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The Editor's Bit

Only a week to go before the new Premier League season kicks off, which means you've only got another week to enter our Premier Predictions League competition. Our football expert Frank reveals his predictions in Being Frank on Football, starting on page 28 and there's an entry form and more details about the competition on page 31. You can also enter via the Stun website where you'll find the, new for this season, drag and drop entry form. It's much easier than filling in numbers in boxes!

Also new on the Stun website: Everything! Yes, the Amsterdam Stun's online presence has undergone its first complete overhaul in five years. Instead of trawling through a long drop-down list of back-issues, you can now browse through the covers in reverse order or by year. I've only got the last 4 years available at the moment, but more will follow soon and eventually, every single issue will be online.

The gig-list can now be viewed by day as well as a continuous list and there are also links to new venue pages. You can't always trust road signs (see cover) but with the maps on the venue/bar pages, you can get the walking route to our favourite places from key locations around Amsterdam.

Back to this edition of the Stun, all of our regular stuff, like the jokes, crossword and loads of pictures are here, so enjoy your Stun.

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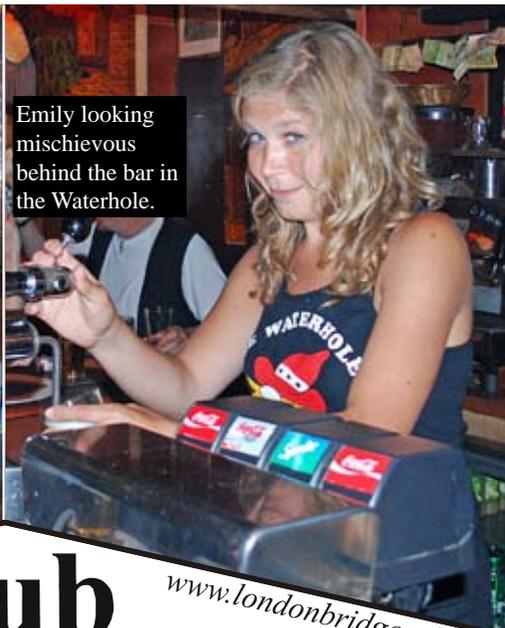
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Nikki had her birthday party in the London Bridge, of course.



Emily looking mischievous behind the bar in the Waterhole.



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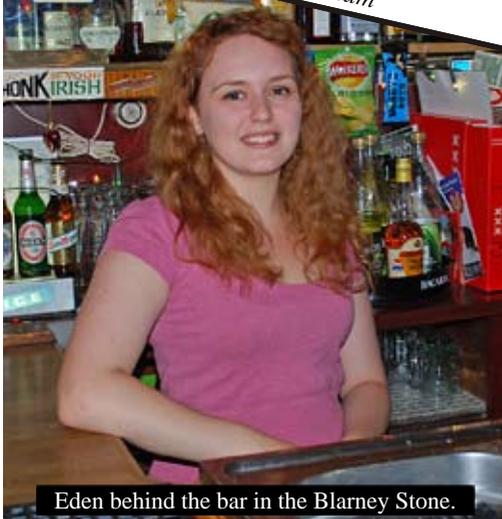
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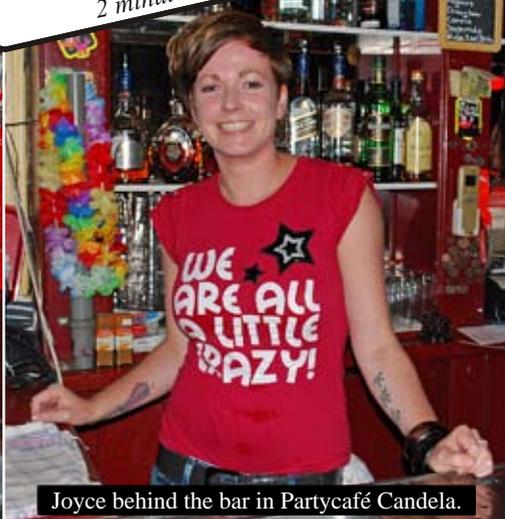
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Eden behind the bar in the Blarney Stone.



