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The Editor's Bit

OK, change of plan. We're not going to bring The Stun out in the middle of every month. It seemed like a good idea when I thought of it last month, but the reality is different. The only thing in The Stun that is really date sensitive, is the gig list, but it's hard work trying to fill it too far in advance: most places are still waiting for bands to confirm before they publish their own list. So, after this one, The Stun will come out when it's ready.

With that in mind, and it being less than two weeks to March, we decided to make this Stun a two month edition. You'll have to wait until April for the next edition, but at least it gives me time to work on getting my new business off the ground. I know I've told a lot of people about it already, but I'm still not saying anything in The Stun yet, but I promise to tell you all about it in the April Stun.

I make no apologies for devoting 10 pages to parties in the Old Highlander this month. We had a great time there and they've sponsored our (back) cover this month.

This month's jokes came from the website of our late friend, Steve Carey. We didn't ask for his permission to use them, but I'm sure he would have said yes.

We've got a jam packed Stun for you this month. In fact, we couldn't fit it all in: part of Being Frank on Football is only on the web.

Enjoy your Stun.

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Vera told us Bambam joined the staff in Susie's Saloon a couple of months ago, so it's about time s/he appeared in The Stun. Not many people can pick Bambam up, so the staff don't know the sex.

Happy Birthday, in February: Roy, Kay, Kevin, Brenda, Ken, Esmeralda, BG, Astrid, Hilton, Rosa, Corinne, Paul, Katey, Jess, Shaun, Rico, Alan, Jordi, Peter, Ray, Linda, Early, John, Yvonne, Phil, Terry, Sabine, Flo, Sarah, Graham, Iris, Hannah,

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Happy Birthday, in March: Ans, Gabriel, Maartje, Bobbie, Jo, Barbara, Paddy, Lindsay, Diann, Oggie, Rita, Elias, Crista, Max, Huib, Frans, Jur, Ruud, Pat, Elke, Joseph, Trevor, Francesco, Katie, Sharon, Manuel, Saarain, Peter, Mike, Saleh, Jessica, Raymond, Kestrel, Karin, Tony, Sam, Fish, Tanya, Jim, Melodie, Wende, Mark, Nick, Iona, Paula, Monica, Veeru, Asha, Billy C., Anne, Tommy, Vera, Nancy, Tim, Art, Franklin, Patricia, John, Dirk, Maeve, Charly, Callum, Liz, Dave, Jaqueline, Danny, Keith, Joop, Francis, Marijke, Cristino,

Happy Anniversary Paula & Willy, Tineke & Richard, Monique & Willem, Suchada & John, Sharon & Henk

Congratulations Gabriel & Amy, with angelic daughter Rafaela. We'll try to get pictures for the next Stun.

Kim, thanks for telling us about Steve. We did hear there was something wrong, and we asked around, but nobody had any details.

Trevor, we're sorry to hear you are not here for your birthday this year. We'll be thinking of you.

Mickey, how are you doing? Let us know.

TALES

Janny, sounds like an excellent job, and you'll do great!

Last month we mentioned Arabella's little sister, Fenella. Big sister Samantha was over to welcome her into the family.



I've played pool with JJ before (he always beat me, I seem to remember) but it was the first time I got to enjoy his music when he was playing in the Waterhole.



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FROM THE GUTTER

Ana nearly burst out in tears when she heard Carla was leaving the Flying Dutchman to go to San Francisco. She was much relieved to hear it's the late bar on the Zeedijk, not the city in the States! And when Carla said she would stay available for shifts in the Dutchman, Ana was all smiles again.



Carla's last shift will be on March 1st. Since it's not a surprise-party, let's make it a surprisingly great party. We'll see you there!

On one of the few party-free evenings in The Highlander, Andy & I ran into Einar from Finland. He doesn't know Amsterdam that well, so we took him on one of our information-gathering photo-taking Stun-runs.



