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# The Editor's Bit

We're a bit late with this 18th Anniversary edition of the Amsterdam Stun. We could have brought it out around the 30th September with photos from our trip to England in Tales from the Gutter (p. 4), Noam's birthday party (p. 8) and the Charity Chicken Fund-Raiser (p. 20), but that clashed with Josie's birthday (p. 24) and we didn't want to miss that.

I considered doing it the following week, and then changed my mind. I thought: We'll bring it out the same weekend as the very first Amsterdam Stun saw the light of day, 18 years ago, on Saturday the 16th October 1993! Almost made it, but I gave up at 11 o'clock on Friday morning; not enough time to finish it and get it printed the same day.

So, three days later, it's Monday morning and the October Stun is almost finished; just the rest of this column to go. Bad time to get writer's block!

The latest stand in our Premier Predictions League is on page 15. I was thinking about leaving it out and referring our contestants to the Stun web site, where it's updated weekly, but I found a place for it after I removed last weekend's events from the Gig-List (p. 13).

Music, Jokes, Being Frank on Football, Crossword, loads of photos; all the usual stuff is here. I'm sure there's something else I was going to write about, but I can't think what it is at the moment. Oh well, enjoy your Stun.

*Andy*



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# TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Alan, Alberto, Alex, Anne, wife Lesley off so the house was packed, the Anneke, Beach-Boy Brian (Calella), Bernard, suitcases not yet!

Brenda, Brian, Carol, Caroline, Chiron, Chris, Conner, Cora, Daan, Danyel, Daphne, David, Dragon, Eligio, Els, Fred, Frits, Gary, Geoffrey, Heather, Hester, Howard, Ingrid, Isobel, Ivan, Jaap, Jackie, Jan, Jason, Jayden, Jo, Joan, John, Johnny, Julius, Karin, Kenny, Kerstin, Kym, Lamar, Laura, Liam, Lisette, Lonke, Mak, Marie, Mark, Mart, Melanie, Micky, Mike, Monique, Montse, Neal, Nic, Nina, Pim, Remco, Rhadi, Ria, Roger, Roxanne, Roy, Ruben, Saoirse, Signe, Tara, Tony, Vivian, VJ, Zach, Zorro.



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

Happy Anniversary to the Amsterdam Stun too: 18 years and still going strong!

In September you didn't see Andy in town as often as usual, because we were in England again for a week. Bonnie, Andy's sister, was going back to New Zealand and we wanted to see her before she left.

Jessie made sure Seamus the cat couldn't pull one of his stunts (like walk under your feet and make you stumble, or hide in a suitcase and fall asleep) by holding on to him until the situation was safe.

And so the morning of departure arrived, we were all trying not to cry, but we didn't keep it dry.



We also took the opportunity to take some long walks in the country, because it's beautiful out there. Pity we were just a bit too early for the blackberries, but the apples were ripe for the picking everywhere!

Of course the rest of the family was there as well to see Bonnie, cousin Roger & his

The first time they left, anyway. Not having driven in England for so long, all roads and directions around Gravesend having changed so much, they got a bit lost in traffic and missed checking in by one minute!

So they stayed with Kay (Andy's younger sister) two days longer.

# GUTTER

Andy and I took another long walk, to Trosley Park, from there you can see the North Downs under you.



We also saw the rain coming in the distance and only just made it back to the pavilion before we got soaking wet. We were just warming up with some coffee (Andy) and hot chocolate (me) when Kay arrived to pick us up. I seem to remember we didn't do much after that, and went to bed early.

Before travelling back to Amsterdam the next day, we promised permanent guests Madge and Derek we would be back as soon as possible.



Back home we had a few days to ourselves, before getting back to the daily routine.

And last week we had to go to a meeting we had planned seven months ago.



Luckily it didn't last long enough to become tedious, John took a last photo and we went for a drink with Ans, Roxanne and Olle.



We ended up inviting them over to our place for breakfast, and had a really good time.





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# WARD AROUND MOESSTRAAT CENTRUM

Stan, Joyce, Beth and Jim were unwinding after Some Band's gig in the Old Quarter.



Stone's Café barmaid Lotte got in the picture with Max and Raphael.



Justine told us the big filter dispenser has been stolen off the bar of the Stone's Café.



