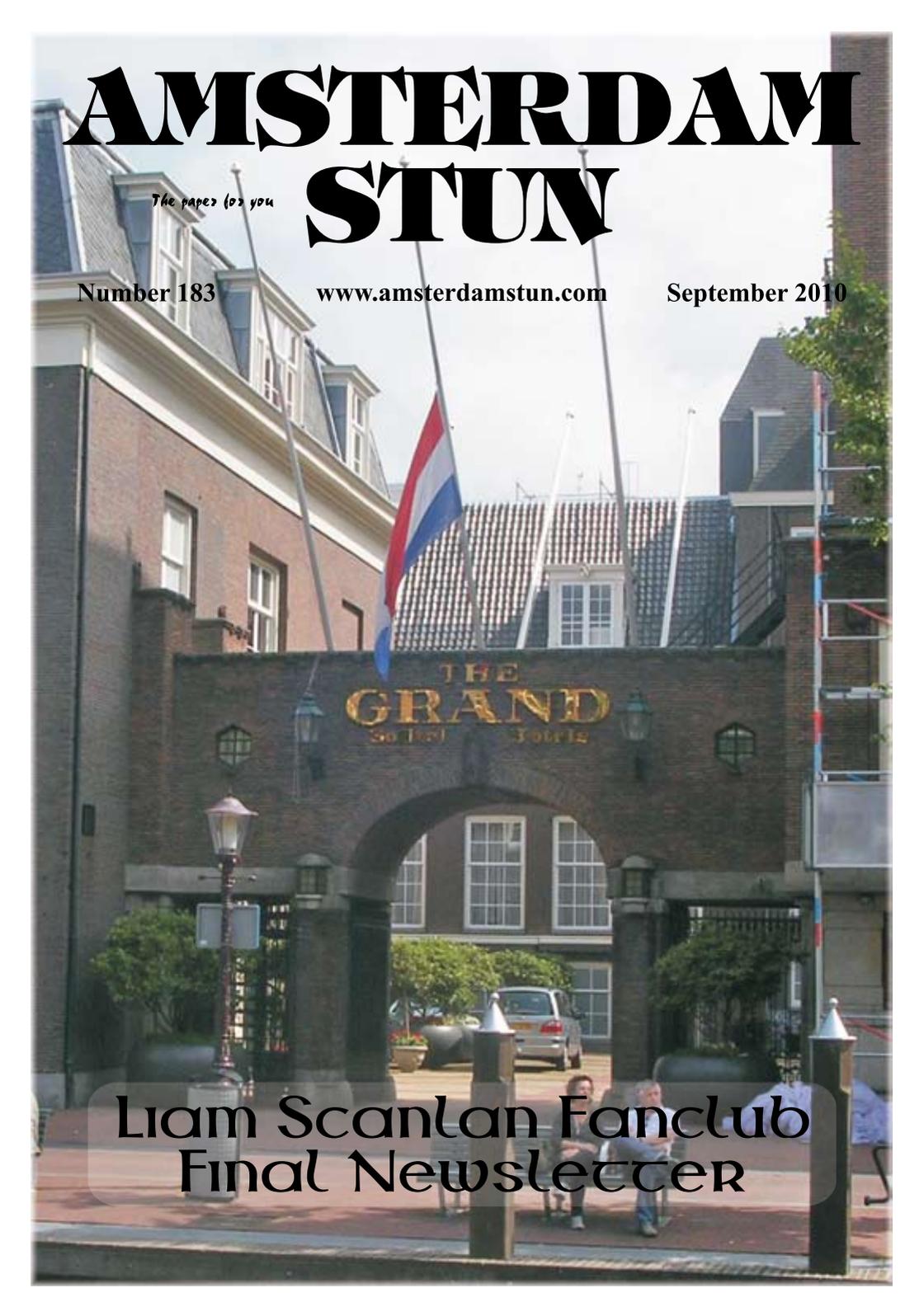


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The background image shows a street scene in Amsterdam. A large brick building with a gabled roof and dormer windows is the central focus. A Dutch flag (red, white, and blue) flies from a tall pole in front of the building. Above the entrance, a sign reads 'THE GRAND' in gold letters, with 'So hotel' and 'Jubile' below it. A car is parked in the street in front of the building. In the foreground, a few people are sitting on a bench. The overall scene is bright and clear.

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Liam Scanlan Fanclub
Final Newsletter

The Editor's Bit

Although a few people liked to call the Stun 'The Liam Fanclub Newsletter', it was never something I would consider putting on the pages of the Stun, let alone the cover. Sadly, Liam passed away before seeing his last picture in the Stun, so I decided to dedicate this edition to our good friend who supported the magazine from the start. So, for the first and last time, I acknowledge that this edition should be called 'The Liam Fanclub Newsletter'.

There was a great turnout for Liam's Wake in Susie's Saloon; you can see some of the pictures on pages 20 & 21 and we have more on Facebook.

