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The Editor's Bit

It doesn't seem like I've been out much since the last Stun came out, but I could be mistaken because I had no problem filling the pages with pictures I took around the bars in July.

After a busy 11 days of putting the Stun together, delivering it and celebrating my birthday in between (see page 21), I took a rest the following weekend... and forgot about Klaas' 60th birthday party. I found out later that there wasn't a stripper, so I wasn't too upset about missing it. Yvonne sent us a couple of pictures she took with her phone, but... no stripper.

I did make it to a musician's birthday jam session and took loads of pictures, but you'll have to look hard to find any in this Stun; I'm sworn to secrecy over the location.

There's nothing secret about the Tuesday jam sessions I went to (see pages 8 & 9), in fact, the more the merrier.

For some of the pictures, I didn't even have to leave home; the people came to us. Elly tells you all about that in Tales from the Gutter.

The new football season is upon us, which means it's time for Frank to gaze into his crystal football and come up with his predictions for the coming Premier League campaign in Being Frank on Football.

Elly and myself will be at the Flying Dutchman Reunion Party on the 28th; hope to see you there. Enjoy your Stun.

Andy

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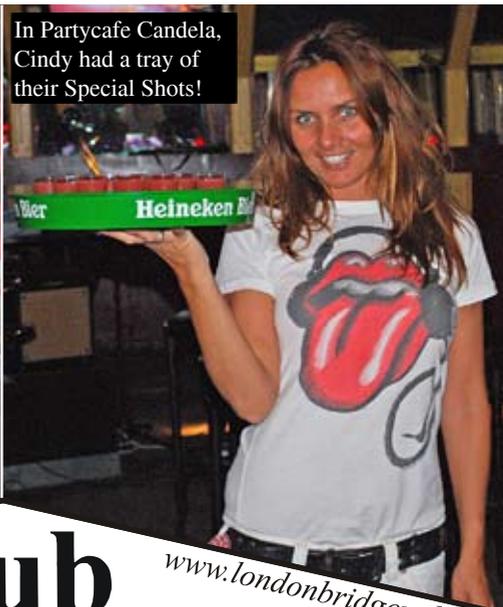
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Whose legs are these? Keep reading to find out.

Lisa used to lead pub crawls around town, now she's on the other side of the bar, in the London Bridge.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Adrian, Alan, Amy, Andy, Ann, Billy, Blom, Brian, Chuara, Danny, Dave, Elaine, Finny, Gary, Gregg, Hans, Hennie, Hester, James, Jamie, Jasmina, Jim, Joep, John, Ken, Kiz, Len, Lenore, Leo, Marcel, Marie, Mary, Matilde, Michelle, Mick, Mike, Nicole, Ray, Rebecca, Rikki, Rory, Sheila, Singh, Terry, Tommy, Torre, tRACy, Vicky, Vivienne, Wendy, Zoe.

Happy anniversary Anita & Tim, Nic & Harriet, Cathy & Chick, Jill & Klaas, Nick & Tina.

Janni's plane landed around 21.15 so about half an hour later we toasted her arrival with a glass of wine, or two. Then she ran out of cigs, and the shops were closed, so we went to the Poort (there are some watering holes a bit closer to home, but we like the Poort better). It was a beautiful, warm summer evening, the terrace was inviting, and we ran out of wine back home!



So we had a few more wines, I was more drunk than I've been in over a year, but I'll spare you the gory details. Suffice to say we were hungover.

As it happened, it was just the start of a great week.

Wednesday we had to take it easy, so we had time to do some catching up. We both used to work in the Warmoesstraat, so we know a lot of the same people. She mentioned who she

wanted to meet up with while here, like Nic (page 19), and Joe in Utrecht. While out with Nic they went looking for Liam (page 18) but just missed him.

Janni and I went over who still lives here, who moved, who we lost track of, who died... that sort of stuff.

Lots of names and characters came up in conversation, even some who actually ended up on our doorstep a day later!

And it all started with one phone-call.

I was busy preparing dinner, Janni was here, Ans was coming over as well. So when Andy's phone rang and Tony wanted to talk to me, I said let him phone back later. But he insisted, said he'd just met some old friends, and they would like to talk to us.

Thanks for insisting, Tony, wouldn't have missed it for the world!



On the phone were Graham & Joanne, and Olle!

