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The Editor's Bit

Well, the UK elections look like they're going to result in a hung parliament, but I'm not in a position to complain: I didn't vote! I could have, if I'd bothered to register, but it never crosses my mind until an election is called and by then, it's too late for that one.



I bumped into our football correspondent Frank last week and he's the same: I bet there are loads of others like us. If we had all voted, maybe we could have made a difference. Oh well, there's always next time; if we remember.

I can't vote in next month's Dutch election either, but Elly can. Who will she vote for? Find out on page 5.

Frank gives us an end of season round-up in Being Frank on Football, but our Premiership Predictions League contestants will have to wait a bit longer to find out who the winner is.

Loads of photos from Queen's Day, parties and my pub-crawls, plus music, jokes and the crossword make a bumper Stun. Enjoy!

Andy

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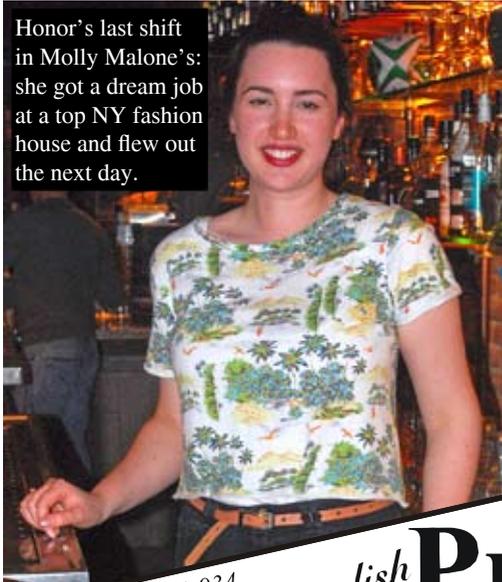
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Honor's last shift in Molly Malone's: she got a dream job at a top NY fashion house and flew out the next day.



Jelena had a good time in the London Bridge on Queen's Day



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Here's Jovana, behind the bar in Café Candela

Sarah has moved to a better bar: Molly Malone's.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Alan, Abby, Alison, Andre, Andrew, Andy, Ann, Annie, Arthur, Big John, Brian, Carla, Chantal, CJ, Claire, Cora, Craig, Daniel, Dave, Derek, Fem, Fiona, Frank, Frans, Gary, Gavin, George, Giannis-Marcel, Gregorio, Helena, Henry, Ian, Ilona, Ireen, Isabel, Jack, Jannie, Jayne, Joan, Joost, Joelle, Kees, Keith, Khaled, Kim, Lisa, Lotte, Luca, Marco, Maria, Marieta, Mary, Mick, Monica, Nathalia, Nina, Peter, Phil, Philip, Raschid, Rhian, Rick, Rob, Sandra, Sandy, Shannon, Simon, Steven, Tattoo John, Tim, Trina, Vicky, Wabs, Wiet, Zillah.

Congratulations Nils and Deva on the birth of your son Remi on the 21st April.

Mickey hasn't missed Queen's Day since his first one and this year was no different. He called us as soon as he got here because he 'had something' for us, so I met him in the Flying Dutchman a few hours later, where I took delivery of some English sausages & bacon and a wedge of Wensleydale cheese.



Frank was there too and Mickey said he always reads his pages in the Stun, even though he doesn't like football. Mickey hasn't said how long he will be in town; he got a one-way ticket. I think he misses Amsterdam!



It was a nice, sunny day, so Elly and myself took a stroll down the Prinsengracht, where we bumped into Ray and Alan, formerly of the Old Highlander. Elly hadn't seen them in ages, so I had to get the camera out.

Andy

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GUTTER



We have it on good authority (i.e. we asked one of the workmen, and he said they would be finished before the “bouwvak” vak.) the ship “Maria” can soon return to her spot on Korte Prinsengracht, by Haarlemmer bridge.

Both Andy and me lived there, albeit not at the same time. Well, I hope she will come back, I’m sure the old ship will bring back memories to a lot of people. So many lived there over the years, all the stories she could tell! Ah, good times were had by many (mostly).

An eyewitness to the disturbance on the Dam told us it was terrifying, even if they stood further back.

