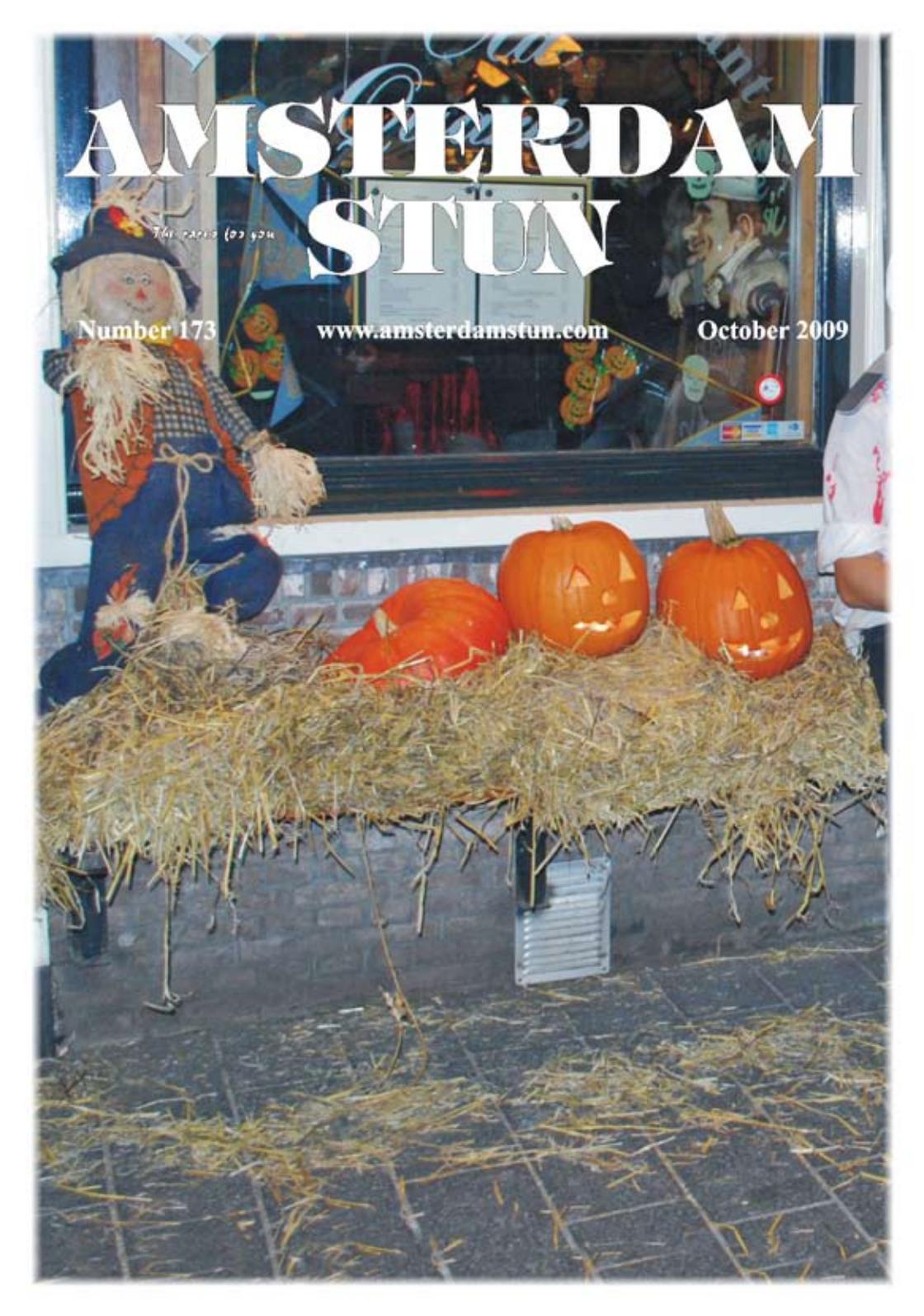


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# The Editor's Bit

The Amsterdam Stun hit the streets for the first time on Saturday 16th October 1993, which means the Stun celebrates its 16th birthday this month. Whoopee! Old enough to legally drink beer and do lots of other things too, but where to start? We could throw a party, but we're not going to; there are plenty of other parties to look forward to this month, including Halloween. Of course, that doesn't mean to say I'll be refusing to accept gifts or drinks on behalf of the Stun.