Some of the longer term residents might remember Graham as "Mr. Silver", performing artist Extra-Ordinaire. He really took street performance to a new level. His usual spot was on the corner of Damrak, across from the Bijenkorf.

That's actually where beautiful dancer Joanne first spotted him. They met again the same day, in Hunters Bar where I worked.

GUTTER

Silver would stop in, give me all his small change, and disappear to the bathroom where he'd wash up and remove his make-up. By the time he was clean (ish), I'd counted his change and paid him in bills.

When Joanne walked in (her friend insisted they go there!) and realised he was the same guy, she felt it was destiny!

To make a (very) long (but really nice) story short, they now live in Edinburgh and have a ten year old son. She still has dancer's legs, and that oh la la French accent. He's still the luckiest man on the planet.

I hadn't seen them for twelve years or more, so I was delighted to say the least!



And Olle, he's one of my Hunter's days "boys". Playing pool, hanging out, moving barrels, removing drunks and everything else I could use some help with. Him, Micha, Rocco, Robbert, etc., but with Olle I had the most contact. Olle, Micha & I worked the Angels Bar at Ruigoord. Olle was there when I had my tattoo done. And we had adjoining rooms in three different houses!

But we had not spoken in years. So it was fantastic to see him, too!



Here's little'old me with three of my favourite guys.

Tony didn't join us at first, he wanted to spend time with his son. But apparently the kid was more into his gizmo or game-boy or whatever it's called nowadays, and Tony had heard Ans was coming for dinner, so he decided to join us, too.



Brought a big bunch of flowers, he always does. He didn't stay too long, he had to meet up with his son.

Olle left as well, had to do something, but would meet up with Graham and Joanne later, to have dinner with Mark, another old Hunter.

Needless to say we exchanged phone-numbers, addresses etc., because we want to stay in contact. What a beautiful day!

My dinner didn't come out too well, I honestly admit. Sorry Ans & Janni, and Andy. What with all the reminiscing, the cooking completely slipped my mind. It'll be better next time, promise!

Elly



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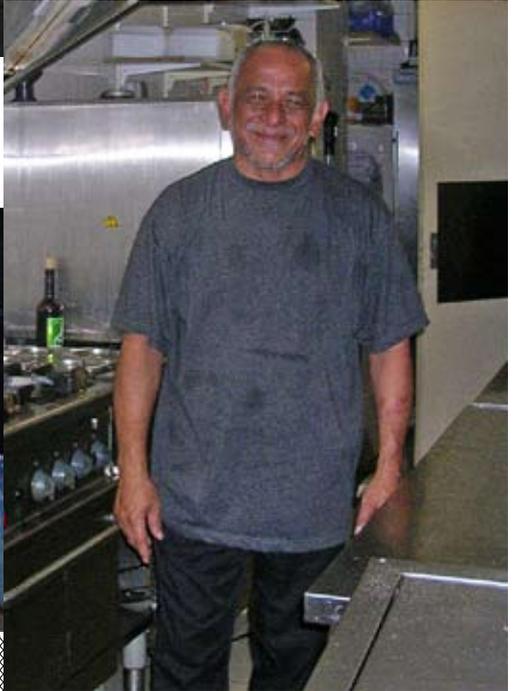
WARD AROUND MOESSTRAAT CENTRUM

Kees is leaving the bars to get into truck driving, with Eric's help. Before that happens, Kees was showing Eric the bars.



Bassplayer Gregorio and warbling barmaid Beth made guest appearances with Joyce, Micky and Theo, on stage in the Old Quarter.

It was a hot summer night, so after playing Unplugged in the Old Quarter, Joyce and Theo (standing in for Stan) joined some of their fans on the terrace.



It's peak holiday season, so Don was helping out in the Old Quarter kitchen.

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AROUND TOWN

I don't usually stay very long in each bar I visit, but... the monthly Open Mike hosted by NFS in Molly Malone's was very entertaining. Everybody's welcome to perform a maximum of three numbers, which produced an enjoyable mix of original songs, covers and even spoken word.



Sandra Sunshine, one of the hosts, took a break from her tour of Europe to sing a few of her own songs. If you missed her, you can download her album 'In Two Planets' (engineered by fellow host Neil) from iTunes, CDBaby or Amazon.



It was nice to see Wolfing on stage. It's been over 5 years since I last heard him singing his highly original songs and almost forgot how good he can be.



Other solo artistes included Giovanni... Gareth Evans-Jones, back in town...



and Craig Coe, the human jukebox.