In The End, Gabriel couldn't hide behind Andy forever.



Max was giving Neville a guided tour of the Red Light District, which included a visit to the Stone's Café.

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# FLYING NOAM

It came as no surprise that Noam celebrated his birthday in the Flying Dutchman last month; it's his bar, so there's no better place for him to party with all of his friends.



# COMING SOON

Case from the Waterhole has very kindly opened a new bar on the Voetboogstraat (formerly Club Meander) so that I have somewhere to stop for a halfway beer on my regular trips between the Red Light District and Leidseplein: The Poolhole!



There's still a lot of work to be done, but Malcolm and Lance will have it finished in time for the Poolhole's opening on Monday 31st October, with a party between 4 & 8pm (1st & 2nd November too!). The Poolhole will be open daily from 11am

Drinkers and pool players are both well catered for in the multi-level Poolhole. The bar area will have plenty of seating over 3 levels, including a low bar you can prop up on the top level, plus inside & outside terraces.

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Glad to see Case has got his priorities right; the Heineken Extra Cold was already flowing when I dropped in.

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# SEEN ON



Just for a change, everybody knew Mark's final music question at the pub quiz in Finnegan's Rainbow and they all sang along to YMCA.

Rahim and Lamar from Mama's Bad Boys are not only great musicians who host the Blues + Rock session in Maloe Melo every Thursday, they're also very generous and have donated the prize for this month's Stun Crossword.



The Shamrock Inn is closed at the moment, so no Sham Jam, but regulars Berna, Mark, Jur, Kim, Steve and Anthony have formed a band called "Tulp Friction" and should be playing in the Jet Lounge soon.



Ken provided the musical entertainment at the Charity Chicken Fund-Raiser in Molly Malone's. Party photos start on page 20.



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# STAGE

Stan, Micky and Joyce from Some Band will make way for Some Pirates at the Halloween Parties in the Old Quarter on the 28th & 29th October, but I'm sure the music will be of an equally high calibre.



Michael Strobel was joined by Franck Carducci on bass at his Monday Jam Session in the Waterhole.



It was mayhem at the Monday Mayhem session in CC Muziekcafé, so I didn't get the names of any musicians.



Re-Plugged Open Mic night in Partycafé Candela, where the many performers included James and Cezar.



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# WHAT'S ON

Olly De Quartz are hard at work putting together "Craic 90s", a double album honouring Dutch/Irish folklore and community songs which have played a significant role in the cultural and musical environment in their respective communities.



They played one of the songs, "Over The Hills", in Molly Malone's recently. More info at [www.amsterdambolohoicultuur.nl](http://www.amsterdambolohoicultuur.nl).

Halloween is rapidly approaching, and that means it's time to think about what you're going to dress up as this year and which party to go to. I can't help you with your costume, but I can suggest a few Halloween Fancy Dress parties, some of which I will be attending in disguise with my camera.

Most parties are on Saturday 29th October, but Hotel Old Quarter are having a two day party, on Friday 28th & Saturday 29th, with live music from Some Pirates, good food, scary staff (but that's normal) and prizes for the best costumes - 1st: a bottle of Champagne, 2nd: a night in the Old Quarter, 3rd: spend a night with Nancy and 4th: spend a night with Rob.

As usual Molly's are pulling out all the stops to throw a party that will give you a nightmare you will never forget! Molly's Halloween Extravaganza will take place on Saturday 29th October from 22:00. Peter Carroll will take the stage and host the evening's entertainment. Prizes for best dressed on the night include 1st place €150 + a bottle of bubbly, 2nd place €100 + a bottle of bubbly, 3rd place €50 + a bottle of bubbly. The night kicks off with free pumpkin broth for all @ 21:30!

Coco's Outback claim to have the best, scariest (& most likely to get paid & laid for wearing a crazy costume) Halloween Party in Amsterdam! Great Cash Prizes (1st prize €250, 2nd prize €100) for best (& least) dressed! Scary Drink Specials (scarily cheap & good that is!) Staff dressed Scary & Sexy! Saturday 29th, 22:00 – late!

Maloe Melo is the place to get dressed up and rock on Saturday 29th, with live music from Palalalaka & The Dirty Stitches.

