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The Editor's Bit

Loads of parties last month, so we've got a bumper crop of photos in this month's Stun, including 7 pages just from Halloween. Even with that many pages, I still had to leave a lot of pictures out, which is a problem I get most months. I decided it was about time I did something with the 'unseen' pictures, so I've started an Amsterdam Stun group on Facebook. The group is open to everybody, so you don't have to be my 'friend' to join.

I won't be uploading the pictures that I take for our regular pages, like Page Three, Tales from the Gutter, Around Warmoesstraat, Round the Bars & Behind Bars, because they nearly always get in and you can already see them in colour on the Stun website at www.amsterdamstun.com.

The pictures I take at parties are another matter: I only had room for six pictures from Mark's party (page 10), but 25 will be going on Facebook. I'll also be uploading pictures from Molly Malone's Birthday party (page 8) and the Halloween parties I went to in Susie's Saloon, the Old Quarter and Molly's (page 20 onwards).

If you'd like copies of our photos at a size suitable for making a good quality print, feel free to contact me; I'm sure we can come to an agreeable price.

All of our usual stuff is here this month, 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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Emilia was dressed to kill at Molly Malone's Halloween party.



Halloween was a good excuse for Anti to dress up in Susie's Saloon.



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Since having a son, Jessie only works twice a week in the London Bridge.



It's always nice to see Shakira behind the bar in the Flying Dutchman.



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, Joshua, Mah Noor, November Graye, Christopher, Noemí, Aileen, Deva.

Congratulations Danny and Janneke on the birth of your son Liam.

Congratulations Lana and Zach, getting married on the 6th.

And a Happy 7th Birthday/Anniversary to Finnegan's Rainbow.

After being stuck at home for weeks, recovering from a bike accident that decapitated her snake tattoo, Elly caught flu on her first time out of the house. I'm glad to report that she's feeling a lot better now.



On a trip to the supermarket last week, we bumped into Kim, so I had to get a picture of him with Elly. We haven't seen Kim on stage lately, but he said he's been hard at work. Hopefully, Elly will be getting out a bit more now and she can take back these pages.

Barney's Coffeeshop is back in its original location, but looking a lot different, having been renovated from the foundations up. With vaporisers and video monitors on every table, the new-look Barney's will be the place to be when the Cannabis Cup circus hits town later this month. Magic Sem is ready for it!



Inside Joselito, they're putting the final touches to a make-over, but until it's complete, here are Martin and Montse on the terrace.



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GUTTER

No free beer from Willie in the Flying Dutchman, so Ed bought me a beer and gave me some dope. He even gave Willie a tip.



We've never had a picture of Liam and Mandy together, apparently. We have now.



Bob was all smiles when I bumped into him on Warmoesstraat: he was out on the town, celebrating his daughter's birthday.

Andy

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He raked thru all the tins
Looking for some lobster soups,
Then found the ginger thins,
And some spaghetti hoops.

He plundered thru the shortbread box
Not knowing which to take,
Walkers, Campbells or the one by Fox,
From factory or home bake?

Then he saw the Scottish stuff,
All piled on the shelf,
One Highland cow with lots of fluff
A Barbie and an Elf.

His sack was filling fast,
I wondered, could we do it?
Would the crackers last,?
Cos other shops they blew-it.

He took a load of dress-up dolls,
Some puzzles and a jug
And some Cadbury mini-rolls,
And a Michael Jackson mug.

Then he saw the mince pies
All boxed and really cheap,
He had such a look in his eyes,
I gave him one to keep.

He left Rudolph all tied up
Next to a parking meter,
I put some sherry in a cup,
In fact it was a litre

I bundled Santa thru the door,
With his big sack of gear,
He tripped and tumbled to the floor
That was it for another year...

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WARD AROUND MOESSTRAAT CENTRUM



Rob and Don were representing the Old Quarter in their darts match against league leaders Mazzelaars; they lost 3-6.



Dimitra had only been living in Amsterdam for two days and had already discovered Peter Lavell playing in the Old Nickel; or was it the other way round?

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No time to even sit down: as soon as I walked in the Stone's Café, Bianca and Lisette were ready to have their photo taken.