ON A TUESDAY



Former Molly Malone's barman Kevin was joined on stage by three quarters of Olly De Quartz, plus Fraser on bass.



Last song of the night came from hosts Neil and Fraser, but why did they have to look at the words while singing the chorus of 'We Are The Champions'? Tom Dalton, who arrived too late to sing, suggested it might be because Scotland haven't won anything in years.

At the moment, Molly Malone's Open Mike Night is only once a month, on the last Tuesday, but they're hoping to increase the frequency soon.

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Every Tuesday is a good night for jam sessions in Amsterdam.

In the Waterhole, it's a night of Blues & Soul with Julius E. Green and his Gang Green.



Wolfpin front-man Marcel Scherpenzeel leads the Blues/Rock session in Maloe Melo.



Micky Llewellyn is in charge at the Open Jam in Bourbon Street, so it's bound to Rock!



WHAT'S ON

The Maloe Melo has a wide variety of music to choose from in August.

Lots of local talent, as well as touring bands from Barcelona and Sweden. Rock, punk, folk and blues. There is also a free concert being given by 3 Italian bands - rock/ pop/ britpop.

Have a look at the programme in this mag and choose the evening to suit your taste.

Maggie

The Bowl of Soul jam is no more, but the music goes on every Monday from 8 'til 11 in Partycafé Candela at the Re-Plugged Open Mic



Night, with singers, songwriters and musicians who want to be plugged into live music.

Plenty of big events coming up this month, including Gay Pride, Grachtenfestival, Sail and the Uitmarkt on consecutive weekends. I'll probably catch a bit of each, but the event I'm looking forward to is the Reunion Party weekend (27th - 30th August) in the Flying Dutchman, where we're hoping to catch-up with a lot of old faces. **Andy**

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The Charity Chicken Foundation is a brand new project that was laid in Amsterdam and aims to draw the attention of the world through its infinite silliness and its ridiculous Charity Fund-raising missions.

The Chicken Run is set for the 9th of September. Peter Bradley, Mark Wills, Vince D'Elia and Matthew McGurn will be cycling from Brussels to Amsterdam via Gent, Antwerp, Breda, Dordrecht, Leiden and Utrecht...DRESSED AS CHICKENS!!!!!!

The aim is to raise as much public awareness and funds as possible for The Ukrainian Down's Syndrome association. All money raised goes directly towards the full renovation of a "Future early development centre" for children with Down's syndrome in Kiev.

On Friday 3rd of September, there will be a Charity Fund-Raising Party. An evening of brilliant entertainment and Raffles at Molly Malone's Irish Bar (Oudezijds Kolk 9).

The night will be hosted by "The Monty Pagan Show" and will start at 10.30PM.

Please Join "The Charity Chicken Fan Club" on Facebook and let us know where YOU have seen THE CHARITY CHICKEN!!!

For more details or information regarding the charity, sponsors or donations, please email us at: thecharitychickenfoundation@yahoo.com

Matthew

STUN GIG-LIST

Sunday

Weekly

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Theo de Mosquito, *Sunday Matinee with Theo and his mosquito's, a great way to start your Sunday night out.*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Archie*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session. Joyce Grimes and various guests performing Pop and Rock covers. €1*

23:00, **Korsakoff**, Eclectic Electric, *techhouse, techno, minimal, electro, progressive, breaks, indie and more.*

8th August 2010

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

22nd August 2010

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

29th August 2010

12:00, **Flying Dutchman**, Reunion Party, *meet up for all old customers from the 80's & 90's*

Monday

Weekly

20:00, **Café Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night, *with special hosts "Coco.Aco". All instruments are welcome.*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:00, **The Waterhole**, Michael Strobel's Band, *Jam session hosted by Michael Strobel and his band. A fine mixture of modern and old rock covers. €1*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell*

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Smokehouse, *blues with Lamar Chase*

Monday

9th August 2010

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

16th August 2010

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

23rd August 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *Thijs Cuppen (piano), Olaf Meijer (bass), Klaas van Donkersgoed (drums) jazz*

30th August 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *see Monday 23rd jazz*

Tuesday

Weekly

21:00, **Café Candela**, Karaoke Night,

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Julius E. Green and the Gang Green, *Jam session. Born entertainer Julius E. Green will start the night off with his Gang Green by playing some great blues. €1*

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Open Jam Session, *lead by Micky Llewellyn*