Joyce behind the bar in Partycafé Candela.

TALES FROM THE

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

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

Congratulation Kirsty & Matt on the birth of your daughter Millie.



She was born on the evening of July 21st, weighing a healthy 3260 grams.

Welcome to the world, Millie!

Our friend Ollie was one of the lucky ones to get to see Prince in the Melkweg, the surprise concert.

Perfectionist Prince arrived in the afternoon, he wanted to sort out the lights and sounds for himself. Prince is quite peculiar about these things.

And about photographers! He got quite ruffled with them in the end, and told them:

“This is a party, not a photo-shoot, see you later”!

And the concert itself was fantastic.



Ollie actually came around to do the crossword prize draw. A record ten entries in the hat, and I (semi) jokingly said: “I hope Pat wins it this month?”, so when Ollie actually

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GUTTER



pulled Pat's name out, he started checking every other bit of paper to make sure they didn't all have Pat's name on.

They didn't, of course, so the bottle of whisky is Pat's, but we have heard he will share his prize with other Coco's Outback staff.



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Have fun boys, and congratulations to Pat! Andy handed him the voucher on one of the (very few) sunny days this summer.

For this month's crossword, the Original Giorgi (formerly won by Josie) Hoody shirt is back. Who will be the next Stun Crossword Master?

Coming weekend one of the busiest and most colourful parades of Amsterdam, the Gay Pride Canal Parade, will be longer & bigger than ever.

Actually, the whole festival lasts longer this year, nine days of parties, gay weddings, meetings and celebrations.

And the number of participating boats, as always filled with flamboyantly dressed and/or only partly dressed singing and dancing groups of people is up to ninety.

For the first time a boat from the military, with soldiers in uniform, will be participating too.

Lets hope the weather is good, no boat will sink, and nobody falls in the water.

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WARD AROUND MOESSTRAAT CENTRUM



Friday night in the Stone's Café, with Lisette, Wendy, Polly and Talitha.

I'm sure Marlene and Deborah were both behind the bar every time I dropped in the Old Quarter last month.



Kim was in the Stone's Café with her best mate Jessica, so I had to take a picture.



Mark was in town for his birthday and got Beth and Valentijn doing touristy things with him.

Mick from Newcastle always reads the Stun when he visits, and now he's in it, after we met him in the Old Quarter.



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ONE NIGHT



Monday evening in late July, the height of Summer and the terrace heaters were on!



A warm welcome from Yola, upstairs in Café Candela. She loves the Stun Jokes Page; of course she does, she's from Birmingham.

Vincent gets the Re-Plugged Open Mic Night going in Café Candela, and then Giovanni takes over when he's finished on the streets.



They usually start around 21:30; here are some late arriving musicians.



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ON LEIDSEPLEIN



On to the Waterhole, where I bumped into Alfred, who shares the same birthday as me.

Don't know who these two are; they just asked me to take a photo!



Humphrey was taking care of business in the back of the Waterhole.



Leny (ex-*Last Waterhole*) and Gigi were at the bar with Magic Sem.

Ilya at the bar, waiting to play, again! (He's starting to fall into the Magic Sem category).



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QUIZ NIGHT

Presentation of the monthly quiz night in Finnegan's Rainbow was, as usual, in the capable hands of Mark Mysterious, who regularly grabs his guitar and asks something like "who sang the original version of this song?" I can't remember the song now, but the answer was Bob Dylan.



As well as pulling pints, bringing round snacks and collecting the quiz answers, Marjolein also sets the questions.



Egbert, Jet and John, alias Team Egbert, were missing a couple of their regular team-mates and could only manage 4th place.



Team Moore or Less; Jur, Britta, Kim, Berna and Pim took 1st place with 69 points, and the prize money from Marjolein. As is the custom in Finnegan's, they rung the bell and bought drinks all round.

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WHAT'S ON

Our friend Wolfling will be opening for I Am Kloot in Paradiso tomorrow (Saturday 6th August). He had 5 free tickets up for grabs on Facebook this morning, but they're probably gone by now, so it will cost you €16 if you don't want to miss, in Wolfling's words, "one of the best live bands I know, and certainly one of my favourites". Doors open at 19:00. Wolfling will do a half hour set at 19:30 SHARP. I Am Kloot will take the stage at 20:30.