Jan usually works in Aen't Water, but he helped out next door in The End, because his brother Gabriel was at The End's dance party in Westzaan. No karaoke that night; the DJ was at the party too.



MOLLY'S BIRTHDAY

Is it only 12 years since Molly Malone's first opened? Must be: they held their 12th birthday party in October! Matthew and Sarah were hard at work, serving drinks and bringing round snacks to the regulars and new friends that came to the party.



Olly De Quartz provided the music...



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Chef says Mark is the best barman Molly Malone's has ever had, even though he doesn't work there very often.

PARTY

PUB QUIZ



It was quiz-night in Finnegan's Rainbow and they couldn't play any CD's for the music questions, but that wasn't a problem for quizmaster Mark; he just got his guitar out and played the music live.



Team Spirit were a point in front after nine rounds, but Zweinstein had a great late burst and took it with 54 points, two more than Team Spirit. First time I've seen a team sitting at the bar win!



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MARK'S BASH

Mark decided to have a few birthday related beers with his friends in Café Schuim and we were invited too. I won't bother with captions because I don't know everybody's name, but these and more pictures from Mark's party will be on our Facebook page, so tag away.



SOON IN MALOE

The Musical Kasbah continues to delight and surprise us. Magical mixes of music for everyone. There is something for every musical taste. This month we feature 2 bands and our jam sessions afterwards. Check our flyer and see what takes your fancy. Come up and see us some time. *Maggie*

Every November, top Texan singer/songwriter Carolyn Wonderland comes to Amsterdam with a whole bunch of friends and fellow musicians to play in Maloe Melo. On Friday 6th, she will be leading a tribute to Doug Sahm and on Monday 9th, it's Caroline's birthday, so you can expect a great night of blues, rock, Americana, roots, country & jazz.

Who says white guys can't play funky music? Check out Juicebox on Friday 13th for a night of 100% Soul.



When new band Make Up were booked for the Musical Kasbah last month, they didn't have a name, so they had to make up one quickly. They are back in Maloe Melo on Thursday 26th for a night of Rock'n'Roll.

Another musical birthday on Thursday 12th, when November Graye will be celebrating her 21st, with mum Dee Dee and some of the best musicians around joining her on stage.



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MUSIC & WHAT'S

I was just leaving the Old Quarter, but Stan and Joyce's rendition of Psycho Killer made me stop for another drink: I wasn't disappointed. Stan will be playing in the Old Quarter most weekends, check in the bar for dates.



If you're into jazz, the Old Quarter sees big names out the jazz world jamming with students, as well as the special guest and the house trio every Monday.



Olly De Quartz will be in Molly Malone's on Friday 27th and Saturdays 7th & 28th before competing in the semi-finals of the Clash of

the Cover Bands in De Kade, Zaandam on Sunday 29th. Why not have a day out and give them your support. The show starts at 16:00 and tickets cost €10.

Back to Molly's, On Saturday 14th at 21:00, they will be showing the Ireland vs France World Cup play-off. Dresscode is green and you can expect a full house for what will be the biggest match in years for the Irish.

Also on the menu in Molly Malone's this month are "outrospective singer-songwriter" Eoghan O'Sullivan on Fridays 6th & 13th, and a psychedelic circus of folk, blues, funk, punk, rock 'n' roll, poetry in motion, sailing the seven seas, mushroom and moonboot dreams from Uncle Meat and The Highway Children on Sunday 8th. Ken Parsons will be hosting a singer/songwriter evening in Molly's on Thursday 19th and on Friday 20th, he'll be on stage with Monty Pagan.

Ken is also lined up to play in the Old Nickel on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th. Whether that's with Peter Lavell & Friends, I don't know.



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GIG-LIST

If enough people show interest, Rory is planning to hold a pub quiz in the Waterhole, every Monday starting at 20:30. Other highlights in the Waterhole this month include



G.S.I. on Friday 13th and the return of the ever popular JPR Strinxband on Saturday 20th.



And finally, Natalie will be presenting the new collection of Original Giorgi streetwear in the Blarney Stone on Monday 9th at 15:00.