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

24th August 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with Three (rock/new wave/pop), The Pleasure Principle (britpop) €5*

31st August 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Repulsive Slaughter, *(deathmetal), Offpist (punk) €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!*

Wednesday

Weekly

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan the Man, *Jam session hosted by Stan and his band. A great repertoire of Latin, Pop and Rock.* €1

11th August 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Rock Punk Night, *with Anita Miltoff (folk/punk), De Bende (punk), DJ Nukebox* €5

18th August 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet: Rock/Rockabilly Night, *with The Kelvinators, The Dust Honeyfly* €5

25th August 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Stage Alive: *Free concert 3 bands (rock/indie)*

Thursday

Weekly

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

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser, *Former Herman Brood drummer Gus Genser is still kicking ass every Thursday. Great Rock covers performed by Gus and his band.* €1

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Rahim*

12th August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Smoke,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with Woodland Critters (Emotronic)* €5

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

Thursday

19th August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with The Cabin Fever Band (Ireland's Funkiest Psychedelic Rock outfit), The Stitches (Good blend of styles)* €5

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Monty Pagan Presents... *singer/songwriter evening hosted by this very comical duo*

22:00, **Winston Kingdom**, Soul City, *soul, funk, hip-hop, r&b and more!* €6

26th August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, New Italian Rock,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Grandma's LP, *60's* €5

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

Friday

Weekly

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

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 4*

22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

6th August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Johnsons,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Soul Prophets, *soul* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jack's On 5, €1

13th August 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. A very talented and very funny show!*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gagarin Brothers, *rockabilly* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit, €1



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Friday

20th August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sticky's,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz,
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23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Alley Cats, *rockabilly* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Super Sessions, €1

27th August 2010

12:00, **Flying Dutchman**, Reunion Party,
meet up for all old customers from the 80's & 90's
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sticky Honey,
21:00, **Volta**, Break the Funk Live II, *Live: Soul Sonic Xpression (soul, funk & rare grooves).* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Rory O'Donnell,
Young Irish solo act all the way from Tipperary. Expect an evening with a Celtic Twist!
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Healers, *blues* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Vezpa, €1

3rd September 2010

22:30, **Molly Malone's**, The Charity Chicken Fund-Raising Party, *An evening of brilliant entertainment and raffles, hosted by The Monty Pagan Show*

Saturday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 4*
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

Saturday

7th August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Limit,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *see Friday 20th*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Bluesstate, *blues* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife!, €1

14th August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Super,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Olly De Quartz, *rock* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Revival, €1

21st August 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Sidekick Ninjas,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Monty Pagan Show, *Celtic harps and comedy songs with Ken Parsons and Mick de Neeve. A very talented and very funny show!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Blues, €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste!!, €1

28th August 2010

12:00, **Flying Dutchman**, Reunion Party,
meet up for all old customers from the 80's & 90's
20:00, **Shamrock Inn**, Reggae Party,
with DJ Lesley
21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess: Gothic Night, *with DJ Droid, CCCP, Reverend Esser, Sandor, Gidionics. Dresscode: Gothic/new romantic/fetish/black/alternative* €7
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *see Friday 20th*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wolfpin and Friends, *bluesrock* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Tuning Blues, €1

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ROUND



Susie's Saloon's Most Wanted!



It was his last shift working in Coco's Outback, but I'm sure Jaime and Jermo haven't seen the last of Milos; he's taken a 9-5 job.



Haven't seen Rory on stage lately, so here's one of him propping up the bar in the Waterhole.

The night was still young in Coco's Mine, but DJ Ray had Nina to keep him company.



Celebration time in Finnegan's Rainbow: Lisa and Danny have got a new house, Roisin got a new job and Trina was celebrating life, with Eric and Ramses.



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THE BARS



The Flying Dutchman are holding a Reunion Weekend for all the old customers from the 1980's & 1990's. The main party night will be Saturday 28th August, but because it's a Bank Holiday weekend in the UK, Tineke, Richard and Shakira are hoping to see a lot of old faces on the Friday and Sunday too.



Dave said that The Amsterdam Expat Meetup Group (Dutch welcome), see www.laughingatpotatoes.com, want to expand away from just drinking, which is what they do every last Saturday of the month in Molly Malone's.

Rachel said I missed a great jam session in the Shamrock Inn; lots of new blood as well as all the regulars.