The mass of people running towards them, stumbling, falling, getting trampled. Panic and chaos, 63 wounded, because of an idiot.

He says he’s sorry, he was drunk, he’s got personal issues. (Doesn’t he actually describe half of the Amsterdam population here?!)

His lawyer wants to sue (Who, may I ask?) because his client’s “exposure and defamation of character in and by the media”. Methinks he doesn’t need anyone to defame him; he’s done that very well all by himself.

Is anybody going to sue him? Nothing to get there, apparently. So would they find a lawyer that quick?

Let’s see if any of the politico’s will stand up for the victims, it is election time.

The last couple of elections I went for Groen Links. Before that the SP got my vote once, and I can’t really remember much further back

(I’m a floating voter, I get high). I know who didn’t get my vote and never will, but we have a lot of parties to choose from.

Long ago I voted CPN, but they’re gone, so I went for PvdA. Now I will go back. I think Cohen is the right man for this country. None of the others even come close. Look at them!

Balkenende had three out of “his” four governments fall. And he’s so childish, he said he would only run if he was top of the list to become Prime Minister again, or he wouldn’t run at all.

And nobody could run against him for top place, or he would quit. And everything is so “triest” (sad).

The Dam incident: Sad. Last years Queen’s Day: very sad. Oil spill, Haiti earthquake, soldiers dying in Afghanistan, it’s all so sad. But that’s his statement for everything: Sad.

He’s just a big saddo, really.

Wilders had a change of priorities, and candidates. He has no problem with the head-rags any more. No, now he wants the gulder back? Or is that just another smoke-screen. So people will forget what other matter PVV was getting in the news for.

Some PVV candidates had to be withdrawn from his election list, because they turned up in the media, one for misinforming the electorate, the other for carrying a concealed weapon. Has he got any suitable would-be cabinet members left?

And D66? Will they or won’t they? No they won’t, oh wait, yes they will. Oh, no, they wont. Asscher had to go, or maybe they spoke to fast, and he can stay, no no they’re not happy with Asscher staying, he has to go. But he stayed, and they’re gone.

But it’s good to see D66 as straightforward and steadfast as ever. They can always be counted on for being unreliable.

The British elections have come and gone, they’re counting votes as I write.

Elly



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Bod and Stace, new regulars (first time in Amsterdam) in the Old Quarter, with the new barman Marvan.

It's been a few years since we last had a picture of Michelle in Hotel Internationaal; here she is, behind the bar with Michel.



Kai von Rosenberg, the star act, with Paul at the Monday Jazz session in the Old Quarter.

Ingrid was in the Old Quarter to see Stan, Mickey and Joyce - Unplugged!

Bianca and Susan were in the Stone's Café when I delivered last month's Stun.



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BIRTHDAY GIRL

Marjolein celebrated her birthday with a party for her friends and customers in Finnegan's Rainbow.



Roos and Flosje were just two of the many at the party, but they are the two that Marjolein wanted her picture taken with.

What's this? DJ Rainman playing Disco!



VJ Andy took care of the visuals.



Jet was there too, so we had to get one of her with Marjolein.

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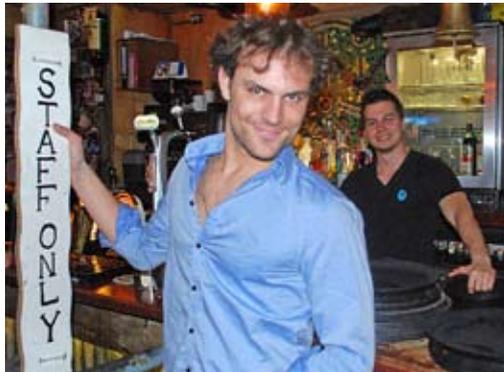
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MONDAY MONDAY

Just an average Monday night, with none of the crowds that throng Rembrandts & Leidseplein every weekend.

Even on his night off, you can frequently find Jaime in Coco's Outback.



Frank hangs around with musicians, like Joep, who leads the weekly Re-Plugged session in Partycafé Candela.

Gigi, Johannita and Callum come from South Africa, live in London and were at Lamar Chase's session in Bourbon Street.



