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# The Editor's Bit

Welcome to the first Stun of the new year, and for the first time in years, a real January one, not a joint January/February edition.

I spent New Year's Eve at home with Elly, celebrating our 17 years together, with amongst other things, a couple of bottles of Cava, which was much more fun than being surrounded by nutters letting off fireworks. So, no photos from around the bars that night, but because the 31st was a Saturday, the bars were also busy the night before and I was out with my new camera; see pages 17 - 21.

Yes, new camera! I got a nice little Canon compact camera for Christmas. My old Coolpix compact has served me well for over 7 years, but I was leaving it at home more often and lugging my big, heavy Nikon with its wider wide-angle lens around instead. My new Canon will lighten my load: it's got a wide wide-angle, plus all sorts of digital wizardry like scene recognition and face detection. All I've got to do now is work out how it works.

I suppose practice makes perfect, so I'll be out and about with my new toy, taking photos for next month's Stun. We'll have February's Stun in the bars in time for St. Valentine's Day so why not send a message to your loved one? Read all about it in Tales from the Gutter.

All of our usual stuff is here this month, plus we've got a bottle of booze up for grabs in our crossword, so enjoy your Stun.

*Andy*



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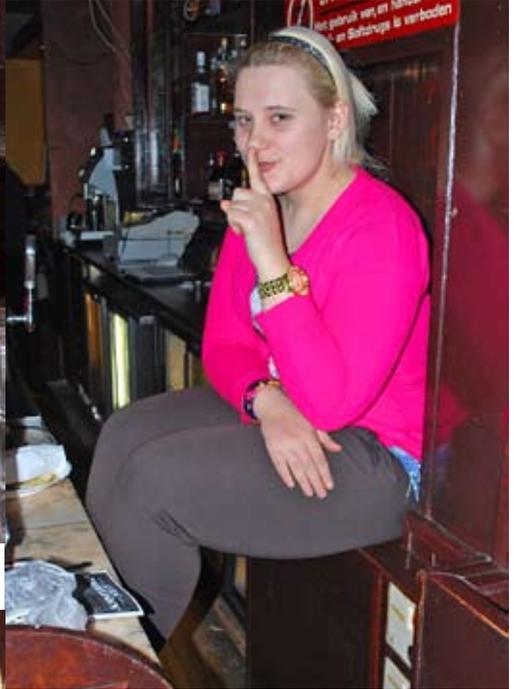
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We're sworn to secrecy over London Bridge barmaid Nikki's plans for the future.



Mandy was behind the bar during Karaoke Night in Partycafé Candela.



It was Natalie's day off, but when the camera came out, she joined Susan behind the bar of the Stone's Café.



Why settle for one Debbie in the London Bridge when you can have two?



# TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Aaron, Ahmed, Aimee & Shannon, Aislinn, Angelica, Anne-Mary, Archie, Bas, Billy, Caitlin, Case, Ceesje, Crystal, Daniel, Danny, David, Dean, Deb, Denson, Eamon, Eddy, Gray, Hailey, Hannah, Helle, Jacqueline, Jane, Janet, Jel, Jennie, Jessie, Jill, Jim, Joanna, Johan, John, Jurjen, Karen, Kealan, Kerstin, Lana, Lin, Liz, Marlene, Marsh, Max, Mickey, Mike, Miranda, Muria, Myrza, Nathalie, Neil, Nico, Olav, Pasja, Patricia, Patrick, Paul, Phil, Piet, Richard, Rob, Robbie, Rocco, Romme, Rosa, Russ, Seamus, Stan, Tam, Ted, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Val, Victor, Vincent, Willie.

Happy Anniversary Edward & Jane, John & Suchada, Cathy & Chick, Monique & Willem.

We hope you all had a good time over the holidays, and that you liked your presents. The only thing missing was the snow... but on the other hand, not slippery anymore, no more dirty slush to fall in, not even too cold!

I could easily get used to that...

Andy would have liked to go out for a drink on Christmas Eve, but I rather stayed home so he kept me company. Christmas day we just lounged around, listened to some Top 2000, watched some telly and it was very enjoyable indeed.

Next day we were invited at Ans & Roxanne's, for dinner, crackers, presents and games.

