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The Editor's Bit

There's a pattern starting to develop with our November covers, which in the past, have featured *Roomborstplaat*, *Gevulde Speculaas* and chocolate letters; tasty treats that are only available at this time of the year. This time, we've got figures of *Sinterklaas* and *Zwarte Piet*, but we're not trying to make a political statement or get involved in the whole racism and slavery debate; it's because they're made of chocolate! As in previous years, after making the cover, we ate what was on them and when we removed the foil from the *Sint & Piet* figures, they were both the same underneath - brown and tasty.

We've got a packed *Stun* for you again this month, with loads of photos from around the bars, including the *Stun's* 20th Anniversary Party, Halloween parties and Lamar's 60th. Add to that all of our regular stuff and you've got your latest edition of the *Stun*. Enjoy!

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If you would like to contribute a small article or some photographs, don't be shy: we're all amateurs doing our best here.

The following people also contributed to this edition of the **Amsterdam Stun**:

- Frank Weston
- John Gregory
- Lin Sargent
- Rush
- Tommy McKeown

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Page Three

Nuala did a great job behind the bar at the Stun's 20th Anniversary Party in Molly Malone's.



Nicole was celebrating her birthday with Chantal, at the bar in Candela.

Louise was pleased to see her former colleague Rebecca in Susie's Saloon.



Saturday night in the Stone's Café, where Soraya had her hands full with Natalie.

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ELLY'S RANTS &

Happy Birthday Aileen, Angela, Bob, Bronski, Bruce, Carole, Christopher, Clia, Colette, Daniel, Dave, David, Deva, Emma, Fiona, Franklin, Garry, Gerda, Hennie, Jack, Jared, Jerome, Jettina, Joanne, Joey, John, Jordy, Joshua, Karen, Kate, Lianne, Lilian, Louise, Maarten, Mah Noor, Maria, Milos, Mo, Neil, Nick, Noemí, November Graye, Patsy, Paul, PT, Ray, Remy, Renee, Reuben, Roxanne, Sean-Patrick, Spek, Steve, Susie, Terry, Theo, Tiny, Veronica, Walter, Yvonne.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary Finnegan's Rainbow (11 years), Molly Malone's (16 years) & Maloe Melo (29 years).

Last month I mentioned I'd tell you more about what I like, what makes me happy, not just go on about what I don't like.

I love living in the centre of Amsterdam, I love our new house. I like reading, I like music, love nature, walks in the country, animals, sunrises and sunsets, my family, I love big storms but I don't go out in them anymore, used to like swimming but I just get too cold now so I stay out of the water and in the sun, I like good food (cooking and eating it!), a nice glass of wine. But what I love most of all is that I know so many beautiful people! I consider myself very lucky!

I must also confess that ranting comes to me much easier than raving does, the things I like have been the same for years (the house is new) but I find new rants whenever I read a paper or watch the news, which means every day!

Like a while ago, there was a bit of news about the Dutch Tropical Institute. The building that houses the books from that period has to be vacated, the people responsible for that treasure have found some room here or there for part of the books, which means they have to be split up in lots, and there was no room to be found for ca. 700,000 books, so

the board of the DTI was seriously thinking of destroying them!

I thought book-burning was a thing from the past (long before 1984) in civilised countries!

But they found a place where they want them. In Egypt, the Alexandria Library (oldest in the world!) would like to add them to their collection. I'm not too sure Egypt is so safe at the moment, but the books can't stay here. They would be destroyed. Sacrilege!

And don't get me started about Sinterklaas and the racist issue. The next one the small minded will go after is Santa Claus because it is not about racism, it's about religion and lack of freedom of!

And I also like crosswords! The September crossword was won by John Percival. The prize: A 30 Euro voucher donated by Coco's Outback. It was Mathijs who picked his name out of the hat.



This month's crossword is a bit different. If you want to be eligible to win, you have to send in the whole finished crossword. We don't know what the prize will be yet, but there will be one, I promise. Enjoy!

RAVES



David was true to his word and won his fight in Cork on Oct 12. His sponsor, Arise Silkscreen Creations (see back page) must be very proud of him. He was still beaming on Oct 19, the evening of the Stun's 20 year anniversary.

Another Irish Man, Feargal, my ex-boss in the Dubliner, flew in from Donegal for the Stun



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party and we were both surprised to see Paul, who I haven't seen since the Dubliner closed.