We went to the Stones Corner, the Stones, the Sláinte, the Newcastle & the Corso. On our way we checked to see if Helena (a fellow Fin) was working, but she wasn't. We had some drinks together and afterwards we directed him towards his hotel, while Andy & I did a few more bars. We had a very enjoyable time, so we'll do it again next time he's in town.

On the night the latest Amsterdam Stun came out, we also had Kealan's birthday-party (which started early, as children's parties do!) to go to, so we weren't sure if we could juggle the two. Normally our printers Jan-Willem and/or Victor will bring the new Stun into town and have a drink with us, but they had business-associates to entertain.

One hot-shot from Xerox head-office Holland, Dutchman Chris & big-shot from America Xerox HQ, Chi, came to see what our printers did with their new, very big, Xerox printer.

A lot!



Anyway, in the end they all met up with us for a drink, and brought the new Amsterdam Stun with them!

Elly



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CENTRUM

Robert worked in the Old Quarter for 2 years, then the Globe for 2 years, went to Croatia for 2 years and now he's been back in the Old Quarter for 2 months. In all that time, he never appeared in the Stun, until now. Here he is with Marlene, just the 2 of them.



Lotte and Cora looked like they were enjoying themselves in the Stone's Café.



Service with a smile from Justine in the Stone's Corner.



Don't ask! Kerry and Sean in the Sláinte started doing the Hokey Cokey after this.

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ONE NIGHT STAN

When the January gig list says 'One Night Stan' in the Waterhole, it can mean only one thing: Stan's birthday party!

It came as no surprise that Rory and Joyce were on stage with Stan.



Jim Maguire was there, of course.



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Stan introduced us to Tom.



He also joined Floor and Frank behind the bar for another picture and a beer.

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Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

I am living in Amsterdam for 2 years, since arriving from Slovakia with my brother to do building work. I have met some English women who at first appear nice girls but only to give you big scare later. I have dinner with nice lady once, who then offered me “whore licks”, pity, she seemed respectable, but then offered to lick me. Most recently my brother met girl from The New Castle who told him, “go get me some fags”, why she wanting homo-sexuals at 2 am? Are all English women so bad?

Rosilav M

Dear Rosilav,

The whore licks (See Horlicks) you refer to is something that all respectable English people have before bedtime. As for the emergency fags, it could have been a simple problem like, a) She needed a quick cut and blow dry. b) Your brother is boring company, and she needed a laugh. c) She wanted to case your brother’s apartment while he was gone.

Yes, this is quite respectable behaviour for a traditional English woman. That’s what makes us so special.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

Vonosiq vermondardo quinterstal vosj arumbradictus dalaropiuminum? lut akamvolidartos gu emortalidosvop vreb.

V. xj.

Purmerend.

Dear V,

Obviously, you should take a teaspoon of Bi-carb before meals.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

Me and my mate Bert have planned a big job for next Thursday, but need a getaway car and driver. We thought we could use your page to recruit someone who knows the ropes. He must be indiscriminate, no emotions towards the elderly or infirm. He should be able to look out for himself as we say in the trade, and handy with a club hammer or chain saw when necessary. The applicant must be aged between 20 and 40 and know his way around the back streets of Amsterdam.

Any hopefuls contact Mr B with CV.

Mr B

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Amsterdam.

Dear Dorothy,

I hired a hit man to murder my business partner last year, having paid up 2,000 euros deposit, the Belgian guy I hired took the money and never carried out the contract. In January, after repeated warnings by fax and e-mail, he did not respond. I successfully took the matter to court in Brussels, and won my case with damages. To date he has still not paid me; is there another course of action I can take?

Anon.

Amsterdam Zuid

Dear Anon,

(Is that Polish?) This is what we call the merry-go-round-effect. You hire someone new to deal with the Belgian, while he retaliates and finds someone to take you out. In the aftermath, the police have less criminals to watch. So everyone’s a winner, I think.

Dorothy.

