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# The Editor's Bit

This is weird, writing my editor's bit on a Thursday afternoon. Usually, it's Friday morning and I'm struggling to finish it in time to get some Stuns printed the same day. But not this month; I finally got my new custom built computer and it has more than halved the time I spend editing photos, not to mention the time saved by the faster starts and switches between programs. I also made the jump from Windows 2000 to Windows 7, and hardly any of my old software is compatible, so that's all been upgraded too.

With all the changes, I thought I was going to run into all sorts of teething troubles as I worked on this Stun, but so far, everything is working perfectly. The only thing the new computer hasn't made faster is the speed I can think what to write about and then type out. If it had, I'd be bringing the latest Stun around the bars a day earlier, but at least now I can get a decent night's sleep before hitting the bars on Friday night.

Enough of all that, just like our Premier Predictions League (p. 31), it's the final result that counts. So, what's in the Stun this month? We've got photos from parties in Coco's Mine, De Poort and Maloe Melo, plus all the other bars I visited in the last month. News, gossip, what's on, jokes, football and the crossword are all here, so enjoy your Stun.

*Andy*

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Cindy was behind the bar for the Sunday Salsa Night in Partycafé Candela.

Matje was wearing her Kermit top behind the bar in Molly Malone's after collecting enough Muppet points to get the full set of Muppet Puppets during the recent AH promo.



Now Lisette will know what happened to her scarf; Sam found it and was wearing it in the Stone's Coffeeshop.

Desiree and Amy know how to have fun when they're together in The End Karaoke.



# TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Aileen, Amy, Anne, Ans, Art, Asha, Barbara, Billy C., Bobbie, Buster, Callum, Caroline, Crista, Cristino, Danny, Dave, Devin, Diann, Dirk, Donnacadh, Elias, Elke, Fish, Francesco, Francis, Frank, Franklin, Frans, Gabriel, Huib, Jaqueline, Jim, Jo, John, Joop, Josep, Jur, Karin, Katie, Keith, Kestrel, Kevin, Lance, Lara, Lenny, Lindsay, Liz, Maaïke Madelief Louise, Maartje, Maeve, Mairead, Manuel, Marijke, Mark, Mathijs, Max, Melodie, Mick, Mike, Mirjana, Monica, Nancy, Nick, Oggie, Paddy, Pat, Patricia, Peter, Raymond, Rita, Rose, Ruby, Ruud, Saarain, Saleh, Sam, Sarah, Shakira, Sharon, Silver, Sue, Tamara, Tanya, Tim, Tommy, Tony, Veeru, Vera, Wende, Wolfing.

Happy Anniversary Henk & Sharon and Matt & Kirsty (the Thai one).

Our editor is not one to blow his own trumpet, but I think he deserves a big hand, and lots of thank you's, from all of you who've enjoyed the Amsterdam Stun over the years.

I dare say most readers have had their face in the Stun, with or without their spouses and/or children, have sent copies to their family & friends back home.

Two hundred months! Some of you were there right from the start, and many more followed.

It all started in a spare bedroom in Amsterdam West. The first Stun had two pages, fifteen issues were printed. The next Stun four pages, with twenty print outs

The sixth version welcomed the first sponsors, more pages and fifty copies printed.

For a while the Stun was up to one thousand copies, forty pages (partly) in colour.

Andy is grateful to the sponsors, helping him to keep it going.

I think our readership should show their appreciation to our editor, Andy, for all the hard work he's done over the last 200 months.

Rain or shine  
He was out and about  
So you lot  
Wouldn't be without  
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In Molly Malone's, Mark was enjoying a pint while working on the crossword.