Kimberley, Arjan, Suus and Robert were in the Waterhole for Rory's last Monday Jam.

As was Rory himself, along with Theo and Buddy Mosquito.

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MUSIC NEWS &

Continuing the Monday theme (see previous page), amongst the musicians joining Rory on stage for his last Monday Jam session in the Waterhole were Alex on drums, Steven Lewis on guitar and two guys from France, who just dropped into the bar that night.



Every Monday is Jazz Night in the Old Quarter; Lotta Karlsted was singing with the house band during my last visit.

Rory left his keyboard outside Bourbon Street a few days earlier. No surprise, it wasn't there when he went back. He had to lead his last session in the Waterhole with his mini-keyboard, but with class-acts like Terry Mann and former Weasel Alan there, who cares?



Lillian joined Peter Lavelle on stage for the Monday Acoustic Jam in Maloe Melo.

Joep leads the Re-Plugged Open Mike night in Candela, every Monday from 20:00, and Carole hosts Bowl of Soul, that follows at 22:30, so a duet was inevitable.

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WHAT'S ON

We don't normally write about sporting events in this part of the Stun, but we make an exception for the annual Amsterdam Sevens rugby tournament, which will be held at the National Rugby Centre in the suburb of Geuzenveld (bus 21 from CS) on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd May. With over 80 teams competing in the men's, ladies and veterans competitions, there will be a lot of action on the pitches during the day and around the bars in the evening.

Café Corso, home of the Marauders, and Susie's Saloon, who usually field a couple of teams, are two of the most popular bars during the weekend, but you'll find rugby players and their supporters in a lot of other bars around town, especially in the Red Light.

Molly Malone's are supporting this year's Amsterdam Sevens and even though they haven't got their own team, they will be giving a 10% discount to people with the armband, plus they have live music from Olly De Quartz on Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd May.

After all that sporting and drinking excess, head for Café Corso on Monday morning for Bloody Mary Monday, the unofficial finale to the weekend.

I'll stick my neck out and predict wins for Corso Marauders in the Men's & Veterans and Susie's Valkyries in the Ladies competitions.



Every second Saturday of the month, it's Cocktail Evening between 7 & 10 in the Shamrock Inn. The mixing is in the capable hands of John, who has over 10 years experience working in 4* hotel bars and has been taught by the best, so you can expect great service with his very reasonable prices. The next Cocktail Evening is on Saturday 8th.

Gregorio will be celebrating his birthday on Friday 21st May, playing bass with Mosquito in the Waterhole from 21:00 – 22:30, and then in Bourbon Street from 23:00 'til the early hours. The following day, Saturday 22nd, you can catch him with Mosquito in Coco's Mine.

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Weekly

- 20:00, **Café Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night, *with Joep Berkenbosch*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **The Waterhole**, Michael Strobel's Band, *jam session* €1
22:30, **Café Candela**, Bowl of Soul,



Jam Session, with special (celeb) guests, hosted by Carole Beausaint Denis

- 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell (except 17th)*
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Smokehouse, *blues with Lamar Chase*

10th May 2010

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

17th May 2010

- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Peter Peuker (jazz)*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Radio Kings, *Blues (USA)* €5

24th May 2010

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

31st May 2010

- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: t.b.a. (jazz)*

Tuesday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Café Candela**, Karaoke Night,
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Julius E. Green's Blues & Soul Jam, €1
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Open Jam Session, *lead by Micky Llewellyn*
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel (except 18th)*

11th May 2010

- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with The Hand-Folk + Ichi (one man band)* €5

18th May 2010

- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.* €5

25th May 2010

- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Kasbah, *with Abbey Chase (power rock) + Innit (indie)* €5
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by NFS, *On the last Tuesday of every month we welcome musicians of all levels onto the stage. Get a free beer for playing a song!*

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Wednesday

Weekly

- 20:00, **Coco's Mine**, Open Jam Session, *Anything goes... acoustic, electric, loud, quiet, solo... free beer for "Performing"*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock & Pop Jam, €1

12th May 2010

- 20:30, **Melkweg**, Eskimo Joe, *platinum album selling Australian rock band* €10
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with 10.Guage, Byrrh, June Noa* €5