Also on Saturday 6th, The Amsterdam Summer Cruise 2011 will be casting off from behind Centraal Station at 20:00. With 3 areas, 2 free fully staffed and stocked bars (powered by Jameson Irish Whiskey), live acts, including Olly De Quartz rocking the open air top deck, and international DJs all aboard an incredible vessel, it promises to be a good night out. The last I heard, tickets are still available for €55 (including all drinks and food). Contact Matthew in Molly Malone's.

Olly De Quartz will be playing in Molly Malone's on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th August, but you can catch them before that during the Leidseplein Live Festival. As part of the Dutch Battle of the Coverbands, 11 bands will be performing over 3 days; Olly De Quartz will be on stage at 17:00 on Saturday 13th August and it's on Leidseplein. More details at www.dutchbattleofthecoverbands.nl.

Saturday 13th is also the first day of the new Premier League football season. You could stay at home watching the matches on Sport1, but where's the fun in that? Get to a bar and watch a match there instead; you know it makes sense! Just to make it even more interesting, why not enter our Premier Predictions League competition? Details are on page 31.

Although it's not mentioned in the gig-list, I have it on good authority that Mark Mysterious will be playing with Mick de Neeve at the Acoustic Session in Maloe Melo on Sunday 7th August.

Maloe Melo's music hall will be closed for the next three Tuesdays, but Rock n Roll Nico will be leading an acoustic session in the front bar on those nights.

Great seeing Mosquito in the Albert Heijn advert! You can catch them every Sunday at 18:00 in the Waterhole. Bass player Gregorio's other band, Gregosaurius Rex & The Raptors, will be rocking the Waterhole on Saturday 20th August. I haven't seen them in ages, so I'll have to try to get down there for that.

We didn't get all the details of who's playing in CC Muziekcafé in time for inclusion in this month's gig-list, but they'll appear on the Stun website as soon as we get them. Of course, you could just drop in the bar and surprise yourself with their musical offerings.

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Weekly

21:30, **Cafe Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Michael Strobel Jam
Session, *Jam session with both modern and classic
rock.* €1

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

8th August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, t.b.a., €3

15th August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, t.b.a., €3

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *Expect the usual
10 rounds of brain-teasing questions! Cash prizes
for the winning teams and frequent on-the-spot
raffle prizes through-out the night.*

22nd August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, t.b.a., €3

29th August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Ελληνική Μουσική
Βραδιά, *Greek music jam* €3

Tuesday

Weekly

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

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Julius E. Green Jam
Session, *Soul Night in the Waterhole with born
entertainer Julius E. Green* €1

Tuesday

9th August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball & Open
Mic, *5 different acts*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Nico*
16th August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball & Open
Mic, *5 different acts*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Nico*
23rd August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball & Open
Mic, *5 different acts*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Nico*
30th August 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball & Open
Mic, *5 different acts*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by
Tamira, *On the last Tuesday of every month we
welcome musicians of all levels onto the stage. Get
a free beer for playing a song!*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session,
with Kevin

Wednesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Ferial Trio, *latin/jazz
session* €3

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, One Night Stan Jam
Session, *Pop, Rock, Latin Jam with Stan the Man* €1

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, JB & Friends, *live soul,
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10th August 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Jonas x 4,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Stiletto's, Dead Elvis, €5

17th August 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Saint Rooster,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Dance Xplosion
XL, Live: *Gideon Grounds, One Root Freeman,
Empress Black Omolo, 1 Youth Lava Pickney,
Dance act The Lions Den, Dj Royal Kingdom
Sound* €5

24th August 2011

20:00, **Maloe Melo**, Fill Bloom, F4, Fenix Rock
360, *All Italian bands* €5

31st August 2011

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, (*fully booked!*)
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, 06 Zinkbuis (Pyschedelic),
Bat country (Pyschedelic Blues, Rock), *Palio
SuperSpeed Donkey* (Indie, Rock) €5