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BEHIND



Matthew said he was going to get Julia in the chicken costume before the end of the night...

I don't know if he did, but there's a good chance he'll succeed during the Charity Chicken Fund-Raising party in Molly Malone's on Friday 3rd September.



Lisette and Bianca handled the World Cup crowds in Stone's Café with aplomb.



If Jur's not behind the bar in Maloe Melo, you will probably find him jamming on the piano with the band.



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BARS



Mick, Adrian and Liam kept the cold beers flowing for the thirsty crowds on Coco's Outback's terrace.



It was quiet inside Coco's Mine, but Fraser was kept busy with a full terrace.



Inira, Skip and Susanna didn't have to strike a silly pose behind the bar of the Waterhole, but it helps.

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Maya from Argentina, a new face in Susie's Saloon, with Liam, one of the oldest.



All three members of NFS, Sandra, Fraser and Neil, made it to last month's Open Mike Night in Molly Malone's.



Paul was in the Flying Dutchman with his sister Jill and brother-in-law Klaas.

Haven't seen much of Leo lately, but he still drops in the Shamrock Inn occasionally.



Olly, Kevin and Fritz were drinking and listening to the other acts before performing together at the Open Mike Night in Molly's.



After a hard days work in Coco's Outback, Mark and Beatrice like to unwind in Coco's Mine.

ROUNDS

Guitarist Tom Dalton (r) was looking for a Tuesday jam session to play in, but arrived at Molly Malone's too late to get stage time, although he was in time to see Craig Coe perform his three songs.



No surprise seeing Vera at the Monty Pagan Show in Molly Malone's; her partner Ken is the harp playing half of the duo. If I'd got a picture of them together, they could have been on the next page.

It's been a year since Sharon was in the Stun, so when I saw her outside Molly Malone's with Nic, who's last appearance was three years ago, I had to get a picture.



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COUPLES

The cello playing half of Monty Pagan, Mick, was unwinding with girlfriend Tania after his gig in Molly Malone's.



Karen and Johann celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in July, but we caught them a few days earlier when they hosted a birthday jam for Jan Guitar in their studio.

On his last night working in Coco's Outback, Milos finally introduced us to his girlfriend Dorotty.



It's been a year since the last picture with just Elly and myself (Andy) together, so it's about time we had another. Like the last time, it was my birthday, but this time, Elly took me to Josélito and the Flying Dutchman. Read all about it on the next page.

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CUP FEVER

Andy's birthday was July 11th, same day as the Fifa Finale in Safrica. We donned our best gear, and went to paint the town... Orange!

Our first stop was Josélito, our favourite Spanish restaurant and terrace. Eduardo was certain: Spain would win! He was right.



Jill, Deirdre, Ashley and Claire are always in a winning mood.

Our next stop? Flying Dutchman, of course! Catalan Josep supported, and was clad in, Orange. I wonder how he felt when Holland lost?



Caroline and Teine supported Holland. Caroline's skin tone really compliments the colour Orange!

Bolton John had lost interest after England got knocked out.

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JOKES

With our Guest Jokers: John & Lin

Police in Auckland just announced the discovery of an arms cache of 2, 000 semi automatic rifles with 250,000 rounds of ammunition, 10 anti-tank missiles, 4 grenade launchers, 20 tonnes of heroin, \$50 million in forged NZ bank notes and 25 trafficked Thai prostitutes all in a semi- detached house behind the Public Library in Mangere.

Local residents were stunned!! A community Maori elder said, “We’re shocked. We never knew we had a bloody Library!!”

A man was driving down the road and ran out of gas. Just at that moment, a bee flew in his window. The bee said, ‘What seems to be the problem?’

‘I’m out of gas,’ the man replied.

The bee told the man to wait there and flew away. Minutes later, the man watched as an entire swarm of bees flew to his car and into his gas tank. After a few minutes, the bees flew out. ‘Try it now,’ said one bee.

The man turned the ignition key and the car started right up. ‘Wow!’ the man exclaimed, ‘what did you put in my gas tank?’

The bee answered ‘BP’.

On a cold, cold night, two bulls are standing in a field. One says “Boy it’s mighty cold out here!” The other says, “Yes, I think I might slip into a nice Jersey”.

What is the difference between acne and a catholic priest?

Acne usually comes on a boys face after he turns 12.

If a turtle doesn’t have a shell, is it naked or homeless?

