

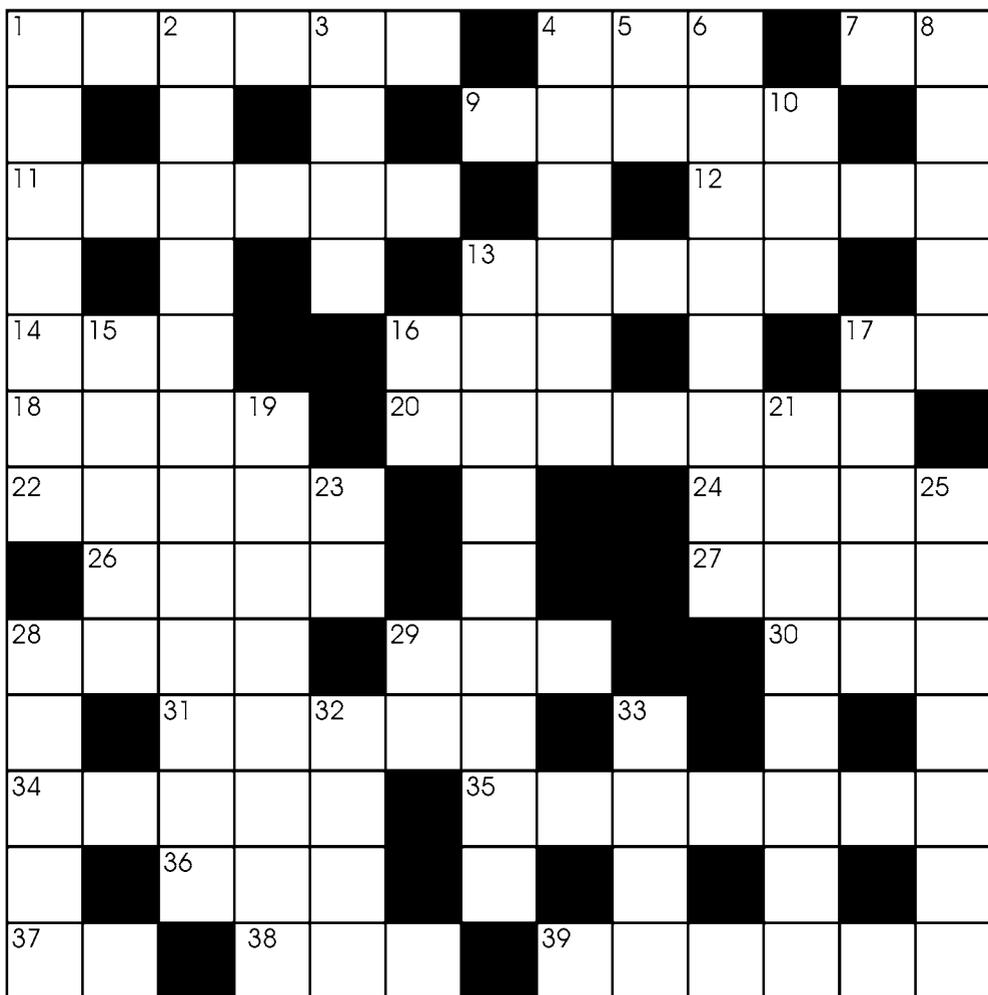
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The Editor's Bit

It's been six weeks since the last Stun came out and I've been to a few parties in that time, taking loads of pictures. So many pictures that it was hard work squeezing them in. We even added an extra 4 pages to get more in and it still wasn't enough, so we kicked the crossword we were planning to launch this month onto the cover to free up a bit more space for pictures.

That helped in more ways than one: It also softened the blow of having to go back to a black & white cover after nearly four years of colour. We've tried to keep it going, but without a cover sponsor, we can't afford it any longer. It was either a colour cover, with less pages and fewer copies in the bars, or more pages and copies with a black & white cover. I think we made the right choice and I hope you agree.

