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*Andy & Flly cordially invite you to  
celebrate 12<sup>3/4</sup> years of  
The Amsterdam Stun  
on  
Saturday 15th July  
at  
Mister Loco's, Nieuwendijk 11  
(It's also Andy's 50th birthday)*

# The Editor's Bit

There's nothing cryptic about this month's cover: We're having a party and you are invited. It's about time too! We've been trying to throw a party for over three years now, but things kept putting a block on it. But now we're ready for it and it would be nice if this party incorporates all the ones we've missed out on throwing, including Elly's 50th birthday, 10 years and 12½ years of The Stun. I suppose we could have had a 12½ year party, but it was too close to Queen's Day and the weather is better at this time of year.

The party will be kicking off during Happy Hour at 17:00 so that our friends in the horeca who have to work on Saturday night can still come along for a drink. For the rest of us who don't have to work, it should be a very enjoyable, if long, night.

Last month's cover competition was a bit on the difficult side for a lot of you, judging by the number of entries we've received (one, with not many correct). We're not going to give you the answers this month, just in case any late entries arrive. We'll announce the winner at the party.

The World Cup isn't over yet, but it is time to start thinking about the new football season. As usual, we'll be running our Premiership Predictions League and if you'd like to take part, the entry form is on page 23. As in previous years, it's just for fun and the chances of a prize, apart from the fame, are pretty slim.

Well, what else have we got for you this month? Loads of pictures from parties in the Waterhole, Old Highlander and Flying Dutchman, plus all the other places we've stumbled into over the last few weeks. We've got Dear Dorothy, Being Frank on Football, music news and jokes from Tommy & JB, so enjoy your Stun and I'll see you at the party.

*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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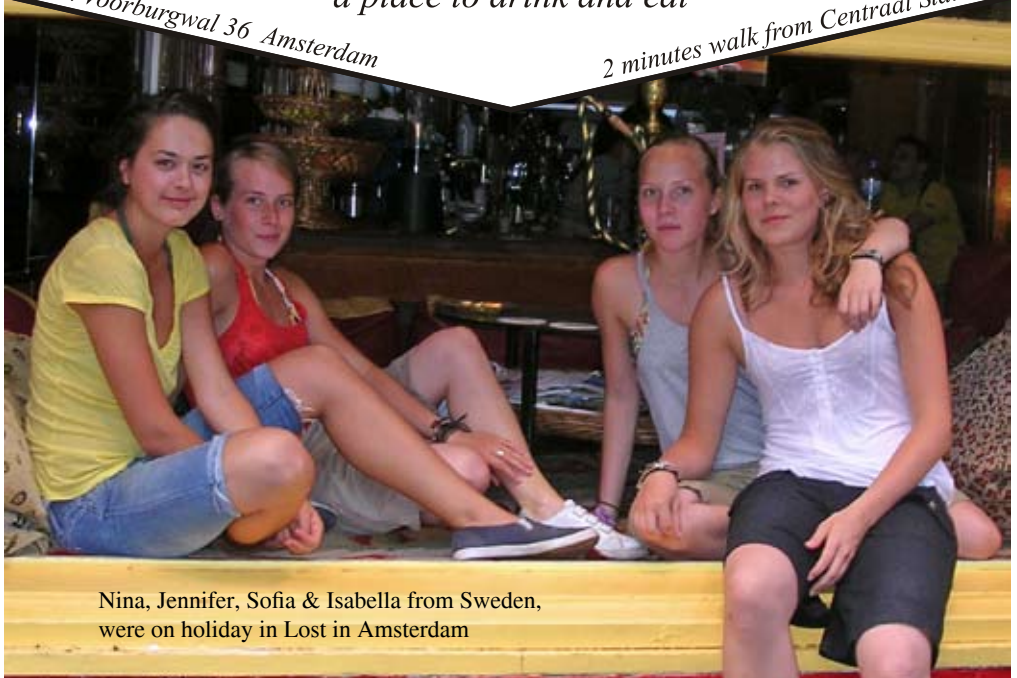
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# TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday to our editor/publisher Andy, on his 50th, yes the big 5.0, welcome to the party on July 15th., Maya, Liza, Iris, Pete, Diane, Shannon, Kees, Adrian, Ilona, Mike, Piggy, Jim, Murdo, Hans, Kiz, Janet, Laura, Ayla, Khaled, Owen, Kieran, Sandra, Chas, Denise, Smithy, Arthur, Roy, Nick, Ann, Eva, Tommy, Gemma, Jasmin, Lesley, Shelley, Liam, Kevin, David, Chiara, Maurice, Klaas, Tony, Matilda, Dominic, Ken, Chantal, Ron, Jack, Cathy, Lawrence, Peter, Cameron, Terry, Jo, Sean, Sasha, Eithne, Gene, Henk, Rinko, John, Feargal, Lisa, Kimberlee.