STAFF PARTY

Coco's Outback had their annual staff party last month. The bar was closed to the public, but thanks to Mairead and her camera, we can show you what the staff got up to.



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Endu posed with Jan in The End.



Martina and Sean were behind the bar in Mulligans when we paid a rare visit.

With Tim, Genevieve and Rob behind the bar and some good bands on stage, maybe we should drop into the Winston more often.



Coco's Outback barman Jamie is not "The Spanish Guy", as stated in last month's Stun; he's the Spanish Bastard.



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BEHIND BARS

Len took a break from his job at Schiphol to help out in the Waterhole, because Miella has left.



In the London Bridge, Will and Esther.



Man United supporter Leo will soon be joining Emelie behind the bar in the Newcastle.

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OK, so the S(t)unday Afternoon Jam hasn't got off the ground yet, but Gabriel had other things on his mind, like the birth of his daughter Rafaella. But, I have it on good authority that something could be happening this coming Sunday, so if you're in the area, why not drop in. We might even be there ourselves.



Something that is going strong in The End is the Karaoke. There's a good crowd in nearly every night, so why not check it out. The bar is open until 3 am during the week and 4 am on Friday and Saturday nights

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& WHAT'S ON



Adam was getting Esther, Will, Andrew and MJ warmed up for the next Karaoke party in the London Bridge on the 23rd.

Laberinto will be continuing their collaboration with Osdorp Posse this year. They've just set up a joint website at www.myspace.com/laosproject and will be playing at Manifesto in Hoorn on Saturday 24th March.

The Waterhole have got one of their favourite bands playing this weekend: Spyglass, from France. You can tell they like them, they're playing for three nights. On Friday 23rd February, they've got three girl bands playing, so that might be worth checking out too.

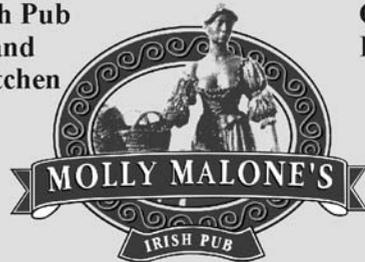
On the 21st & 22nd of March, Maloe Melo will be having a Texas Music Showcase. No details yet, but drop in and ask Jur.

Molly Malone's have got live music most weekends; check the gig list for the who and when. Paul Hennessy isn't due to play in the near future, but he recognised us when we walked in, so we had to include his picture.



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Monday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio,
21:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic session,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The International Latin Jam with Santanico,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's session,

Tuesday

Weekly

- 21:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike,

20th February

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Jam presented by VSPA, *Musicians welcome*

27th February

- 21:00, **TWSTD**, Talent Night, *hosted by Ken Parsons*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues session with Marcel Scherpenzeel,

6th March

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session,

13th March

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Back to the Roots with Laurens Joensen, *Bluegrass & roots* €5

20th March

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Jam presented by VSPA, *Musicians welcome*

Wednesday

Weekly

- 21:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell or Etienne Boucher,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Real Jam,

21st February

- 21:00, **Volta**, Reggae-jam, *i.s.m. Ghettoish*,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The slightly different conservatorium Jam presented by Plien,

28th February

- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Punk on Wednesday, *various bands* €5

7th March

- 21:00, **Volta**, Reggae-jam, *i.s.m. Ghettoish*,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Band Stand, *presented by Nico*

14th March

- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gaia,

21st March

- 21:00, **Volta**, Reggae-jam, *i.s.m. Ghettoish*,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Texas Music Showcase,

Thursday

Weekly

- 20:45, **The Waterhole**, Rory & Friends,
21:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser's Rock Jam,

22 February

- 21:00, **Volta**, Ska Night, *with Jablenca*, *ROLF*, €5

15 March

- 21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *with Jack Molton* *Distortion*, *Van Tease* €5

22 March

- 21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *with Pretty Noise*, *Lupo*, *Straks* €5