I only met Betty for the first time a couple of years ago in IJmuiden and she's become



a welcome regular at our parties in Molly's, where Steven always makes us welcome.



Andy was pleased to see Danny at the party; they've known each other for years.

Elly

STUN 20 YEARS

Thank you to everybody who came to the Stun's 20th Anniversary Party in Molly Malone's; it was great to see so many of you there. We've done our best to include as many of you over the next 4 pages, but had space for less than a third of the photos I took, so we couldn't fit everybody in. You'll find all of them at www.amsterdamstun.com/photos and why not support the Stun by buying some.



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Nice to see so many bars represented!

THE STUN

Monday

Weekly

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night,



Everyone can have the chance to take up the mic or an instrument to entertain the audience. Drinks are cheap, and the company's always lively.

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Open Jam, hosted by Theo Mosquito

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 & his Gritmoaners

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joep Berkenbosch, bring your instruments and jam with Joep

11th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Jake Rathburn, €3

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**, Haji Basim,

18th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Catself (Alternative, Folk), Joël Sarakula (Pop with retro n soul), Chabliz (Dutch pop-noir, gothic jazz), €3

21:00, **The Waterhole**, More,

25th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, check www.cccafe.nl for details €3

21:00, **The Waterhole**, One Inch Giant,

Tuesday

Weekly

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

20:30, **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**, Onno's Tuesday Grooves Jam, Onno Postma invites different special guests for a refreshing Jamsession.

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with Kevin Chapman & Friends

12th November 2013

20:30, **Cafe Pollux**, Coco PopShow, Live music pop quiz about music from the 60s until now. There are music clips, photos, videos and trivia questions about the history of pop. Form a team of up to 5 people and play along. €3

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Cortez,

19th November 2013

20:00, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz (exact date tbc), Entry price: €3, maximum 5 persons to a team. Great Prizes!

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Audioshack,

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Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, JazzZoul Jam,



jazz/soul/bossa jam session

22:00, **Cafe Pollux**, Jukebox Rocola Jam Session,
Hosted by Vincent Pino with Supercity

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,

13th November 2013

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Shady Greys,
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Singer/Songwriter Night,
hosted by Dzuana Bakker, *followed by Maarten's
After Midnight session €5*

20th November 2013

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**, Morning Glory,
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Maarten's After Midnight
Blues & Rock session,

27th November 2013

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Maarten's After Midnight
Blues & Rock session,

Thursday

Weekly

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

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, Live Jam Session with Marcos,
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talent... sing along... or just enjoy the music!*

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

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

14th November 2013

20:00, **The Cave**, Gorthour's Wrath (CRO/DE),
Stormdeath (SE), Serenius (FR), Amrita (FR),
death/black metal €5

20:30, **Volta**, Indie/Rock Night, *The Current,
Merry Go Round €5*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Out3d,

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rocktopussy,

21st November 2013

20:30, **Volta**, Alternative/Punk Night, *Controllar €5*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Area 52,

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Seven Days,

28th November 2013

20:30, **Volta**, Volta Upcoming, €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Awkward Silence,

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Franck Carducci & Friends,

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Friday

Weekly

21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Lasso, *(or another top local act with International allure)*

8th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Mean Mama, *rock, soul, blues* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Electric,
22:00, **The Cave**, Plough (NL) + Tribal Spirits (NL), €5
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**, Carolyn Wonderland's Party, *blues/rock/americana* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit,

Friday

15th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Nevertheless, Banda Maloca, €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Red Maddies,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Boardwalkers,
22:30, **The Cave**, Greenwich Cavern (FR), *rock* €5
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Spinshots, *soul* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste,

22nd November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Stage Fright, Martine Bond, €5
20:30, **Volta**, Punk Night, *Cross+eyed And Banished, G.O.H., The Blues Junkies* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Kangaroo Dynastie,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition*
22:30, **The Cave**, Jackal (NL) + Vexation (NL) + Most Wanted (NL), *metal* €5
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Baby Face Nelson, *raw country* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Vezpa,

29th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Trio Bola Preta, Chaparrall, €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Dirty Pillows,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Jeff Spivey, *American singer/songwriter*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Anita & the Starbombers, *western swing* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Prepare2Unload,

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21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **Old Nickel**, Archie & Friends, *top local & international artists join Archie every week to bring great entertainment in an intimate setting*