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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**, Amy's Acoustic Session,

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

8th November 2009

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Mr. Longo, *fusion jazz funk & musical theatre*

20:30, **Molly Malone's**, Uncle Meat and the Highway Children, *6 piece folk band*

Monday Weekly

20:00, **Café Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night, *with Gareth Evans-Jones*

20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell (except 9th)*

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

9th November 2009

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Jan Verwey (jazz)*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Carolyn Wonderland Birthday Party, €5

16th November 2009

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Miguel Martinez (jazz)*

23rd November 2009

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Jens Larsen (jazz)*

30th November 2009

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

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, St. Andrew's Day Celebrations,

THE STUN

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
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session,
*with Marcel Scherpenzeel (after Kasbah,
except 17th)*

10th November 2009

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Musical Kasbah, *with
Double Sharp, Before Dawn (pop rock)*

17th November 2009

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

24th November 2009

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted
by NFS, *Get a beer in return for playing or
singing a song!*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Musical Kasbah, *with
Vulgaretttes (punk), Kelvinators (ska)*

Wednesday

Weekly

20:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock &
Pop Jam, €1

11th November 2009

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Boogie Parkers, +
support €5

18th November 2009

20:00, **Volta**, Sounds Different, *All Style Jam
session*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Musical Kasbah, *with
Prime Time (jazz/funk), Kiki (songs about life)
+ session with Archie*

25th November 2009

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Morblus, *one of the best
Blues bands of Italy* €5

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

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with
Lamar Chase (after Kasbah)*

12th November 2009

20:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Muhr, Anchor* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shift Bertrand,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, November Graye's 21st
Birthday Party,

19th November 2009

20:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *with Wounded Kite,
De Verwarring* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Big Five,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Musical Kasbah, *with
Les Bif-tecs (soul/jazz/blues), Dead Mouse
Walking (rock)*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Singer/Songwriter
Night, *with Ken Parsons*

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke
Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

26th November 2009

20:00, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *with Sweet
Empire, Waiting For Lenny* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, 4Tex,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Make Up, *rock'n'roll* €5



GIG-LIST

Friday

Weekly

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

6th November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Dutch Beat,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Eoghan O'Sullivan,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Carolyn Wonderland
Birthday Party, *with the Wonder Chickens*
Doug Sahn tribute €5
23:00, **Waterhole**, RedHotChilliBastards, €1

13th November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, A.F.C.,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Eoghan O'Sullivan,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Juicebox, *100% Soul (+*
special guest) €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, G.S.I., €1

20th November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, La Vori in Corso, *from*
Italy
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ken Parsons with
Monty Pagan, *Singer/songwriter/comedian*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Musical Kasbah,
rockabilly with El Rio Trio €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Funky Pilots, €1

27th November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Revival,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *pop/*
rock covers
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Milwaukee Wildmen, +
support. Psychobilly €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit, €1

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,

7th November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *pop/*
rock covers
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Out Of The Floor, *Live:*
Mark & The Spies. Ska, beat, northern soul,
britpop €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, €1

14th November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Beggars Street,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gaynel Hodge & Band,
one of the original Platters in the 50's €7
23:00, **The Waterhole**, JPR Strinxband, €1

21st November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, B57 show to heaven,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam BeatClub,
live: Phantom Four (Surf & Oriental),
WestHell 5 (ModJazz, Spy & Vegas Grind),
The Anacondas (Surf & Jungle Exotica).
deejays: Ir.Vendermeulen / Charley Rhythm
/ De Pep / Marquee / De Krab / Johnny
Torpedo / Doctor Bikini €8
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

28th November 2009

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Radish,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Dancehall
Bashment, *live: Osagyefo* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Two Choices, *from*
UK €1

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ROUND



Jude and Peter were still in Fifty-Nine, even though Happy Hour was finished.



Liam was in Susie's Saloon, where he introduced us to Alex the chef and said we have to print this picture.



Peter is back in town and was in the Flying Dutchman with Matt and Davey.

Taking care of the Waterhole cloakroom and her first appearance in the Stun, it's Tali.



Also in Susie's, Mandy said pretty much the same about this picture of her with Colin.

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THE BARS



Linda went in Molly Malone's looking for a job, and then stayed for a chat with Mireille and David.

Ruud was working in Susie's Saloon, so his girlfriend Sophie came in with her friends Karin and Paulien.