19th May 2010

- 20:00, **Volta**, Sounds Different, *Pop/Rock Jam*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Student Association
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26th May 2010

- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *Menno's Garage Sale with sleazy DJ's & live bands* €5

Thursday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking ass every Thursday* €1
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Lamar Chase (except 13th)*

13th May 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Rusten Boogie,
21:00, **Coco's Mine**, 80's Special, *hosted by Olly De Quartz*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam BeatClub, *The Patsy Walkers (Burlesque meets Trash-a-Billy with this all-girl band)* €7.50

20th May 2010

- 20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *with The Nazca Lines, Allergic to Horses* €6
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Suspenders,
21:00, **Coco's Mine**, Latin Special, *Every third Thursday of the month, Venezuelan Leo Gil will present a whole host of Latin talent for you to shake your behind to. €5 Mojitos and Caipirinhas all night should help.*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with These Little Nothing (garage/pop)* €5
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Monty Pagan's Third Thursday Thing, *singer/songwriter evening hosted by this very comical duo*

27th May 2010

- 20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *ROC teachers jam* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Dennis Weis,
21:00, **Coco's Mine**, Blues Special, *Every fourth Thursday we're taking the mine to the Southern States for a roots blues session. Beer and a whisky chaser for €6!*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Kasbah, *with The Aboriginals + Jelly Dust (pop/rock)* €5

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



Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce

7th May 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Green Birds,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Rory O'Donnell, A
young Irish solo all the way from Tipperary.
Expect an evening with a Celtic Twist!
22:30, **Coco's Mine**, The Warriors, *The
Warriors are back with the skank for a whole
night of reggae! Try the Rasta shot!!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Streetpunk Allnighter:
Old School Punk, with *The London Diehards*
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23:00, **The Waterhole**, Two Choices, €1

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14th May 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, AFC,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Monty Pagan
Show, *Celtic harps and comedy songs with
Ken Parsons and Mick de Neeve. Very
talented and very funny show!*
22:30, **Coco's Mine**, Live music, *band t.b.a.*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Out Of The Floor, *Sixties
surprise party* €7.50
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jericho Pie, €1
21st May 2010
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Mosquito,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *see
Saturday 8th*
22:30, **Coco's Mine**, The Revival, *The Local*



*Rockers are back for all those still stuck in the
60's n 70's... expect covers of Doors, Hendrix,
Beatles, Free, etc... done damn well!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Lil' Esther & The Tin
Stars, *rockabilly* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Vezpa, €1

28th May 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Jansens,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Monty Pagan
Show, *see Friday 14th*
22:30, **Coco's Mine**, Shift, *Funky Electro
done purely with live instruments! Totally
original stuff that will get you moving.*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam BeatClub,
Live: Candy Kane Band + ABC DJ's €7.50
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Wild Boyz, €1

GIG-LIST

Saturday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

8th May 2010

- 19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, Cocktail Evening, *with Mixmaster John on the Shaker and very reasonable prices! ('til 22:00)*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Lost In Translation,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These 4 Romanian party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed in Amsterdam. A night guaranteed to be one you will always be trying to remember!*
22:30, **Coco's Mine**, Gregosaurius and the Raptors: Rock n Funk shizzle, *Big G and the boys are becoming a regular presence in the mine, because they are awesome. Steve Lewis on vocals this time around.*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Fleurs Du Mal, *blues (Italy) €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Two Choices, €1

15th May 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Suitcase,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Eoghan O'Sullivan, *A mixture of old favourites together with his own material. A cracking solo act.*
22:30, **Coco's Mine**, The Heaters, *Blues band The Heaters from Cincinnati, OH will be bringing that blues sound to the Mine.*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Metal Night, *with Bypass + Conteched €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Running Birds, €1

22nd May 2010

- 20:00, **OT301**, Amsterdam BeatClub Festival, *3 rooms / 2 dj booths / 5 bands! €15*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bloody Limit,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *see Saturday 8th*

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22:30, **Coco's Mine**, Mosquito, *Theo, Rik, Buddy & Gregorio will be buzzing the mine walls with infectious grooves.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wolfpin, *Rory Gallagher tribute band €5*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