22 March

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Texas Music Showcase,

Friday

Weekly

- 21:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

16th February

- 22:00, **The Waterhole**, Three Day Waterhole Special - *Spyglass*, *from France*,
22:00, **Volta**, *Tripl-x*,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, *Stinky Lou and the Goon Mat*, *Blues* €5

23rd February

20:00, **London Bridge**, Karaoke Party,
21:30, **The Waterhole**, Girls Night, *with 3
girlbands*
22:00, **Volta**, Daring Dancing Dimensions,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Big Joe Louis & His
Blues Kings, €5

2nd March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Molly Malones**, Ian Britt, *from
Whiskey Barrel Music*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reno Brothers, *rock&roll
+ rockabilly* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

9th March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Molly Malones**, Ian Britt, *from
Whiskey Barrel Music*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Herb Spectacles, *tijuana
mariachi* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

16th March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Los Tiki Boys, *surf* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

23rd March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Baboons, *rockabilly-
jump blues* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

Saturday

Weekly

21:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
17th February
22:00, **Molly Malones**, Darren Byrne,
22:00, **The Waterhole**, Three Day Waterhole
Special - Spyglass, *from France, our
favourites*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Beatclub Live with Mark
& The Spies, *Sixties* €5

24th February

20:45, **The Waterhole**, Daniel & Marieke,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Bellies Blues & Rock
Band, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rubber,

3rd March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Molly Malones**, Emma Black, *from
Whiskey Barrel Music*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Maloe Melo All Stars,
blues + bluesrock €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

10th March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Molly Malones**, Emma Black, *from
Whiskey Barrel Music*
22:00, **Volta**, Springlife, *artmix with live
bands*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Chemicals, *rock* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

17th March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Molly Malones**, St. Patrick's Day
Party, *with low budget band*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jake Walker, *blues* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

24th March

20:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
21:00, **Manifesto**, **Hoorn**, Laberinto &
Osdorp Posse, €10
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dick Dandruff & The
Snowy Mountains, *rockabilly* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

Sunday

Weekly

14:00, **The Waterhole**, Matinée Jam with
Theo de Mosquito,
16:00, **The End**, S(t)unday Afternoon Jam,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic session,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Ladies Nite with
Joyce & Baukje,

25th February & 25th March

17:00, **Café de Prop**, Sunday Jam in Noord
with Ron,

ROUND

They were changing shifts in the Wonder Bar, so we managed to get a picture of Pamela, Fabienne, Amina and Asia together.



Jur makes sure Maggie is always on the guest list in Maloe Melo.



Max and Orlando introduced us to Stun fan Lena when she came in the Wonder Bar. She'll be sending this one to her family in Russia.



Jaap and Iain continued their Saturday evening pub crawl, leaving Allison and Janet in the Flying Dutchman.



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THE BARS

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Newcastle regulars Lana and Andrea were never around when we drop in, but we caught them with Andy and Walter late at night.

Seamus paid cash for his beer in Finnegan's Rainbow and he doesn't care who knows it.



Liv dropped into Molly Malone's for a drink and a chat with Jonathan after her shift in the Sláinte.

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PARTY

H.Q.

We've said in the past that they like their parties in the Old Highlander, but they really went for it recently, with three birthday parties in as many weeks. It's a great bar for throwing a party, so if you've got something to celebrate and are looking for a venue, why not drop in and have a chat with the owner, Ray. The Old Highlander is at Sint Jacobsstraat 8; if you don't know where that is, there's a map on the back cover of this Stun. If you invite us to your party, we'll take some pictures and print them in the following Stun.

KEALAN'S FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Holding a baby's first birthday party in a Scottish Pub might not be the first choice for some people, but Sarah and Alan know that's the best way to get all their family and friends round to wish Kealan a happy birthday.



Lots of mums came with their kids: Eileen was there with daughter Katie...

Aileen with daughter Beth...



And Tara with daughter Erin.





Linda and daughter Nicola were serving behind the bar.