Thursday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Thursday Tunes, *jam session;*
styles include blues, rock, reggae, jazz, and pop.
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & his Illegible Guitbox
Banging Gritmoaners, *Roots & blues with grit.*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven Lewis & Friends,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser's Rock Jam,
*Rock n Roll Jam with former Herman Brood
Drummer Gus Genser* €1
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session,

Thursday

11th August 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Rocktopussy,
21:00, **Susies Saloon**, The Full Moon Thursday
Session, *with Chris & Lance*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Fragile Audio, €5
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get
a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30
Coco's Voucher!*

18th August 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session,

25th August 2011

19:30, **The Waterhole**, Dirty Pendecho,
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hit Me,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Void Union, *ska (USA)* €7
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get
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19th August 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Friday Night Live, €5
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, AFC,
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer
 songwriter in the best rock tradition*
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, De Strangers, *psychobilly* €5
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole All Stars!, €1

26th August 2011

- 19:30, **The Waterhole**, Since 18.20,
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Friday Night Live, €5
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Fools House,
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These
 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!*
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Rock 'n Roll Nico & Band, €5
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit, €1

Saturday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & his Illegible Guitbox
 Banging Gritmoaners, *Roots & blues with grit.*
 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
 Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 4*
 22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Some Band -
 Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

6th August 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sidekick Ninjas, *energetic
 groove* €5
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, James Bob,
 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mosquito,
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Soul Survivors, €5
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Who, €1

13th August 2011

- 17:00, **Leidseplein Live**, Olly De Quartz, *playing
 as part of the Dutch Battle of the Coverbands*
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Saturday Night Live, €5
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Moonaddict,
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Robert Pfeiffer, *local
 singer/entertainer: trad. + contemp. Irish & covers*
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Mean Mamma, *blues, rock,
 soul* €5
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Revival, €1

Friday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & his Illegible Guitbox
 Banging Gritmoaners, *Roots & blues with grit.*
 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
 Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 4*
 22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Some Band -
 Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

5th August 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Maria Catharina, *acoustic/
 jazz* €5
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Next Thing,
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Dave Mullins, *singer/
 songwriter/guitarist/sometime pianist*
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Alley Cats, *rockabilly* €5
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rough n Tumble, €1

12th August 2011

- 19:30, **The Waterhole**, Fragile Audio,
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Friday Night Live, €5
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Soulfood,
 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Marksmen, *rockabilly (UK)* €5
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Robert Pfeiffer, *local
 singer/entertainer: trad. + contemp. Irish & covers*
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Continental Breakfast, €1

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GIG-LIST

Saturday

20th August 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Saturday Night Live, €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hot Dang Dilly,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ken Parsons, *singer/
songwriter/harpist/comedian/...*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Marco Cinelli Trio, *blues, rock,
soul* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gregosaurus Rex & The
Raptors, €1

27th August 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Saturday Night Live, €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Brand,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz,
see Friday 26th
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Lamar Chase Band, *blues* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Alsof je een koffer bent, €1

Sunday

Weekly

- 18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee with The
Mosquitos, *A great way to end your weekend or
start your week*
22:00, **The End**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session with a
mixture of pop rock with a feminine touch*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with
Blueberry Punch
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session.
Joyce Grimes and various guests performing Pop
and Rock covers.* €1

7th August 2011

- 19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, with *Berna,
Jur & Mark*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds,
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Sunday

14th August 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds,
Petra Jordan €3

21st August 2011

- 19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, with *Berna,
Jur & Mark*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds,
Danalyze & Joshua Johnson €3

28th August 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, €3

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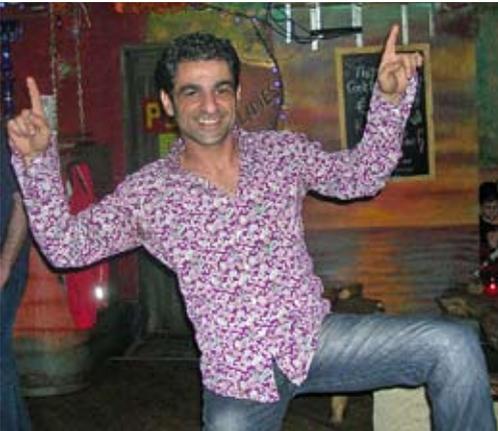
November Graye was in the audience at the JPR Strinxband gig in Maloe Melo and later joined the band on stage for a few songs.