Happy Anniversary Kristie & Peter.



Congratulations Marcel & Sophia, with the birth of son Giannis Marcel (in Athens, May 30th). Marcel not only became a dad again, he was also very busy with creating the “Oranje

Bar” (even Het Parool wrote about it!) for the football championship. Plus with Lisa in England, where her mother is very, very ill, Marcel has to do most of the bar-work himself.

So he asked us if we could take care of some other matter for him. We will do that, & we will get in touch with the necessary people.



First time I saw Sarah, Alan & their son Kealan in the flesh, so to speak. I'd seen photo's, but I was never there when they were taken. Even this pic was taken a week before I saw them. But I must say, they did a fine job, it's a lovely little boy.

What a great couple of days, the first week (end) in July! The cabinet fell (new elections in November), the weather was hot (only the first heat-wave this year), Sarah & Sandra were visiting (first time I saw them in nearly ten years), did I mention that the cabinet fell, Ana repaired my favourite pair of sunglasses, I got another (& very nice) birthday present, & I was fit enough to cycle into town (& back!) two days in a row!

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# GUTTER

A brilliant time that will be hard to surpass. Oh, wait a minute! There's this big party on July 15th!

I know by now you've all heard about the Amsterdam Stun anniversary party & Andy's birthday party, (50!) in Mr. Coco's on July 15th (couldn't miss it, with this month's cover!), but what's actually happening, you may ask!

Well, there'll be a raffle, we've asked all the Stun sponsors (& Stun friends) for a donation. We have T-shirts, an under-water camera, bottles of booze, probably a few dinners for two (still under negotiation), and lots more!

Different kinds of food (we've asked the restaurants that sponsor the Stun), there'll be a juice-bar (courtesy of Jay), some live music (we've asked our musician friends if they fancy playing), and in an auction, a pristine collection of the Amsterdam Stun, from the very first to the latest: This one!

We will have boxes full of back copies, where you can look for the one (or more) you're missing. They're a euro each, and we will have lots of photographs with us as well.

We expect some of Andy's friends & relatives to come over from different parts of the world, & a lot of the Amsterdam Stun readers from over the years.

Now that the World Cup is nearly over, I

think FIFA should send a clear message to the referees. I know some of them have actually been sent home after they had a particular bad day, but more should be done because none of them were very good. Most of them were total crap, actually!

I think the referees should be made to all sit together and watch every match played, from beginning to end. Twice! And then they have to evaluate each others performances.

Who-ever comes out worst (judged by his peers!) should be made to eat the top-scorers shoes!

That might make them think before they sign up to whistle matches in a big competition again. They're not all Collina's!

Ok, so Holland went out of the championship, I didn't think they were good enough anyway. Robben should learn that playing together is very important for a team. He is much too self-centred. So was Lampard, for that matter.

And did nobody tell the Australians they were here to play soccer, not Australian football? For me they didn't even deserve to beat Japan! Or be in the next round.

Neither did Portugal of course, & I'm happy to say the French took them out. Maybe the Portuguese team should practice the game of football a bit more with the football coach, instead of spending so much time with their acting-coach.