What’s the difference between erotic and kinky?

Erotic is using a feather

Kinky is using the whole chicken

How did Burger King get Dairy Queen Pregnant?

He forgot to wrap his whopper.

A New Zealander was walking along the road with a sheep under each arm.

He meets another New Zealander who says “you sheerin’ mate?” and the first guy replies “naw, they’re all mine”

What is the difference between a sin and a shame?

It’s a sin to stick it in and a shame to take it out.

Two eggs are boiling in a pan, one male and one female.

The female egg says, “Look, I’ve got a crack”

“No good telling me” replies the male egg

“I’m not hard yet”

Q. Why don’t blind men skydive?

A. Because it scares the shit out of the dog

Q. Where do you find a one legged dog?

A. Where you left it.

Q. What’s pink and fluffy?

A. Pink fluff

Q. What’s blue and fluffy?

A. Pink fluff holding its breath.

Q: What is the difference between a virgin and a washing machine?

A: A washing machine doesn’t follow you around for two weeks after you dump a load in it!

What’s the difference between a penis and a bonus?

Your wife will always blow your bonus!

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

And here we go again! New season and it is time to get out that crystal football and make my predictions for the forthcoming season.

20: BLACKPOOL (1000/1). If this was a race horse, it would have been put down after the first. Well, the first is called The Championship these days, but Blackpool's chances of staying in the deluxe league are about as remote as bumping into the Pope in the red light district.

Then again? Seriously though, their only real claim to fame is sharing the same kit as the Dutch national team and even that has become less fashionable after the Netherlands horror show in the World Cup final. No players bought to date and one of their rising stars, Billy Clarke, out for most of the season. I like the manager though and if anyone can turn water into wine, it is loveable Ian Holloway. Come on Olly – prove us all wrong. Again!

19: WOLVES (500/1). Mick McCarthy survived last season in the top flight, but only just! It will be a similar dour battle this time around I suspect, but they always say that the second season in the elite league is harder than the first and with this in mind, I expect the Wolves to unseat their rider when the writing is on the wall. No major signings so far and it will be a dogged battle from day one.

18: WEST BROM (500/1). Oh dear, here we go again. When the going gets tough, they

generally don't get going at all and with a dire shortage of top quality strikers, they will struggle from the off, I fear.

17: NEWCASTLE UNITED (400/1). Nice for their loyal fans to see this one back in the big league, but survival is the best they can hope for. They have a very tough start and what they don't need is to lose confidence early in the race. Much depends on the kind of start they make, but one thing is sure; it will be a long hard slog from start to finish.

16: BLACKBURN ROVERS (350/1). Sam Allardyce will have his work cut out again. They have not been spending and unless there is a big buyout of the club, then this could be a very uncertain season for Rovers. Club chairman John Williams is desperately seeking new revenue and without it they won't be at the races.

15: WIGAN ATHLETIC (400/1). Many people's

favourite to fall, but I am not convinced. They still have some quality players and they have recently acquired the services of Ronnie Stam from Dutch club Twente, along with Argentinian striker Mauro Boselli for 6 million, so watch out!

14: STOKE CITY (400/1). Tony Pulis does have some cash these days, but it is not burning a hole in his pocket. He is usually a good judge and his main target appears to be a striker! Kenwyne Jones is his favoured choice and he would certainly suit the boys from the



BEING FRANK...

Potteries. He played for them in 2005, and with both James Beattie and Dave Kitson injury prone and their long-term future in some doubt, Jones could ensure they steer well clear of the drop-zone this time around.

13: BOLTON WANDERERS (350/1). Another mid-table plodder these days, but they have enough quality to stay out of danger. Having Croatian front man Ivan Klasnic on board will certainly lessen their load.

12: WEST HAM UNITED (350/1). Avram Grant is determined to hang on to Carlton Cole and for good reason; he is, perhaps, one of the most under-rated strikers in the Premiership and Grant is confident that with the new system he is about to deploy, Cole will revel in it! West Ham have always tried to play attractive football, but not always intelligent football; with Grant at the helm expect this to change too! They should stay well out of trouble in what will be a transitional period for the club.

11: BIRMINGHAM CITY (400/1). No threat to the leading pack, but well out of danger too. Alex McLeish has done them proud so far and although they get some of the poorest gates in the top flight, under the Scotsman's stewardship, they have gone from strength to strength. They may even harbour European aspirations this time, but that will be a fence too far, I feel.