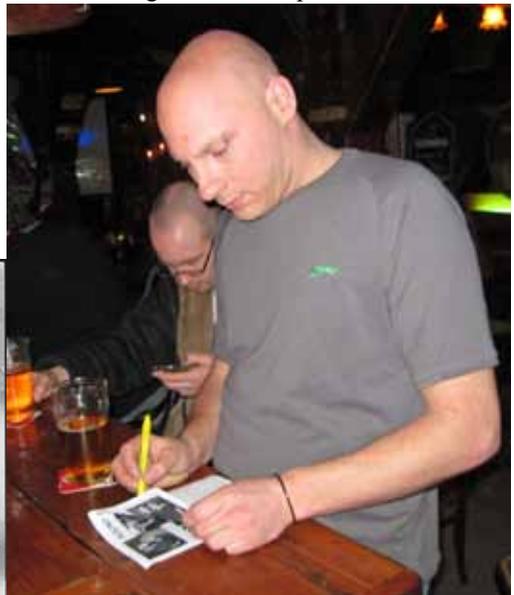
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# GUTTER

All the people who did solve last month's puzzle have won at least once before, so we welcome new entries!

Our friend Olle was kind enough to pick the winner out of the hat, and as you can see, Chris Mundell has won it again, and his prize comes from Coco's Outback: a €30 Coco's Voucher.



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It would be nice to see you.

The prize for this month's Stun crossword has been donated by the Poolhole: A pitcher of beer and one hour on the pool table. Good luck.

And now for something completely different!

You all remember the Egg Cream? Many of you have eaten there more than once, and most of us were sorry to see it go. There was a nice atmosphere, some staff was nice and friendly (some not!) and the soup was usually good.

Now there's a good reason to revisit the premises, the "Terra-Zen Centre" has opened its doors to the public. I haven't been there myself yet, so if/when you do, let us know if the 'sphere is still there, and how the food is. Thanks.

Rests me to say have a good Saint Patrick's, don't forget to have a drink (or two) to remember old friends by. And do have a drink (or two) with new friends. Enjoy!

*Elly*

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# WARD AROUND MOESSTRAAT CENTRUM



I thought it was just a normal Friday night in the Stone's Café (great music, great atmosphere), but it seemed like everybody wanted their photo taken.

Johan guaranteed himself a place in the Stun by getting Wendy to pose with him.



While Stan was away (gig in Bourbon St.), Rob was there to play, with Joyce and Some Band. She's no stranger to his playing style; Rob is Joyce's regular guitar player at her Sunday night session in the Waterhole.



At the other end of the bar, Raymond was the only person Susan wanted her photo taken with.



Micky played with Jim's band Joe Rocker in Player's on Monday (see page 9), so Jim returned the favour the following Friday by singing a few songs with Micky and Some Band in the Old Quarter.

# Met Pensioen



Tinie wanted her last shift in Café De Poort to be just like any other day, but daughter Ilona and son-in-law Ray, the bar's owners, had other ideas. Tinie didn't have to work, she was guest of honour at her surprise birthday & retirement party. The bar was packed all day, with friends and customers dropping in to wish her well, including her old friend Henny.



# JOE - ROCKING



Joe Rocker put on another great show for the audience in Player's Café last month.

Laura was getting very friendly with Player's barmen Darryl and Mike.



Inga and Stefanie were on hand to make sure nobody went thirsty.



During a break, lead singer Jim had a drink with Aent Water barman Jan.

Guitarist Stan and bass-player Joyce were cooling down at the bar.



Franky was there too, with Menno and Rayan.



# Seen On Stage

On stage at the Thursday Tunes session in CC Muziekcafé: Laurence on guitar, multi-instrumentalist Sharon on drums, Emiel who usually plays Wednesdays on sax, Bart on bass and Robert the chiropractor on guitar. CC owner René is a mine of information!



Gus Genser injured his finger during a badly executed trick, so Anton took over on drums at the Thursday Rock Jam in the Waterhole.

Alfred Buning is a Thursday night regular in the Waterhole and he got the crowd into a frenzy when he performed his new single, "Rocker".



Loads of performers at the Monday Open Mike Night in Candela, but no room to mention them by name, even if I did know them.



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# WHAT'S ON

In memory of former **Café Corso** boss James van Amstel, the Marauders Vets rugby team are coming to town to play an Invitational AAC Athletic Club side, which will include a good representation of Dutch International players, on Saturday 31st March. The match will be at the National Rugby Centre in Geuzenveld, kicking off at 11:00, and bus 21 from Centraal Station takes you all the way. Café Corso is the clubhouse for Marauders players and supporters, so you can expect a great atmosphere while they're in town.