To make things easier for you, on the pages where I had too many pictures for the available space, I've put links to the Facebook photo albums at the bottom. You don't have to be a Facebook member to look at them and if you don't feel like typing out the long address, they are clickable in the online version of the Stun.

Fans of the Stun Crossword are in for a treat this month: We've got a prize for the winning entry, compliments of our sponsor Deja Vu Airbrush Tanning, so get puzzling and send it in. We would like to give away prizes every month, so if you would like some extra publicity for your bar/business, why not sponsor the Stun Prize Crossword? Contact me or Elly if you're interested in taking up this offer.

That's all I've got room for; enjoy your Stun.

Andy

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When I delivered the last Stun to the Stone's Café,
Bianca and Justine were ready to pose for this one.



Róisín and Laura were having a night out
in their place of work, the Old Quarter.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Adele, Albert, Alex, Angie, Anita, Ann, Anne, Anti, Arjen, Bob, Bram, Carlos, Caroline, Cassandra, Christian, Colette, Dan, Danielle, Debbie, Denis, DJ Mario, Douglas, Ed, Eddy & Lenny, Edward, Elly, Ewald, Gerrit, Graham, Harley, Hennie, Isobel, Jack-William, Jacky, Jade, Jasmina, Jennifer, John, Josef, Josie, Larry, Lars, Lee, Lisa, Lynne, Maisha, Mano, Marina, Mart, Micha, Mirka, Patsi, Paul, Pete, Phuong, Ray, Raymond, Richard, Rinus, Roger, Romme, Sarah, Shanelle, Simon, Siobhan, Tara, Tas, Tina, Tommy, Traci, Tyena, Vivian, Willem, Zeno.

Happy Anniversary Petra & Paddy.

Both Ray and Vicky would like to spend more time with Martin, now he's starting to walk and talk. Vicky works four days a week, but she found a good nursery, and her aunt helps out. Ray is away working for eleven days at a time; I hope he has plenty free time in between jobs to spend with his family.



Martin looks like a cheeky little bugger; will you let us know his first words?

When we moved into our new house, one of the things I immediately thought of was Sail

2010, and how we could see the "Tall Ships" arrive on the IJ, from our rooftop. It was even better than I had imagined.

We knew it would be good, so we invited some people to come over and enjoy the experience.

We weren't the only ones! Lots of people were on the roof already, some with picnic baskets, bottles of bubbly and wine, binoculars (I had one of them), cameras (Andy had three), we even had a doctor on the house, which was very good because one of the spectators (not one of our party) couldn't handle his alcohol and went flat. No real harm done, happens to him more often apparently!



Sister-in-law Ans arrived with two of her sisters, and daughter Roxanne would be joining us later. Roxanne had to work in the afternoon, but the sisters were planning to walk the complete route and visit some ships on their mooring space, that same day. Very brave, that would be at least three hours to do the lot! At least the weather was great.

Billy joined us as well, with his friend Nina. Nina loved all of it, but Billy got a bit panicky when he was afraid he would miss his favourite Tall Ship. He'd gone downstairs (for something or other), but on our way back up, the elevator was occupied by some idiot

GUTTER



who'd chosen that particular day to move his belongings in, I mean, any other day but no, he had to do it that day. So we couldn't use the elevator most of the time. And there's no way me, or Billy, can walk up six floors!

But Billy made it, so he was happy, too.



Marlene and Beth were in the Old Quarter when we stopped there for a drink on our way home from Susie's Saloon, where we all met up for Liam's wake.

We saw lots of people that day; see pics on other pages, and one of them the other Roxanne.

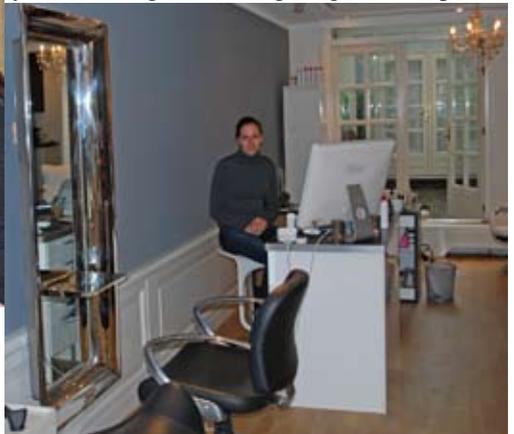


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End of the month she will host a function to introduce BeauBronze products to the Dutch professional market. If all goes to plan, she will be travelling the country the following years, hosting seminars, giving workshops and



training-sessions, so she won't be spending much time in her (new) Salon.

Elly



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When he's in town, Nick always drops in to see Jill in Buster's Café.



Beth (Torenzicht) and Ilze (Rock Planet) have got a flat together in the Red Light; convenient for work and a drink in the Old Quarter.



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It was a late finish for Stef and Zoran in the Old Quarter kitchen.



When Elly made a rare appearance in the Old Quarter, Joyce, Stan, Evita, Beth and Theo all wanted to be in the picture with her.