29th May 2010

- 20:00, **Shamrock Inn**, Reggae Party, *with DJ Lesley*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Backbones,
22:30, **Coco's Mine**, Live music, *band t.b.a.*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Delegates, *latest ska sensation €7.50*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Rebels, €1

Sunday

Weekly

- 18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee with Theo de Mosquito & band, *a musical antidote for your hangover (funk/soul jam)*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Archie*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Sunday night jam with a feminine touch €1*
23:00, **Korsakoff**, Eclectic Electric, *with DJ's Dansor, Robert Smit, Scorcher and Rainman*

16th May 2010

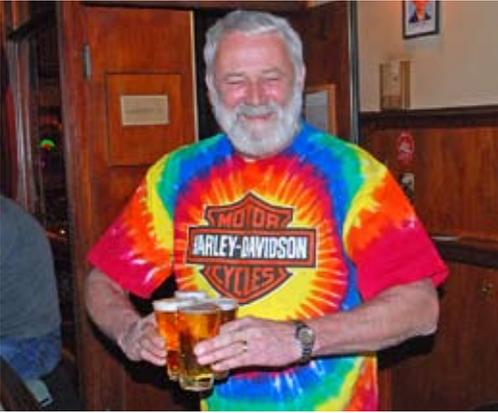
19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, *with Berna, Jur & Kim*

30th May 2010

19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, *with Berna, Jur & Kim*

ROUND

Andy likes Karaoke and drink, so I'm sure Gabriel has told him about Saturday Nights in The End: €15 entrance and all drinks for €1.



Klaas' shirt dazzled everybody in the Flying Dutchman into submission.

Amy Garcia used to play in the Blarney Stone 10 years ago. She's back in town and Paddy was at her first gig in Molly Malone's.



It's Frank again! This time with his good friend Patricia and Julia.



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Marcel made the Shamrock's new neighbours, Willy and Lobke, welcome in the bar.



Evelien, Robert, Hanne, Jeffrey and Kathrin are members of Liam's Grand Fan club.

Saraya and Margaux were in Coco's Mine when The Revival were rocking the bar.



Marieke, Pauline and Mae enjoyed themselves at the Shamrock Inn's first Cocktail Evening, so expect to see them back for the next one on Saturday 8th May.



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BEHIND



We don't see Josef in Susie's Saloon very often, so Stef grabbed him for a picture.



In the Waterhole, Skip was behind the bar with Iris and Anna.



Milos gets to see all sorts when he's behind the bar in Coco's Outback.

He's the King of the front bar in Maloe Melo: Patrick!



Rebecca introduced us to Theersa, the new girl in Susie's Saloon.



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It's always fun in Susie's Saloon when Louise and Trevor are working.



Friday night in Coco's Mine, and Beatrice was behind the bar.



Don't ask me why Fraser is sticking his tongue out; ask him yourself. He's nearly always behind the bar in Coco's Outback.

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QUEEN'S DAY

I took loads of pictures, so no room for captions. A big thank you to all the bar staff pictured here; they worked while everybody else partied. On the following pages; people I met on the streets and in the bars. See our Facebook group for even more pictures.













BUZZIN'



Mosquito had been noticeably absent from the local music scene for a few months, but they're back and had Coco's Mine buzzin'.



Keyboard player Rick proposed to Charlotte; we haven't heard her answer, yet.



Ingeborg and Theo had plenty of holiday stories to tell Buddy.

Some of Gregorio's Spanish friends were there, having a great time.



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JOKES

With our Jokers: John, Lin & Tommy

Man in hospital bed wearing oxygen mask over his mouth. "Nurse" he mumbles, "Are my testicles black?"

Nurse raises his gown, holds his thingy in one hand and his goolies in the other, she takes a close look and says, "There's nothing wrong with them sir."

Man pulls off the oxygen mask, smiles at her and says very slowly, "Thanks for that, it was lovely, but listen very, very carefully: Are-my-test-re-sults-back?"

A US army platoon was marching north of Fallujah when they came upon an Iraqi insurgent, badly injured and unconscious on the left-hand side of the road.