It's got nothing to do with being 16, but this will be the last Stun to be printed in the centre of Amsterdam. Our printers, Victor & Jan Willem, are moving from the Zeeburgerpad to new, bigger premises in Over Amstel. The name of the company is changing too, from 'The Finishing Touch' to 'Full Colour BV', but they will still be able to print the Stun in black & white. Although I won't be able to get there as easily, the new situation shouldn't make any difference to you, the Stun reader.

So, what's in the Stun for you this month? The Gig-List is bigger than usual this month, partly due to the fact there are 5 weekends this month and Halloween is coming up.

There was a lot more life in the bars last month, so we're back to 32 pages, with pictures from parties in Coco's and Molly's, plus all of our regular bits, so enjoy your Stun.

*Andy*

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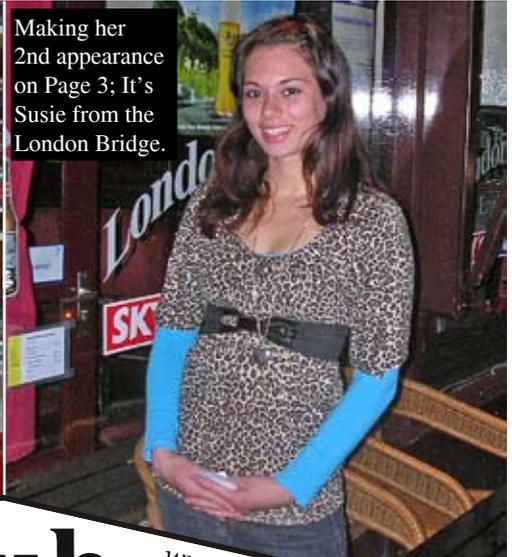
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It's over two years since Loraine was last in the Stun; she works in Club Candela now.



Making her 2nd appearance on Page 3; It's Susie from the London Bridge.

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Louise from Susie's Saloon is on Page 3, again.



Laura will be at the Old Quarter's Halloween Party; it's her birthday!

# 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, Lonneke, 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, Dragon, Jayden, Tony, Mak, Zach, Jaap, Saoirse, Jo, Laura.

Happy Anniversary Vlatko & Nicola, Esteve & Montse, Al & Marie, Iepe & Els.

Happy Anniversary to the Amsterdam Stun too: 16 years and still going strong!

Our football expert, Frank Weston, ran in the Dam tot Damloop recently, finishing the 10 mile course in 1:22:14. Although he was a bit slower than last year, he wasn't complaining; compacting three months training into three weeks and drinking a bottle of wine the night before went against his better judgement.



Sadly, his ex-colleague Barent Jan Boom died during the race. Frank said "His zest for life and charming personality will be missed by all and the 500 hundred or so people who turned up for his funeral speaks volumes. Whoever had the pleasure of his company would never forget this wonderful human being".

Tas complained he hadn't been in the Stun for ages, apart from the June cover, so I took a picture of him. A couple of weeks later, we got a call from Susie's Saloon saying there was a guy in the bar wearing a bikini, so I had to take a look.



It was Tas, who'd lost a bet on the New Zealand vs Australia rugby match to Dimitri.

I thought I was seeing double in Molly Malone's, until barman Steven introduced me to his twin brother Brian.