Ans always does the cooking, creates a full English roast dinner no problem, roast lamb, or pork with roast potatoes, roast parsnips, carrots, sprouts, green beans, broccoli and cauliflower, gravy and mint sauce, the lot!



This time Roxanne and her Andy disappeared into the kitchen as well. Both of them are in the catering business, so they came up with a plethora of desserts, creamy, fruity, one with alcohol, sweet, crunchy, smooth, it had it all.

Just before New Year we went to see my sister in the south of the country. She'd moved as well, and we hadn't seen her new place yet.

Her three daughters came to visit, with their partners & the kids, and we had so much to talk



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# GUTTER

about, so much to tell each other, that time flew by. All of a sudden it was way past midnight and we completely forgot to take any photos.

Luckily two of the daughters live nearby, and they popped in again so we could talk some more, and we made sure we did get photos this time.



Angela is my sister's youngest, and has a boy, Jordan and a girl, Melanie.

Monique is the eldest daughter, and she has two girls, Jennifer and Kelsey.



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The middle daughter is Chantal, and she also has two daughters, Michele and Kimberly. Next time we see them we'll remember the photo!

Winner of the last Stun crossword is Pat (he's on page 14), who won "The Hangover". He hasn't seen it yet so he's in for a treat. It's hilarious.

Rests me to point out the Valentine Special on this page, now is your chance!

A chance to finally tell the person you've had a (secret?) crush on for a long time how you feel, or to let the love of your life know she's still number one!

Don't think "He/She knows what I feel, I don't have to tell it again", everybody loves to have it confirmed now and then, so why not make her/him happy?

And don't miss the closing date: Tuesday the 7th of February.

*Elly*



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# WARD AROUND MOESSTRAAT CENTRUM

Rafi got Natalie and Shora to pose with him in the Stone's Café and it seemed like everybody got their camera out.



American Stan was in the Old Quarter with his favourite barmaids; Ilze from Remember and Beth from the Torenzicht.

Wendy and Susan were busy in the Stone's Café on the eve of New Year's Eve.



Friday night with Marlene and Robert behind the bar in the Old Quarter... and Amy and Deborah on a Saturday!



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# Seen

Although it's not in our Gig List, The CyclePaths (Simon Palmer & Conor O'Rourke) host the Monday Club in Molly Malone's on the first (or second) Monday of every month.



Monty Pagan played Mulligan's with the slimmed down line-up of Ken Parsons and Mick de Neeve (like they used to in Molly's).

Leadership of the Thursday Blues & Rock Session in Maloe Melo rotates monthly between Blues Legends Otis Rahim Hornesby from New Jersey and Californian Lamar Chase. This month, it's Lamar's turn.



Victor Lacken swapped the back room of Mulligans for the stage in Molly Malone's and brought Jimmy Ellis with him.

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# On Stage



Saturday night in CC Muziekcafé and it didn't take the Alberto Palacios Band long to fill the dance floor.

Olly De Quartz had a film crew capturing their latest performances in Molly Malone's.



As always, The Waterhole was rocking when JPR Strinxband hit the stage.

The stage disappeared after the redecorating in the Old Quarter, so Some Band had to find somewhere else to play. Found it!



As always, The Waterhole was rocking when JPR Strinxband hit the stage.



Tijmen was accompanied by Joeri on french horn and Jaap on bass when he played a Saturday night in the Old Nickel.

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# WHAT'S ON

English language thespians The InPlayers are putting on a production of an old classic with an InPlayers twist this month: Arsenic and Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring. Performances are in the Ostadetheater (18th - 22nd) and the Polanentheater (26th - 28th January) with tickets costing €14. We don't usually mention plays in the Stun, but Big Paddy from the Blarney Stone is one of the actors.

Coco's Outback will be going wilder than usual for Australia Day on Thursday 26th January. It's summer in Australia, so the dress code for the party is Beach! The Aussie staff will be pouring Aussie beer, serving Aussie food & BBQ specials and there'll be Aussie music from their Scottish DJ. The party kicks off around 20:00, but you can expect the early Happy Hour to be busier than normal. To make room for the crowds, there's no Karaoke that night, but it will return the following week.

Talking about Karaoke, have you noticed that every venue has a different style?



Lily-Ann and Sofie could have used a microphone stand when they sang "Summer Nights" at the Tuesday Karaoke night in Partycafé Candela, but chose not to.