On the right-hand side was a British soldier in a similar, but less serious state. The Brit was conscious and alert. As first aid was given to both men, the platoon leader asked the injured soldier what had happened.

The soldier reported: "I was recce-ing the highway here when suddenly, coming towards me from the south was a heavily-armed insurgent. We saw each other and both took cover in the ditches along the road."

"I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein was a miserable, lowlife scumbag who'd got what he deserved. The insurgent yelled back that Gordon Brown is a fat, useless, lying, one-eyed porridge wog. And furthermore, Lord Mandelson is a pillow-biting gay bastard!"

"So I said that Osama Bin Laden dresses and ponces about like a frigid, hatchet-faced lesbian."

"He retaliated by shouting that so does Harriet Harman."

"And there we were, in the middle of the road shaking hands, when a f**king bus hit us."

An elephant asks a camel: "Why are your breasts on your back?"

"That's a strange question," says the camel, "from someone whose dick is on his face."

Two women talking in Heaven:

1st woman: Hi! Wanda.

2nd woman: Hi! Sylvia. How'd you die?

1st woman: I froze to death.

2nd woman: How horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer... we'd both still be alive.

A teacher asks the class to name things that end with 'tor' that eat things.

The first little boy says, "Alligator."

"Very good, that's a big word."

The second boy says, "Predator."

"Yes, that's another big word. Well done."

The third boy says, "Vibrator, Miss."

After nearly falling off her chair, she says, "That is a big word, but it doesn't eat anything."

"Well my sister has one and she says it eats batteries like there's no tomorrow!"

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Let us start, for a change, here in the Netherlands. We have good reason to too, because for the first time in their footballing history, FC Twente have won the Dutch first division! And what a triumph it is for the much-maligned Steve McClaren, who had a torrid time as England head coach before this appointment and is now finally able to savour a moment of unparalleled achievement at an unfashionable club, in the wrong end of the country. McClaren, of course, was dismissed as the England coach in 2007 and at first, he was reluctant to take on this post, feeling that a Premiership club might come calling for his services. This failed to materialise and with considerable reluctance, he accepted the offer of a job in Dutch football, with a club with an unenviable reputation. A few years ago they almost went bankrupt, so desperate was their football plight.

Last season, he surprised everyone by taking Twente to second place in the table – a feat that nobody thought

could possibly be bettered. How wrong we all were! Against all the odds, Twente went from strength to strength and although it was a nail-biting finish between the Tukkers and the once mighty Ajax, the underdogs did the business in the end. They say a league table does not lie, so Ajax supporters should remember this when they complain that the trophy was somehow stolen from them. Yes, Ajax scored an abundance of goals and went on a fabulous

late run which left them just one point adrift of the title, but at the end of the day, there could be only one winner and how deserving this club from Enschede is of it.

In England, the Premiership is surely going to the men from Stamford Bridge. Manchester United are still in with a chance, but only if Chelsea throw it away, which I don't see occurring. Probably, by the time you read this you will know the outcome, but you cannot see Chelsea losing to Wigan at home, although I fully expect Manchester United to beat Stoke,

for what it is worth. That said, Wigan have a good team with a lot of skilful players, so it promises to be an entertaining encounter and the prospect of lots of goals is a real probability.

In Scotland, the title deservedly belongs to Rangers, but it was either one or the other, wasn't it, in a competition that is a bit of a joke. Yes, I know what you are thinking; what about all those cup upsets over there!

True, but when it comes to the league matters, it is inevitably business as usual. Much the same could be said of course in Spain, but the quality of football in this part of Europe is definitely in another league! It is neck and neck at the moment over there, but for football's sake, I hope Barcelona lifts the crown. They are a great advertisement for the modern game and with Lionel Messi, they have an undoubted superstar of the highest order.

Bayern Munich won the German title,



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which says everything you need to know about Louis Van Gaal, who I consider to be one of the most focused and astute coaches in the game. He had to weather a very heavy storm to begin with, but like all good managers, he finally came good.