What's happened to the clock in the Flying Dutchman? It's been telling the correct time, which is totally confusing for Tineke and the regulars. And the one that never worked tells the right time too!



Kym did the day shift in Coco's Outback and then ended up in Coco's Mine with Adriaan and Mick.



Hassan was dancing with delight in the Wonder Bar; he's in the Stun again!



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THE BARS

Sunday in the Shamrock, where Pete was drumming and Lisa wasn't.



David and Haya had a few friends round for a drink or two in the Flying Dutchman.

After posing with Sif in Susie's Saloon, DJ Phil told us his Soul Night is back; some Sunday nights in Doors Palace.



Josie brought Petra and Ana to Molly Malone's after bumping into them on Zeedijk.

Having an after work drink on Coco terrace; head chef Lee and sidekick James, with Pat, who keeps the place from falling apart, and usually succeeds.



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BEHIND

A big thumbs-up from Rene, behind the bar in the CC Muziek Café.



Jaime had to get in the picture with Sanne, who is back in Coco's Outback for 4 months; she got herself an Aussie down under and she's showing him Holland.



Behind the bar in Molly Malone's on a Friday night, it's Julia and Stephen!



Gabriel went behind the bar in Maloe Melo to get in the picture with Jur.

The camera came out as soon as I saw Lotte and Bianca behind the bar in the Stone's Café.



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BARs

It's great to see Tineke back behind the bar in the Flying Dutchman, and it looks like David is 100% behind her.



OK, Kamila and Amy in Coco's Outback are not actually 'behind' the bar here, but they're close enough.

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Nikki's Birthday

Nikki in the London Bridge wanted to work on her birthday, so her friends Rebecca and Danna were there to keep her company.



After the candles were blown out...

Her husband Tanveer, plus Amber and his family joined them when the cake arrived.



Tanveer and Nikki got stuck into the cake!

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Sarah's Visit



Sarah was over from Cork for the weekend so I went for a drink with her, Daisy, Janet and Janice in the Blarney Stone.

Next stop for the wandering party was the Flying Dutchman, where Tineke was working, so we stayed there for a beer or two and before we knew it, closing time was upon us.



The End was still open for Karaoke, so that was our next stop. I might have been drinking, because I was singing with another Andy.



Natalie was in town that weekend too.

Janet couldn't stay too long; she was with Michael and her new Tomos.



Sarah and Janice sang with Andy too, and then there was no stopping them





JPR Strinxband had Maloe Melo rocking.

Well Aware were obviously unaware they were booked to play CC Café, so Ladies Flavour extended their set and had a bit of a jam.



A couple of Danes became Gritmoaners for the night when they dropped into the Old Nickel while Peter Lavell was playing.



Seen On

At the Re-Plugged Open Mic night in Café Candela, Rupert sang a few songs...



And was followed by Adrian, who sang a few more.



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Stage

At his Monday Jam in the Waterhole, Michael was on stage with Pikey rapping, Alex drumming and Franck bassing on bass.



Next up, Ilja on guitar, with Daniel on drums and Yuri on bass.



We couldn't leave before Magic Sem took to the stage; makes a pleasant change from pictures of him propping up the bar.



Another great Sunday Jam in the Shamrock Inn with Mark, Kim, Steve and Jur backing up Berna's great voice.



After her gig with Something Rude, Dee Dee and David heard live music coming from the Shamrock and dropped in for a jam.



Andy Humphreys had gigs in a couple of bars while he was in Amsterdam; here he is playing in Molly Malone's.

MORE



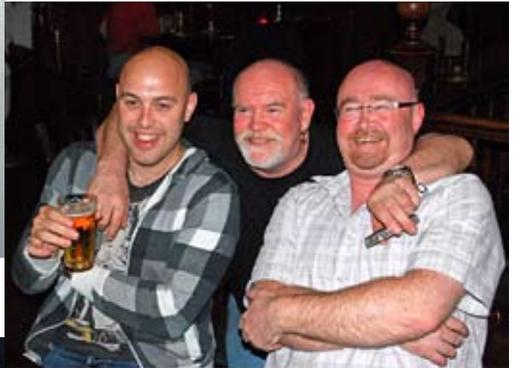
Olly, Fritz and Amadeus, alias Olly De Quartz, were having an after gig drink in Molly Malone's with their number one fan, Josie.



