in this small group; nobody else is expected to go through to the play-offs.

Group 8: This seems to be between Italy and Ireland, and you would fancy both of them to progress further through direct qualification or the play-offs. Ireland did well to get a draw in Italy the other night; only two points separate these two at the moment.

Group 7: France has recovered well after a poor start to their campaign and should go through eventually. However, Serbia remains in pole position on 12 points and little Lithuania are not out of the running either.

Group 6: England has taken a commanding lead, having won all five of their encounters so far. Croatia and the Ukraine will battle it out for those play-off places.

Group 5: Is also a one horse race, with tournament favourites Spain running away with it. Six games and 18 points tells you all you need

to know. The surprise package has been Bosnia-Herzegovina. They have scored the most goals in all European groupings and are in second place, ahead of Belgium and Turkey, after six matches.

Group 4: You'd bet your house on Germany making it and they are currently top of their group on 16 points. Russia and Finland will have to battle it out for runners up spot.

Group 3: Amazingly, the Czech Republic are in fourth place behind Poland, Slovakia and Northern Ireland and although it is a tight group, the fact that the Czechs are not fully functioning gives the Irish a real chance. Beware of Poland though. They were stung by that defeat in Belfast and annihilated little San Marino 10-0 on Wednesday night.

Group 2: It is neck and neck between Greece and Switzerland, who both have 13 points from six games. Latvia and Israel are not completely out of the picture either, but I think it is between the top two.

Group 1: This is perhaps the most fascinating group of all! Before the games began, one would have expected Portugal to be in the mix, but a series of unimpressive performances have left them floundering in third place, a staggering seven points adrift of leaders Denmark and Hungary. The best they could hope for now is a play-off place and they do have a game in hand on the Hungarians, so anything is possible. Don't write off Sweden for a runner up



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spot either. They currently lie in 4th place on the same amount of points as Portugal, but with a game in hand!

Outside of Europe now and in South America things are really hotting up.

In a grouping of ten teams, the top four qualify automatically. To everybody's astonishment, Argentina lost 6-1 to Bolivia! This was an incredible score-line, made all the more amazing by the fact that Bolivia are currently second from bottom and Argentina in fourth place. It happened on April fools day and apparently the Bolivians are still celebrating! The four to go through here however are; Paraguay, Brazil, Chile and... you've guessed it, Argentina!

In Africa, it is too early to call, but the usual suspects of Cameroon, Ghana, Tunisia, Nigeria and the Ivory Coast should all feature.

As for Asia, you can expect to see Australia in the final again! I hope they have better luck than the last time, when a wretched refereeing decision gifted Italy all three points with a pen-

alty that never was in the dying embers of the game. Japan looks good enough to progress further too, along with North & South Korea!

In Central America and the Caribbean, expect to see the U.S.A. and Costa Rica progress. And finally, in the Oceania group, it is New Zealand who have won the qualifying section and will now play-off against the nation who finish fifth in the Asian zone.

Frank

PPL Update

Here's how our Premiership Predictions League looks on Friday 3rd April 2009. No great changes since the last update, but anything can happen in the next two months.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 st	Paul Finnegans	6	3	21
2 nd	Meteorite Utd	5	6	21
3 rd	Naut Donders	3	6	15
4 th	Tom O'Keefe	4	2	14
5 th	John Raftery	3	4	13
6 th	David Kingdon	3	3	12
7 th	Buster	3	3	12
8 th	Paul Hardman	3	2	11
9 th	Ann Marie Stopforth	2	4	10
10 th	Steve Mahon	2	4	10
11 th	Stone's	2	3	9
12 th	Graham Scholes	2	3	9
13 th	Carlos	2	3	9
14 th	Pinockio	1	6	9
15 th	Paul Tandy	2	2	8
16 th	Robert	1	5	8
17 th	Jacqueline Rotgers	2	1	7
18 th	Jim McGrath	1	4	7
19 th	Michael Okojie	0	7	7
20 th	Robert Caesar	1	3	6
21 st	Quisippe Ten brink	0	6	6
22 nd	Frank Weston	1	2	5
23 rd	Jeroen Provoost	1	2	5
24 th	Dennis	1	1	4
25 th	Pompeus Meikel	1	0	3
26 th	Philip Justice	0	3	3
27 th	Paddy Wynne	0	1	1

IN THE BACK



Rory had to give up two of his Monday Open Mike nights in the Waterhole last month, but he'll be there every Monday this month, much to Trudy's delight.

In the Old Highlander, Matt introduced us to his friend Robin. After losing a leg in an accident, he changed his name to Robinoneleg, and he's got the passport to prove it.



It's not often we see Casey away from the Old Quarter, but he was standing backstage in the Waterhole when Olly De Quartz played.

The good ship "Maria", at different times home to Stun writers Andy, Elly and Frank (and no doubt a lot of our readers too), has moved from its landmark location on the Korte Prinsengracht to the Westerdok. I hope the current residents don't use the old front door by mistake!



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Lucinda was brought up in the Dam and she shone amongst people.

Always a smile and a glint in her eyes; we remember her with those beautiful long eyelashes, the cheeky smile and them eyes that could convince you she was right every time.