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# STUN GIG-LIST

## Monday

### Weekly

20:00, **Cafe Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night,

21:00, **Old Quarter**, Strictly Blues, *with Micky*

*Llewellyn & Friends*

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.*

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

### 17th October 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!*

21:00, **Player's Café**, Joe Rocker, *the best Joe Cocker tribute band around*

### 24th October 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Greek Music Night, €3

### 31st October 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Halloween!, €3

## Tuesday

### Weekly

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

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*

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel (expt 18th)*

## Tuesday

### 18th October 2011

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

### 25th October 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Postbanaal,

21:00, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz, *Drink Specials, Great Prizes, lots of fun*

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!*

## 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*

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, JB & Friends, *live soul, funk and blues all night*

### 19th October 2011

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sun Pilots and Surprise Act, *rock €5*

### 26th October 2011

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.*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Dance Explosion, €5

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## 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, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30 Coco's Voucher!*

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*

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

### 20th October 2011

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Mozes and the Firstborn, Klein Industrie €5*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Spilled Milk,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Awash, *Fahrenheit Twins, indie €5*

### 27th October 2011

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *Charles Frail, Jennifer Terwel, Monica Alice & Steven, Maurice Hoek €5*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Word Up,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Sir Moore & The Big Spoons, *Daar, rock/funk/pop; indie €5*

## 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 3*

22:30, **Old Quarter**, Some Band - Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

### 21st October 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Greek Music Night, €3

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Highway 49,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Graveyard Johnnys, *rockabilly €5*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever,

### 28th October 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Valter Barreto & Caruru, *Banda Maloca, Brazilian night €5*

20:30, **Volta**, Metal Night, *Burning Horizon, Raiser €5*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Coltha,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,

22:30, **Old Quarter**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *Live music by Some Pirates, prizes for best costumes*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Let's Buzz, *rockabilly €5*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Alkazar,

## 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 3*

22:30, **Old Quarter**, Some Band - Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

### 22nd October 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Anomalistics, XAD, Funk AllStars, *jazz/pop, indie rock, funk €5*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Radish,

21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess: Gothic Night, *Live: Sophya, DJ's Droid, Rev Esser, G.Host, XLII. Dresscode: Gothic, Cyber, Fetish, Black, Alternative. €10*

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Peter Carroll, *One of the big boys from the Temple bar circuit in Dublin*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Bluework, *bluesrock €5*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jericho Pie,

## STUN GIG-LIST

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# LIST

# PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League looks on Monday 17th October 2011.

## Saturday

### 29th October 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Alberto Palacios Band, Zappatika, *funk/jazz/soul, Zappa tribute* €5  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Mixxxed Breed,  
 22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *Big prize for the best costume*  
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *with live music from Peter Carroll*  
 22:30, **Old Quarter**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *Live music by Some Pirates, prizes for best costumes*  
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Halloween Dress Party, *Live: Palalalaka & Friends* €5  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Relic,

## 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**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*  
 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Blueberry Punch*  
 22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session with a mixture of pop rock with a feminine touch*

### 23rd October 2011

- 16:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Jazz Sundays, *Jula Aimee support: the Laura Polence Project* €6  
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, *Laura Stavinoha & Marynka Nicolai* €3  
 21:00, **Susies Saloon**, Chris & Micky Live,

### 30th October 2011

- 16:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Jazz Sundays, *Canvas Roussel support: Alpha Beta Gemma* €6  
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, €3

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Jim McGrath	6	3	21
2nd	Bertus v/d Moelen	6	3	21
3rd	Paddy Wynne	5	4	19
4th	Mireille Mannee	5	4	19
5th	Gareth Kingdon	5	2	17
6th	Arun Panker	4	4	16
7th	John Raftery	4	3	15
8th	Ann Marie	3	5	14
9th	Jacob Stopforth	3	5	14
10th	Tom	3	3	12
11th	Trish Raftery	3	3	12
12th	Jeffrey Schuffelen	3	3	12
13th	Marianne Peereboom	3	3	12
14th	Nix Nicoll	3	2	11
15th	Michael Okoje	3	2	11
16th	Stephen Kingdon	2	5	11
17th	Elwin Borgman	3	1	10
18th	Ron Koopmans	2	4	10
19th	Grouty	2	4	10
20th	Ben Stopforth	2	4	10
21st	Graham Scholes	2	3	9
22nd	Buster	2	3	9
23rd	Stuart Davidson	2	3	9
24th	Ruben Dukker	2	2	8
25th	Robert Ceasar	2	2	8
26th	Andy F	2	2	8
27th	Carlos Macedo	1	5	8
28th	Richard Matheson	1	5	8
29th	Iwan Matheson	2	1	7
30th	Josie Gladden	2	1	7
31st	Gijs Daalmijer	1	4	7
32nd	Stones	1	4	7
33rd	Willie Wood	1	4	7
34th	David Kingdon	1	4	7
35th	Steve Mahon	0	7	7
36th	Daf Matheson	1	3	6
37th	Mathew Wright	1	3	6
38th	Paul Finnegans	1	3	6
39th	Ken Passey	1	3	6
40th	Callum Dickie	0	6	6
41st	Robert Pendleton	1	2	5
42nd	David (PT)	0	5	5
43rd	Frank Weston	0	4	4
44th	Alex Pendleton	0	4	4