There's no Dear Dorothy this month (more space for pictures), but all the rest of our regular items are here, including a four page gig-list, plus we've got the season's first update on our Premiership Predictions League competition on page 5.

And the crossword on the cover? It's not a competition and we don't have any prizes, but if you want, you can send your completed grid to us and we might mention it next month.

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Esther was celebrating in the London Bridge:
QPR won and got off the bottom of the league.



Susie's Saloon barmaid Anti thought it was about
time she appeared on Page Three of The Stun.



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Asna was waiting for her mum and sister to join her in the Newcastle Pub



Jineta from Latvia has been working in the London Bridge since the start of October.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Susie, Jo, Roxanne, Daniel, Ray, Owen & Aidan, Joanne, PT, Hennie, Neil, Monique, Lianne, Yvonne, Spek, Renee, Kate, Lonneke, Jared, Joan, Gerda, Julius, Reuben, Steve, Colette, Emma, Karen, Bob, Terry, Jettina, Rene, Maria, Angela, Mike, Maarten, Garri, Jordy, Cassandra, Sean-Patrick, Dave, Brian, Tiny, Tony, Fiona, Joey, Nicola, Jack, Nick, Paul, Jerome, John, Ria, Bruce, Walter, Remy, Clia, Cora, Joshua, Mah Noor.

Congratulations Nicola and Vlatko on the birth of your son, Dragon, on the 17th October in Zagreb, Croatia.

Grandmother Linda flew out to be with her daughter and grandson.

Vicky and Ray are up and running in England now, having done loads of work on their house in Hull. We covered their leaving party in the last Stun, but saw them in the Flying Dutchman the day before they really left town, having a last drink with some of their friends.



Like Janneke and Steve, here with Vicky... and Alex, pictured with Ray.

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No prizes for our cover crossword; we've already given the sudoku computer to Ray.



Jennie was in the Old Highlander with her son Jamie and his girlfriend

Premiership Predictions League

We've received a record number of entries for this season's Premiership Predictions League and here are the 32 pundits who will be battling it out for a prize from our sponsor, British General Stores. If previous seasons are anything to go by, the final table will be a lot different from how it looks now.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 st	Paddy Wynne	6	4	22
2 nd	Sam Mason	5	5	20
3 rd	Jimmynew	5	4	19
4 th	John Raftery	2	9	15
5 th	Biggs Louis	4	0	12
6 th	Dennis Farrell	3	3	12
7 th	Steve Mahon	3	3	12
8 th	Ann Marie Raftery	3	3	12
9 th	Frank	3	3	12
10 th	James Costello	2	6	12
11 th	Richard	3	2	11
12 th	Blarney Strings	3	2	11
13 th	Jacqueline Rotgers	2	5	11
14 th	Paul Davies	2	5	11
15 th	Callum	3	1	10
16 th	Michael Williams	2	4	10
17 th	Ben Stopforth	2	4	10
18 th	Stone's	2	4	10
19 th	Alan Walton	1	7	10
20 th	Andy F	2	3	9
21 st	Steven Paul	1	5	8
22 nd	Liam Conno	1	5	8
23 rd	Paul Finnegans	1	5	8
24 th	Jim McGrath	1	4	7
25 th	Chris	1	4	7
26 th	Quiseppe Ten Brink	2	0	6
27 th	Jordan	1	3	6
28 th	Craig Armstrong	1	3	6
29 th	Bertis	1	3	6
30 th	Neil Weston	1	1	4
31 st	Frank Weston	0	4	4
32 nd	Carlos	0	4	4

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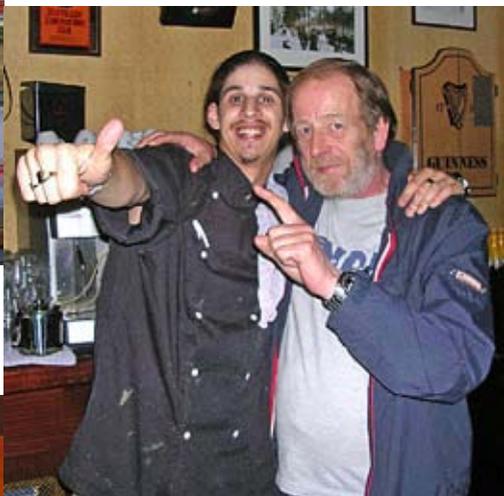
Here's Sam, in the picture with Nathalie, who we don't see working in the Stone's coffeshop very often: she's usually down the road in the Stone's Café.