(By the way, if you would like to buy Andy a birthday-present, but you don't really know what to get him, maybe you can join in with some other people & give him an "envelope", there's this camera he's been dreaming about. But keep this under your hat, I haven't told him).

*Elly*

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# WARMOESSTRAAT

## CENTRUM



Here's Raymond with Agnes, who has worked a long time in the Old Quarter, but we never saw her until she started working evening shifts.

As soon as we walked into the Stone's Café, Lisette grabbed Nathalie and insisted that we take a picture.



Ruairí in the Sláinte introduced us to Kerry, who's been around Amsterdam for four years, but this is her first time in The Stun. She used to work in Dan Murphy's.



Peter and Berber dropped into Buster's to see Neil while they were enjoying a day off.



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Arman joined Walter  
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# Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

We have heard from the Internet that your Government no longer seek power in Holland. We The Peoples Liberation Army of Bwgambo aim to seize control while your leaders are quarrelling amongst themselves. Our only problem being now, is how we get to Holland. Already my cousin's village have 25 bicycles, all equipped with our new flag. Unfortunately we have no airline, and no coast, so a boat is out of the question. Jimmee Runtanga, our newly elected minister for bribes, left last week disguised as a member of the European parliament. Since then, he has managed to save, from his newly acquired MEP expense account, enough to pay the taxi fares for 3 other important government officials to join him. At this rate we should have the entire army in place by November. Our first task when we are in power will be to scrap your ID cards, theys unnecessary, I know everyman in my village, you just gonna have to be more friendly so you know who is who. And then we gonna impose new taxes on bananas and coconuts.

Anyone wanting to see my new rules better, send \$20 for a copy.

Jango van Kambango  
President  
Peoples Liberation Army of Bwgambo  
P.O.Box 0001  
Bwgambo

Dear Mr Kambango,

*I am sure that lots of Amsterdammers will be especially happy with the scrapping of the ID card. And I don't hear any complaints about the banana tax either. You may have a few problems convincing the population that a coup would be in their best interests. May I even suggest that you delay your invasion until*

*1st April next year? That way, I can guarantee you lots of public support. (For a day anyway.) I salute your good intentions and look forward to your dictating at a later date.*

*Your humble servant (Just in case)  
Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

It's hot, isn't it?  
J. Oaes

*Yes?  
Dorothy. (God I earn my salary)*

Dear Dorothy,

I have a small kitchen, which I keep tidy, but still have an infestation. What's a good way to get rid of mice?

June.  
Amsterdam ZUID

Dear June,

*The best way is to kill them. Then they can't come back.  
Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

What colour knickers are you wearing?  
A Pervert.  
Address withheld

Dear Pervert,

*In the winter, I wear up to 4 pairs at once. However, in Summer I post all of my used knickers to Japanese businessmen at 100 euros a throw. So I might wear, blue, pink, green, black AND navy in one afternoon. (It's a profitable sideline.) Ring my hotline on 0800-865 4346654388765512065 extension 4.  
Dorothy.*



Marcel had to work as soon as he got back from Athens: He was knackered.

“Don’t know who the Oranje fan was behind the bar in Finnegan’s”.

# BEHIND

Lexie, Siegfried and Alison were ready for anything behind the bar in Coco’s Outback.



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# **BARS**

Debbie introduced us to her new colleague in the London Bridge: Daphne.



Justine is a hot babe! It was 37° behind the bar in the Stone's Corner, but the customers were in air conditioned comfort.



Somebody liked Willy's T-shirt when she was walking down Ramblas in Barcelona, so Willy gave it to her. Two weeks later, Willy got this one in the mail from her.

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# JIM'S BIRTHDAY

It was Jim Maguire's birthday in June, as it is every year, so he had a party in the Waterhole, as he does every year.

Lupe was one of the many people there to wish Jim the best and have a good time.



The big man from Laberinto, Gregorio, was having fun.



Guitarist Stan was spotted talking to Waterhole barmaid Geranne.

Jeroen the sax man was deep in conversation with Loren and Jo.