# GUTTER



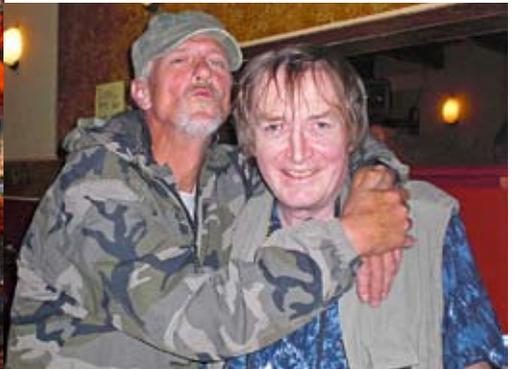
Mitch & Donna were in town for the IBC, and the Flying Dutchman. It was Donna's first visit in 2 years, but Mitch was here last year.



Tony took this one of me with Owen and Linda in the Old Highlander.



Ross was in the Old Highlander with his mum & dad, Ronny & Kathleen, who had just arrived in town for the weekend.



And here I am in the Flying Dutchman with Gavin, courtesy of Josie.

*Andy*



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Unlike most other restaurants around Warmoesstraat, Natasja and Stefano also cook typical Dutch food, like andijvie stampot, hachee and pea soup, in the kitchen of the Old Quarter. Just what you need inside you with winter approaching.

Dave and Jane, who were in Amsterdam celebrating their wedding anniversary, thought Zorro was too good looking to be from Serbia. They tried other bars in town, but couldn't find anywhere with a better atmosphere than the Stone's Café, with its great bar staff, music and, of course, Zorro.



Nathalie and Bianca are two of those great staff in the Stone's Café.



Barman Willem likes to jam along from behind the bar when Peter Lavell & Friends play in the Old Nickel, which is every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



# LAST ORDERS

Ray has called time on Amsterdam's only Scottish bar, the Old Highlander. He tried to keep it going by cutting back to a three-day-week, but even that didn't help, so the bar officially closed on the 1st October.

Hester was hoping to see a lot of people in the bar for the last Saturday they were open, but the turn-out was disappointing. At least there was room for her to dance with Johnny.



Roger got in the picture with Josie & Neil, who were there to party.

Later that night, Matt the Hat was there, propping up the bar with Georgie.



Sheila only agreed to pose for a picture if Ray was in it too. No problem there.



And Hester was still dancing her last Saturday night away, this time with Hans.



# Get Stocked Up!

When I dropped into British General Stores to congratulate Lin on the shop's 11th birthday, she was busy unpacking the latest delivery and it was nearly all Christmas goodies! A lot of her regular customers like to stock up early, because there's always a big demand for the more popular lines. Although Lin does her best



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# Seen On Stage

I was pleasantly surprised when I popped in to see Stan in the Old Quarter recently; Mickey Llewellyn was with him and they had the whole bar rocking. They will be back in the Old Quarter for a few more gigs this month, dates to be finalised.



For his gig in Molly Malone's, Gareth Evan-Jones was joined on stage by Joep Berkenbosch on guitar, Denise on vocals and Wessel on percussion. They had a nice, laid back sound, but I got the impression they haven't practised together very much.

It was Rock & Blues night for the Musical Kasbah in Maloe Melo, with great music from Beaver Hunt, featuring our old friend Rene van der Valk on drums.



The Elastic Band went down well with the Guinness drinking crowd at the Arthur's Day party in Molly Malone's.

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After an explosive beginning, the musical Kasbah in Maloe Melo continues in October with its own special blend of old favourites and new talent. The evenings are proving to be hits with their party feeling and no-one wants to go home. We have all kinds of music for your delectation. Come along and sample our wares, taste our atmosphere, but most important, come and enjoy yourselves. See the flyer for the full programme. *Maggie*

There's a new gig on the live music scene: Re-Plugged Open Mic Night, with



Gareth Evan-Jones, in Café Candela, Korte Leidsedwardsstraat 85, every Monday evening from 20:00 - 23:00. All musicians are welcome to join in at this acoustic session.

After that, it's just a short walk to the Waterhole, where Rory's Open Mike goes on until late every Monday night, and the music is electric and the volume is on full.



The Relic made their Waterhole debut last month and had the place rocking. They will be back on Saturday 24th October.