In the Stone's Café, we saw Danny Stone and Ruben, neither of whom have been in The Stun for a long time, so we had to get them to pose for a picture.

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They will be holding karaoke nights in the Old Quarter every Friday and Saturday, as soon as the equipment gets delivered. Raymond the cook and regular patron Stan are ready to get up and sing a song as soon as it arrives.



Raymond's girlfriend, Charlotte, didn't want a picture of herself alone, so she posed with Old Quarter barmaid Cheryl.



BEHIND



End of an era when Kees left the Waterhole; he was the last of the Last Waterhole staff in the Waterhole, apart from Skip, but he only started about a month before they moved.

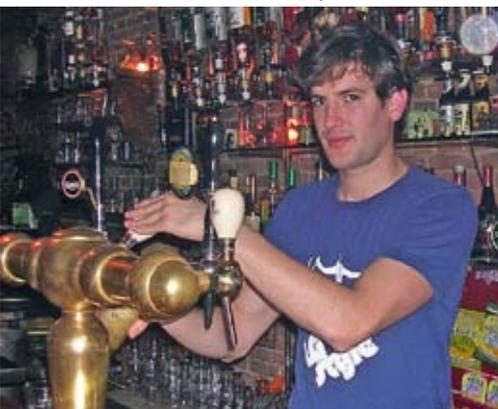


In the Newcastle: Menno on his first day behind a bar in four years (except Queensday).



Some of the new generation of bar staff in the Waterhole, Mak and Nieke.

Goce is a new face in Molly Malone's.



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Myeisha and Nadia behind the bar in the all new Barney's Uptown.



At last, we've got a picture of Alex with Louise in Susie's Saloon.



Also in Susie's, Kees, Anti and Jorrit. Fearghal and Rachel were behind the bar when we dropped into Tig Barra.

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The Old Highlander Halloween Party had a theme of “Black & White” this year. All of the staff and most of the regulars took it to heart and came up with some great costumes. At the stroke of midnight, landlord Ray awarded prizes to the best.

First prize, two tickets to the Winter Efteling, went to Pete and Lin.

Kimberley took second place, and a bottle of bubbly, with third placed Jan winning a bottle of Mickey Finn’s and drinks all night.



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MALOEWEEN



Not so many elaborate costumes around by the time we made it to Maloe Melo, but the party was still buzzing with Maggie and Jur behind the bar and The Happening DJ's, Julia P & Anna Vodka, playing some great music.



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WHAT'S ON

Molly Malone's will be celebrating their 10th anniversary with a Big Bash on Saturday 17th November. There will be live music from



Stan (pictured here with Chaja), Kim, Theo & friends and they'll be charging 1997 prices.

The Wonderjam In Amsterdam will be paying its annual visit to Maloe Melo from Wednesday 7th until Saturday 10th November, showcasing some fine music from Texas and giving Carolyn Wonderland the chance to celebrate her birthday in Amsterdam.



There'll be another invasion of Americans later in the month when the Cannabis Cup hits town from Sunday 18th until Thursday 22nd

November. Most of the action takes place in the PowerZone, but Barney's will be hosting a couple of parties in the Melkweg.

Carole from EP4B told us her band will be playing a Cannabis Cup gig in the Sugar Factory on the 21st, but I haven't had confirmation on that yet. What is confirmed is that EP4B guitarist Joep Berkenbosch will be playing in the singer/songwriter final of the Grolsch Grote Prijs van Nederland in the Melkweg on Saturday 8th December. The show starts at 14:00 and tickets are on sale from Saturday 3rd November for €11.