Cathy and daughter Saarain were left holding the baby.



Janet was with her son Michael.



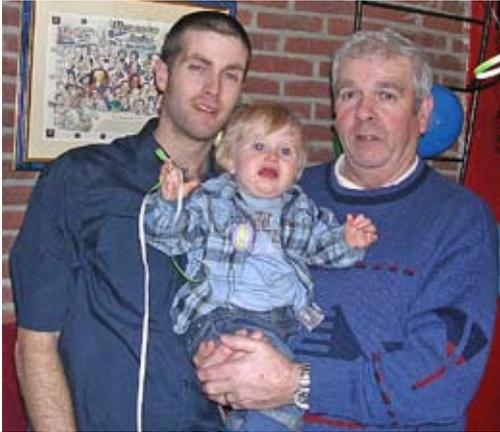
Ann had her two daughters, Sarah and Kimberley, and grandson Kealan with her.



Hester with her son Jair.

Adrian and Luke didn't come with their mums, but Saarain did.





Step-grand dad Rene put in an appearance.

Alan introduced us to his dad, Denis, who was over for his grandson's birthday.

Jackie was there with her sister Eileen.



Nicola with her sister Erin.



And then it was time for Kealan to go home with the baby-sitters, so Sarah and Alan gave him a good night kiss.



Once Kealan was on his way home, the party continued, with a song from Andrew and Owen, two more of the McGuire clan.



That's enough of the families, there were plenty of Alan and Sarah's friends there too, so holding the party in a Scottish Pub wasn't such a bad idea, was it? Especially when it continued 'til closing time.

Here are Dick, Roslyn, Vlatko and Nicola.



It's been a while since we last saw Gaye.



Kirsty and Matt were there, they're family.



At the bar, Jos, Sjaan and Anneke.



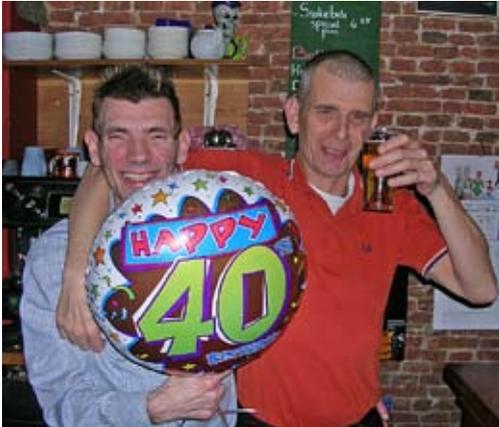
Last but not least, Jeroen and Kirsten.

JOHNNY'S BIG FOUR-O PARTY

The Old Highlander is usually closed on Mondays, but they will open up for a special occasion. One such special occasion was Johnny's 40th birthday, and when he invited The Stun along to take the photos, how could we say no! So, here's Johnny with Hans.



Johnny at the bar with Joop.



Johnny with Marion and Josie.



Round the table with Janni and Loes.



Standing around with Simon.



No surprise to see Linda, Ann and Sarah.



We also saw Jan and Vincent.



Oh look! That's me, Andy, with Johnny and Linda. So who took the photo?



Identical strangers Louise and Sarah.
And of course, no party in the Old Highlander would be complete without the food.



Hester was behind the bar most of the time.



LINDA'S BASH

Linda asked us to thank everybody that came and made it such a special night. She put a barrel on for friends, family and regulars and was overwhelmed by the number of friends that came. Ann and Ray made sure it was a surprise party with unexpected guests.

Here is Ray, with the birthday girl.



Sarah was on the fiddle.



Best friend Ann and daughter Nicola carried the cake in.



Linda with her family...



And with the McGuire sisters.



