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HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Our favourites are not for the faint-hearted!

The Editor's Bit

We're a bit later than planned this month: I caught a cold that delayed distribution of the last Stun and made me miss a couple of parties, then we went to England for a couple of weeks, so I missed out on a lot of photo opportunities. We made up for it when we got back though and we've got a bumper Stun, packed with photos from around the bars.

I never planned on making the longest running English language bar magazine when I made the first Stun 19 years ago either, but it's great fun doing it, so I might as well carry on.

It was the regulars in the Rodos Bar who first encouraged me to make more Stuns, so it's quite apt that the Rodos Bar figures so highly in this 19th Anniversary edition of the Stun, even if it did close down over 15 years ago. We've got five pages of photos from the Reunion Party, including Page Three.

Being a week later than planned meant I could take photos at Jaime's leaving party in Coco's Outback and get them in the Stun before he lands in Australia.

Talking about photos; have you sent in your entry for our Photo Contest yet? Closing date is 31st October and if we don't get a reasonable number of entrants, we're going to scrap the contest and probably never run another one. If you haven't got a camera, you can still win with the Stun: Do the Crossword!

All our usual stuff is here, so enjoy your Stun!

Andy

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If you would like to contribute a story or even a regular column, don't be shy: we're all amateurs doing our best here.

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- Frank Weston
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Page Three

The Rodos Bar played a key role in the early days of the Stun, so it was nice to see these old regulars at the reunion party.

Lenore always helped me with the Stun if she was in the bar when I came from the printers.



Jennie was one of the first people in the Rodos Bar to appear in the Stun.



Liz flew in from Oregon specially for the Rodos Bar Reunion Party.



No Rodos Bar Reunion would be complete without Caroline.

TALES FROM THE GUTTER

Happy Birthday Alan, Alberto, Alex, Anne, Anneke, Beach-Boy Brian (Caella), Bernard, Brenda, Brian, Carol, Caroline, Charlotte, Chiron, Chris, Conner, Cora, Daan, Danyel, Daphne, David, Dragon, Eligio, Els, Fred, Frits, Gary, Gavin, Geoffrey, Heather, Hester, Howard, Ingrid, Isobel, Ivan, Jaap, Jackie, Jan, Jason, Jayden, Jo, Joan, John, Johnny, Jozef, Julius, Karin, Kenny, Kerstin, Kym, Lamar, Laura, Liam, Lisette, Lonneke, Mak, Marie, Mark, Mart, Melanie, Micky, Mike, Monique, Montse, Neal, Nic, Nina, Pim, Remco, Rhadi, Ria, Roger, Roxanne, Roy, Ruben, Russel, Saoirse, Signe, Tara, Tony, Vivian, VJ, Zach, Zorro.

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

Happy Anniversary to the Amsterdam Stun too: 19 years and still going strong!

And on October 10th Andy & I celebrated our first wedding anniversary! But we'll be together 18 years on New Year's Eve, so you could say we're still going strong as well!

In September we spent a few weeks in the beautiful Kentish countryside, to see Andy's family and to re-energise. Life can be hectic in this city.

And travelling there has become so much easier since we live in the centre. Five minutes walk to the station, train to Brussels, half an hour break there, (enough time for a smoke, or two!) before-check in for the tunnel-train. A good book & a few crosswords, I nearly forget we're going to travel under water in a train. Nearly!

We stay with Kay, one of Andy's sisters, and visit the other two who live nearby.

Brenda invited us over for the afternoon, and some really good food. She makes onion-bhajas from scratch! And her butter-chicken is the best I've ever had!

She also looks after her grandchildren Jack & Jessica who live with her because their mother, Amy, is not very healthy and can't take



care of them. So Brenda stepped in to make sure the kids are ok.

Kay was afraid the country would prove too boring for us, as we are used to the hustle & bustle of Amsterdam, so she had looked around for something to do for us, and she'd found a Pub Music Quiz in her local, the Vigo Inn, just a few miles away from her home.