That's the same night Olly De Quartz will be playing Molly Malone's Birthday Party. You



can also catch Olly De Quartz in Molly's on Saturday 3rd and at both Halloween parties in the Old Quarter on the 30th & 31st October.

As usual, there are plenty of parties with live music to choose from on Halloween (31st). See the Gig-List for some of the best.

The End are holding a Thai Dance Party in Lexion, Westzaan on Saturday 17th October. Tickets cost €20 from the bar only; no tickets on sale at the door. There will be a shuttle bus from outside the Victoria Hotel.

Last, but not least, on Thursday 15th, Coco's Outback will have live music like you've never heard before: 5 Shades of Funk, with 5 musicians and 5 styles. Starts at 22:00.

# GIG-LIST

## Monday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **Café Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night, *with Gareth Evans-Jones*  
20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mosquito Unplugged, *funky soul*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell*  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, *All musicians, even complete bands, welcome. €1*

### 5th October 2009

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

### 12th October 2009

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

### 19th October 2009

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

### 26th October 2009

- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Thijs Cuppen trio (jazz)*

## Tuesday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Blues & Soul with Julius E. Green, €1

### 6th October 2009

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Johnny Casino & The Secrets, *Rock from Australia €6*

### 13th October 2009

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

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### 20th October 2009

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

### 27th October 2009

- 20:00, **TWSTD**, Talent Night, *hosted by Ken Parsons*  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Singer/Songwriter - Bluegrass Kasbah, *various bands*  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by NFS, *Get a beer in return for playing or singing a song!*

## Wednesday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Micky Llewellyn, *blues & rock*  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock & Pop Jam, €1

### 7th October 2009

- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Band Stand with Rockin' Nico, *various bands*

### 14th October 2009

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Indie/alternative + Punk Rock Kasbah, *various bands*

### 21st October 2009

- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Rock Kasbah, *various bands*

### 28th October 2009

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session,

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## Thursday

### Weekly

20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,  
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman  
Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking  
ass every Thursday* €1

### 1st October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Unique Theory,  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with  
Lamar Chase*

### 8th October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Don't Trust Sally,  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Surf Kasbah, *various  
bands*  
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke  
Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

### 15th October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Fleetwood Mac  
Tribute Band, *til 03:00 (no Gus tonight)*  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Soul Kasbah, *various  
bands*  
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, 5 Shades of Funk,  
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### 22nd October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Red Kid,  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Off Topic, *ska* €5  
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke  
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## 29th October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Birdbrains,  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Bonnie Parker, *rock* €5

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## Friday

### Weekly

20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,  
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*  
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Live Music,

### 2nd October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Handsfree,  
21:30, **Café Batavia 1920**, Ken Parsons with  
Monty Pagan, *Singer/songwriter/comedian*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Muzikale Kasbah,  
*Basterdz of Glitter-glam rock, La Fart-classic  
rock, Make Up-rock* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, €1

### 9th October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, A.F.C.,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Irish Tradition Night,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Roy P-Cat & The V8  
Daddy's, *rock'n'roll, rockabilly* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Marco Cinelli, €1

### 16th October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hans Brinker Band,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ken Parsons with  
Monty Pagan, *Singer/songwriter/comedian*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Rock'n'Roll Kasbah,  
*various bands* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, 7T Rox, €1

### 23rd October 2009

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Jericho Pie,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Jezza Screen Magic  
Show,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Lonesome Wally, *country  
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23:00, **The Waterhole**, Prepare 2 Unload, €1

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# GIG-LIST

## 30th October 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Revival,  
21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Halloween Fancy  
Dress Party, *with Olly De Quartz*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Night of The Blues  
Kasbah, *various bands* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, G.S.I., €1
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## Saturday

### Weekly

- 19:00, **Old Nickel**, Tijmen,  
20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,  
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*  
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Live Music,  
**3rd October 2009**  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Lips Of Shame,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *pop/  
rock covers*

- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Country Kasbah,  
*Bluegrass Boogiemen-bluegrass, Tengold-  
speed sex, De Wilma's-country* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, €1