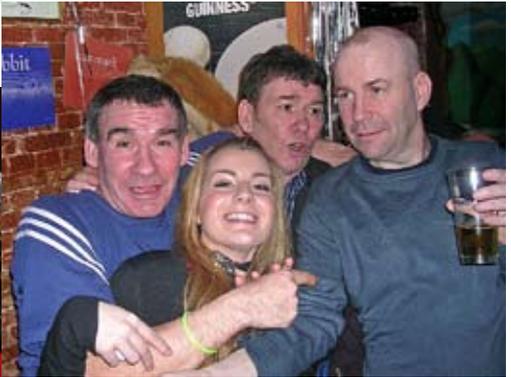
Frankie and Fiona wouldn't miss Linda's **th birthday party.



Toosh came straight from work to the party, his brother Bobby came over from Scotland with Isobel.



Cathy and Maureen didn't have to travel as far as Paul to get to the party.
Katie flew in, Arjan and Jasmin walked.



Alex was there, with his niece Kimberley and brother Owen - yes, more McGuires.



Have't seen Avi around for a while, but he was there to wish Linda all the best.



Anneke was taking the food around.
Also on this page: Janet, Elly, Katie, Saara, Eddie, Cathy, John, Chick, Jos, Sjaan, Ray, Andrew, Ann, Nicola and Hester.



Linda told us a couple of days later that one of the best presents she got was Nicola doing her shift the next day, without pay.

LAST BITS

A few pictures taken at the parties in the Old Highlander, but they need their own captions.

Paul and Marie first met in the, long gone, Three Musketeers 25 years ago. It was Paul's first time back in 18 years, but Marie was over for her birthday a few years ago.



With Jo, Ria, Linda, Janet, Cathy and Ann together, it was like an Amstelstroon reunion.



Katie was over visiting her daughter Amy and "future son-in-law" Martijn.



Martijn, Gavin, Ray, Jo, Pete and Keith went to a wedding before Kealan's party.



Erin calls Linda her wicked step-mother.

MORE ROUNDS



Liam had just finished the late shift, so none of his fan club were in Susie's Saloon.

Nothing goes unnoticed by Zorro in the Stone's Cafe.

Lin is moving to Amsterdam soon, to be with the love of her life, Pete.



Pemmy is always on the move behind the bar in the Waterhole.



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JOKES

With our Guest Joker: Steve Carey (deceased)

An Irishman named Murphy went to his doctor after a long illness. The doctor, after a lengthy examination, sighed and looked Murphy in the eye and said, "I've got some bad news, you have the cancer and it can't be cured. I'd give you two weeks to a month." Murphy, shocked and saddened by the news, but of solid character, managed to compose himself and walk from the doctor's office into the waiting room.

There he saw his son who had been waiting. Murphy said, "Son, we Irish celebrate when things are good and celebrate when things don't go so well. In this case, things aren't so well. I have cancer and I've been given a short time to live. Let's head for the pub and have a few pints."

After three or four pints the two were feeling a little less sombre. There were some laughs and more beers. They were eventually approached by some of Murphy's old friends who asked what the two were celebrating. Murphy told them that the Irish celebrate the good and the bad...He went on to tell them that they were drinking to his impending end. He told his friends "I've only got a few weeks to live as I have been diagnosed with AIDS." The friends gave Murphy their condolences and they had a couple more beers.

After his friends left, Murphy's son leaned over and whispered his confusion, "Dad I thought you said that you were dying from cancer? You just told your friends that you were dying from AIDS?" Murphy said, "I am dying from cancer son, I just don't want any of them sleeping with your mother."

This friend of mine had felt unwell for months, so he decided to see his doctor. The doctor examined him and referred him to the

hospital to see various specialists. After a couple of weeks, all the test results came through, so my friend returned to see his doctor.

"I'm very sorry", said the doctor. "I'm afraid I have bad news and worse news."

"Tell me the worst."

"I'll be honest, you have cancer and you'll be dead in three months."

"Shit!" said my friend. "What on earth is the bad news?"

"You also have Alzheimer's Disease."

"Alzheimer's? Oh well, at least I don't have cancer."