When Heather sang at the Thursday Karaoke night in Coco's Outback, the stage/table put her head and shoulders above the crowd.

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## Monday

### Weekly

20:00, **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.*  
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session,  
*with Peter Lavell*

### 16th January 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Freddy Garcia's Bebop  
Band, jazz €3  
20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Expat Quiz, *Cash prizes for  
the winning teams and frequent on-the-spot raffle  
prizes through-out the night.*  
21:00, **Player's Café**, Joe Rocker, *the best Joe  
Cocker tribute band around*

### 30th January 2012

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

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

### 17th January 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music,  
20:00, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz, *Drink Specials,  
Great Prizes, lots of fun*  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.*

### 24th January 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music,  
**31st January 2012**  
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Damien Kingston Trio,  
jazz €3  
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*  
**18th January 2012**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Liar's Dice,  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Beast of Berna (rock),  
Resurrection (rock/punk), *followed by Rock n Roll  
Nico's Midnight session €5*

### 25th January 2012

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. Booking ahead advised  
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22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Dust, Desperados, Good  
Meat, *rock n roll €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**, Open Jam with Peter Lavell, *all styles welcome*

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30 Coco's Voucher! (except 26<sup>th</sup>)*

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

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser's Rock Jam, *with former Herman Brood Drummer Gus Genser*

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

### 19th January 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *3rd Floor Magic, Kid Totem* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bemore,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Tension, The Bad & The Ugly, *blues/rock* €5

### 26th January 2012

20:00, **Coco's Outback**, Australia Day 2012, *One of the biggest piss-up days of the year. Aussie staff serving up Aussie food, drinks & music. BBQ Specials! Dresscode: Beach!*

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Chocolatiers, Allergic to Horses* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Mr. Orange,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, All Senses Drowned, Eddy's Vinegar, *metal funk, indie rock* €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*

### 13th January 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Anomalistics, Valter Barreto & Caruru, *jazz/pop, MPB-Brasileira* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit & Waste, *Mega double-band night!* 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Tio Gringo, *dirty outlaw country* €5

### 20th January 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Blazin' Quartet, *yugo meetup* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Soulfood,

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**, The Famous Alleycats, *rockabilly (NL)* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Vezpa,

### 27th January 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Fool Philosophy, Valter Barreto & Caruru, *jazz/soul/funk, MPB-Brasileira* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Midnight Rambler,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Cenobites, De Bende, *psychobilly, punk* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Big Shakedown,



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# GIG-LIST

## Saturday

### Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Live Music, with *Top local acts*  
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*

### 14th January 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Big Daddy & The North South Line, *blues* €5  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Woo,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ken Parsons, *singer/songwriter/harpist/comedian/...*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wolfpin, *Texas bluesrock* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Alsof je een koffer bent,

### 21st January 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sophie's Birthday, €5  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Tess & The Chiefs, *jazzy rock/blues* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jericho Pie,

### 28th January 2012

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, B-Where,  
21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess: Gothic Night,  
*DJs: Droid, Reverend Esser, VSBL, Ratagosk, Ro. Dresscode: Gothic/Cyber/Fetish/Alternative* €8  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Red & Blues, *blues, jazzy, gypsy swing* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rock Donalds,

## 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 Anneriek*  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session with a mixture of pop rock with a feminine touch*

### 15th January 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, *Laura Stavinoha & Sasi Musica* €3

### 22nd January 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Luiza Brina & Paulo César Anjinho, *maçãs pelo vento brazilian cd release* €5

### 29th January 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Klezmer, €3

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# ROUND

It was Edward & Jane's 23rd Wedding Anniversary, so Edward was having a drink with Pat in Coco's Outback.



Alex, Charlotte and Adriaan were in Coco's Mine, hiding from the Saturday night madness next door in Coco's Outback.



Martijn and Colin let me test my new camera on them in Molly Malone's.



Josie won October's Stun Crossword and got a prize from Mama's Bad Boys.



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# THE BARS



Between sets, Tijmen was at the bar when he played a Saturday night in the Old Nickel.



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# BEHIND

Peter in the Old Nickel won't pose for a photo, but he doesn't mind action shots.



Yuri got me to take a photo before Steve or Louise had a chance to serve me a beer when I dropped in Susie's Saloon.



Café Corso barman Ari raised a glass to wish everybody a Happy New Year.