Lucinda took the fast lane and sadly it was too fast.

Rest in peace. May angels watch over you and in return, watch over your beautiful daughter and family.

Farewell and god bless our dear friend Lucinda.

Janet

A wake will be held for Lucinda on Saturday 2nd May, time/venue t.b.a.

HELP

Whether you live in Amsterdam or are just visiting, we hope you don't need to make use of this list. But just in case...

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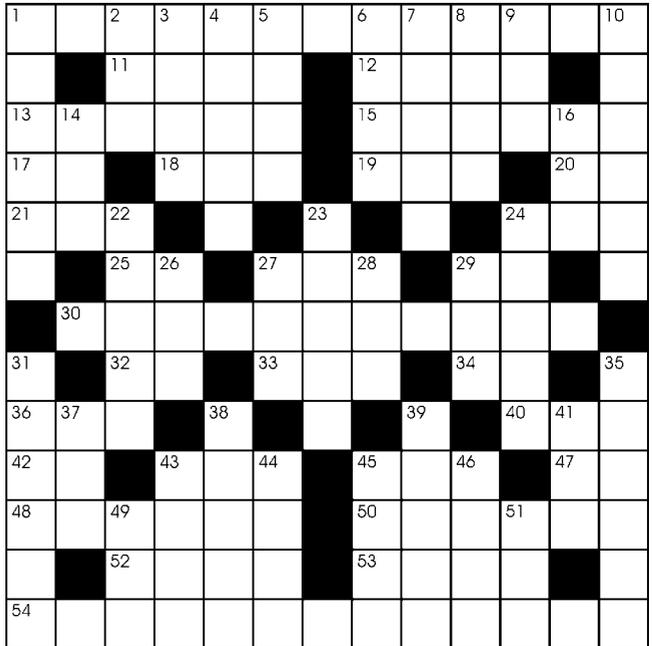
The Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: Overpaid repairmen? (13)
 11: Assistant. (4)
 12: Gaelic. (4)
 13: Occur. (6)
 15: Anticipated. (6)
 17: Former. (2)
 18: Oriental sauce. (3)
 19: Modern means of communication. (3)
 20: Product enhancer? (2)
 21: Prime colour. (3)
 24: Web-address. (3)
 25: Official postal abbreviation. (2)
 27: Not against. (3)
 29: Liquid measurement. (2)
 30: Annihilate. (11)
 32: That is to say. (2)
 33: Edible starchy tuber. (3)
 34: Action theatre. (2)
 36: Mother of a murderer. (3)
 40: Unit of measurement. (3)
 42: Queen and Empress. (2)
 43: Neckwear. (3)
 45: Not too bright. (3)
 47: Not down. (2)
 48: Unoccupied. (6)
 50: Salary and perks. (6)
 52: Jason's vessel. (4)
 53: Per head. (4)
 54: Sleepwalkers. (13)

Last Month's Crossword Answers

Across: 1 Amp, 4 Swine, 7 Awe, 10 Lira, 11 Plan, 12 Eke, 13 Treat, 15 Lid, 16 Lap, 17 Top, 20 Fox, 21 Rim, 24 Tart, 27 Game, 28 Focus, 29 Tomb, 31 Sort, 32 Ear, 34 Fir, 36 Gut, 38 Mar, 40 War, 42 Miner, 43 Dye, 45 Idea, 46 Pint, 47 Net, 48 Essay, 49 Pea.
 Down: 1 Ale, 2 Mike, 3 Pre, 5 Warp, 6 Neat, 7 All, 8 Wait, 9 End, 13 Tax, 14 Tor, 16 Lot, 18 Pig, 19 State, 20 Frame, 22 Mayor, 23 Hertz, 25 Gob, 26 Bug, 30 Bag, 31 Sir, 33 Rum, 34 Far, 35 Fade, 37 Ties, 38 Mega, 39 Dyne, 40 Win, 41 Ret, 43 Dip, 44 Eta.



DOWN

- 1: Not us! (6)
 2: Spout. (3)
 3: Fruit of wild rose. (4)
 4: Music temple. (5)
 5: Resist. (4)
 6: Conversation topic. (4)
 7: Hobo. (5)
 8: Goddess. (4)
 9: Total of its parts. (3)
 10: Equestrian equipment. (6)
 14: Reduce drastically. (3)
 16: Listening device. (3)
 22: Genre of music. (5)
 23: Pink or red (sea) bream. (5)
 24: Extreme. (5)
 26: Goddess of folly and ruin. (3)
 27: Newly hatched fish. (3)
 28: Edge. (3)
 29: Famous chairman. (3)
 31: Neurons. (6)
 35: Diseased outcasts. (6)
 37: Over, by. (3)
 38: Eastern horse-drawn two-wheeler. (5)
 39: Last. (5)
 41: Pirate's favourite drink. (3)
 43: Farm building. (4)
 44: Not the smallest particle! (4)
 45: French for God. (4)
 46: 1201 in Roman numbers. (4)
 49: Cog. (3)
 51: Exclamations of wonder. (3)