9th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Fool Philosophy, Hello April, €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sensational Hit Soul Band, 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!*

22:30, **The Cave**, Incease (NL) + Suffix (NL), *hardrock/metal* €5

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Maloe Melo Allstars, *blues/bluesrock* €5

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

16th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Arrow Haze, *rock* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hairy S & The Uggs,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Declan Downey,

22:30, **The Cave**, Left Behind (NL) + Jericho Pie (NL), *rock* €5

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Fabulous Fords, *rawk 'n roll* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Bonemachine,

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Saturday

23rd November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, The BottleCaps, The Flying Tigers, €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Drift,

22:00, **The Cave**, Impalement (Death Metal - Arnhem) + Krush (Grind - Leiden), €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Bluestone, *blues/bluesrock* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Funky Influence,

30th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Ussu N'djai & The New Balansa, *African/World music* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Jazzy & The Pattynamas,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Victor Lacken, *trad. Irish*

22:30, **The Cave**, Sonneillon Blackmetal (PT), €5

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Tribute to Ron Splinter,

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

Sunday

Weekly

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee with Mosquito, *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 Jam 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,

10th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Kafe Aman with Kompania Siga, *followed by a Greek and Oriental jam, so please bring your instruments and join!* €3

17th November 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Burján Orsi & the Pálinkálom, *Hungarian folk with jazz & world* €3

24th November 2013

18:00, **De Barones**, Woody & The Sidemen, *blues*

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, *check www.cccafe.nl for details* €3

ROUND T

Musicians Buddy, Dominik and Martin were having a last drink in the Old Nickel, swapping stories about their gigs that night.



There was only one person Sandra wanted to pose with in the Flying Dutchman: Klaas!



After their gig in Café Del Mondo, Mosquito's Buddy, Theo and Miguel finished off the evening in the Old Nickel with their fans Ingeborg, Leoni, Maartje and Jet.



Raana was in Excalibur for the first time, and she loved it!



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THE BARS

Due to a pen malfunction, I don't know the name of this guy sitting at the bar in Susie's Saloon with Miida and Fanny.



Just for a change, here are Pablo, Francis and Duncan in Coco's Mine, instead of Outback.



It's not often we get a photo of Daniel at the bar of the Waterhole; he's usually on stage.



Louise, Chris and Roxanne rounded off their Fleetwood Mac evening in Susie's Saloon.

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BEHIND

It was approaching midnight on a Thursday, but Kaz and Francis still had a full terrace outside Coco's Mine.



Ehab and Loren were behind the bar in Rock Planet.



Karaoke night in Coco's Outback, with Linda, Georgia and Jo behind the bar.



First time in the Stun for Marrit, behind the bar in Candela with Stefan.


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BARS

It's the Wednesday Waterhole Crew: Tim, Nadieh, Lotte and Bob.



Zad thought it was about time we had a photo of Judit in Excalibur, and we totally agree.

Who's that hiding behind the book and was he about to ask Amy to play a song to sing at The End Karaoke?



In Susie's Saloon, Pim scrapped the idea of growing a beard in favour of cultivating his moustache and Bori supports him.

We caught Mario in action, behind the bar in Café Corso.



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LAMAR HITS THE



Lamar Chase celebrated his 60th with a Mega Jam Session. Photos of the many performers to join him on stage are on the Live Around Amsterdam Facebook Page, but for the Stun, we've got photos of some of the audience. No space for captions, but we will mention Jur, who has found an alternative for his cigars now that Maloe Melo is a no smoking bar.



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HALLO

Laura celebrated her birthday at the Halloween Party in Café Pollux, where barman Albert was on hand to suck her neck.



They resurrected Len to do the Halloween shift with Janice, Jim and Ellis in the Waterhole.



You wouldn't want to bump into Allison, Rene and Frans from CC Muziekcafé in a dark alley.



In De Spaanse Ruit, Peter and Anna were expecting the Spanish Inquisition.



Ghoulish goes on in Molly Malone's, with two Stevens and Nuala running amok.



WEEN



Josephine and Bernhard were suitably attired for the party in CC Muziekcafé.



In Candela, Nicola, Celie and Colleen looked bewitching.



Freddy Krueger accepted his 2nd place prize from Molly Malones' Monster Manager. First place went to the Pumpkin People.



Frits awarded the prize for best dressed in Café Pollux to Sylvia, Antoinette and Anna.