10: FULHAM (300/1). In what can only be described as the chasing pack, Fulham have equipped themselves very well. Yes, they have lost their leader to Liverpool, but all is not lost. I suspect that Mark Hughes will take to this job like a duck to water. Roy Hodgson has done the groundwork and now it is time to find out what this Welshman is made of. He will be doggedly determined to prove his doubters wrong and in taking this job, he has a wonderful opportunity to do just that! Hard act to follow though, but if he makes it into the top half of the division, then it will be an admirable start.

9: SUNDERLAND (300/1). With Darren Bent leading from the front, I expect this lot to have a good run. Steve Bruce is a wily character and not the kind of guy to be taken for a ride. There are some good youngsters coming through the ranks and it will be worth watching out for Jack Colback, Michael Kay and Ryan Noble.

8: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (50/1). They will be chasing the leaders with gusto, but it will probably be all in vain. Our Harry knows a thing or two about betting and he would not be putting his mortgage on Spurs doing any more than simply staying in the race. Redknapp has already vented his anger at football governing bodies for arranging worthless friendlies so close to the new campaign. He may look and even sound like a second hand car salesman at times, but one thing you do get from this man is an honest opinion. He is also not happy with his own club for arranging too many friendlies, so it could turn out to be a long, hard, run-in when they turn for home.

7: ASTON VILLA (60/1). Under Martin O'Neill, they have constantly punched above their weight. Yet with Luke Young wanting out and no big-money buys to date, we can expect much of the same this time around, I think. Nobody doubts they have real quality in

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all departments, but when they try to step it up a gear, they are usually found wanting.

6: EVERTON (60/1). Getting Jermaine Beckford on a free transfer from Leeds was a real coup! Everton's David Moyes has a real eye for talent and he has also acquired the services of Portuguese striker Joao Silva from Aves for around a half a million. Losing Dan Gosling is a big blow though and Newcastle will feel it is four million quid well spent. Everton still have lots of quality however, in all departments, and after a sluggish start, I expect them to be chasing the leaders on the last lap of the campaign.

5: MANCHESTER CITY (6/1). They continue to spend as if there was no tomorrow, but the lesson these rich Arab sheikhs still have to learn is that in football, you need a bit of patience too. Continuity is the key and Roberto Mancini will also know that anything less than an automatic Champions League place this term will be seen as abject failure. The reality is of course that City have too many newcomers to make a lasting impact this

term. Talent and money in abundance, but still far from the finished article.

4: LIVERPOOL (5/1). The Reds will have to be content with fourth place in Roy Hodgson's first season at the helm. No great disgrace I suppose, but still light years away from those enormously successful seasons of old. I think in the long term though, Roy can turn things around at Anfield, but as in the case of City, Rome wasn't built in a day, so this is very much a work in progress.

3: ARSENAL (4/1). I guess you all saw this one coming. Arse Wenger will hope to excel in the cup competitions, otherwise the natives will be getting restless. He is a good coach though and a very shrewd tactician. Sadly for him, and the Gunners, injuries to key players and their obsession with wanting to pass the ball into the net, at times like Spain, often works against them. Then again, if they could bottle the success Spain have had of late, then no one would be complaining!

2: MANCHESTER UNITED (2/1). And now the easy bit. After all, it is only a two horse race, isn't it? Sir Alex will miss out again and finally take a well-earned rest. It will be another close call though, but in the end, the Premiership will be decided at the very last hurdle and the Red Devils will come up short again.

1: CHELSEA (Evens). Need I say more. They will sign the Brazilian midfielder Ramires to boost their options, and with Drogba back on song and firing on all cylinders, once more they will be a very potent force. They also have Israeli midfielder Yossi Benayoun in the engine room these days, so they have both the stamina and the expertise to be considered as the hot favourites again. I suspect Sir Alex will probably eat his betting slip.

Frank

Think you can predict the new season's outcome better than Frank? Why not enter our Premiership Predictions League, the entry-form is on page 27.

IN THE BACK

Henk's political views are not necessarily shared by everybody else in Café Corso.



After the World Cup Final, Jan Willem's shirt changed from orange to (blood) red following a collision with a low flying beer glass.

Jo worked the day shift in Coco's Outback, so she was partying on Friday Night.



Another Tuesday picture, this time with David in the back of the Waterhole.