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# ROUND



Susie was in Susie's Saloon with Kiwi.



What can we say about seeing Jaime and Kamilla in Coco's Mine? Not a lot!



Lesley was pleased with her prize for winning the Stun Crossword in August.



Berna, Britta and Trina were propping up the bar in the Shamrock Inn.

Stef was taking advantage of the free WiFi in Susie's Saloon.



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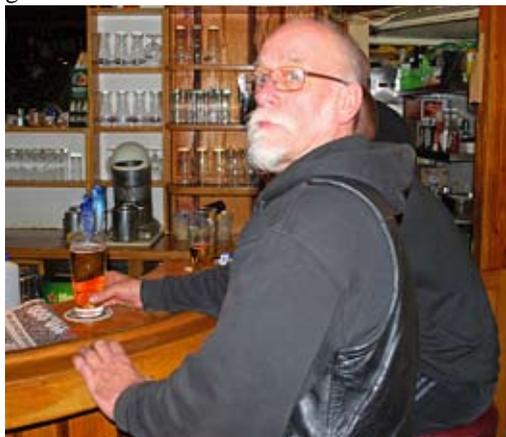


# THE BARS



On his days off from Jazzcafé Alto, Marvan goes for Rock in the Waterhole.

Iris wasn't expecting a photo when she had a chat with Pat in Coco's Outback.



Chris will be rocking Susie's Saloon with Micky Llewellyn on Sunday 23rd October.

Andy was singing "Imagine" at The End Karaoke, so I had to join in. Drunk again!



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# BEHIND



Paul and Marjolein were very hospitable in Finnegan's Rainbow, so I stayed 'til closing time.



Although he doesn't appear in the Stun very often, Thijs has been working in Coco's Outback for years, so we had to get a photo of him with new face Hannah.



Ruud introduced us to Tim, the new barman in Susie's Saloon.

It was Monday Mayhem on the stage in CC Muziekcafé, but Fritz was cool, calm and collected behind the bar.



  
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Steven and Pat were grafting away behind the bar on the night of the Charity Chicken fund-raising shenanigans in Molly Malone's. More pictures on the next 3 pages.



How could we resist a photo of Charlotte and Jo together in Coco's Outback?



Titia and Rauli struck a pose behind the bar of the Waterhole.

What's this? Matje behind the bar in Molly Malone's instead of in front of it!



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# CHARITY CHICKEN

After an exhausting 7 day, 650 km (they got lost a couple of times) bike ride from Hamburg to Amsterdam in the rain, with the wind against them, the Charity Chickens made it to Molly Malone's for the fund-raising party.



Tania from the Ukrainian Down Syndrome Association joined them for the last leg, Lin saw them off in Hamburg and Dom supported them all the way.



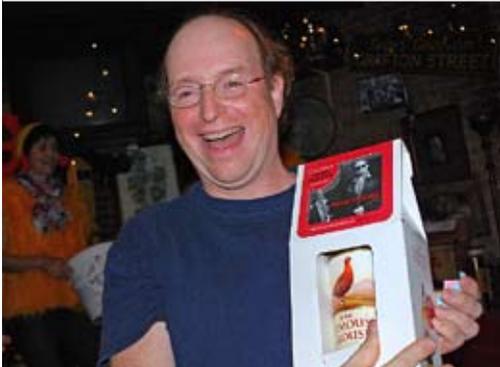
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# FUND-RAISER





There were loads of raffle prizes at the Charity Chicken Fund-Raiser, including some Ukrainian delicacies brought by Tania.