It will be busy in Café Corso for the final day of the Six Nations Rugby on Saturday 17th. If you don't want to miss any of the action and still eat, **Coco's Outback** will be showing the matches on at least 2 big screens & 10 TV's, plus they've got a new food menu to investigate. The Devil's Marbles sound interesting!

**Hotel Old Quarter** will be having a double party to celebrate the last day of the rugby (with Wales winning, according to Laura) and St. Patrick's Day on Saturday 17th. Some Band will be on hand to provide the entertainment.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations start early in **Molly Malone's**, with live music from Andy Humphreys at 13:00, followed by rugby and then Rogues Gallery, a trad band from London, take to the stage to lead the shenanigans through the evening and into the night.

I've missed every Beasts of Berna gig so far this year and the next one is in the **Jet Lounge** on Saturday 17th, Paddy's Day, so it looks like

I'm going to miss that one too. If you're looking for a good, honest, rocking band, Beasts of Berna are highly recommended, especially if you're trying to escape the fiddley-diddley music that will be everywhere on the 17th.

Other alternatives for Paddy's Day include rock from Jack's On Five in the **Waterhole** and a double helping of Blues in **CC Muziekcafé**.

Even **Maloe Melo** have got an Irish band, Foul Play, on Paddy's Day. A day earlier, on Friday 16th March, Reggae Recipe and The Upsessions will present the Judge Dread Memorial, with Austria's ultimate impersonator FLO singing all the Judge's classics.

I frequently mention Olly De Quartz, but that's because I like them; they're a real fun band. If you still haven't seen them yet, you're missing out! They next play **Molly Malone's** on Friday 9th & Saturday 24th March - be there!



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### 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, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session,  
*with Peter Lavell*

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

**12th March 2012**

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Urban Mix Up!  
*rap/soul/jazz €3*

**19th March 2012**

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Philipp Bentz, *jazz €3*

**26th March 2012**

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Amsterdam Songwriter  
Circle, €3

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *8 rounds of  
brain-teasing questions! €2.50 per person, all  
money taken given back out in prizes. Booking  
ahead advised (0611958949) as they always fill up.*

## Tuesday

### Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball & Open  
Mic, *4 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*

**13th March 2012**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Tuesday,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Cosmic Finger and Special  
Guest Jeff Aug, *USA €10*

**20th March 2012**

20:00, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz, *Entry price:  
€3, maximum 5 persons to a team. 1st Prize:  
each team member gets a €30 voucher to spend  
at Cocos. 2nd Prize: 1 €30 voucher. 3rd Prize: 10  
shots of Jagermeister.*

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

**27th March 2012**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Kickstart,

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!*

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

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## Wednesday

### Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, CC Jazz Nights,

*Live Music* €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, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,

### 14th March 2012

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *8 rounds of brain-teasing questions! €2.50 per person, all money taken will be given back out in prizes. Booking ahead advised (0611958949) as they always fill up.*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Gwen the Boppin Rhythms,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Cowboy & The Corpse, Riot City Saints, Ratarsed, *followed by Rock n Roll Nico's Midnight session* €5

### 21st March 2012

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Simple Truth Band,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *followed by Rock n Roll Nico's Midnight session* €5

### 28th March 2012

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Silent Commotion,

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Resurrection,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Brave, Black Volvo, *followed by Rock n Roll Nico's Midnight session* €5

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## Thursday

### Weekly

20:00, **Cafe Candela**, Student Night, *great music, great offers*

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Thursday Tunes, *jam session; styles include blues, rock, reggae, jazz, & 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!*

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, *Rock n Roll Jam with former Herman Brood Drummer Gus Genser*

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

### 15th March 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Mudbag, Six Million Dollar Man* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Big Five,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Les Biftecs, €5

### 22nd March 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Funk Night, *A'dam Funk Connection* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Woohoo,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Positive Movement, *reggae* €5