The first time we went, there were four of us. Amy was with the kids, so Brenda had an evening to herself and decided to join us for the quiz. It wasn't just about music, but different categories, and we did well enough, we didn't come last!

Jill, one of Andy's other sisters, was away on a cruise when we arrived in Kent, but she was back in time for the next quiz night so we brought her along as well.



Again we didn't do badly, and we were having so much fun, we stayed a lot longer.

Vigo quiz-master "The Piano Man" was playing requests, and he can play anything!



Kay used to have a piano, too, but it didn't survive the move to the country. She does miss it, and will most probably visit Vigo more often in the future.

Next time we're in England we will as well!

Lately Andy has been thinking about maybe getting motorised transport, mainly to make it easier to bring the Stun around town. So when Kay was cleaning & fixing the mobility scooter she kept in one of her outbuildings (it used to belong to her aunt who died) for a friend who was becoming less mobile, they had to try it out, of course!



But I don't think he's getting one of these things very soon!

We had a brilliant time in Kent, and we've promised to visit again as soon as possible.

Back in Amsterdam we had the Rodos Bar reunion to look forward to. Via social media



we heard lots of people would be there, but for a while nobody seemed to know for sure whether or not Rita would be there. But then Joost came in and said she was on her way.



Everybody went outside to wait for her, expecting her to drive up in a taxi, but she used public transport and walked the last bit. She had very good news, too. She's been given the all-clear, her doctor says she's cured. He doesn't understand how, but she's better!

She really enjoyed herself in Amstelstroom (on the Amstel!), and so did we.

Looking forward to the next reunion!

Elly



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Bianca and Natalie were joined by off-duty colleague Claudia, behind the bar of the Stone's Café, for the first photo taken for this Stun.



Mick and Kim were having a well earned drink with barman Albert after their Saturday evening gig in the Old Nickel.

A few weeks later, Claudia was working with Lotte on a Saturday night! Now that calls for a photo.



Working or not, Robert will be enjoying the madness at the Old Quarter's Halloween Party; Deborah won't, she's going to see Madness!



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After seven years of creating havoc in Coco's Outback, Jaime has finally left and joined his wife Kym in Australia. It goes without saying that he had a farewell party, and he even got me to appear in a photo with him.





Stun Photo Contest

in collaboration with

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There's still time to enter our Photo Contest, which we are running in collaboration with British General Stores, who are generously donating the first prize, a Christmas parcel of goodies valued at €100. But if we don't get enough entries, we might have to cancel it, so get snapping! The theme of our Photo Contest is:

WILDLIFE IN THE CITY

We are looking for striking digital images of wildlife in the city. Your images may be taken anywhere in the Netherlands. Please do not include photographs of pets or domestic animals. Images of captive animals photographed in zoos and commercial game farms are also prohibited



Lin from British General Stores took this photo in her back garden, but she's not allowed to enter.

HOW TO ENTER:

There's no limit to the number of photos you can enter, but each photo must be submitted individually using the form on the Stun website at www.amsterdamstun.com/phocom (max. 2MB) or by e-mail to photo@stun.nl.

Photo captions must accompany all submissions, and should include the subject of the image, the location the image was taken, and the name of the photographer(s).

ELIGIBILITY & JUDGING:

To ensure eligibility for the contest, all entries must be in JPG/JPEG format and have a resolution of 3 megapixels or greater.

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The judges are a panel of Amsterdam Stun staff members familiar with photography and responsible for selecting images for the Amsterdam Stun.

DEADLINES:

Deadline for submitting entries is 23:59 CET on the 31st October 2012.

Finalists will be announced on or before the 12th November 2012. Public voting for the grand-prize winner will be held for at least a two-week period to begin after the finalists are announced and to end no later than the 1st December 2012. Grand Prize Winner and Runners Up will be announced in the December edition of The Amsterdam Stun. There will be a limit of one vote per person for each photo.