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# BASH



Lo and Frank were partying hard with Jim.



Jo posed with her titty-bag and Big John.



It was hot, so Elly wasn't too busy, but with all the thirsty punters, Case was a happy man.



Renée posed with Youssef out the back.



Behind the bar, Geranne, Frank and Skip found time to pose, but Miella was still busy.

As always, Jim was on stage most of the evening. This year's band was the "Joe Rocker Birthday Band".



# MUSIC NEWS &



Rory was looking very African in his suit from Senegal and hair braided by a Ghanaian women during his Tuesday night open mic night in the Waterhole. He is one of the many musicians that have promised to play at the Stun party in Mister Coco's on Saturday 15th July. We couldn't get a licence for amplified music, so we're stuck with an 80 dB noise limit, but I'm sure we can get away with practice amps for the musicians who need them.

Also in Maloe Melo the same evening, we bumped into Ken Parsons, minus his harp, but looking like he'd just stepped out the middle ages. He was getting in practice for a medieval festival that's coming up.



After three years, the monthly Rootsclub & Friends evenings in Maloe Melo have come to an end. But it's not the end of Rootsclub! Bert, Rik, Jan and company will just be expanding their horizons.



Arwen was joined on stage by Jeroen van Damens and Derek during his Tuesday session in Maloe Melo.



# WHAT'S ON

We got this request in from Dave The Leg, so we thought we'd pass it on:

Our song Catch Those Chickens (from the album Stories of the West) has been on the soundclick.com chart for some months now going up and down all the time (position 30 - 10). Let's make it number ONE this weekend!

Dave, Terry & Johnny would like you to be nice one time and listen to this song at soundclick.com. Your click will count and with enough of these clicks, it will be on top of Bluegrass chart, we are sure (two times clicking is no use, only IP address is counted)

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Let's make it happen for Catch Those Chickens. We were thinking of clicking all of us together this coming Sunday. So if you want to listen to the song, do it on Sunday this weekend (9th July).

Thank you ever so much, and let's hope we all be barn-dancing soon...

Dave, Terry, Johnny

UK-Scandie punk trio The Stutters have got their first recording The Oh Lisa Song, online at [www.myspace.com/thestutters](http://www.myspace.com/thestutters). Unless they come early, we're not expecting to see them at our party because they're playing in the Winston the same evening.

The Waterhole have got some new names in the line-up during the warm-up slot this month. Maybe we should start getting down to Leidseplein a bit earlier sometimes.

Jur might not have the Rootsclub in Maloe Melo any more, but he's got some great stuff lined up for this month.



On Tuesday 11th July, it will be five years since Herman Brood jumped off the Hilton. Ex Wild Romance members Freddy Cavalli, Kees Meerman, Boris v/d Lek, David Hollestelle, Gus Genser and singers Suzanne with Lady's Deedee & Sin will be performing in Herman's memory.

On Saturday 29th, the best Rory Gallagher tribute band in the world, Sinnerboy, will be in Maloe Melo. Jur told me that's a show not to be missed. Admission on both nights is €10.

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## Friday 07 July

Maloe Melo A Band Named Cash  
The End New Bands - Live  
Volta Free Fresh Friday -  
Trax 'n Gigz cd release party

The Waterhole 20:00 Augusto  
22:30 The Wendies

## Saturday 08 July

Maloe Melo AmsterdamBeatClub  
live: The Surphonics  
The End New Bands - Live  
The Waterhole Waste

## Sunday 09 July

Finnegans Irish Dancing Afternoon  
Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Derek  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Ladies Nite  
with Joyce & Baukje

## Monday 10 July

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio  
Maloe Melo Acoustic session  
with Peter Lavell  
Old Quarter Jazz Session with the  
Old Quarter Trio - guests:  
Florian Hierdels & Thijs Cuppen

The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

## Tuesday 11 July

Maloe Melo Tribute to Herman,  
with Cavalli, Kees Meerman  
Boris vd Lek, Mendel +  
Lady's DeeDee & Sin €10  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