The live music is back in The End, with jam sessions from Sunday to Thursday and bands on Friday and Saturday. The bar is now open daily from 16:00, with live music from 17:00 until 22:00, when the karaoke takes over.

Berend van den Berg had to postpone his Monday night gig in the Old Quarter, but their booker, Paul, has good contacts in the Jazz world, so he got Deborah Carter from Hawaii



(but living in Amsterdam) to play instead. A late change, but no drop in quality. Berend van den Berg will now be playing in the Old Quarter on Monday 26th November.

THE STUN

Monday Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Pop Session, with *Victor Dirix*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The International Dance Fever Jam, *open latin, soul & funk jam session with Gregorio*
22:00, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, *All musicians, even complete bands, welcome. (e-mail if you want to play a full set) €1*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with *Peter Lavell*

5th November 2007

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Paul van der Feen (quartet)*

12th November 2007

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Wouter Kiers & Maarten Kruiswijk Quartet*

19th November 2007

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: David Golek - guitar (quartet)*

26th November 2007

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Songsalive! *Singer/Songwriter Showcase*
21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Jazz Session with the Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Berend van den Berg Quartet*

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Tuesday Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Jazz Session,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Lamar Chase Jam, *open jam session/blues*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's Blues & Rock Jam, €1

6th November 2007

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, with *Marcel Scherpenzeel*

13th November 2007

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, An American Music Trip, with *Laurens Joensen €5*

20th November 2007

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, with *V.S.P.A.*

27th November 2007

20:00, **TWSTD**, Talent Night, *hosted by Ken Parsons*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, with *Marcel Scherpenzeel*

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Wednesday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Alternative Session,



with *Victor Dirix*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock & Pop Jam, €1

7th November 2007

21:00, **Volta**, Reggae-jam, *i.s.m. Ghettoish*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wonderjam in Amsterdam, *Music Showcase with Carolyn Wonderland & Band, D. Brown Fisher & Speedy, Leeann Atherton, Zeegrass and more* €5

14th November 2007

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Night, with *R.O.C.*

21st November 2007

21:00, **Volta**, Reggae-jam, *i.s.m. Ghettoish*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Conservatorium Session, with *Plien*

28th November 2007

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

Thursday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Blues Session,

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium, with *Kim*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, with *Rahim (except 8th)*

22:45, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking ass every Thursday* €1

8th November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Leotards, *pop covers*

21:00, **Volta**, PopRock Night, with *Clemm, Lee Mason* €5

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wonderjam in Amsterdam, *Music Showcase with Carolyn Wonderland & Band, D. Brown Fisher & Speedy, Leeann Atherton, Zeegrass and more* €5

15th November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Theo de Mosquito,

21:00, **Volta**, Indie Night, with *The Edukators, Pek & Veren* €5

22nd November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Serial Chillers, *Modern pop covers*

21:00, **Volta**, Punk Night, *The Kebabchappers + 1 more band* €5

29th November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Dan Joyce & Friends,

21:00, **Volta**, Singer/Songwriter Evening, with *Susan Zeegers, Dalai Marouf* €5

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Friday Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Live Music,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Karaoke,

2nd November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Soul Prophets,
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Halloween Party, *Live music with Stan & Kim*
22:00, **Volta**, Gek Gekker Gekst, *urban music*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Blaffende Vis, *Pop-soul-party band* €1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Weber Brothers, *Rock'n'Roll/Blues, ex-Ronnie Hawkins (Canada)* €5

9th November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Black Bandit, *power pop trio playing own numbers*
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Volta**, Relaxing Ragga & R&B,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, K-Sike, *Latin-pop-rock* €1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wonderjam in Amsterdam, *Music Showcase with Carolyn Wonderland & Band, D. Brown Fisher & Speedy, Leeann Atherton, Zeegrass and more* €7