By entering this contest, you agree to our Rules, Terms and Conditions, which can be found at www.amsterdamstun.com/phocom.

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WHAT'S ON

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 with my camera.

On Saturday 27th October, Hotel Old Quarter will have live music with Some Doctors doing all sorts of gory stuff, good food, scary staff (but that's normal) and prizes for the best costumes.

Molly Malone's are renowned for 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 27th October from 22:00. Andy McHumphreys will take the stage and host the evening's entertainment. Prizes for best dressed on the night haven't been announced yet, but they're usually well worth making a fool of yourself for.

Coco's Outback claim to have the best, scariest Halloween Party in Amsterdam and I'm not going to dispute that! Great Cash Prizes (1st prize €250, 2nd prize €100, 3rd prize €50) for best dressed! Saturday 27th, 22:00 – late!

Of course, Halloween is actually on Wednesday 31st October, and that's the night Molly Malone's will be holding a Halloween

Pub Quiz. As well as the usual 8 rounds of questions, they will also be giving out bonus points to people in Fancy Dress. The quiz starts at 20:00, but booking ahead is advised (0611958949) as they always fill up.

I don't know of any Halloween parties in Amsterdam on the 31st, but if you head south of the border, there's one at Kelly's Irish Pub in Antwerp, with live music from Olly De Quartz. The band haven't got any Amsterdam gigs lined up for this month, but you can find out where they are playing in our Gig-List.



Olly De Quartz have been working on some new original songs and will be releasing them in an album called "Experience Amsterdam". Visit www.ollydequartz.nl for a teaser and details of the Quartz Christmas Tour: 14 gigs in five countries!

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Monday Weekly



- 20:00, **Cafe Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night,
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, De Live Karaoke Band,
Karaoke €
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 with both modern and classic rock.*
15th October 2012
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lazy Monday, *open jam
night hosted by Mosquito*
23:00, **Players Cafe**, Joe Rocker, *the best Joe
Cocker tribute band around*
22nd October 2012
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Selfplayers,
29th October 2012
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Cortez,

Tuesday Weekly

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball & Open
Mic, *4 different acts*
21:00, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night,
*An explosive combination of international songs
and funky people from all over the world*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Tuesday Night Jam Session,
with Mosquito
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with
Kevin Chapman (except 16th)*
16th October 2012
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.*
30th October 2012
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The E-numbers,

Wednesday Weekly

- 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,
17th October 2012
15:00, **Volta**, Junior Jam On Stage, *Springveren,
Rock Kids, Ever or Never, Dr. Cheesy & the
crackers*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Kamyra, *CC Jazz Nights* €
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Donna Grantis (blues),
followed by Maarten's After Midnight session €
24th October 2012
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Jazz & More, *Daniel
de Moraes - guitar, Eric Kooger - drums, Ferial
Karamat Ali - bass* €
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Alberto Placios Band, *Happy
Demons, followed by Maarten's After Midnight
session* €

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Wednesday

31st October 2012

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Halloween 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. Bonus points for people in fancy dress!

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Colijn Buis Italian Quartet, CC Jazz Nights €

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The E-numbers,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lamar Chase Band, blues/rock

22:00, **Kelly's Irish Pub, Antwerp**, Olly De Quartz, These party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed. A night guaranteed to be one you will always be trying to remember!

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Van 206 (rock), Masters of Apes (stoner/rock), followed by Maarten's After Midnight session €

Thursday

Weekly

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

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Thursday Tunes Jam, Pop/Rock/Blues/Funk

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 Rahim

18th October 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, La Vive, The Cut/Up €

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

22:00, **O'Ceallaigh Irish Pub, Groningen**, Olly De Quartz, These party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed. A night guaranteed to be one you will always be trying to remember!