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# JOSIE'S PARTY

Josie kicked off her Big Birthday Party with friends & colleagues in the Flying Dutchman.





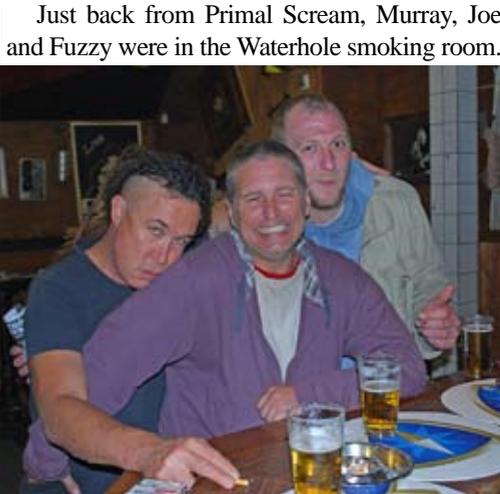
The party moved to Molly Malone's, where Olly De Quartz were on stage.



# MORE ROUNDS



Team Spirit were victorious at the Pub Quiz in Finnegan's Rainbow.



Just back from Primal Scream, Murray, Joe and Fuzzy were in the Waterhole smoking room.



Brothers Kas and Martin didn't do so well with Team Schreier; they came last.

After the quiz, I had a drink with Berna and quizmaster Mark Mysterious.

Sanne is leaving Coco's again soon, so that's another party for Pat to look forward to.



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# JOKES

With our Jokers: Billy, Rush & Tommy

At the National Art Gallery in Dublin, a husband and wife were staring at a portrait that had them completely confused. The painting depicted 3 black men totally naked, sitting on a bench. Two of the figures had black penises, but the one in the middle had a pink penis.

The curator of the gallery realised that they were having trouble interpreting the painting and offered his personal assessment. He went on for over half an hour explaining how it depicted the sexual emasculation of African Americans in a predominately white, patriarchal society. 'In fact', he pointed out, 'some serious critics believe that the pink penis also reflects the cultural and sociological oppression experienced by gay men in contemporary society'.

After the curator left, an Irishman approached the couple and said, 'Would you like to know what the painting is really about?'

'Now why would you claim to be more of an expert than the curator of the gallery?' asked the couple.

'Because I am the artist who painted the picture,' he replied. 'In fact, there are no African Americans depicted at all. They're just three Irish coal miners. The guy in the middle went home for lunch.'

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My new neighbour knocked on my door. I opened the door and stood amazed, knocked out by her unbelievable beauty. Almost stuttering I asked her: "What can I do for you?"

She answered: "I'm new to this town, and I'm in the mood to amuse myself, let my hair down, and get fucked all night... are you free tonight?"

"Ehh, YES, YES I AM!"

"Then be a dear and look after my dog will you, I'll pick him up tomorrow morning?"

A man with a bald head and a wooden leg is invited to a Xmas fancy dress party. He doesn't know what to wear to hide his head and his wooden leg, so he writes to a fancy dress company to explain his problem. A few days later he receives a parcel with a note:

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed a Pirate's outfit. The spotted handkerchief will cover your bald head and with your wooden leg you will be just right as a Pirate.

The man is offended that the outfit emphasizes his disability, so he writes a letter of complaint. A week passes and he receives another parcel and note:

Dear Sir, Sorry about the previous parcel. Please find enclosed a monk's habit. The long robe will cover your wooden leg and with your bald head you will really look the part.

The man is really incandescent with rage now, because the company has gone from emphasizing his wooden leg to drawing attention to his bald head. So he writes a really strong letter of complaint. A few days later he gets a very small parcel from the company with the accompanying letter:

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed a tin of Golden Syrup. We suggest you pour the tin of Golden Syrup over your bald head, let it harden, then stick your wooden leg up your arse and go as a toffee apple.

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Last night I got so drunk that when I got to the bottom of the stairs, I took off my shoes, coat, top, trousers and underwear. Then I crept upstairs very quietly, so as not to wake the kids or my other half. It was only when I got to the very top I realised I was still on the bus home.