Three buddies were talking about death and dying. One asked, "When you're in your casket and friends and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time and a great family man."

The second man says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy says, "I would like to hear them say LOOK, HE'S MOVING!!!"

Mary was walking through Tesco's when she ran into Harry, who she hadn't seen in a couple of years. They got to talking and eventually Harry enquired after Graham; her husband.

"Oh Dear: haven't you heard? Unfortunately he's no longer with us."

"What dead?"

"Yes."

"I'm sorry to hear that. If it's not too intrusive, can I enquire what he died of?"

"The big C got him."

"Oh my God" he replied, "Cancer is so common nowadays."

"Ah no it wasn't cancer, he fell overboard the Belfast Liverpool ferry, and drowned in THE BIG SEA".

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Who was it that said, "Principles in life can be expensive, but without them life is very cheap." Oh yes, I remember now... it was me! Anyway, in terms of football, the only principle that seems to matter to most football supporters these days it would seem, is to win and any manager who fails to live up to this increasingly mercenary modern football trend, is in for the chop almost as quickly as you can say Ipswich Town are the greatest football club in the world! Not that you would especially want to say that; unless of course you were me and suffered from severe bouts of self-delusion. The sad fact of the matter however is that the Premiership has got so rich, whilst the rest of the professional sides in England have become so poor, that surely it is only a matter of time before some clubs go to the wall and those big fish in the most televised division in the world decide to sever all links with the past and go it alone. A European league has been on the

cards for some time and even if this fails to materialize, I could see the bigger clubs pulling the plug on the rest in order to enhance the worldwide appeal of the Premiership still further, whilst simultaneously ensuring that they retain their status quo. At the end of the day, it is all about the money; it has now become a very unfair playing field and I just wonder how much of this the fans can actually stand. (Or should that be sit?) Ticket prices for Premiership games are the most expensive in Europe and until supporters vote with their feet, nothing much will change. A small league of say twelve of the richest clubs in the country could indeed break-away and attract huge attendances every week, but I suspect that in the long term, the novelty might just wear off. Even the idea of including teams from over the border, such as Celtic and Rangers, in the shake-up might not work, if they could not live up to the standards expected of them by supporters and there is a real risk that if they pushed the boat out too far, the appeal would dissipate with time. My greatest fear is the demise of the smaller clubs who rely so heavily on their youth teams and academies to harness talent and bring it to the fore. Crewe Alexandra are a good example. Their Chairman John Bowler has expressed his profound concern that a number of clubs outside the Premiership will be forced to abandon their youth policies due to financial constraints. It apparently costs over one million pounds to sustain such an infrastructure and this is a huge expense for the Premiership feeder clubs. Crewe of course have produced many players who have now become, in footballing terms, house-hold names and the long list includes; Danny Murphy, Rob Jones and of course Dean Ashton. Their manager Dario Gradi seems to have been at the helm since before football was invented and he is still managing miraculously to produce the goods. Luke Varney is the latest one off the conveyor belt



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and they did well to keep the premier wolves from stifling too much into the Crewe transfer window, which remained firmly shut to offers for their main man.

In the Netherlands, the top division is now alive again thanks to PSV throwing away what a few weeks ago amounted to an unassailable lead. Well, it should have been. They were an incredible eleven points clear shortly after Christmas, now it been cut to three and they are beginning to lose their cool. Ajax are in fine form at the moment and the chase is on, with AZ not far from the action, just four points adrift, but with a superior goal-difference which is worth another point. It promises to be a nail-biting run-in and something that none of us could have expected as we approached the New Year.

On the subject of unassailable leads, then surely Celtic have got one in Scotland. They are a staggering nineteen points ahead of second-placed Rangers and soon even the mathematical theorists will have nothing further to discuss either. It is indeed a remarkable per-

formance by Gordon Strachan, who has continued, and some would argue even improved upon, the great work that St. Martin had done before.