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Laurie Morvan Band, bluesrock €

25th October 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, €

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hit me!,

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Friday Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & his Illegible
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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 van den Busken, Micky Llewellyn
& Joyce Grimes*

12th October 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Little Devils (blues),
RaptuSound (rock) €

20:30, **Volta**, Feel Free Friday, *Groove, Jazz,
Soul, Funk, Oldschool, 90's, DJLee thinks of
everybody! €*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Scope,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Sharpees, *a top Blues/
Rock Guitar band, delivering a professional, no
compromise performance of music influenced by
Rory Gallagher, Tom Petty, Dr Feelgood, The
Stones...*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Sun Prophets, *soul €*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Revival,

19th October 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Banda Maloca, *Brasileira €*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, AFC,

22:00, **Bad Homburg Irish Pub, Germany**, Olly
De Quartz, *These party-starters have been the talk
of the town since they landed. A night guaranteed
to be one you will always be trying to remember!*

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/
songwriter/comedian from Wexford*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Smokey & The Bandits,
rockabilly €

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

Friday

26th October 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, SoulRight (soul), *Caruru
(mpb-brasileira) €*

20:30, **Volta**, PunkRock Night, *Yawp!, 10.Gauge €*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Wicked World,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy McHumphreys, *Irish
singer/entertainer*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Barnstompers, *rockabilly/
country €*

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

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 van den Busken, Micky Llewellyn
& Joyce Grimes*

13th October 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Continental Breakfast, €

20:30, **Jet Lounge**, Van de Hoed en de Rand,
Amsterdam streetrock

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Fab Lushes,

21:30, **Café del Mondo**, Mosquito, *funky soul with
a latin beat*

22:00, **Celtica Pub, Brussels**, Olly De Quartz,
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since they landed. A night guaranteed to be one
you will always be trying to remember!*

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Sharpees,
Top Blues/Rock Guitar band, see Friday 12th.

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Laundromat, €

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Instant Rush,



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GIG-LIST

Saturday

20th October 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, The Sharpees, Jordy en de Snelle Mannen, *rock* €
- 20:00, **Finnegan's Rainbow**, Pub Quiz, *hosted by Mark Mysterious*
- 20:30, **Jet Lounge**, Jimmy Robinson, *top guitarist from New Orleans*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Says Who?,
21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess Live!: Gothic Night, *Bands: Novus UK, Aztlán Zidonia, Bella Lune, DJs: Droid, Toxiz + Guests. Dresscode: black/alternative/gothic/wave* €
- 22:00, **Bornheim Irish Pub, Germany**, Olly De Quartz, *These party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed. A night guaranteed to be one you will always be trying to remember!*
- 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford*
- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Shufflekings, *blues* €
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rock Diva's,

27th October 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Ten Hut, €
- 21:00, **Old Quarter**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *live music by Some Doctors, prizes for best costumes*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Onder Voorbehoud,
- 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *with live music from Andy McHumphreys*
- 22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *Big prizes for the best costumes! 1st: €250, 2nd: €100, 3rd: €50.* €
- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Soulright, €
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, JPR Strinxband,

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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 Archie*
- 22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session with a mixture of pop rock with a feminine touch*
- 23:00, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,

14th October 2012

- 17:30, **Kamerz**, Ruigoord Rebels, *filthy folk*
- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Alex & Oleg, *Greek Music Jam* €

21st October 2012

- 20:00, **Cafe Doelen**, Jimmy Robinson, *top guitarist from New Orleans*
- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, *Live music* €

28th October 2012

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Klezmer, *Live music & party* €

ROUND

Sophie insisted on having her photo taken with Yuri in Susie's Saloon; they go back years!



Here's a normal looking Pete, but what will he look like at the Halloween Quiz Night in Molly Malone's? There are bonus points to be won by people in Fancy Dress.



Stan in the Waterhole on a Monday? Jeroen knows why; musicians need live music!



In Café Corso, Harold and Mario have been friends for years.



We couldn't make it to Steven's wedding party, so here he is in Molly Malone's with Eileen and Paul instead.

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THE BARS



Jen and Sam have left Coco's Outback and gone to live in England.