### 29th March 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *Elektropop: Über-Ich, MissiLiO* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Applebee,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Sugar Boy & The Sinners, *blues* €5

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## Friday Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & his Illegible  
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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*

### 9th March 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Jimmy Triptonic,  
The Delicate Project, Banda Maloca,  
*psychedelic pop, Brazilian* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, ANDY,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These  
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they landed in Amsterdam. A night guaranteed to  
be one you will always be trying to remember!*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Hyper Blaster Surfcowboys,  
Spacequards, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, 7T-Rox,

### 16th March 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sistaflex, Valter Barreto &  
Caruru, *alt/retro/rock, MPB-Brasileira* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, A'dam Funk Connection,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, St. Practice Day Party, *with  
trad band Rogues Gallery playing live.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Judge Dread Memorial,  
Amsterdam Kickoff, *feat: The Upsessions & from  
Austria, the ultimate impersonator, FLO* €7.50

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rough n Tumble,

## Friday

23rd March 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Danalyze, *folk* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Venus Envy,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Candye Kane, *rock n roll,  
rhythm & blues* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, SPIT!,

### 30th March 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Talking Dog, Banda  
Maloca, *rock, Brazilian* €5

20:30, **Volta**, PunkRock Night, *Leave Home,  
De Bende* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Where is Waldo,

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

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Boys Named Sue, *tribute to  
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23:00, **The Waterhole**, 5 Live,

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## 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*

### 10th March 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Juicy Jones, Natural Passion, *funk/soul, psychedelic modern jazz* €5  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, What's next,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy Humphreys, *Irish singer/entertainer on tour*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Stubbs, *instrumental hammond soul* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever,

### 17th March 2012

- 13:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy Humphreys, *Paddy's Day starts early in Molly's, with Irish singer/entertainer Andy on stage before the rugby kicks off.*  
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Bluestone, St. Louis Slim, *blues* €5  
21:00, **Jet Lounge**, Beast of Berna,  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Frozen Candy,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, St. Patrick's Day Party, *with trad band Rogues Gallery on stage leading the shenanigans*  
22:00, **Mulligans**, St. Patrick's day's celebrations with: Anois, *trad. Irish 4-piece on tour*  
22:30, **Old Quarter**, St. Patrick's Day/End of Rugby Party, *with live music by Some Band*  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, St.Patrick's Day Live, *from Ireland: Foul Play* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jack's on 5,

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## Saturday

### 24th March 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Luvvaman Wayne, Schwarz Kaffee, *roots, funk/soul* €5  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, De Koffers,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Pulser, *rock* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, ALKAZAR,

### 31st March 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Ladies Jam, Alberto Palacios Band, *pop/funk/soul, funk/jazz/soul* €5  
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Creep,  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Peter Carroll,  
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, JPR Strinxband, *rock* €5  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jericho Pie,

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## 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 Lamar Chase*  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session with a mixture of pop rock with a feminine touch*  
23:00, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,  
**11th March 2012**  
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Greek Music Night, €3  
**18th March 2012**  
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Yishay Glick Quintet, €3  
**25th March 2012**  
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Klezmer, *live music* €3



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There were so many of the Pul/Pint Crew in the bar, we can't name them individually.

# ROUND TH

Monty Pagan cellist Mick, pictured here with Wladimir and Rinke, becomes a Gritmoaner when he plays in the Old Nickel with Peter Lavell.



Rory and his keyboard were at Gus Genser's Thursday Rock session in the Waterhole.



Lilliyin and Dennis from Njoy were enjoying the Thursday Tunes in CC Muziekcafé.





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# THE BARS

We had to get a photo of Marjolein with Anna, Toot, Yvonne and Nicolette at the bar on a Tuesday evening in Finnegan's Rainbow.



You can be sure Yuri and Louise will be ready to strike a pose when the camera comes out in Susie's Saloon.



Beth's last pit-stop on the way home was Café Remember, where her flatmate Ilze was behind the bar with Liva.



Richard and Tineke celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on the 26th February, but not in the Flying Dutchman.