### 10th October 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Little Darling,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Pussywarmers, *rock* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jack's On Five, €1

### 17th October 2009

- 20:30, **Eetcafé De Compaenen**, Mosquito,  
*funk/soul*  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Lek,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, 3 Blind Mice,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Garage Rock Kasbah,  
*various bands* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

### 24th October 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Molly's Birthday  
Party, *with Olly De Quartz & Jezza Screen  
Magic show*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Display Team & Rolf  
de Band, *punk, ska* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Relic, €1

## 31st October 2009

- 20:00, **Zaal 100**, Halloween Extravaganza,  
*Monty Pagan, De Beatzers, Noam Vazana* €8  
21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Halloween Fancy  
Dress Party, *with Olly De Quartz*  
21:00, **Waterhole**, Halloween Horror-fest!!!  
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Halloween! Live music will be provided by  
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22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Halloween Party,  
*Live music + cash prize for best costume*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Halloween Costume  
Party, €5
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## Sunday

### Weekly

- 18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee with  
Theo de Mosquito & band, *a musical antidote  
for your hangover (funk/soul jam)*  
20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with  
Amy*  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes &  
Baukje Westerlaken, *Sunday night jam with a  
feminine touch* €1

### 11th October 2009

- 20:30, **Café De Doelen**, Wolfing, *The  
loudmouth playing his quiet songs... (open  
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# ROUND



Here's Willie with the Flying Dutchman's late night wasters: John, Mathijs and Richard.



Guus, Hiskam and Maggie were in Maloe Melo for the Musical Kasbah.

Mart was getting close to his 43rd birthday, drinking with his favourite barman, Yuri, in the Second Chance.



Mandy was playing pool in Susie's Saloon, but she found time to give us a smile and pose for a picture.



While they were having a smoke outside the Flying Dutchman, Jill said she can testify that Billy hasn't had a drink for 6 months.

# THE BARS

Gabriel with Soba from Tibet, one of the regulars in The End.



Viktor, outside Molly Malone's with Lara, who I had just missed with my bike earlier.

James posed with his daughter Claudia and son-in-law Jaske after telling us about Café Corso's new website: [www.cafecorso.nl](http://www.cafecorso.nl).



PA problems stopped Ken playing in Molly Malone's last month, but he'll be back again on Friday 16th October.

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# BEHIND



A busy Saturday night in the Waterhole, with Jurjen, Skip, Karin, Mo and Sophie.

Mak and Nils weren't so busy when we dropped in on a Monday evening.



Ema introduced us to Amina and Fabian in La Bohemia, the former Amsterdam Spirit.



Yuri's girlfriend Ireen got him a job in the Second Chance and became his boss.



Haven't seen Jet behind the bar in the Shamrock for ages; she was just helping out.



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# BARS



Róisín was doing her first late shift behind the bar of the Old Quarter in ages.



Behind the bar of the London Bridge, it's Navy and Susie.



Mika, first time in the Stun, having a quick drink with Rebecca in Susie's Saloon.

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# OF GUINNESS



Matthew and Daniel were kept busy behind the bar, but they look like they were having a good time. They have more parties planned for this month, including Molly's Birthday Party on the 24th and Halloween a week later.



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# COCO'S BOSS

It came as no surprise to see a full house at the 70's/80's Party in Coco's Outback for Edward's 50th birthday; he has made a lot of people happy over the years! Over the next 5 pages are some of them.



# HITS THE BIG 5-0



# AND THE PARTY

There was plenty of entertainment at the party, including Karaoke with Naked Fraser...



Live music from Move, and the house DJ.



# CONTINUES...

No party is complete without drink and the bar staff put in a great performance, making sure nobody had to wait too long for a refill.



Also working at the party; Jennie & Joke, “service verzorgers” for Coco’s.



Georgio & Clyde were on the door.



# MORE ROUNDS

Still at Edward's 50th: It was good to catch up with some of the old faces from Coco's on Nieuwendijk, like Danny, Ken, Maaike and Duck, to name just a few.