Just for a change, a photo with only Noam, nobody else, in the Flying Dutchman.



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Robert and Anna were in De Pul/The Pint...



and Gabriel and Amy were in The End.

# ONE NIGHT IN

It was Friday 30th December, the bar was comfortably full, Olly De Quartz were on stage and Julia was behind the bar with Matthew.



Alex was in the bar without Daisy, but she was only a phone call away.

Mark grabbed Cameron and got me to take a photo of them as soon as I walked in.



Seeing Greg was a blast from the past; we used to work together 14 years ago!

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# MOLLY MALONE'S



Steve and Ariadne dropped in for a drink.

Cameron hasn't been in the Stun for years, so here he is again, with another one of his former Coco's Nieuwendijk colleagues, Danny!



Cor and Anne were in town, having a drink with their son Steven and his partner Muriel.

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# 'T WAS THE EVE OF

New owner Mo was hearing stories about the London Bridge from long-serving former barmaid Debbie.



In Susie's Saloon, Louise wanted to pose for a photo with Patrick.

Gorgeous Paula was in the Flying Dutchman with her sister Kelly and brother-in-law Mark, who were visiting for the New Year.



And then Rebecca walked in, so Louise wanted one with her too.

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE



Weekend visitors Manon and Gerard were having a drink with Kamal in De Pul.

After they'd finished playing, Stan and Joyce left the Old Quarter before the bar closed.



Paula, Mark and Kelly were still going strong when I got to the Stone's Café.



Andy was lubricating his throat in The End.



Laura, Beth, Mark and Ted were in the Old Quarter, being entertained by Some Band.

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# BEHIND MORE BARS



The only time I can get a group shot of the bar crew in Coco's Outback on a Saturday night is when they come in for their shots.



Tanja, Jessica, Koen, Kiki and Molly in the Waterhole were much easier to get together.

No group shot needed in CC Muziekcafé, where Rene was manning the bar alone.



All the women love Jur in Maloe Melo; not all of them get to be on a photo with him in the Sun, but Pauline does.



  
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# JOKES

With our Jokers: John, Rush & Tommy

Mother Superior was in the world darts final... she threw a 60, then a 20, but the 3rd dart bounced back and tragically killed her whereupon the scorer called out 'One nun dead and eighty!'

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Just bought a dog from the local blacksmith. As soon as I got it home he made a bolt for the door.

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I went for a job at that blacksmith. He said, "Have you ever shoed a horse?" I said "No, but I once told a donkey to clear off!"

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As you well know, some of us have been known to have brushes with the authorities on our way home from the odd social session over the years. A couple of nights ago, I was out for a few drinks with some friends and had a few too many beers and some rather nice claret. Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before - I took a bus home. I arrived home safely and without incident, which was a real surprise, as I have never driven a bus before and am not sure where I got it from!

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While creating the earth, God promised women that good men who would make ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world.

And then He made the earth round!

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When I was born, I was given a choice - a big pecker or a good memory...

I don't remember what I chose.

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A wife is a sex object. Every time you ask for sex, she objects.

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Impotence: nature's way of saying, "No hard feelings..."

There are only two four-letter words that are offensive to men - 'don't' and 'stop', unless they are used together.

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There are three stages in a man's life: Tri-Weekly, Try Weekly and Try Weakly.

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Having sex is like playing bridge - if you don't have a good partner, you better have a good hand.

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Question: What's an Australian kiss?  
Answer: The same thing as a French kiss, only down-under.

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A couple just married were happy with the whole thing. He was happy with the Hole and she was happy with the Thing.

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Question: What are the three biggest tragedies in a man's life? Answer: Life sucks, job sucks and the wife doesn't.

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Despite the old saying, 'Don't take your troubles to bed', many men still sleep with their wives!

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The wife asked me what I was doing on the computer last night. I told her I was looking for cheap flights.

"I love you!" she said, and then she got all excited, un-zipped my trousers and gave me the most amazing sex ever!

Which is odd because she's never shown an interest in Darts before?

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Boy: Please Grandpa make a noise like a frog.  
Grandpa: Why?

Boy: Because Mummy said when you croak we're all going to Disneyland

\*\*\*\*\*

Somebody shot Diane Abbott with a starting pistol. The Police think it's race related.