Saturday night in the Flying Dutchman with Simone, Shakira, Koot and Mathijs.



Gosé, Mario and Antonio were propping up the bar in Café Corso.



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BEHIND



In the Waterhole, Skip, Nils and Mo made sure Susanna wouldn't forget her first time in the Stun in a hurry.



Another Stun debutante, this is Rasa on her first day behind the bar in the Old Quarter.



At long last, Hanna in the London Bridge agreed to have her photo taken again.



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BARS

Dan and Milos are modelling the new staff T-shirts in Coco's Outback.



Peter was behind the bar for quiz night in Finnegan's Rainbow, but between scoring the answers, Marjolein joined him for a photo.



Pim and Tolyňa (first time in the Stun) represent the old and new guard in the Coco's Outback crew.

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HALLOWEEN: FROM SUSIES

In Susie's Saloon, Mika and Rebecca were hard at work behind the bar, leaving Anti to terrorise the customers.



TO THE OLD QUARTER



In the Old Quarter, Laura was celebrating her birthday, so the shots were flying.



Behind the bar: Marlene, Joyce and Nancy.



Bob was minding his own business, walking down Warmoesstraat, when he got attacked by a crazed surgeon.



Olly De Quartz provided the entertainment, on and off stage.



HALLOWEEN: FROM OLD Q



What's this? Old Quarter boss Rob not dressed up again? That's two years in a row! Oh well, there's always next year.



TO MOLLY MALONES

It came as no surprise that there was a full house in Molly Malone's; they always get a good crowd in for Halloween. They also had prizes for the best costumes: €100, €50 & €25 in bar credit.



A spooky looking Lin and Pete took the first prize, with the Flintstones second and 'girl with wings' in third place.

Sarah was kept busy behind the bar, but she wasn't alone; Tom and Matthew were around.



More Halloween pictures on Facebook.

HALLOWEEN: STILL IN



MOLLY MALONES



HALLOWEEN IN COCOS

Pictures by Ilona Oksanen



JOKES

With our Jokers: John, Rush & Tommy

Paddy was asked if he preferred legs or breasts. He replied that he had a particular fondness for shaved fannies.

He was informed that this wasn't an option when choosing a KFC bargain bucket.

If you receive an e-mail from the Department of Health telling you not to eat canned pork because of swine flu, ignore it. It's just Spam.

A son asked his mother the following question: 'Mum, why are wedding dresses white?'

The mother looks at her son and replies: 'Son, this shows your friends and relatives that your bride is pure.'

The son thanks his Mum and goes off to double-check this with his father. 'Dad, why are wedding dresses white?'

The father looks at his son in surprise and says: 'Son, all household appliances come in white.'

"Anyone with 'needs' to be prayed over, come forward, to the front at the altar," the Preacher says.

Leroy gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks: "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you."

Leroy replies: "Preacher, I need you to pray for help with my hearing."

The preacher puts one finger in Leroy's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Leroy's head and prays and prays and prays, he prays up a storm for Leroy. After a few minutes, the Preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks, "Leroy, how is your hearing now?"

Leroy says, "I don't know, Reverend, it ain't 'til next Wednesday!"

A soldier ran up to a nun. Out of breath he asked, 'Please, may I hide under your skirt. I'll explain later.'

The nun agreed.

A moment later two Military Police ran up and asked, 'Sister, have you seen a soldier?'

The nun replied, 'He went that way.'

After the MPs ran off, the soldier crawled out from under her skirt and said, 'I can't thank you enough Sister. You see, I don't want to go to Afghanistan.'

The nun said, 'I understand completely.'

The soldier added, 'I hope I'm not rude, but you have a great pair of legs!'

The nun replied, 'If you had looked a little higher, you would have seen a great pair of balls... I don't want to go to Afghanistan either.'

Our Mexican maid asked for a pay increase.

My wife was very upset about this and decided to talk to her about the raise. She asked: 'Now Maria, why do you want a pay increase?'

Maria: 'Well, Señora, there are three reasons why I want an increase. The first is that I iron better than you.'

Wife: 'Who said you iron better than me?'

Maria: 'Your husband said so.'

Wife: 'Oh.'