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The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Real Jam

## Thursday 13 July

Maloe Melo Rahim's Super  
Blues Session  
Old Nickel Peter Lavell  
The End Karaoke  
Volta Benefit against squat laws  
with: Tor Johnson,  
Sound the Alarm,  
Heroes & Zeros €5  
The Waterhole 20:00 Stan & Friends  
22:30 Gus Genser Jam

## Friday 14 July

Maloe Melo The Anaconda's  
The End New Bands - Live  
Volta Free Fresh Friday:  
Relaxing Ragga & R&B  
The Waterhole 20:00 Damage Done  
22:30 Strolling Bones

## Saturday 15 July

Maloe Melo AmsterdamBeatClub  
60's/70's Glamrock Party  
live: The Bastardz of Glitter  
Mister Coco's Amsterdam Stun 12¾ Years  
Anniversary Party  
The End New Bands - Live  
Volta Emancipation Celebration  
Surinamese music & poetry  
The Waterhole 20:00 Freakfunkers  
22:30 Short Fuse

## Sunday 16 July

Finnegans Irish Dancing Afternoon  
Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Derek  
The End Karaoke  
The Waterhole Ladies Nite  
with Joyce & Baukje



# GIG-LIST

## **Monday 17 July**

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio  
 Maloe Melo TurboJugendPunkNight  
 live: The Shocker  
 + De Monroes €5  
 Old Quarter Jazz Session with the  
 Old Quarter Trio  
 guest: Rick Margitza  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

## **Tuesday 18 July**

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

## **Wednesday 19 July**

Maloe Melo Super Session  
 with Harmonica Georg  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole Real Jam

## **Thursday 20 July**

Maloe Melo Rahim's Super  
 Blues Session  
 Old Nickel Peter Lavell  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole 20:00 Stan & Friends  
 22:30 Gus Genser Jam

## **Friday 21 July**

Maloe Melo Koma Katz  
 The End New Bands - Live  
 Volta Free Fresh Friday  
 with Tripl-x  
 The Waterhole 20:00 Augusto  
 22:30 Santanico

## **Saturday 22 July**

Maloe Melo TurboJugendPunkNight  
 live: Black Chrome + supp.  
 The End New Bands - Live  
 The Waterhole 20:00 Third Addiction  
 22:30 Marcel Scherpenzeel

## **Sunday 23 July**

Finnegans Irish Dancing Afternoon  
 Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Derek  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole Ladies Nite  
 with Joyce & Baukje

## **Monday 24 July**

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio  
 Maloe Melo Acoustic session  
 with Peter Lavell  
 Old Quarter Jazz Session with the  
 Old Quarter Trio  
 guests: Schooster Quartet  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

## **Tuesday 25 July**

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

## **Wednesday 26 July**

Maloe Melo Texas Mike &  
 Dead Ringers €5  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole Real Jam

## **Thursday 27 July**

Maloe Melo Rahim's Super  
 Blues Session  
 The End Karaoke  
 The Waterhole 20:00 Derek & Friends  
 22:30 Gus Genser Jam

## **Friday 28 July**

Maloe Melo Beavershot  
 + Gecko Brothers  
 The End New Bands - Live  
 The Waterhole 20:00 Augusto  
 22:30 Blaffende Vis  
 Roadshow

## **Saturday 29 July**

Maloe Melo Sinnerboy - a tribute to  
 Rory Gallagher €10  
 The End New Bands - Live  
 The Waterhole 20:00 Derek & Friends  
 22:30 Mosquito

# ROUND

Henry bought a drink for Conner in the Blarney Stone.



Jude and Tony covered up Andy's England badge in Finnegan's; they were just jealous.



Tanja let Olly sample her own cocktail, Tropical Heat, in the Wonder Bar.



It was Josep's last weekend of smoking tobacco; Josie will keep an eye on him.



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# THE BARS

We hadn't seen JJ for ages and he told us he was playing in the Waterhole on 24th June with the Viking Mark Experience, but we couldn't make it.