Back to Blighty now, and I am sorry to see Burnley fall back from whence they came. They played some great football in the early stages of their Premiership campaign, but their defence cost them dearly in the end. The small consolation perhaps is a parachute payment from the big boys of £48 million - or £12,000,000 spread over four seasons. That should help to soften the blow a little – although I am totally against these golden handshakes, because it means they have an unfair advantage over Portsmouth and Hull who go down with them. In the case of Portsmouth however, that will only go to pay some of their outstanding bills, I suspect. Such is football life.

Frank

PPL Update

We're nearly there and Stuart is looking strong at the top of the table, but we won't know the final outcome until coming Sunday. Here's the stand on Friday 7th May 2010.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 st	Stuart Davidson	9	2	29
2 nd	Ken (f)	5	8	23
3 rd	Ann Marie Raftery	5	6	21
4 th	Robert Ceasar (v)	4	6	18
5 th	Ben Stopforth	4	6	18
6 th	Paul H	4	2	14
7 th	Frank Weston (v)	4	2	14
8 th	Chris Mundell	2	8	14
9 th	Steve Mahon	3	4	13
10 th	Graham Scholes (f)	2	7	13
11 th	Sander Middelkoop (v)	3	3	12
12 th	Michael Okojie (v)	3	3	12
13 th	Paddy Wynne (b)	2	6	12
14 th	Buster	2	5	11
15 th	Iridium Utd	2	5	11
16 th	Gavin Walsh (b)	1	8	11
17 th	Ron Middelkoop (v)	2	4	10
18 th	Rick Middelkoop (v)	2	4	10
19 th	John Raftery	1	7	10
20 th	Johan Andersson	2	3	9
21 st	Andy F (f)	0	8	8
22 nd	Keith Scoble	1	4	7
23 rd	Manipulatie Unlimited	1	4	7
24 th	Stones	1	4	7
25 th	Paul Finnegan (f)	1	4	7
26 th	Pinokio	1	1	4
27 th	Justin (b)	0	3	3
28 th	Blarney Stoners (b)	0	1	1

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IN THE BACK



Susie loves the Waterhole, so she was there on her day off, posing with Dennis and Al.



DJ Phil wanted his picture taken with Liam, but to make sure it got in the Stun, he asked Louise to join them.



Mandy and Melanie with Yuri, not a threesome, in the smoking room at Susie's Saloon.

Dan's trip to Amsterdam was delayed by the volcano in Iceland, but he made it to Susie's Saloon, a week later than planned.



In the Flying Dutchman, Josie insisted I take a photo of her and Paul; they're old mates from the 70's.



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Marcelle celebrated her birthday in Café de Barones, behind the bar with Aarianna, Carlo and Sylvia.



We know barman Filip; he also works in Café Diva's on Waalstraat (his mum owns it).

Rock&Roll Nico was there with his guitar and he kept everybody entertained.



HELP

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The Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: Alterations. (13)
- 8: Television program. (6)
- 9: Ultimate high? (6)
- 11; Measure of length. (4)
- 13: Football term. (3)
- 14: Grain storage. (4)
- 15: Golf ball support. (3)
- 17: Cure leather. (3)
- 18: Former. (2)
- 19: Breed of horse. (7)
- 20: Present. (2)
- 21: Exotic bird. (3)
- 22: Beverage. (3)
- 24: Divulged. (4)
- 25: Beer container. (3)
- 26: Capital of Latvia. (4)
- 29: Overthrown. (6)
- 30: Make wealthier. (6)
- 32: Malicious gossip. (13)

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Down

- 1: Bad leads. (13)
- 2: Sense. (6)
- 3: Dope. (4)
- 4: About. (2)
- 5: Acacia. (4)
- 6: Beginning. (6)
- 7: Educator. (13)
- 10: Circus performer. (7)
- 12: Was told. (5)
- 14: Less inane. (5)
- 16: Time of note. (3)
- 17: Make lace. (3)
- 21: 49th State. (6)
- 23: Ill. (6)
- 27: Principal. (4)
- 28: Annul. (4)
- 31: Standard size. (2)

Last Month's Solution

M	A	T	E	R	I	A	L	I	S	T	I	C
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C	U	P	█	R	A	N	G	E	█	T	A	M
E	R	E	█	E	L	D	E	R	█	E	M	U
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O	L	A	█	█	C	A	T	█	█	A	L	I
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