After taking a picture of Ross and his parents, we couldn't leave out Colin, Stacey, Matt and Hester, who were also in the Old H.



Simon the Truffelmaster & Ab, a.k.a. Dr. Mescaline, were showing off their wares.

Stan and John were there to witness the sight of Tas wearing a bikini in Susie's Saloon.



# JOKES

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Tommy

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Never take life seriously Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days, no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?'

Who was the first person to say, 'See that chicken there? I'm going to eat the next thing that comes out of its butt.'

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride; he sticks his head out the window?

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Little Johnny watched his daddy's car pass by the school playground and go into the woods. Curious, he followed the car and saw Daddy and Aunt Jane in a passionate embrace. Little Johnny found this so exciting that he could hardly contain himself as he ran home and started to tell his mother. 'Mummy, I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, and then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane...'

At this point, Mummy cut him off and said, 'Johnny, this is such an interesting story, let's save the rest of it for suppertime. I want to see the look on Daddy's face when you tell it tonight.'

At the dinner table that evening, Mummy asked little Johnny to tell his story. Johnny started his story, 'I was at the playground and I saw Daddy's car go into the woods with Aunt Jane. I went back to look and he was giving Aunt Jane a big kiss, then he helped her take off her shirt. Then Aunt Jane helped Daddy take his pants off, then Aunt Jane and Daddy started doing the same thing that Mummy and Uncle Bill used to do when Daddy was away on the oil rigs.'

Mummy fainted!

Moral of the story is: Sometimes you need to just shut the f\*\*k up and listen to your kids...

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

James Anthony Froude once remarked, "Experience teaches slowly and at the cost of mistakes." How right he was. Unfortunately, although it now seems quite obvious, mistakes in the world of football are unforgiving and if you accompany errors of judgement with arrogance, then you really are asking for trouble.

Take Roy Keane, for example. He took the reigns at Ipswich Town, to the surprise of everyone, at the back end of last season, when another Irishman, who also seemed full of the blarney, was shown the door. Actually, that is a bit unfair. Jim Magilton was, in football terms, a bit like a politician in that he was often rather economical with the truth, and in the case of Roy Keane you could argue that his honesty is his greatest downfall. Or could that be his arrogance? When at the start of this campaign he boasted that any manager worth his salt should be able to get a Championship side into the top six, this was

not tongue in cheek. He really did believe it! He also believed when he refused a three-year contract with Town, because he felt that two years was long enough to take the Blues back to the Promised Land and that he would be their guiding light. He still could be, of course, but who would have thought that after almost a quarter of the season, Ipswich Town would find themselves second from bottom out of twenty-four!

Now, the other Ipswich reject, Jim Magilton, has not found the going easy at QPR, where they have a habit of sacking managers almost as quickly as a coffee shop closes in Amsterdam. He had a difficult start, but more recently things are looking up. Rangers are now scoring goals for fun and are just three points off the play-off places, with two games in hand. With the rapid turnover of managers at Loftus Road

showing no signs of receding, his job will never feel safe, but if he survives this season, he will have defied all those football pundits; the same football pundits who thought that Ipswich Town were a good bet for automatic promotion. Perhaps Roy Keane is too much of a perfectionist to be a good manager. Certainly at Manchester United his never-say-die iron grit was one of the reasons why he endeared himself to the Red Devils. If you can believe Dwight Yorke in his soon to be published autobiography, this attitude did not always go



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down well with his teammates. He was hated by some and despised by others, and his temper got him into bother, both on and off the field, it would seem.