Jonny started a new job in demolition, but we saw him demolishing a few pints with Craig during Coco's Outback Happy Hour.

Sandra was in town for her birthday on the 28th June, and now she's working up to her party back in Sunderland in July.



Leo is very upset with his old boss for not listening to his (Leo's) side of the story. I agree. You shouldn't make a decision based on only half the facts.



# 60's/70's



They threw a 60's/70's Party in the Old Highlander and barmaids Ann, Hester and Linda certainly looked the part.



DJ Joop was spinning real vintage records on vinyl to get everybody moving.



A couple of hippies disguised as Vlatko and Nicola were hanging around outside.



There was even authentic food in the form of cheese & pineapple and sausages on sticks.



Alan and Ray provided a shocking reminder of 70's fashion.

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# NIGHT



Don't know if Jaap was expecting to meet people his age at the 60's/70's Party. It was full of kids like Linda.



Hester introduced us to her mum, Els, and Saranna was there too.

Ann's nephew Graeme was looking cool.



Janet was looking good and attracting the attention of a long-haired Mike.



Sharp dressed Owen was propping up the bar with Steve.



Johnny won the prize for the most effort put into a costume by somebody not connected with the staff.

# PAUL'S PARTY

Paul put a barrel on in the Flying Dutchman to celebrate his birthday.

The entertainment came from the television: Football!



Tineke and Lily where there to wish him a happy birthday.



So was Tam.



Richard, Willie and Ray went outside for some fresh air.



Graeme, Tommy and Mickey can stand the heat.



Marcel didn't know it was Frenchy's birthday, but now he does.



Sandra popped in from the bar next door.



Paula was happy to be off her feet.

The day wouldn't have been complete without Des and Gavin.



## Premiership Predictions League 2006-2007

Usual rules, just pick where you think every team will finish at the end of the season.

Team	Position
Arsenal	
Aston Villa	
Blackburn	
Bolton	
Charlton	
Chelsea	
Everton	
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Middlesbrough	
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# VISITORS FROM



Sandra & Sarah lived here in Amsterdam for about ten years, but ten years ago they went back to Ireland.

It was Jackie's first time in Amsterdam, but she made friends easily, like Mark in Coco's.



Sandra arrived Saturday, so Tommy had to come & meet them.



Sarah arrived with Jackie on Friday.



Sandra paid a visit to the Blarney Stone, finding old friends like Pauline & Tamara.



Ran into lots of people, like Jay.





# CORK

Sarah, Jackie, Sandra & Muraod, who had been in Amsterdam once before, but not in Café Corso.



Robby was away on holiday, but Sandra & Muraod did run into James.



On our way from the Slainte,



Where we picked up Tamara & Pauline,



Back to the End to do some Karaoke,  
And a great time was had by all!



# Elly About Town



No captions: People in the pictures know who they are and (hopefully) where they were when they saw Elly around her birthday.





# ANDY & ME





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Vince is back from his holiday and helping us to prepare for The Stun 12¾ years anniversary party on the 15th July. We're expecting hot weather and thirsty people, so I'm sure he'll get plenty of booze in.



Cristiano from Nicaragua was visiting Mister Coco's and mixing with the locals, Martijn, Rory and Ray.

Here's Ashanty in her Holland shirt, just after they beat Ivory Coast in the World Cup.



The Stun party will be starting at 5 pm, so even Jo, Keith and Jess will be able to get there. I hope Jo brings some of her tasty pies.



# NIEUWENDIJK

## CENTRUM

Although Mister Coco's is the official venue for the Stun party on Saturday 15th July, we're expecting a lot of people to turn up, so it might get a bit crowded. But don't let that stop you coming to the party, because there are Stun friendly bars either side of Mister Coco's and we'll probably be visiting a few of them ourselves during the course of the evening. With the party starting at 5 pm and going on 'til closing time, we'll need to get out for a breather every now and then.



If you fancy sitting outside for a bit, the best terrace in the area is definitely Josélito's. Soak up the evening sun with some tapas and a jug of sangria and you'll soon be ready to get back to the main party.