16th November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Katbite, *Original pop from New Zealand*
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Volta**, Tripl-X, *urban music*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Edible Red, *New pop band (USA)* €1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Chief O'Hara, *rock* €5

23rd November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Lazy Fingers, *Classic pop covers*
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Santanico, *latin-rock*
22:00, **Volta**, Amsterdam Art Attack, *urban music*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Continental Breakfast, *Local young power-pop trio; from The Police to Pink Floyd!* €1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Yeah Baby, *rockabilly* €5

30th November 2007

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever, *Top cover band*
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Volta**, Volta Vijfde Vrijdag, *urban music*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Five-Live!, *Classic 70's pop* €1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Reno Brothers, *Rock'n'Roll* €5



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GIG-LIST

Saturday

Weekly

- 17:00, **The End**, Live Music,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Karaoke, (*not 3rd*)

3rd November 2007

- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Halloween Party,
Live music
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Gaiamusica,
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Gavin Mee &
Friends, *Irish singer/storyteller*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, *Classic Rock*
€1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Chironmusic, *guitar*
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10th November 2007

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Ikons, *Rock*
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Theo & Friends,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Vespa, *Classic pop*
(60's/70's) €1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wonderjam in Amsterdam,
Music Showcase with Carolyn Wonderland
& Band, D. Brown Fisher & Speedy, Leeann
Atherton, *Zeegrass and more* €7

17th November 2007

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Tom Doe's Revenge,
Rock-pop
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, The Big 10th
Anniversary Bash, *live on stage: Stan, Kim,*
Theo & Friends
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Santanico, *latin-rock*
€1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Soul Prophets, *funk*
& *soul night* €5

24th November 2007

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Affections + The
Suburbs, *Two Britpop bands for the price of*
one.
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Wendies, *Great*
girl rock singer with band €1
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Beatclub, Live: The
Spinshots + 1.2.5., *sixties, plus Beatclub DJ's*
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Sunday

Weekly

- 17:00, **The End**, Rock/Fun(k), *Clubugly*
sessions
18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee
presented by Theo de Mosquito & band, *a*
musical antidote for your hangover (funk soul
session)
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with*
Archie (Except 4th)
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes &
Baukje Westerlaken, *Sunday night jam with a*
feminine touch €1

4th November 2007

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, SixFtHick, *punk*
(Australia) + *Proud Flesh (ex Crucifix)* €5

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ROUND



Marjolein normally plays with Fabulous Finnegan's, but was just filling in with the second team, Leprechaun Darts.



Asna and Lana's mum Anita joined them in the Newcastle with Dori, Amber and Andy.



Zoe and Max were propping up the bar of the Green Light.



Granny Toni dropped into the Old Highlander with Tyena to meet up with Iain and great granddad Jaap.

Liam, in Susie's Saloon with Simon.

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THE BARS



Gerry, Andy, Justin and Jamie doing another strange Coco's Outback pose.

Wil and Sam were in Maloe Melo for the Sunday night acoustic session.



Cheryl was in town on a flying visit, so she dropped into the Dutchman to see Willie.



More satisfied customers in the Kamasutra. Davey and Phil were the only ones that could keep up with Beth.



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END OF

Kees, the last of the old Last Waterhole bar crew, has stopped working in the Waterhole. He wants to get back to studying, but he can't combine that with the late nights in the bar, so he's taken a new job in Poolcenter De Gracht.

During his time in both Waterholes, he's made a lot of friends and many of them turned out for his final night in the bar.

Kees will find it difficult to forget the place: Gerrie from Inkrowd tattooed the Waterhole logo on Kees' leg, live on stage.