It was at Sunderland that he took the managerial plunge and hauled them from the depths of the Championship to automatic promotion to the Premiership, and all in one season. What was more amazing was that Sunderland lost their first five games! The next season, with expectations on the rise and the feeling that Keane had taken to management like a duck to water, the atmosphere suddenly changed. By Christmas, they were propping up the division and the Irishman's patience was beginning to snap. In the end he walked out on the club, citing interference from above as the principle reason. What he probably needed was divine intervention, but this was not forthcoming. He laid low for a few months before returning to the football fold in sleepy Suffolk of

all places, to the amazement of everyone. He started well; two wins from two at the back end of last season and once again hopes were raised. Supporters of Town wetted their lips, as the new season got under way with a host of new names wearing the blue and white of the tractor boys. Sadly, this was another false dawn. Now, Roy Keane was breaking records that nobody would be proud of. Seven matches into the season and he had equalled the worst start for Town since 1967. One game later, four draws and four defeats and Town had equalled their worst start since 1964. The 0-4 drubbing by Newcastle at home, shown on BBC last Saturday, to the embarrassment of all Town fans the World over, and another record had been smashed. It was now official: This was Ipswich's worst ever start to a new campaign, as they were booed off by supporters on the day Sir Bobby Robson had a stand named after him. He must have been turning in his grave after this shambolic display and if Keane is going to save his bacon, he too may have to rise from the dead.

I will end with another quote, and one that Roy Keane really ought to heed. John Keats once said, "Nothing ever becomes real until it is experienced – even a proverb is no proverb to you until your life has experienced it." Roy Keane is an honest fellow. He knows that if things don't pick up quickly, he will be shown the door like the other Irishman before. The question is, will his players buy into his passion to succeed? Perhaps most of all right now, he needs the rub of the green or the luck of the Irish. Call it what you will, but without it, as Frazer from Dad's Army might say, "He is dooomed."

*Frank*

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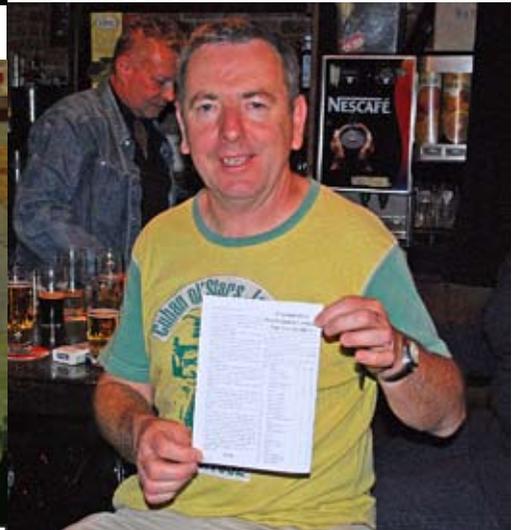
It was Klaverjassen night in Finnegan's Rainbow: Ton was the winner, with Marjolein taking second place.



Veer won the Poedelprijs (last).



Whenever Marcel drives one of his buggies around town, it's always a head-turner, with people stopping him for a chat.



After his dismal performance in last season's Premiership Predictions League, Blarney Stone barman Paddy was delighted with his second place after 4 matches. Sadly, it doesn't look so good for him this month.

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# PPL Update

Man United knocking Chelsea off the top of the Premier League has lead to a lot of change in our league, with 4 of last month's top 6 dropping to the bottom 5. Heading the other way, Ann Marie moved up from 19th to 1st and Ken from 24th to 4th. Looks like it could be a lively season!

From now on, contestants from Finnegan's Rainbow (f), Blarney Stone (b) and Victoria Hotel (v) can easily compare positions amongst themselves with the letters after their names.