Before they left, they had a drink or two on the terrace with their friends and colleagues.

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Martin had just finished performing with De Live Karaoke Band at their regular Monday night show in CC Muziekcafé and was having a last drink with René.



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Noam was raising a glass of wine behind the bar of the Flying Dutchman.

BEHIND

It looks like Lisan and Emily like working with Sam in the Waterhole.



It was a nice evening, so Manrico, Dani and Anna posed on Josélito's terrace.



We hadn't seen Jos for years (he works in Café De II Prinsen now) but he joined Jur behind the bar in Maloe Meloe for a photo.



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BARS

Judging by the drinks in front of Amy, it must have been Happy Cocktail Hour in Coco's Outback.



Aggy and Ester were behind the bar during the Open Mic Night in Partycafé Candela.



René was very hospitable behind the bar of Café Amstelstroom during the Rodos Bar Reunion Party.



Desiree and Amy are always smiling when they work together in The End Karaoke.

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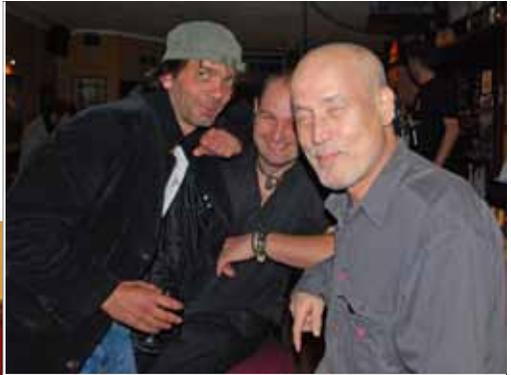
The Rodos Bar was much loved by its regulars and after it closed down in 1997, sorely missed. It was like no other bar I've ever come across, so it came as no surprise to see such a good turnout at the Reunion Party in Café Amstelroom. Old friends came in from all over the world...



Former landlady Rita was Guest of Honour...



And there were plenty of musicians too!



REUNION PARTY



MORE RODOS

Far too many people to mention by name, but from everyone that was there, Jennie and John were the first to ever appear in the Stun.



REUNION

The Rodos Bar was never a live music venue, but it was very popular with Street Musicians, so a Reunion Party Jam was a must! Kim and Rahim kicked off the session.



No shortage of people wanting to play...



Then Cindy Peress sang a few songs...



Even if there weren't enough guitars...



The bar began to rock when Alan, Bernard and Ed started playing.



Not a problem for Heidi with his mandolin.



MORE

No live music in Almere, so Paul and Ilona came to Maloe Melo, where they got in the picture with musicians Simon and Rahim.



In the picture with Ricardo and Franky in De Pul/Pint: Laura, Iris, Emily and Big Al!



Saturday night in the Flying Dutchman with Adva and Gad!



Dominic and Michael were at the Monday night jam session in the Waterhole.



Jet and Sandra were in the Shamrock Inn, so I had to get the camera out.

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ROUNDS



In Candela; Alex, Stefan, Jack and Josh, who were getting off their heads on a four day trip to Amsterdam.



Propping up the bar in Molly Malone's; barman Michael, Andrew and Chef.

Yuri swept Zsuzsanna off her feet in Susie's.



This photo of Emily and Lisan in the Waterhole should have appeared on Page Three, but it was double-booked this month. I hope they don't mind Page 25.



Jo and Jen in Coco's Outback could have been on Page Three too.

Behind More Bars

Tineke in the Flying Dutchman has just returned from her trip of a lifetime to Egypt with her daughter. It was hot there!



Tim and Mathijs had the pleasure of being behind the bar in Coco's Outback together.

Aram was still celebrating The Cave's 17th birthday weekend on the Monday night.



Saturday night in Susie's Saloon, so it must be Gonzo and Steve.



Joey was creating cocktails during Coco's Outback's Happy Hour.