In Molly Malone's, Yvette wanted her photo taken, so she grabbed Martijn and Lisbeth. The Old Quarter was full of Micky Llewellyn impersonators.



We haven't taken a picture in Aen 't Water for ages, so here's Jan, Micha, Tes and Irmo.



Colonel Mike was trying to have a quiet Sunday drink in the Blarney Stone.



Susie's barmaid Rebecca was in the Waterhole with some of her friends.



ROUNDS



Jet and John have been friends for 21 years, but this is the first picture of them together.



Edo, Ger, Jack and Jenny got in the picture with Big Franky in De Pul.



Jenny, Jacinta, Carol and Carly were in town for the Take That concert.

John, the new barman (ex-Slainte & Globe) in Susie's Saloon, with Stef, Yuri and Emilia.



Kim insisted on having her picture taken with me when I saw her in the Stone's Café.



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MORE ROUNDS



It was a hot night in the Waterhole, so Dennis was getting a bit of fresh air.



Scouse Dave misses Liam, but with the plaque in Susie's Saloon, he won't be forgotten.



Bumped into Wotsisname in the Blarney Stone; who knows who it is?



It's Mister Coco's himself, Edward!
Hennie plays in the Shamrock Inn's Sunday Jam, but he hasn't been in the Stun before.



JOKES

With our Guest Jokers: Rush, Lin & Tommy

An Irish farmer named Seamus had an accident with a lorry and was suing the lorry company. In court their hotshot solicitor was questioning Seamus.

Solicitor: "Now didn't you say to the Police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?"

Seamus: "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite cow Bessie into the..."

Solicitor: "I didn't ask for any details, just answer the question. Did you not tell the police officer at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?"

Seamus: "Well, I had just got Bessie into the sidecar and I was driving down the road..."

The solicitor interrupted again and said, "Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that at the scene of the accident this man told the police that he was fine. Now, several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Seamus's answer and said to the solicitor: "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow Bessie."

Seamus thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite cow, into the sidecar and was driving her down the road when this huge lorry and trailer came through a stop sign and hit me right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurt very bad like and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans. Shortly after the accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the policeman came charging across the road, gun still in hand, looked me up and down, and said 'How badly are you hurt?'"

Now what the F**k would you have said?"

Forty gypsies arrive at the Pearly Gates in their Transit vans and caravans. St. Peter goes into the gatehouse and phones up God, saying: 'I've got 40 travellers here. Can I let them in?'

God replies 'We are over our quota on Pikeys. Go back out to the Pearly Gates and tell them to choose among them which are the 12 most worthy, and I will let just the dozen in.'

Less than a minute later St Peter is on the phone to God again. 'They've gone', he tells God.

'What?' says God, 'All 40 of them?'

'No, the Pearly Gates'.

The guys were all at a deer camp. No one wanted to room with Bob, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Bob and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you?"

He said, "Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful!"

He said, "Man, that Bob shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night."

The third night was Fred's turn. Fred was a tanned, older cowboy, a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, "Man, what happened?"

He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night. Bob sat up and watched me all night."

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Here we are again with the new season for a couple of seasons now and this fellow, I upon us once more - which means you have fear, will not get the distance this time around. but a few days to get your Premier Predictions He must also feel like it is like flogging a dead sorted before a ball is kicked! I have been horse. And he's right!

football gazing again and here is what I think might happen. And remember folks; this time the winner will be able to celebrate in style with lots of food and drink courtesy of Coco's Outback!

20: Swansea City, 1000/1. Staying in this league is a big ask for any newcomer and although Blackpool almost performed miracles last time, I think it was largely down to the management skills of Ian Holloway. Normally competing with the big boys is only really feasible if

you've got money to burn and sadly I see this one falling at the first. Swansea lacks firepower up front and Brendan Rodgers should confer with Roy about flogging a dead horse.