Here's how the table looks on Friday 2nd October 2009.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ann Marie Raftery	4	8	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Graham Scholes (f)	5	3	18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Raftery	3	8	17
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ken (f)	4	4	16
5 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Finnegan's (f)	4	3	15
6 <sup>th</sup>	Stuart Davidson	3	6	15
7 <sup>th</sup>	Iridium Utd (f)	3	5	14
8 <sup>th</sup>	Andy F (f)	3	5	14
9 <sup>th</sup>	Johan Andersson	3	4	13
10 <sup>th</sup>	Stones	3	3	12
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Middelkoop (v)	3	2	11
12 <sup>th</sup>	Justin (b)	3	2	11
13 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Scoble	2	3	9
14 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Weston (v)	2	3	9
15 <sup>th</sup>	Paul H	1	6	9
16 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Ceasar (v)	0	9	9
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Stopforth	0	9	9
18 <sup>th</sup>	Buster	1	5	8
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Middelkoop (v)	1	5	8
20 <sup>th</sup>	Manipulatie Unlimited	2	1	7
21 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Mundell	1	4	7
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Mahon	1	4	7
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gavin Walsh (b)	1	4	7
24 <sup>th</sup>	Paddy Wynne (b)	0	7	7
25 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Okojie (v)	1	2	5
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pinokio	1	2	5
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sander Middelkoop (v)	1	1	4
28 <sup>th</sup>	Blarney Stoners (b)	1	1	4

# HELP

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New Zealand Embassy	070-346 93 24
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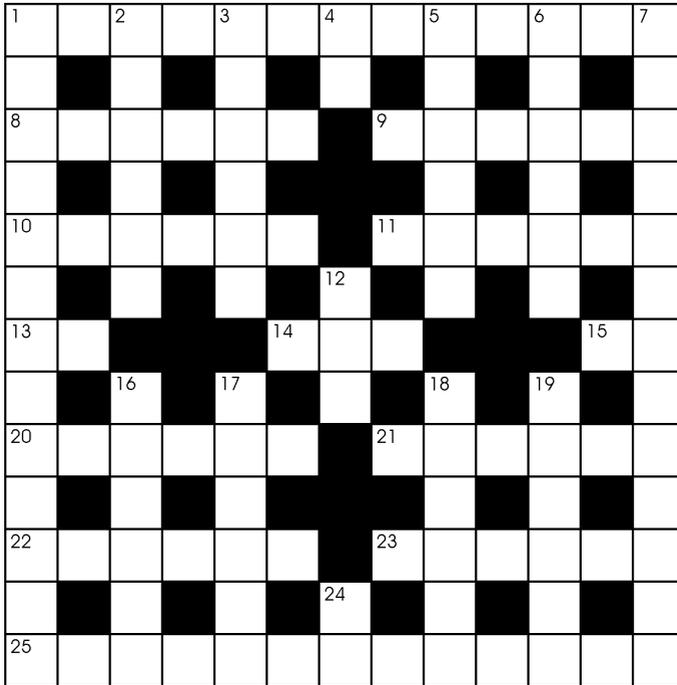
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# The Stun Crossword



## Across

## Down

- 1: Couldn't stay in the closet? (13)
- 8: Worldwide charitable society. (6)
- 9: Space in a round building? (6)
- 10: Fine, silky wool. (6)
- 11: Royal in sexy undergarment? (6)
- 13: Negative reply. (2)
- 14: Cold diamonds? (3)
- 15: Size. (2)
- 20: Outlandish. (6)
- 21: Cultural. (6)
- 22: Beast. (6)
- 23: Every year. (6)
- 25: Disorganized. (13)

- 1: Motel-chain of old? (13)
- 2: Caprioles. (6)
- 3: Forceful. (6)
- 4: Egyptian sun god. (2)
- 5: Soft and creamy, and alright! (6)
- 6: Big fairy? (6)
- 7: Religiously. (13)
- 12: Do something! (3)
- 16: Did he play the role of 1995 Nobel prizewinner? (6)
- 17: Soda bread ingredient. (6)
- 18: Accentless. (6)
- 19: Relating to talons. (6)
- 24: Measure (abbr.). (2)

### Last Month's Answers

Across: 1: Bucket, 7: Science, 8: Squirm, 10: Northerly, 13: Oedipus, 14: Klute, 16: Dizzy, 17: Library, 19: Whichever, 23: Debunk, 24: Destiny, 25: Slip up.

Down: 1: Bash, 2: Club, 3: Earn, 4: Acute, 5: Revellers, 6: Sculpture, 9: Mogul, 11: Benighted, 12: Pizzicato, 15: Riled, 18: Beano, 20: Real, 21: Jump, 22: Skip