JOKES

A man and a woman were driving down the road, arguing about his deplorable infidelity when suddenly the woman reaches over and slices the man's penis off. Angrily, she tosses it out the car window.

Driving behind the couple is a man and his 9-year-old daughter. The little girl is just chatting away at her father when all of a sudden the penis smacks the car on the windshield, sticks for a moment, then flies off.

Surprised, the daughter asks her father, "Daddy, what was that?"

Not wanting to expose his little girl to anything sexual at such a young age, the father replies, "It was only a bug, honey."

The daughter sits with a confused look on her face, and after a few minutes she says, "Sure had a big dick, didn't it."

When you say the word "poop" your mouth does the same motion as your butt hole. The same can be said for the phrase "explosive diarrhoea".

12 across in this morning's crossword was a seven letter word with three u's in it.

I thought, "That's unusual".

Paddy shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.

"No", shouts Paddy, "this is her husband!"

All these characters from my youth are turning out to be evil: I've just found out Morph was a playdohphile!

A friend opened a new strip club called The G-Spot. He had to close it after a week, as most men couldn't find it.

My wife and I walked past a swanky new restaurant last night. "Did you smell that food, it smelt incredible?" she said.

Being the nice fellow I am, I thought: "Bugger it, I'll treat her!" So we walked past it again!

I went to the doctors today. I said, "Do you treat alcoholics?"

He said, "Yes - of course I do."

I said "Any chance of taking me for a beer then, I'm skint!"

After the whole photo fiasco it's quite appropriate for Kate Middleton to be an anagram of 'Naked tit model'.

Paddy took two stuffed dogs he had onto the Antiques Roadshow.

"Ooh," said the presenter, "this is a very rare breed, do you have any idea what they'd fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks" said Paddy.

Paddy took a large and very dusty metal chest to the Antiques Roadshow. "It's been up in the attic for years, so it must be an antique" he said to the expert examining it.

"Tell me Paddy" said the expert "Do you have insurance?"

"Oh" says Paddy, "Is it very valuable, Sorrrrr?"

"No" said the expert "It's your hot water tank."

After 12 years of marriage, my wife is still a good looker... Doesn't matter where I stash it, she still manages to find my porn!

My mate thought it would be hilarious to poke holes in all my condoms. He wasn't laughing when his mum got pregnant.

"ITS A BOY" I shouted "A BOY, I DON'T BELIEVE IT", "ITS A BOY!"

And with tears streaming down my face, I swore I would never visit another Thai brothel.

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The greatest of all faults, they say, is to be conscious of none in one's self and perhaps this week, Luis Suarez might need to take a long look in the mirror of life. Alan Hansen is of the view that his incessant diving is ensuring that when he does genuinely fall in the box, no referee in their right mind is going to give him a penalty! He could be right, because in football, as in many other walks of life, crying wolf too often has a detrimental effect, not only on your character, but also to some extent on team moral. After Stoke drew at Anfield last week, Stoke manager Tony Pulis fumed, "All this diving is bringing the game into disrepute. He is becoming an embarrassment to the sport."

Well, we all know about Luis over here don't we! I thought that after all those unsavoury episodes in the Netherlands he might have learned something, but apparently not and the most

remarkable thing about his latest swan dive was that he did not even get a yellow card for it! I know that there are a lot of Evertonians who are already sick of the sight of him. That is understandable of course, but what is not understandable is why he needs to go down in the first place? He is an amazingly gifted footballer and all the more reason to use these skills in a positive way because when he does he is almost unplayable.

Robin van Persie has also been in the news of late for apparently elbowing Yohan Cabaye of Newcastle. Certainly, film footage suggests he did, but what is less clear-cut is whether Cabaye over-reacted? I know I am often critical of referees, but without all the modern technology other sports now regard as commonplace, football is still very much in the dark ages. Match officials get it wrong time and time again, but having extra line judges



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of going on long unbeaten runs after Christmas, which has helped them win it on the last two occasions. This term, the surprise package has to be Vitesse Arnhem! They seem to be going from strength to strength these days, now that some money had been ploughed into the club. This is the season that their owner predicted, three years ago, that they would win the title. They have the financial clout these days to sustain a serious challenge, but is it a case of too much too soon?