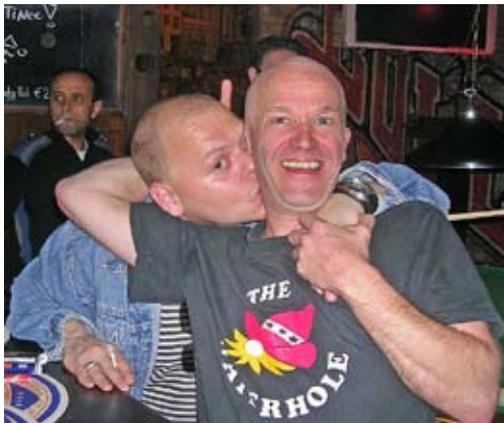
Loads of musicians were there for Kees, which meant everybody was treated to a great jam session.



Case was at the party with Anja.



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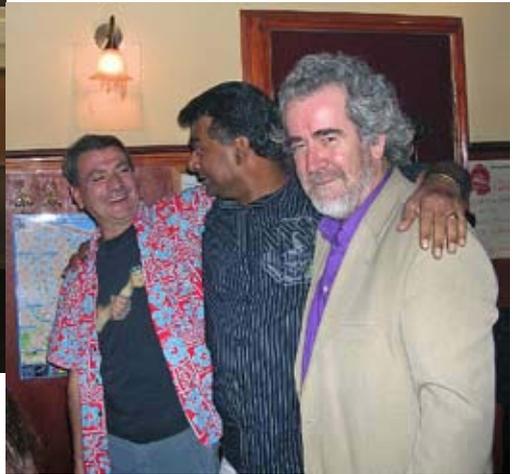


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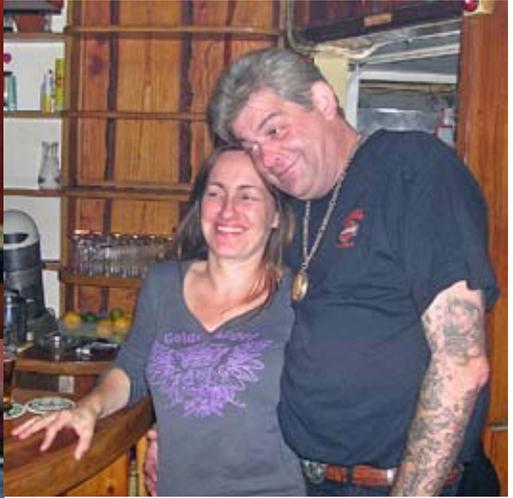
Josep celebrated 30 years of working for El-sevier and got a visit at work from his sister.

But the main action came later, when everybody descended on the Flying Dutchman.



ED'S BIRTHDAY

Ed was celebrating his birthday when we dropped into Susie's Saloon for the rugby. We didn't take a picture of him, but Doret and John were there, so we took a picture of them enjoying themselves.



Mandy was there too, and was more than happy to pose for a photo with Mart.



RACHEL'S PARTY

When we dropped into Tig Barra, Rachel was celebrating her 30th birthday with Eoin and her friends in the function room, so we had to stop and take a few pictures.



IN TIG BARRA



While everybody else was having fun, Rachel and Eideann were working, but still looked like they were enjoying themselves.



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LEAVING PARTY

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ROUND THE

It was busy round the bars for the Rugby World Cup semi-final and final: Here are some of the people (& cakes) we bumped into.



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RUGBY BARS



BEHIND RUGBY BARS

Loads of staff behind the bar in Susie's Saloon when England played France: Alex, Thierrey, Tonje, Pim, Louise and Anti.



Beth and her colleagues were busy in the Newcastle pub.

Coco's Outback had to refuse entry to a lot of people because they reached their limit.



Café Corso, with Mario and Robbie behind the bar, was the place to watch the final.



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THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Robin

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter

“What are you doing?” she asked.

“Hunting Flies” he responded.

“Oh! Killing any?” she asked.

“Yep, 3 males, 2 Females,” he replied.

Intrigued, she asked “How can you tell them apart?”

He responded, “3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone.”

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a Glasgow copper. He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from London and is certain that he has a better education than any Jock cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Glasgow cops expense!!

Glasgow cop says, “License and registration, please.”

London Lawyer says, “What for?”