And finally, this week sees the fifth round of the FA Cup and thankfully, this is still a place where the big clubs can come a cropper! Obviously, it does not happen often, but it is still a place where football dreams occasionally become reality. If you want to read about how I see them panning out, visit the website at www.amsterdamstun.com and click through to this edition.

Frank

PPL Update

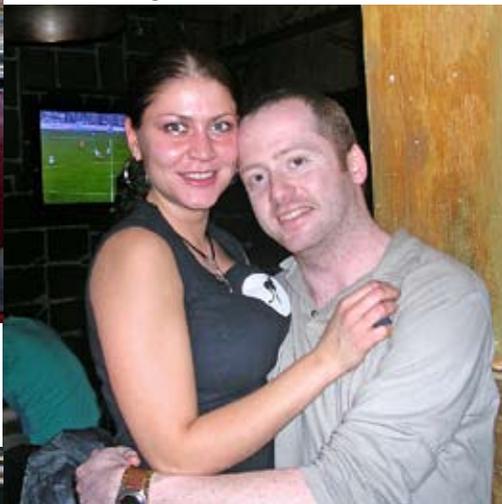
Here's how the Premiership Predictions League stands on Friday 16th February 2007.

| Pos. | Name | On | Nr | Pts |
|------------------|--------------------|----|----|-----|
| 1 st | Gerry | 4 | 6 | 18 |
| 2 nd | Daan The Man | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| 3 rd | Matthew Wright | 3 | 6 | 15 |
| 4 th | Alex | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| 5 th | Gareth Kingdon | 3 | 5 | 14 |
| 6 th | Paul Finnegan | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| 7 th | Stones | 2 | 7 | 13 |
| 8 th | Paul Tandy | 2 | 7 | 13 |
| 9 th | J. R. Donoghue | 2 | 6 | 12 |
| 10 th | Katie Wright | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| 11 th | Emanuel Cuvaco | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| 12 th | Frank Weston | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| 13 th | Paddy Wynne | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 14 th | John Raftery | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 15 th | Ellan | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| 16 th | Quisippe Ten Brink | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 17 th | Steve Mahon | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 18 th | Peter Drost | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 19 th | Carlos | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 20 th | The Prophet | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 21 st | Holwijn | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 22 nd | Neil Weston | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 23 rd | Andy F | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| 24 th | Daan Van Kampen | 0 | 5 | 5 |

IN THE BACK



Down in Coco's Outback, Enda and Nadia are back with a vengeance after spending two weeks in Bulgaria.



Another one for Youssef's gallery at the back of the Waterhole: barman Skip and photographer Kimberly (www.kimberlygomes.nl) joined him for this picture.



In the Flying Dutchman, Paula insisted we take a picture of her and Willie having their very first ever fight.



We didn't have room for this picture in the last Stun, so better late than never! Anyway, here are Samantha, Joop and Silvia, behind the bar in De Pul, with Big Franky.

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Steve Carey



Steve Carey, the Low Flying Penguin, has finally succumbed to cancer. Hardly unexpected, but it comes as a blow anyway. His doctors gave him twelve to eighteen months nearly three years ago and throughout that time he remained positive and honest, which I think is a hell of a combination in such circumstances. It certainly seemed to pay off, because he got an extra sixteen months or so “past my ‘best before’ date” as he put it. He never whined about his shit and his sense of humour was always up front, and I’m left full of admiration and respect for his character and sheer life force. Making music with Steve was always fun; some of my most enjoyable gigs were with the Low Flying Penguins, and I can honestly say I don’t remember a bad one. It’s a sadness for me that I’ll never play with him again, or work with him arranging a new song, or get quietly, outrageously drunk with him ‘because it seemed like a good idea at the time’. But thankfully that’s my problem and not his. I hear that he died comfortably and surrounded by friends, which makes it a bit easier for me, and only seems right for this comfortable, friendly man it was my privilege to know, on stage and off. I just wish I could have been there to tell him I’d catch him again next time around.

Kim

HELP

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...

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