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The Wonder Bar is another place worth dropping into for a beer and a smoke. I'm sure Tanja, Hassan, Barbour or one of their colleagues will be most accommodating.

So, that's any overcrowding sorted out: We just take over the whole street!

# IN SUSIE'S



Lars' sister Elsebeth has been working in Amsterdam for years, but this is her first time in The Stun.



It's not often we see Lars behind the bar in Susie's on a Friday night, but he came back to help out Peter and Annie, because it was busy. (The smoke is from Elsebeth's chillum.)



On a hot summer evening, there's nothing better than relaxing on a terrace overlooking a canal, drink in hand, chatting with your friends. I'm sure Ema, Jo and Sandy would agree.



Much to his fan-club's relief, Liam is back in town. None of them were around on the day before his birthday, so he was having a drink with his friends Josef, Nina and Nick.



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# THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: JB & Tommy

A fire fighter is working on the engine outside the station when he notices a little girl next door in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle. The girl is wearing a fire fighter's helmet. The wagon is being pulled by her dog and her cat. The fire fighter walked over to take a closer look.

"That sure is a nice fire truck," the fire fighter says with admiration. "Thanks" the girl says. The fire-fighter looks a little closer and notices the girl has tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's testicles. "Little Partner", the fire fighter says, "I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar too, I think you could go faster." The little girl replies thoughtfully, "You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren."

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A 75-year old man went to his doctor to get a sperm count. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, "Take this jar home and bring me back a semen sample tomorrow." The next day, the 75-year old man returned to the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and as empty as on the previous day.

The doctor asked what happened, and the man explained, "Well doc, it's like this... first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then her left hand, still nothing."

"She even tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, and still nothing. We even called up Arlene, the lady next door, and she tried too. First with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezin' it between her knees, still nothing."

The doctor was shocked! "You asked your neighbour?"

The old man replied, "yep, but no matter what, all three of us tried, with our arthritis, we still couldn't get the jar open."

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## WOMAN'S DIARY:

Saturday 1st July 2006.

Saw him in the evening and he was acting really strangely. I went shopping in the afternoon with the girls and I did turn up a bit late so thought it might be that.

The bar was really crowded and loud so I suggested we go somewhere quieter to talk. He was still very subdued and distracted so I suggested we go somewhere nice to eat.

All through dinner he just didn't seem himself; he hardly laughed, and didn't seem to be paying any attention to me or to what I was saying. I just knew that something was wrong.

He dropped me back home and I wondered if he was going to come in; he hesitated, but followed. I asked him again if there was something the matter but he just half shook his head and turned the television on.

After about 10 minutes of silence, I said I was going upstairs to bed. I put my arms around him and told him that I loved him deeply. He just gave a sigh, and a sad sort of smile. He didn't follow me up, but later he did, and I was surprised when we made love. He still seemed distant and a bit cold, and I started to think that he was going to leave me, and that he had found someone else.

I cried myself to sleep.

## MAN'S DIARY:

Saturday 1st July 2006.

England lost to Portugal. Gutted. Got a shag though.

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The third Earl of Shaftsbury once said, all know about that free kick, but ask yourself "The most ingenious way of becoming foolish is by a system." Swedish Sven should heed his words, because England failed so miserably because they had too many systems and not one of them worked! To be honest, when Eriksson took over the reins, I was full of hope. His track record was outstanding and he came over as a football version of Bjorn Borg with his calm dexterity and intelligent observations. Sadly, this was nothing more than an illusion and the more we got to see of this poor excuse for a human being, the more we realized that he was more akin to a mad professor who had lost his marbles in Italy some time before. It shames me to say it, but the writing was on the wall a long time ago and yet because of his encouraging track record and excellent curriculum vitae, we were prepared to always give him the benefit of the doubt. The final straw for me however was his hideous team selections for Germany. If he was aiming at sabotage, then he succeeded beyond his wildest dreams and if this was not premeditated, then my mother could have been picking the squad, basing her judgment solely on boyish good looks and pretty smiles. She knew nothing about football of course, but she would always say when watching the beautiful game on the box that "He seems like a nice boy."