Glasgow cop says, “You didn’t come to a complete stop at the stop sign.”

London Lawyer says, “I slowed down, and no one was coming.”

Glasgow cop says, “You still didn’t come to a complete stop. License and registration, please.”

London Lawyer says, “What’s the difference?”

Glasgow cop says, “The difference is, you have to come to complete stop, that’s the law. License and registration, please!”

London Lawyer says, “If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I’ll give you my license and registration; and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don’t give me the ticket.”

Glasgow cop says, “Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir.”

London Lawyer exits his vehicle.

The Glasgow cop takes out his baton and starts beating the f*ck out of the lawyer and says, “Do you want me to stop, or just slow down?”

A blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. The man walked up to the car and asked, “Are you going to San Diego?”

“Sure,” answered the blonde, “do you need a lift?”

“Not for me. I’ll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I’ve got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They’re a bit stressed already so I don’t want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I’ll give you \$100 for your trouble.”

“I’d be happy to,” said the blonde.

So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde’s car and carefully strapped into their seat belts. Off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified! There was the blonde walking down the street and holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

“What the hell are you doing here?” he demanded, “I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo.”

“Yes, I know you did,” said the blonde, “but we had money left over, so now we’re going to Sea World.”

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The shock of last week in the English Premiership was the devastating 6-0 annihilation of Manchester City at Stamford Bridge. Whatever we may think about the new man in charge, who still remains largely anonymous to most of us, he has at least got them playing exciting attacking football once more. Sven and his boss may not see the funny side of this drubbing, but it was a lesson learned for all concerned and it is now all about how City respond, and equally perhaps, whether Chelsea are able to continue in a similar vein.

On the European front, it has been mixed fortunes for the English representatives. Arsenal, Manchester United and Chelsea all top their respective groups, but Liverpool find themselves at the bottom of the pool and it is now a case of sink or swim for them, I suspect. They surely need a miracle to recover

from their perilous position, or something akin to a football life jacket, because although their next encounter will be at home, they must now win all their remaining fixtures just to stand a chance of qualification. As for Arsenal, they are undoubtedly going from strength to strength and although it seemed inconceivable that they would be a force to be reckoned with without a certain well-known Frenchman, they are now looking strong on all fronts, defeating the conquerors of Ajax seven goals to nil in their last encounter

Whilst on the subject of Europe, let us not forget Scotland, who are not only exceeding

all expectations at International level, but also at club level too! Then again, a win for Rangers in Europe is usually enough to exceed expectations in the Champions league. That said however, they are still in it and must not be discounted completely.

Big Sam was sometimes too big for his boots, Little Sam simply could not fit into them and now we have a new pretender to the throne in the form of Gary Megson, who was an unlikely replacement for Lee. He already has his hands full and first of all he must win over the supporters and the only way to do this is with a string of impressive victories. He is a poor choice for a club that has persistently under-achieved and the fervent fans have suffered long enough at this



famous battleground without the shame of further futile conquests with a guy whose curriculum vitae has no gold stars. For the sake of all Bolton supporters far and wide, I hope they prove me wrong, but this is a panic appointment in my view and for the first time this season, I am now under the opinion that their Premiership life is in serious jeopardy.

Jaap Stam has decided to call it a day at 35 and he will be sadly missed at Ajax, I am sure. That said, he sets himself very high standards and once he realized that his legs could not replicate what his head was telling them to do, he knew it was time to hang up his boots. It

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comes at a difficult time for Ajax. They are out of Europe again and half of the first team seem to have their hearts set on winter moves when the transfer window opens again. The Chairman and directors are also coming under increasing scrutiny from a disgruntled public who have witnessed the sad demise of this once great club year on year. Although currently in second place in the top flight, few seriously believe they can wrestle the title from PSV and with poor performances from the rest of the Dutch contingent in Europe so far this season, there could be even fewer opportunities for all of them in European competition next time too.