Maria: 'The second reason is that I am a better cook than you.'

Wife: 'Nonsense, who said you were a better cook than me?'

Maria: 'Your husband did.'

Wife: 'Oh.'

Maria: 'My third reason is that I am a better lover than you.'

Wife: (really furious now): 'Did my husband say that as well?'

Maria: 'No Señora... the gardener did.'

Wife: 'So how much do you want?'

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Someone once said that the only sure thing about luck is that it will change. There has rarely been a more accurate statement than that and I am quite sure Rafael Benitez, Roy Keane, and Phil Brown will all be hoping it changes much sooner than later.

In the case of Mr. Keane, one could argue it already has! Fourteen winless league encounters, and almost one third of the domestic league campaign gone, and finally a victory for Ipswich Town - just when it looked as if the wheels would come off the tractor. How he needed that. It will be interesting to see whether this will turn his fortunes around.

In the case of the Liverpool boss, things seem to be on the slide. Yes, we cannot forget that remarkable win against Manchester United the other week, when the Reds dominated the game from start to finish, but before and after, they have baffled to deceive. Prior to the game against the Red Devils, they had lost their previous four matches and now it is five losses out of six, which really is not what the Anfield faithful have come to expect. The Spanish magic is wearing a bit thin and how they are in desperate need of a fully fit again Steven Gerrard before they fall completely apart at the seams. We know that against United he was missing, but it is generally the case that when he does not play, neither do Liverpool football club! Benitez still maintains that the players' mentality is intact, but the acid test could be away to Lyon in a

game that the Reds must win to keep their faint Champions League hopes alive. It is a tough test for a team in such indifferent form, but by the time this goes to print, you will probably already know the outcome.

Phil Brown is another manager on the rocks and he could do with a stiff scotch to chase the blues from the dressing room door these days, it would seem. Hull City is in free fall again and unlike last season, they haven't got a lot of points in the bank for those rainy winter days. Brown however, is confident that the luck will change. It will need to and fast. The new chairman of Hull City, Adam Pearson, has assured him that he will be in charge against Stoke this Sunday, but will not deliberate beyond that date. One cannot blame him, I suppose. When a team is struggling as badly as they are so early in



the league campaign, it is a very worrying state of affairs - not just for supporters, but for the board of directors too! Going down into the Championship is football's equivalent of going straight to hell, because the likes of Coventry, Leeds, Nottingham Forest, Norwich, Leicester, Derby and Ipswich all thought they could bounce straight back, but look where they all are now! Admittedly, Leeds are heading the table these days, but even if they sustain their good form until the end of the season, the best they can hope for next season is the second tier of domestic football. It's all about the money. It can ruin a club for bad.

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On a brighter note, Manchester United and Chelsea are already through to the last sixteen of the Champions League. Apart from these two big guns, the other major threat must still be Barcelona, who on their day can play some majestic football. Real Madrid must be another one to watch, whilst Bordeaux, Lyon, Seville and F.C. Porto will make life interesting for whoever they face, if of course they progress further in the competition...

Personally, I am not overly enthusiastic about the group phases of any competition. We all know it is nothing more than another money spinning exercise. Witnessing these early tactical duels is sometimes a bit like watching paint dry and I have better things to do with my time than succumb to the media hype prior to a televised game. The trouble is, football being the unpredictable animal that it is, you just never know. I have missed some classics because I expected them to be bore-draws and other times sat through ninety minutes of football drivel, simply because it promised to be

something it was not. I would much prefer it to be a knockout tournament from the off. That way, I could find time to do other things in the evenings, instead of waiting for tales of the unexpected. Once again, when it comes to luck, too much luck can often turn out to be a bad thing.

Frank

PPL UPDATE

As usual, this month's table looks nothing like the last, with Ben Stopforth jumping to the top this time. We've also got one less entry: Manipulatie Unlimited turned out to be from the same person as Iridium Utd. Here's how the table looks on Friday 6th November 2009.

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

IN THE BACK

MC Rory and merchandising manager Trudy had time for a smoke while Jack's On 5 were on stage in the Waterhole.



Guitarist Walter posed with Dennis the Pleeboy in the Waterhole.

We haven't taken a picture in the Wonder Bar in ages, so here are Hassan and Olga.