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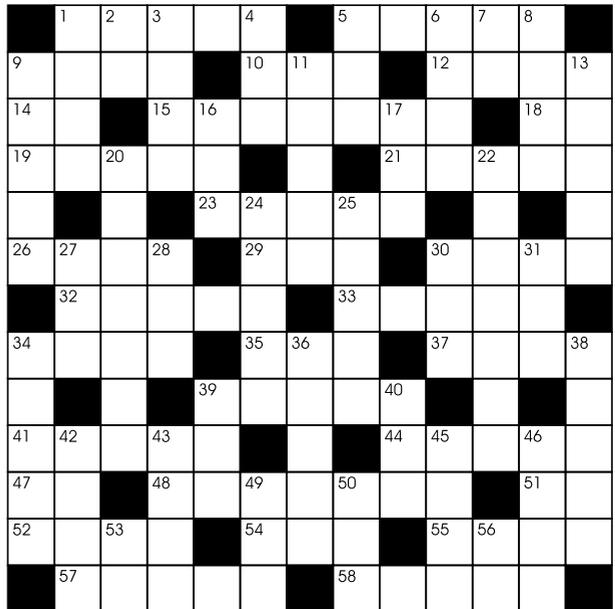
The Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: False. (5)
- 5: American film. (5)
- 9: Cunning. (4)
- 10: Fuss. (3)
- 12: Finishes. (4)
- 14: Alternatively. (2)
- 15: Fiercely competitive life-style. (3,4)
- 18: Accept an invitation. (2)
- 19: Beneath. (5)
- 21: Command. (5)
- 23: Love god. (5)
- 26: Peace symbol. (4)
- 29: Pin. (3)
- 30: By mouth. (4)
- 32: Plunder. (5)
- 33: Aficionado. (5)
- 34: Llama country. (4)
- 35: Matrix character. (3)
- 37: Absolute top. (4)
- 39: See you in Spain. (5)
- 41: Utilizers. (5)
- 44: Italian staple. (5)
- 47: Just like that. (2)
- 48: Illicit. (7)
- 51: United Nations. (2)
- 52: Therefore. (4)
- 54: Small constellation near Scorpius. (3)
- 55: Connect. (4)
- 57: Indian spirit guide. (5)
- 58: Tree. (5)

Down

- 1: Given life. (4)
- 2: Bovine. (2)
- 3: Vortex. (4)
- 4: Took a seat. (3)
- 5: Extinct New Zealand bird. (3)
- 6: Change course. (4)
- 7: Present. (2)
- 8: Rim. (4)
- 9: Recovered. (5)
- 11: Arrange casually. (5)
- 13: Young adult deer. (5)
- 16: Circle fragment. (3)
- 17: Fish. (3)
- 20: Showing variety. (7)
- 22: Leads. (7)
- 24: Turn over. (5)
- 25: Inuit house. (5)
- 27: Crude metal. (3)
- 28: Water in France. (3)
- 30: Eggs. (3)
- 31: Upper limb. (3)
- 34: Take a break. (5)
- 36: Duck. (5)
- 38: Large African antelope. (5)
- 39: American Sign Language. (3)
- 40: Resort. (3)
- 42: Type. (4)
- 43: Uprising. (4)
- 45: Shrub rose. (4)
- 46: Melody. (4)
- 49: Strike. (3)
- 50: Opening. (3)
- 53: Japanese board game. (2)
- 56: In use. (2)



Last Month's Answers

Across: 1 Circumference, 11 Ease, 12 Rata, 13 Neater, 15 Opener, 17 Sad, 18 Slits, 19 Ola, 20 Ur, 23 In, 24 Barnacles, 29 Bali, 30 Veal, 32 Imploding, 36 Up, 38 An, 39 Bro, 41 Snore, 43 Art, 44 Combat, 46 Suffer, 48 Erie, 49 Aria, 50 Parallelogram.

Down: 1 Consul, 2 Read, 3 Cat, 4 Uses, 5 Merlin, 6 Erotic, 7 Raps, 8 Ete, 9 Nano, 10 Errand, 14 Ear, 16 Eli, 21 Calms, 22 Teeny, 24 Bai, 25 Rip, 26 Ado, 27 LVI, 28 Sag, 31 Hub-cap, 33 Lintel, 34 Dorsal, 35 Antrim, 37 Pro, 38 Are, 40 Omer, 41 Sail, 42 Euro, 43 Afar, 45 Bra, 47 Fig.