Watford seem to be racing away with the Championship in the Championship, if you get my drift. They are already on 32 points after just 13 games and appear to be impregnable at the moment. The season is a long one here though. They must all play 46 games in total, so they are not much beyond the first quarter, but it is an excellent start. They are already eleven

points ahead of the third placed team and under the stewardship of Andy Boothroyd, they seem destined to go back to where they started from, perhaps a little older and wiser than before. The biggest surprises in this league are probably to be found at the foot of the table, where big spending Sheffield Wednesday are close to the drop zone and Norwich City are not only in it, but at the very bottom of it! Just to make matters worse, they have recruited Glen (I should have been a supermarket supervisor) Roeder to run the show! Oh dear, what an abysmal choice to replace Grant and once again his CV is worthy of close inspection, but for all the wrong reasons I fear. Nice enough chap of course, but definitely NOT a football manager in my view. By the time this goes to print, they will have played Ipswich in the local East Anglian at Carrow Road and for him to have any chance of winning the fans over, he must get points on the board from this encounter. That won't be easy though: Ipswich are up to fourth and high on confidence, but all derbies are great levellers, so you never know?

And further down the leagues, we must give a mention to Leeds! They started with a fifteen points deficit at the beginning of the season, thanks to misdemeanours of one sort or another, but this has not deterred them from winning and winning and winning! They are now into the top six ahead of Nottingham Forest and this could be one of the most amazing football recovery acts ever, if they manage to get promoted. As I mentioned earlier though, it is a long hard season and it is only when they start to lose games will we really see what they and their notorious supporters are made of.

Finally, it is time to have a peek at the PPL with our Ed, Andy Reeves. How am I doing I wonder...

Frank

All is revealed on page 5, Andy.

IN THE BACK



Henry came over from England to run in the Amsterdam Half Marathon. He did it in 1 hour 58 minutes.

Carole introduced us to her cousin Lennie, out the back of the Waterhole.



Janet & Lenore work together and popped into the Old Highlander



In the Old Highlander, Angelique and Derek weren't in black & white for Halloween because they were off to a 90's party.



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Lana works in a sexshop and Eddy is on the door of a live show, but they occasionally drink together in the Newcastle Pub.



Hadn't seen Sandy since Mister Coco's closed, but he was in the Newcastle with Paul and Steven, who got a blister on his tongue by putting a joint in his mouth the wrong way.

Steven is a big Pompey supporter, and as they are currently higher than Newcastle, he was flashing his tattoo around the bar.



HELP

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Across

- 1: Too great amount (6)
- 4: Rocky peak (3)
- 7: Near to (2)
- 9: Reduce to tatters (5)
- 11: Wholesome (6)
- 12: Long, deep sleep (4)
- 13: Country in Africa (5)
- 14: Born (3)
- 16: Passenger transport (3)
- 17: Indefinite article (2)
- 18: Creative produce (4)
- 20: Group formation unit (7)
- 22: Info-tag (5)
- 24: Epic tale (4)
- 26: Cab (4)
- 27: Bloke [Am. Slang] (4)
- 28: Practices yoga (4)
- 29: Serpent (3)
- 30: Extremity (3)
- 31: Small flying insects (5)
- 34: Happy shout (5)
- 35: Insult (7)
- 36: Techno complaint (1,1,1)
- 37: As far as (2)
- 38: Swot (3)
- 39: Passionate (6)

Down

- 1: Everlasting (7)
- 2: Political Adventurer (12)
- 3: Part of London (4)
- 4: Song bird (6)
- 5: Alternatively (2)
- 6: Remembered (8)
- 8: Express (5)
- 13: Comes after (9)
- 15: Goddess of love poetry (5)
- 16: Live (2)
- 17: Positive pole (5)
- 19: Erotic appeal (8)
- 21: Wealth (8)
- 23: Chinese measurement (2)
- 25: Part (7)
- 28: Vessel (5)
- 29: By (2)
- 32: Operatic song (4)
- 33: From great distance (4)

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