We just heard: Neil and Jenny are closing Fifty-Nine! Anyone interested in acquiring the business, contact them: serious offers only!!

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RETIRED

Whenever the dockers at OBA (the best of the harbours) are up for a party, the Flying Dutchman is their favourite venue. Dirk's retirement was no exception and of course, they had to get him a stripper.



Patricia is the crane driver, but Klaas likes to keep his feet firmly on the ground.



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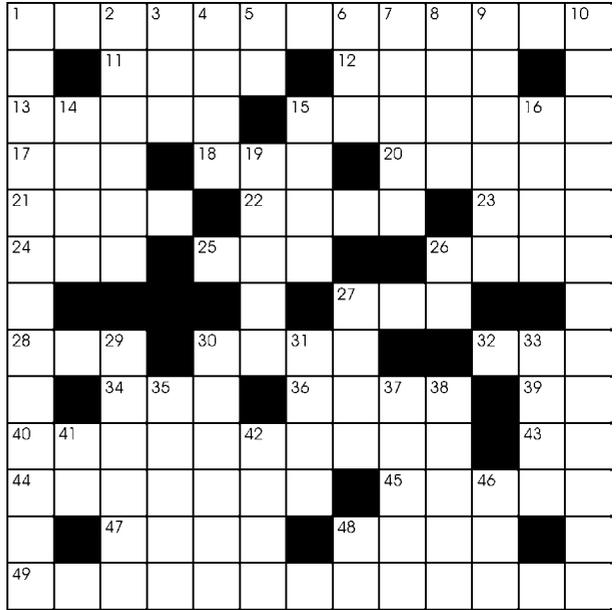
Across

- 1: Protest march. (13)
 11: Section. (4)
 12: Overt. (4)
 13: Show. (5)
 15: Matching pullover and cardigan. (7)
 17: Advanced in age. (3)
 18: Hear here? (3)
 20: Bacteria responsible for oozing inflammation, abbr. (5)
 21: Cover in gold. (4)
 22: Tub. (4)
 23: Born. (3)
 24: Caviar. (3)
 25: Headgear. (3)
 26: Equal. (4)
 27: Japanese wife of Lennon. (3)
 28: Tavern. (3)
 30: Woodwind instrument material. (4)

- 32: Time span. (3)
 34: Scottish uncle. (3)
 36: Affective and condescending mannerism. (4)
 39: Activated. (2)
 40: Blabbermouth. (10)
 43: Announcement, abbr. (2)
 44: Irish girl. (7)
 45: Sesame. (5)
 47: Freudian stage. (4)
 48: Big, memorable celebration. (4)
 49: Bivalve. (13)

Last Month's Answers

Across: 1 Claustrophobe, 8 Rotary, 9 Camera, 10 Vicuna, 11 Throng, 13 No, 14 Ice, 15 XL, 20 Exotic, 21 Ethnic, 22 Animal, 23 Annual, 25 Shambolically.
 Down: 1 Caravanserai, 2 Antics, 3 Strong, 4 Ra, 5 Peachy, 6 Oberon, 7 Evangelically, 12 Act, 16 Molina, 17 Bicarb, 18 Atonic, 19 Ungual, 24 CL.



Down

- 1: Relating to (part of) the population. (13)
 2: Mess (up). (6)
 3: Number. (3)
 4: African river. (4)
 5: George, or Downing? (2)
 6: Tier. (3)
 7: Simian. (5)
 8: Temporary shelter. (4)
 9: Mad. (6)
 10: Dutch and Flemish. (13)
 14: Portuguese meat stew. (4)
 15: Snare. (4)
 16: Blunt tipped sword. (4)
 19: Ease up. (5)
 26: Water in Italy. (2)
 27: Garfield's roommate. (4)
 29: Uproar and confusion. (6)
 30: Stop leak again. (6)
 31: Deserve. (4)
 33: Soft leather, sheepskin. (4)
 35: A. A., who created a honey-bear. (5)
 37: Stop from entering again. (4)
 38: Inscribed column. (5)
 41: Negative response. (2)
 42: Monk's confinement. (4)
 46: Grandmother. (3)
 48: Home country of many an Amsterdammer, abbr. (2)