19: Wolves, 900/1. Proud Mick McCarthy has been holding onto the reigns for dear life



18: Newcastle United, 1000/1. Now this may come as a shock to some of you but quite frankly, Alan Pardew is not up to it. Joey Barton is causing trouble at mill and there is always one unlikely candidate that gets brought down to earth as the season progresses. I expect this one to unseat its rider early in the race.

17: Norwich City, 1000/1. They will be fancied by many to not make the distance, but I am not so sure. The man who will be pulling their

socks up is a wily Scotsman with attitude and this attitude may just prevent them from going under ignominiously.

16: Stoke City, 800/1. This ones stamina will keep them from harms way and although they may not be too pretty to look at, they have a good idea where the finishing line is and they should get there relatively comfortably.

15: W.B.A., 500/1. I think they will not find the going easy and may have to pull out all the stops to stay out of trouble. This will not be an easy ride, but they have enough quality to see them home safely, I suspect.

14: Wigan Athletic, 1000/1. Many fans fancy for the drop I would think, judging by last season's form, but I am of a different view. There is still a lot of quality throughout the

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team and the key to their survival may well be how they start.

13: Bolton Wanderers, 500/1. You never know quite what to expect with this entry. If it were a racehorse, it would have a little squiggle next to its name. Far too often Bolton baffles to deceive and although they should not be in any real danger, inconsistency is their biggest downfall.

12: Queens Park Rangers, 500/1. Another newcomer to the big league, but here's one that will not only get the distance, but will surprise a few punters with their free-flowing football in the process!

11: Blackburn Rovers, 350/1. A lack of significant transfer activity is cause for concern here, but this will change if they make an unfavourable start. More of a plodder this one, but with enough pace to see it pull away from danger as the title race progresses.

10: Fulham, 300/1. Martin Jol knows a bit about the Premiership already and has spent wisely so far, it must be said. John Arne Rise is a fine example of a new recruit who can still get the distance and I think we will see Fulham galloping along in mid-division for the most part.

9: Aston Villa, 250/1. Another one that probably has too much quality to struggle for too long, but there are question marks about the man who will be pulling the reigns. Never in sight of the leaders from the off, but never in danger of being pulled up early either, I feel.

8: Everton, 150/1. David Moyes must be applauded for his undoubted persistence and it would be interesting to see what might develop if the Blues could just make a good start for a change. They have the talent to impress, but in the consistency department they have been found wanting again and again.

7: Sunderland, 300/1. Well worth an each way flutter this one, I feel. Steve Bruce and the boys have spent big and have high expectations of a good run-in. It will take a while for all the new talent to gel, but you can expect them to be chasing the leading pack in the last few furlongs and a Europa 2 spot is not beyond them, in my view.

6: Arsenal, 100/1. Pretty to watch, but usually ends up going backwards and I see no real change this time around. There is an

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abundance of talent wherever you look, but still they are far from the finished article. Arse Wenger could be on his last legs too. If they don't grab some silverware this season, then I fear he could be put down.

5: Tottenham Hotspur, 100/1. Our Harry knows a thing or two about horses for courses and coming over the finishing line ahead of the Gunners will do for starters, I reckon! To be absolutely frank about it, they could not realistically expect anything more when you look at the quality of leading pack.

4: Manchester United, joint evens favourite. They will be hard to beat and make no mistake about that, but the quality of the field this season suggests that they may be in for a rough ride. Sir Alex will of course push them to the limit and perhaps over it, which begs the question - can they get the distance this time?

3: Liverpool, 5/1. With Suarez and Carroll riding in tandem, we should be treated to a feast of goals. Charlie Adam also knows where the net is and the only big question relates to defensive frailties that have cost them dear of late. Kenny D will have his own way of doing things and a Champions League place is, of course, this season's primary objective.

2: Manchester City, 3/1. I believe they will come good this season and have the talent to excel in the latter stages of the Premiership race. We can expect a great contest and they may find themselves being pipped at the post.