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Isn't it amazing how cruel people can be! I was perusing through my Facebook messages the other day when one of them stood out for it's...shall we say, frankness. "Have you checked the Premier Predictions League recently because you should. You are bottom in 44th place and you claim to be a football expert!" I dismissed this rant by suggesting that it was probably some sort of typing error. That was until curiosity got the better of me later that evening and I discovered to my horror that he was right! Oh well, I would prefer to be in this position now than at the end of the season, so there is still room for a smidgen of optimism I suppose. But just a smidgen.

Talking of optimism, Paul Jewell still has a lot of it considering Ipswich fans seem to lack it in mega proportions! Town have lost 10 of their last 13 games in all competitions and Forest put three past them recently, having not scored in more than 10 hours of football.



Hull did much the same, having also suffered a major goal drought, to knock them out of the FA Cup. At a press conference this week, he explained that he was at a filling station on the way to the ground when three well-dressed school children were talking to each other as their parents paid up. One girl said to her elder brother "Have you heard the news... Paul Jewell is getting sacked today!" Her brother responded, "Well... not before time! I am chuffed. He was an awfully bad manager." It was only then that P.J. gave them a reality check, approached them and said, "Well I wish you could have told me earlier before I

refuelled!" Apparently the kids went the colour of beetroot and disappeared back into their parent's car in a collective state of profound embarrassment! Marcus Evans may be Mister Mystery to Town supporters, but he is not one to be swayed by knee-jerk reactions it would seem and in a game where patience has no virtue, this is something to be applauded.

Now compare that with what happened to poor old Neil Warnock this week. He had the carpet pulled from under his feet at Q.P.R. with the abruptness normally associated with club bouncers if you don't tip them on the way out. And in Warnock's case, he has certainly had a raw deal and this is not the first time I recall. Remember when he was manager of Sheffield United the last time he was in the Elite league? Then they went down, on the last

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day of competition, when Carlos Tevez scored a crucial last minute goal to keep the Hammers up, when perhaps he should not have been playing at all. United appealed, but lost, as you might expect.

Now we all know the Premier League is about making lots of money and not feeding it down to the lower divisions. That is the nature of the beast and if they had their way, there would be no promotion or relegation issues to contend with. Thankfully however, this is still not the case and long may this continue, but the enormous pressure imposed on clubs to stay in the top flight dictates their speed of action when things start to drift. And drift they did, sadly for poor old Neil Warnock. They began their campaign playing bright and breezy football and aesthetically, they were one of the best sides to watch in the early weeks of the season. Unfortunately, as was inevitable, they went on a losing run and plummeted down the table rapidly and now find themselves in 17th place and just one point off the drop zone. This

called for drastic action and in next to no time at all, Mark Hughes has been swept into the hot seat whilst Warnock was being pushed out the back door. He won't be the last Premier managerial casualty this year, but he could be one of the very few we will all miss.

And finally, it is time to mention the return of probably the greatest footballer to ever grace the Premiership stage! I am referring, of course, to Thierry Henry, who at 34 years young, defied football logic and came on to score the only goal against Leeds United in the FA Cup this week, on his first appearance back with the Gunners. Arse Wenger rightly said, "It was like watching a dream – a story you could tell your kids when you are old and grey." (Hang on a minute... he is old and grey!) Anyway, we get the gist Arse and you are right of course, because these dreams rarely become reality in the modern game. Thanks however to this amiable Frenchman - perhaps best remembered of late for his basketball prowess against the Irish in a World Cup play-off eliminator, this was a fitting testimony to his undoubted talent. How Arsenal have missed him and how they hope that over the next eight weeks of his loan spell from New York Red Bulls he can keep that dream alive. Where there is a will there is a way, as they say and he certainly has the way, if he can continue to find the will, I guess. If Arse and Arsenal have missed him badly, perhaps he has missed them a little bit too?

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# IN THE BACK



Behind the decks in Coco's Mine, DJ Ray!

Eleonor and Annelotte got in the picture with Dennis, in the back of the Waterhole.



DJ Juan was spinning the discs at the weekly Karaoke Night in Partycafé Candela.

Paul can still finish above his Finnegan's Rainbow customers in our Premier Predictions League, but we've passed the halfway point, so he'll be hoping his fortunes change soon.



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# PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League looks on Friday 13th January 2012.

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

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