Captain Sensible was quite naturally anything but and yet many thought his football would do the talking for him, but sadly this was another serious misconception. Yes, we

this in the cold light of a sober new day: what else did he do exactly? And now back to that Swedish buffoon, who almost single-handedly destroyed any hope of England lifting the most prestigious football trophy in the World for the first time in forty years with his idiotic selection policy and you are forced to question this mans sanity. I mean, how on earth could he se-



lect an untried seventeen year old up front along with an obviously out of sorts Michael Owen and a suspect wonder-kid, who I predicted would either be carried off on a stretcher or see red and get his marching orders just as soon as someone got anywhere near that suspect leg of his. Then there was the lurch from Liverpool who will never make a footballer in a month of Sundays and that was our strike force that would put fear into the Worlds best defences!

Why oh why did the mad professor decide not to take Defoe? He has performed admirably for England and yet he was not even given serious consideration and the same can be said for England's top goal scorer in the Premiership last season, Darren Bent, who plies his trade these days with unfashionable Charlton. His scenario was even worse, because he did not even make-it to the stand-by list! Surely if you can score eighteen goals in the Prem and twenty two in all, it says something about how





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many you might score if you played for a proper team. As any observer of these events knows, the writing was on the wall a long time earlier and our performances speak volumes for the man behind the helm. The FA of course decided to tell him that he could continue in charge even though he had been technically dismissed and that must have done wonders for the mad mans motivational skills – assuming of course that he had some in the first place.

As this goes to print, we already know that Italy will grace the final and I think deservedly so. They have a very solid defence and an excellent strike force, who always looked threatening, even when Luca Toni left the field. The defence was marshalled brilliantly by Fabio Cannavaro, who masterminded everything that went on at the back and frustrated every forlorn German raid on the Italian goal. This team has an abundance of skill and looked a class apart. Germany have excelled beyond all expectations, but were understandably found wanting in the end and in a tournament that has produced fewer goals than any other World Cup

at the group stages, it is at least refreshing to know that when goals come, they are of a high quality and the Italians are usually up for this. I feel little pity for England, who should have known their fate was sewn from the outset, but the Netherlands had more to complain about. Under Van Basten, they have played very well in this tournament and if it had not been for that ref Ivanov and too many Russian vodkas before the off, who knows what might have happened? The best of the rest must include both Ghana and the Ivory Coast. They did Africa proud and Ivory Coast especially must feel aggrieved to have been placed in arguably the toughest group of all, where they went down narrowly to Argentina and The Netherlands by two goals to one on both occasions. Australia were on the end of another appalling refereeing decision which turned out to be the last kick of the match and what a kick in the teeth it was to all those down under, who must have just felt as if they had been buried alive!

The other semi-final was very much a case of men against boys and the most glaring example of a boy is Cristiano Ronaldo, who has an abundance of talent, but spent most of his energy on falling over when there was not a foot or a hand in sight. Penalty seeking is one thing, but penalty shrieking is another and he worked overtime at both sadly. Shame really, because if Portugal had played a bit more positively, then who knows what might have occurred. In the end though, it was a fairly non-descript affair and the French were content on preserving their one goal lead. Not a good advertisement for football and we can only hope that this disappointing World Cup is saved thanks to a very memorable final. Italy versus France doesn't sound like one somehow, but we shall see.

***Frank***

# IN THE BACK

Henry's brother Stephen and sister-in-law Colleen were over from Trinidad for the World Cup with more of the family, but came over to see Henry in Amsterdam between matches.



Paul and Jamie were missing Liam in Susie's Saloon, but Annie helped them forget.

Shahid came out of the Kamasutra to say hello when we were passing by.



Sam hit lucky with his fietstaxi: Liam was heading for Susie's Saloon.

Richard wanted to be in the picture with Justine in Stone's Corner.



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