1: Chelsea, Joint evens favourite. A new man at the helm and someone who has as much talent in the coaching department as his players have on the field. The argument against is that he is too young at 36 to threaten the leaders, but the way he transformed Porto from an average side into something very special suggests that he could be exactly that!

Frank on Photos

Here are two photos with managers and the first one is outside Harrod's with ex England captain Tony Adams!



The second photo is of Paul Jewell the Scouse Ipswich manager who could be the first manager in premiership history to bring three clubs from the Championship and up into the Elite League.



He has done it before with unfashionable Bradford and Wigan so why not the tractor boys too one asks? I met him in Eindhoven a couple of weeks back and took this snap.

Frank

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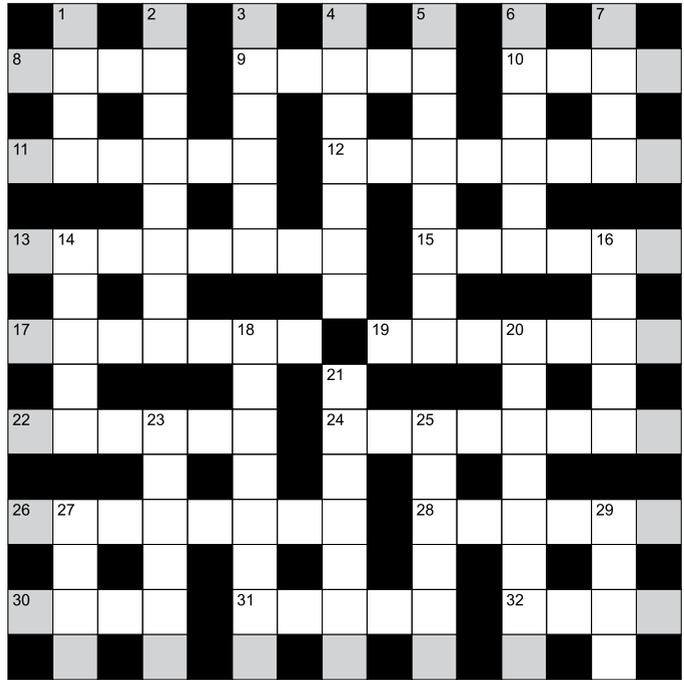
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Across

- 8: Colt's mother. (4)
- 9: Veers. (5)
- 10: Tunneller. (4)
- 11: Realm. (6)
- 12: Baseball term. (8)
- 13: Made known. (8)
- 15: Bug. (6)
- 17: In the future. (7)
- 19: Disease. (7)
- 22: "The Railway Children" writer Edith. (6)
- 24: Projectile's curved path. (8)
- 26: Legal documents. (8)
- 28: Doobie. (6)
- 30: Lower arm bone. (4)
- 31: Native's name for Ayers Rock. (5)
- 32: Demonic. (4)



Down

- 1: Cosy, snug. (4)
- 2: Family property. (8)
- 3: Testify. (6)
- 4: Drama. (7)
- 5: Flabbergast. (8)
- 6: Bosses addresses. (6)
- 7: Press. (4)
- 14: Elk. (5)
- 16: Reef. (5)
- 18: Chemical element. (8)
- 20: Shop assistant. (8)
- 21: American marsupial. (7)
- 23: Office. (6)
- 25: Save. (6)
- 27: Suffers. (4)
- 29: Go wrong. (4)



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Last Month's Answer

The grass is greener where it rains a lot!

Across: 8 Grey, 9 Goose, 10 Vice, 11 Hearse, 12 Greenery, 13 Largesse, 15 Blends, 17 Agonise, 19 Weather, 22 Dragee, 24 Interims, 26 Colander, 28 Miasma, 30 Aces, 31 Nepal, 32 Icon.

Down: 1 Tree, 2 Hydrogen, 3 Egress, 4 Goggles, 5 Resemble, 6 Avenge, 7 Scar, 14 Anger, 16 Dream, 18 Shedding, 20 Terrapin, 21 Disrupt, 23 Glassy, 25 Tumult, 27 Once, 29 Moot.

And the winner is: Pat Jenkins, who will soon be enjoying a bottle of whisky, courtesy of London Bridge English Pub.