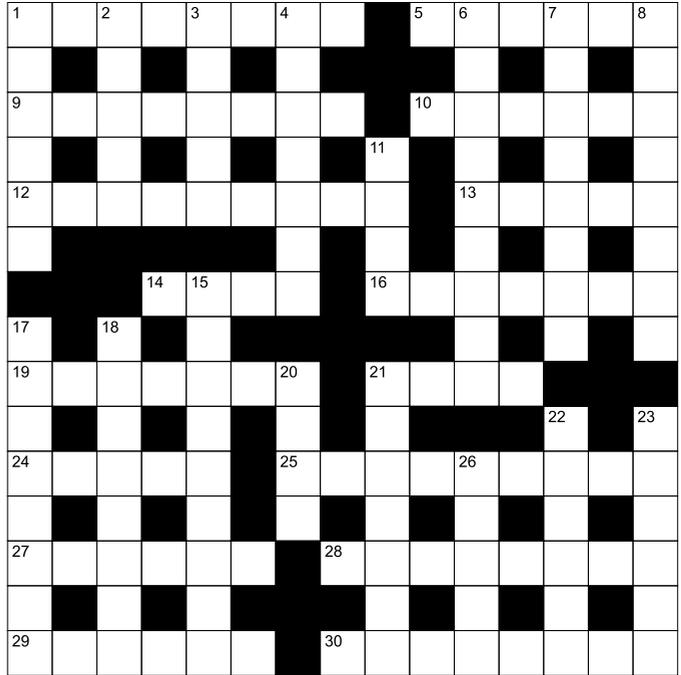


Also in Pollux; Val and Phil!

Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: Daring. (8)
- 5: Eerie house-guests? (6)
- 9: Evil doings. (8)'
- 10: Squirm. (6)
- 12: All Saints Day's Eve. (9)
- 13: Beginning. (5)
- 14: Transgressions. (4)
- 16: Warship. (7)
- 19: A real devil! (7)
- 21: Run amok. (4)
- 24: Uncontrollable fear. (5)
- 25: Lock in. (9)
- 27: Pictured voluptuous nude women! (6)
- 28: Camps. (8)
- 29: Spreads. (6)
- 30: Vlad and cohorts. (8)



Down

- 1: Scare. (6)
- 2: Horrific. (5)
- 3: Nowhere land. (5)
- 4: Gores. (7)
- 6: Distressing. (9)
- 7: Uncanny. (8)
- 8: Apparitions. (8)
- 11: Tiny bloodsucker. (4)
- 15: Vulgarity. (9)
- 17: Old bloodsuckers. (8)
- 18: Zombie. (8)
- 20: Colony. (4)
- 21: Wake. (7)
- 22: Attack by aircraft. (6)
- 23: Difficult time. (6)
- 26: African killer. (5)

Last Month's Answers

What is now fact was once fiction

Across: 1 Weight watchers, 10 Title, 11 Orientate, 12 Fungous, 13 Shows up, 14 Scars, 16 Nescience, 19 Stevenson, 20 Loren, 22 Enacted, 25 Overact, 27 Refinance, 28 Grift, 29 Trend selecting.

Down: 2 Extenuate, 3 Greco, 4 Thousands, 5 Amiss, 6 Cantorial, 7 Élans, 8 Steeple, 9 Stuffs, 15 Sweetened, 17 Sons of Eve, 18 Narration, 19 Sneer at, 21 Notate, 23 Alfie, 24 Dance, 26 Eight.

September's winner is: John Percival, who wins

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Just given blood for the first time in my life this morning and I've never felt so great in my life. Turns out I'm not the dad!

Bouncers at my local nightclub call me Macaulay Culkin, because I always go home alone.

I used to go to AA meetings. We would meet up in the pub, get absolutely shit faced and not tell each other our names. Anonymous Alcoholics was great.

Woke up this morning with a fig up my arse; no idea how it got there.

Think I've been date raped.

Two Irishmen were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A blonde walks by and asked them what they were doing.

Paddy replied, 'We're supposed to be finding the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder.'

The blonde took out an adjustable spanner from her bag, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down. She got a tape measure out of her pocket, took a few measurements, and announced that it was 18 feet 6 inches. Then, she walked off.

Mick said to Paddy, 'Isn't that just like a blonde! We need the bloody height, and she gives us the length'.

Someone asked me, "and now that you are retired, do you still have a job?"