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# BEHIND



In the Waterhole: Rauli, Arjan and Eva.

Arjan has now left the Waterhole, so here's one last photo of him behind the bar, this time with Eva, Kiki and Tijmen.



Jan was playing great music in Aent Water when I delivered last month's Stun, so instead of just moving on to the next bar, I stopped for a beer or two.



Matty is off to Lisbon in April, so it's drinks in Molly's on the 31st March, and maybe he'll know the name of his new place by then.



In Susie's Saloon, barman Tim highly recommended the Red Bull.

# BARS



Ann was looking forward to her trip to Nottingham, but that was then and she's back behind the bar of Café Zeepest already.



Adriaan and Joe were behind the bar for Charlotte's leaving party in Coco's Mine.



Marjolein in Finnegan's Rainbow.  
Wendy and Susan in the Stone's Café.



It was Friday night in the Old Quarter, with Deborah and Robert behind the bar.

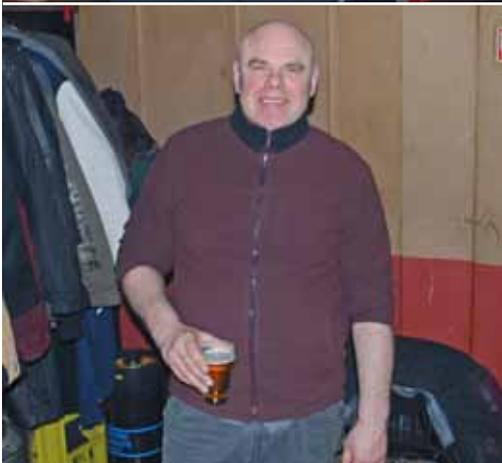


# JUR'S ROCKIN'

Jur's Blasting Birthday Bash! It was on a Friday night, there were 3 bands playing and everybody loves Jur, so Maloe Melo was packed to the rafters.



# BIRTHDAY PARTY



# TWO NIGHTS IN

Olly De Quartz were playing in Molly Malone's and Cezar, who leads the Open Mike night in Café Candela, was at the bar with ODQ's drummer Fritz and guitarist Amadeus.



Olly, the band's singer, was at the round table with Denise and Pete.



Mick the cello player and singer/songwriter Lake were in the audience with Damon, who I haven't seen in years, and his wife Ala.



Tam and Blanche were with Janet, who was enjoying a rare Friday night on the town and made it to see Olly De Quartz, at last.

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# MOLLY'S

Resident question-masters Brian & Steven were relaxing with a pint after another successful Pub Quiz in Molly Malone's. They're back in action on the 14th & 26th.



Josie and Saskia's team, Man About The House, came 6th and they won a bottle of wine.



Julia was working, don't know how Pete did. Josie again, this time with Cathy and Eddie.



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# MORE



Jet-lagged and sleepless for 40 hours, his 3 wishes were granted within 6 hours of landing.



Ross, Paul, Dean, Drew, Lewis and Gregor were over from West Lothian and had great fun with Some Band in the Old Quarter.



Ton was with his son Wally at the Thursday Tunes session in CC Muziekcafé. He said check out the monthly Brazilian Karaoke in Studio Do Alberto on Stadhouderskade.



Nils and Mark were enjoying the music in Partycafé Candela.

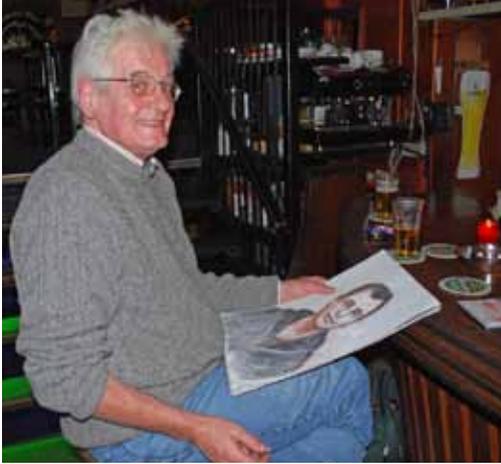


Sofia from Greece was celebrating her birthday in The End Karaoke.