In Scotland, Rangers are now in the third tier and losing to teams like Stirling! I am sure Celtic fans are missing them immensely. They should do though, given the amount of revenue they will lose this season by not having the Old Firm derby almost every other week!

And finally, Chelsea head the Premiership, but on their coat tails are the two Manchester clubs, although they do have a four point lead. Everton have started very well for a change and are in fourth place, and Villa-Boas must be delighted with Tottenham's form recently, which sees them above Arsenal in fifth!

As for the bottom, well as I suspected, Norwich are finding the going tough this time around and I expect Mark Hughes to depart his post at QPR before my next column. He talks a good game and he played a good game. The question still remains though and that is, is he a good coach? ...Answers on a postcard please!

Frank

or assistant referees is hardly improving on field performances, sadly, and the saga continues, for now at least...

Here in the Netherlands, Steve McClaren is doing Twente Enschede proud once more! They proudly sit at the top of the Eredivisie and are still very much in Europe. He seems to have adapted to the Dutch way of playing with remarkable ease and who is to say they won't win the title again? PSV have of course spent big and must be a serious threat, and Ajax cannot be written off because they have a habit

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IN THE BACK



Fritz and Amadeo from Olly De Quartz dropped into Molly Malone's on a Thursday!

Our football correspondent Frank put in a disappointing performance in this year's Dam tot Damloop, but was back on form for his 10K run in Lelystad last weekend.



Paul from Finnegan's Rainbow was shocked to see himself in last place in the Premier Predictions League table last month.

René came out of retirement to help his old team the Amsterdam Crusaders in the Tulip Bowl, got spotted by the coach of the national team and was called up to play for the Dutch Lions American Football Team in a four team tournament in Switzerland last month.



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HELP

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Whether you live in Amsterdam or are just visiting, we hope you don't need to make use of this list. But just in case...

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 st	Buster	4	4	16
2 nd	Steve Mahon	4	2	14
3 rd	John Raftery	4	2	14
4 th	Carlos Macedo	2	8	14
5 th	Ken Passey	2	6	12
6 th	Stuart Styth	2	5	11
7 th	Philip Justice	2	4	10
8 th	Sydney	2	4	10
9 th	Callum	2	4	10
10 th	Ann Marie Stopforth	2	4	10
11 th	Frank Weston	2	4	10
12 th	Sander Middelkoop	1	7	10
13 th	Nigel French	2	3	9
14 th	Grouty	2	3	9
15 th	Stuart Davidson	2	3	9
16 th	Alan Dempsey	1	6	9
17 th	Marianne Peereboom	1	6	9
18 th	Willie Wood	2	2	8
19 th	Paddy Wynne	1	5	8
20 th	Stones	1	5	8
21 st	Matthew Vaudrey	1	5	8
22 nd	Ron Koopmans	1	5	8
23 rd	Marcel Finnegans	0	8	8
24 th	Catherine Hudson	2	1	7
25 th	Jim McGrath	2	1	7
26 th	Robert Pendleton	1	4	7
27 th	Keith Scoble	1	4	7
28 th	Robert Ceasar	1	4	7
29 th	Paul Finnegans	1	3	6
30 th	Rick Middelkoop	1	3	6
31 st	Ben Stopforth	1	3	6
32 nd	Paul Davies	1	3	6
33 rd	Jeffrey Schuffelen	1	3	6
34 th	Arun Panker	1	3	6
35 th	Jude Noonan	0	6	6
36 th	Michael Okoje	1	2	5
37 th	Nix Nicoll	0	5	5
38 th	Trish Raftery	0	5	5
39 th	Andy F	1	1	4
40 th	Phil Rook	0	3	3
41 st	Elwin Borgman	0	3	3
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