I replied, "Yes, I am my wife's sexual adviser." Somewhat shocked, they said "I beg your pardon, but what do you mean by that."

"Very simple. My wife has told me that when she wants my fucking advice, she'll ask me for it."

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were €70! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

JOKES

Why is it that if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?

The wife was counting all the 5 and 10 cent coins out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

When I was in the pub I heard a couple of guys saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman.

What a pair of sexists. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the thing!

Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday, but it went off before I could eat it!

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Let's face it, being a goalkeeper is a his impetuoussness that was the cause of most thankless task. One mistake and everyone of his woes. Another example, perhaps, of a notices, and often it leads to a goal. I mean, it takes a special sort of person to do this kind of job; a person with an iron will to succeed and a very thick skin. Confidence is a state of mind of course and a goalkeeper that loses it is at the mercy of many heartless souls, because leaking goals usually equates to losing games and this of course is totally unacceptable!

We are, as football supporters, a fickle lot. If one week in politics is a long time, then in football terms, ten minutes is often too long - or if your team is losing, too short! In the sad tale of Joe Hart, he is clearly suffering from a severe bout of dropsy and the last calamity of a goal he conceded against Premier rivals Chelsea, only goes to show that when you make a mistake wearing the green jersey, there is simply nowhere to hide. This time however, it was

goalkeeper going through a state of mental turmoil.

The dramatic arrival of stand-in keeper Costel Pantilimon should set alarm bells ringing. He has left Pellegrini with a dilemma. Does he keep faith with Pantilimon and let Joe warm the bench, or does he keep faith with England's number one? The signs are not looking very good for Hart because Pantilimon's handing has been sound and he seems to make a habit of keeping clean sheets.

Clean sheets means you don't

lose games and it often leads to winning them. Clean sheets are also what every keeper craves and when Hart lost his place at Norwich, they had another clean sheet in a 7-0 mauling of the Canaries!

When our little Joe was a young boy, his dream had always been to be a goalkeeper. I am sure that growing up, he ended up in tears



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from time to time, when he let a bad goal in. As an adult though, the young Mr. Hart must come to terms, not with tears, but with the jeers that are ringing in his ears when he under performs.

It may be aesthetically defined sometimes as the beautiful game, but the shame that is bestowed on a fallen one, amplifies in the starkest terms the ugliness of the sport we cannot get enough of. In the theatre of dreams, you sometimes have to expect some bad ones and in the worst case scenario, occasionally nightmares too. In other words, the theatre of dreams is not all that it seems and it takes more

than just a good pair of hands to keep ones feet firmly on the ground.

Enough of this Joe stuff and now let us look at football in general. In Italy, Roma are proudly sitting on top of Serie A, having won ten out of ten! They have conceded just one goal in this time, which tells you all you need to know about the importance of keeping clean sheets.

Here in the Netherlands, the league is more open than ever and although both Ajax and P.S.V. are still hot favourites to pull away after Christmas, it is fascinating to see how everything is unfolding. AZ Alkmaar have hit a rich vein of form and PEC Zwolle continue to defy the odds and are keeping pace with the leaders. Feyenoord had a disastrous start to their campaign, but are now in the top six and there are signs that FC Twente are finding some form too. The surprise package this term though could be FC Groningen, who continue to take points from all the fancied teams and recently beat P.S.V. at home too!

In Spain, Messi is suffering from a lack of goals. This does not seem to be bothering Barcelona too much though, as they still head the division, as usual. The introduction of Gareth Bale to Real Madrid has not improved their fortunes and they still lag behind their staunchest rivals.

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IN THE BACK

It was Big Franky's night off from the Pint, but he wasn't far away; we ran into him in Rock Planet with Louisa and Joanna.



Rob and Nancy were in Café Pollux for their old Old Quarter colleague Laura's birthday.

It was sad to hear that Baboushka had died, but her puppies are growing up fast! This is her 4 month old daughter Miracle, with Kerstin in Café Pollux.



Another one that would only pose with Klaas! This time it's Shakira behind the bar.



Matt and Chris took a break to pose for a photo in Susie's Saloon.

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It's always a party when David and Noam are both behind the bar of the Flying Dutchman.



And the party was for birthday girl Iris, who was celebrating with Gaya and Esti.



Music came from Da Virus, DJ Yariv and special guest from Israel, DJ Diana.

HELP

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