# ROUNDS

It was a quiet Monday night in the Flying Dutchman, which gave Tam the opportunity to show off his artistic talents.



Barman Noam was a willing subject and sat patiently on his stool until Tam had finished.



Arjan and his girlfriend Annick are off on a snowboarding holiday now that he's finished working in the Waterhole.



Being a tourist, Trina always chills out in Partycafé Candela when she's in Amsterdam.

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# BON VOYAGE

This is the first time we've had a photo of Coco's owners Edward & Jane together with their daughters Megan, Amy & Charlotte, and it'll be a while before the next opportunity arises; Charlotte, the oldest, has just started a new job on a Caribbean cruise liner.



Before she left, Charlotte was partying in Coco's Mine with Amy and her ex-flatmates Kamila and Laura.



Nicolette, Suzanne and Rick were there too. All the women love Coco's cook Niall.

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# JOKES

With our Guest Jokers: John & Anon

I bought a Bonnie Tyler sat nav; it was rubbish. It kept telling me to turn around and every now and then it fell apart.

The Dalai Llama went into Pizza Hut and was greeted by an attentive waitress “What can I do for you sir?” she enquired. “Make me one with everything” he replied.

Double negatives are a real no-no....

I couldn't believe it when Davey Jones' wife said that he was dead, but then I saw her face and now I'm a bereaver.

I've just heard the window cleaner shouting and swearing outside my house...I think he's lost his rag.

For lent, I have decided to give up sexual innuendos. It's so hard.

When my grandfather became ill, my grandmother rubbed lard on his back. He went downhill very quickly after that!

Met an AA man the other day. He was by the side of the road weeping and yelling “I just can't take it anymore!” I thought: “he's on the way to a breakdown”...

For years I thought my wife had Tourettes, but apparently I am a cunt and she really does want me to fuck off.

I think my dyslexic mate might be gay, but he's still in daniel.

Did you hear about the Transvestite from Greater Manchester who had a Wigan address?

A man and a woman who have never met before find themselves in the same sleeping carriage of a train. After the initial embarrassment, they both manage to get to sleep; the man on the top bunk, the woman on the lower. In the middle of the night the man leans over and says, “I'm sorry, but I'm awfully cold and I was wondering if you could possibly pass me another blanket?” The woman leans out and, with a glint in her eye, says, “I've got a better idea... let's pretend we're married.”

“Why not?” laughs the man.

“Good,” she replies. “Get your own blanket”

A cop pulls over a carload of nuns.

Cop: “Sister, this is a 65 MPH highway—why are you going so slow?”

Nun: “I saw a lot of signs that said 22, not 65.”

Cop: “Oh sister, that's not the speed limit, that's the name of the highway you're on!”

Nun: “Oh! Silly me! Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful.”

At this point the cop looks in the backseat where the other nuns are shaking and trembling.

Cop: “Excuse me, Sister, what's wrong with your friends back there? They're shaking something terrible.”

Nun: “Oh, we just got off of highway 119.”

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Dave works hard at the plant and spends most evenings bowling or playing basketball at the gym. His wife thinks he is pushing himself too hard, so for his birthday she takes him to a local strip club. The doorman at the club greets them and says, “Hey, Dave! How ya doin?” His wife is puzzled and asks if he's been to this club before. “Oh no, he's on my bowling team” says Dave.

When they are seated, a waitress asks Dave if he'd like his usual Budweiser. His wife is becoming uncomfortable and says, “You must come here a lot for that woman to know that you drink Budweiser.”

“No, honey, she's in the Ladies Bowling League. We share lanes with them.”

A stripper comes over to their table and throws her arms around Dave. “Hi Davey,” she says, “Want your usual table dance?”

Dave's wife, now furious, grabs her purse and storms out of the club. Dave follows and spots her getting into a cab. Before she can slam the door, he jumps in beside her and she starts screaming at him.

The cabby turns his head and says, “Looks like you picked up a real bitch tonight, Dave!”