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Two women were talking. "Do you look at your husband's face when you have sex?"

"I did once & he looked really angry."

"Why angry?"

"Because he was watching me through the window!"

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The sacking season has begun early this year and one of the first casualties was the manager of Doncaster Rovers. Sean O'Driscoll, who suffered the indignity of watching a team he took to promotion a couple of seasons before, languishing at the foot of the table for weeks on end prior to his sad demise. The season began full of promise however, and they hung onto their prize assets Sharp and Coppinger when the bigger fish came searching. Unfortunately, you cannot advocate for injuries and this was largely to prove his and their undoing. Sharp was out from the off and their firepower was clearly missing. Once their chairman gave the boss the vote of confidence, you just knew his number was up and within 48 hours, O'Driscoll was packing his bags.

This week, ex England, Wolfsburg and Twente manager Steve McClaren called it a day at Nottingham Forest too. He decided

to do the dignified thing and resign before the board gave him the boot – or, worse still, supporters attacked him! Another departure that was destined to happen once Forest took a pounding at home to Burnley and were beaten by their nearest rivals Derby County.

The fear factor that follows most managers around like the grim reaper has not been confined exclusively to the Championship either. Unless you are Sir Alex, or perhaps Arse Wenger, you are only as good as your last victory and in Wenger's case it is only his outstanding curriculum vitae that is presently keeping the wolves from the door. The

Gunners saving grace at the moment is their continued success in the Champions League and this mega-million money-spinner is probably the only reason the supporters and the board have tolerated their poor start to their Premier campaign. Not so lucky is Steve Kean from Blackburn, with many of the fans wanting him out. The new owners will meet next week and decide his future, but it is likely that he won't have one. What do they say about a new broom sweeps clean – or will the tabloids go for NEW BROOM SWEEPS KEAN... We shall have to see, but they have the perfect opportunity to off-load, without getting up the noses of the faithful, it would seem.

Still on the subject of those vulnerable managers, Neil Lennon must be feeling the heat in Scotland just now. In the two horse race that



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is known as the Scots Premier division, Rangers are a staggering 10 points clear of their arch rivals after ten games! OK, Celtic do have a game in hand, but that is hardly going to bridge the gap and at this early stage in the season, Lennon is already under intense pressure.

Changing the subject matter slightly, but not the theme, the bad boys are at it again. Suarez ensured that Everton's Rodwell got a red with a performance that was worthy of an Oscar and then we witnessed Carlos Tevez play the role of the spoilt little brat by refusing to come on the field in a game Manchester City were chasing in the Champions league. I agree with Neil Warnock when he said that Tevez should

be booted out of England. What he did was a complete disgrace and Mancini was left both angry and amazed. Football talent from South America has graced the English game for many years, but no one should applaud this sort of childish ego riddled behaviour that really does bring the game into disrepute.

And now we finally know our finalists for the European Championships to be held in Poland and the Ukraine. Apart from the said mentioned host nations, the other qualifiers from the group stages are as follows: Germany, Russia, France, Italy, Greece, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, England and the Netherlands. No real shocks there you might say, but the Dutch lost their first competitive game to Sweden 3-2 and England could only manage a draw again against Montenegro. Spain put paid to Scotland's remote chances with a 3-1 home victory and France left it very late against Bosnia to snatch a draw. As for the play-offs in November, the Republic of Ireland finally had some luck against a wonderfully gifted Armenia side, who with ten men put the Irish under considerable pressure late on in that match. Watch out for this exciting young side in the World Cup qualifiers by the way, because they were technically very gifted. Also joining the Irish will be Turkey, with Gus Hiddink still at the helm, Estonia, Croatia, Montenegro, Portugal, Bosnia Herzegovina and the Czech Republic.

They are all good teams and it is anybody's guess as to who will progress.

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# IN THE BACK



Dennis was alone in the last Stun, so Arjan posed with him in the Waterhole this time.

Gavin and Koot were propping up the bar in the Flying Dutchman; what a surprise!



Jim was soaking up the sun outside Susie's. The Badia's were doing the same at Coco's.



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Nick's family are having a private funeral on Tuesday 18th and there will be a Wake to celebrate Nick's life on Saturday 22nd October. Arrangements haven't been finalised yet; contact Lin in British General Stores for more details.

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