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The firing this week of Andre Villa-Boas came as no surprise to anyone who follows the game, given his more recent track record. Chelsea are floundering once more and this too is to be expected when you have a Russian owner of dubious pedigree, whose obsession is to throw his many millions into a football club in the way we play monopoly.

Chelsea has always been his plaything. He makes the rules. He is the banker and he always rolls the dice. The risk however to his great empire is minimal. Roman Abramovitch is insanely wealthy and the money he ploughs into Chelsea is little more than a drop in his own financial ocean and one is sometimes left to wonder if the spilling of his millions makes the beautiful game look more like another ugly oil slick. Since 2003, under his leadership, Chelsea have off-loaded eight managers in nine short years and one of them, Luiz Felipe Scolari, has warned the next sacrificial lamb that his tenure will be a living hell! Now, if you recall, he was

the man who won the World Cup for Brazil in 2002, so I guess he knows a bit about pressure, but surely, when you are earning as much as the next Chelsea manager will undoubtedly earn, it would be far wiser to forget about prestige and concentrate instead on deciding which private island you are going to buy when you suddenly get the chop!

I don't normally feel sorry for football bosses, but I do have a bit of sympathy for Villa-Boas - if only because he was not given enough time to prove his worth. At just 34, he was of the new school of football coaching and his fresh approach was still in its infancy and died in the womb. We will never know what would have happened if his Russian money-lord had been a bit more patient, but I think that in the future, Villa-Boas will prove all his doubters wrong. Abramovitch apparently has more time for the players of Chelsea than he does the manager, and if this is the case, it is easy to understand how difficult it must have been to inspire the



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old heads with their old ideas on how to play his new game.

The fact that Villa-Boas was as young as some of the team - although he was apparently useless at football - must have also gone against him I guess. It is quite easy to visualise the dressing room antics of some of the elder statesmen when defeat after defeat made his team talk increasingly desperate. Losing to West Brom was always going to be the final straw, but the writing had been on the wall for some time and three wins out of their last twelve competitive matches would put any coach under pressure.

Now it is Robert Di Matteo who is carrying the gauntlet until someone else steps in to carry the poisoned chalice. Deadly the job might be, but contrary to what Bill Shankly may have said, there is a lot of life after football, so no need to shed too many tears here for the new incumbent.

Looks like Celtic have got the Scots title now that Rangers have defaulted and with

a lead of 21 points, thanks to that 10-point deduction due to administration, they may as well go out on the town now! If there is any good news for the Blues it is that they will probably still hold onto second, given the fact that only two teams in Scotland ever really compete. It is not all good news for Celtic either, because they need Rangers almost as much as their arch-rivals, so going out of business is not an option!

In England, Arsenal have finally rekindled some form of old, with a spirited two-goal fight back against Spurs to go on to win 5-2, and then a well-deserved victory at Anfield, thanks to a wonder strike from Van Persie, they appear to be going from strength to strength. Unfortunately for the Gunners, and perhaps Arse Wenger too, it seems to be a case of too little too late. Their best bet is probably a Champion League spot for next season and for the sixth year running, the trophy cabinet will not need to be locked. Oh well, at least they can have a laugh at Chelsea's expense and we all know what a great expense that has been. The title will be decided in Manchester and if City can hold their nerve on the run in, they could just hold off their fiercest rivals in what promises to be an enthralling end to the Premier League campaign. And just to add further spice to proceedings, their last encounter is against each other, so it could just be a battle royal to the very end!

*Frank*

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# IN THE BACK



Tarik comes up from Paris every weekend because he loves the freedom of Amsterdam, and the Stone's Café.

I'll have to stop taking photos of our Premier Predictions League contestants; I'm a jinx! Andy had moved up to 8th when I saw him in Finnegan's Rainbow, then plummeted!



Drummer Daniel posed with Denise in the back of the Waterhole.



Gregorio loaded up his gear and scooted off into the night after Mosquito's Sunday Matinee in the Waterhole.



# PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League looks on Friday 9th March 2012.

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

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