Ross (ex-Ted's Shirt, etc.) and Kim (Sham Jam, etc.) dropped in the Old Quarter to see Stan (Some Band, etc.) play.



HOT NEWS

Fire broke out on the 2nd floor of Coco's Outback last Saturday, but thanks to the quick-thinking staff, the bar was evacuated without problems and nobody got injured. Most of the damage came from smoke or water and the clean-up crews were hard at work when I dropped in on Monday, so Edward is confident that the bar will be back open by the time you read this.



Only another week to go before Muriel and Steven welcome their little Krijgertje to the world. They've already chosen a name for their son, but are staying tight-lipped until after the birth.



Amy's tenure as Jameson Brand Ambassador for the Netherlands comes to an end on the 15th when she flies off to Toronto to take up her new post as an Ambassador for Canada.



It's taken a while, but Kirstin and Jeroen finally got married in July. We didn't get any pictures of the wedding (invite must have got lost in the post), so here's one of the happy couple in Susie's Saloon.

Seen On Stage



The Soul Prophets filled Maloe Melo with the sound of their sweet soul music.

It was a pleasant surprise to see Sytske wrapping her lips round a mouth organ at the Sunday night Jam in the Shamrock Inn..

In the Old Quarter, Terry Mann made a guest appearance with Some Band and was singing birthday greetings to Tina in his own inimitable and very funny way.



The following week, Some Band were joined by Ross and Claire, who gave us their rendition of Something Stupid.



Vera joined partner Ken on stage for a couple of songs during the Charity Chicken fund-raiser in Molly Malone's.



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MUSIC NEWS &

There's plenty of live music around town on a Monday night; if you know where to look. Around Leidseplein, why not kick off the evening at Partycafé Candela, where the RePlugged Open Mic Night starts at 20:00. Carlos and friends cover all styles of music at this semi-acoustic jam where everybody is welcome to join in.



Maloe Melo have an acoustic session starting at 22:30, with Peter Lavell and guests playing some laid back Blues.

If you prefer your Blues loud and rocking, Smokehouse in Bourbon Street, with Lamar & Rahim, is the place to be from 23:00.

Michael Strobel and his band lead the Monday night Jam Session in the Waterhole from 22:00, where you can expect an evening of rock with the amps turned up to the max.

Around the Red Light District, every Monday at 21:00, it's Jazz Night in Hotel Old Quarter, with music from the Old Quarter Trio plus special guests.



Although not strictly 'live' music, karaoke is great fun, and every night (including Monday) is Karaoke Night in Café The End, from 22:00 'til 03:00 (04:00 on Friday & Saturday).

WHAT'S ON

Once again the programme for September in the Malo Melo covers a great deal of the musical spectrum, blues, rock, funk, jazz and garage. From local heroes The Works, to touring blues band Paul Batto jr. Punk from Spain, to Glamrock from Amsterdam. Peruse our menu and come sample our wares. You will be very welcome.

Maggie

If he's not leading the Sunday Acoustic session in Maloe Melo as half of Blueberry Punch or in Molly Malone's and Mulligan's as half of Monty Pagan, Mick de Neeve can frequently be found in the Old Nickel, playing with Peter Lavell.



Our favourite Canadian Irish Punk Rockers, the Mahones, are back in town and will be playing in the Winston on Sunday 12th September. The show starts at 19:00.



Finnegan's Rainbow will be holding a Pub Quiz, with Mark as question master, on Saturday 18th September at 20:00. Book your team in advance if you want to be certain of a place.

The following Wednesday, 22nd September, Molly Malone's have their monthly Pub Quiz and they also recommend advance booking.

The Charity Chicken Run has started! Four cyclists dressed as chickens (Matthew, Mark, Vince and Pete) left Brussels today (10th) and will be calling at Irish bars in Gent, Antwerp, Breda, Dordrecht, Leiden and Utrecht to raise money for the Ukrainian Down's Syndrome Association before arriving back in Amsterdam on Saturday 18th September. Why not show your support and cycle with them on the final leg from Mick O'Connell's Irish pub in Utrecht to Amsterdam? It's only 40 kilometres. Ask in Molly Malone's for the departure time.

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22:00, **The Waterhole**, Michael Strobel's Band, *Jam session hosted by Michael Strobel and his band. A fine mixture of modern and old rock covers. €1*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell*

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Smokehouse, *blues with Lamar Chase*

13th September 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *Thijs Cuppen (piano), Olaf Meijer (bass), Klaas van Donkersgoed (drums) jazz*

20th September 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Alex Afolter (jazz)*

27th September 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Arthur Heuwerkemeijer (jazz)*

4th October 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Willem Hellbreker (jazz)*

Tuesday

Weekly

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Julius E. Green and the Gang Green, *Jam session. Born entertainer Julius E. Green will start the night off with his Gang Green by playing some great blues. €1*

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

14th September 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blondie Chaplin, *ex The Last Flames, the Beachboys, the Band, the Byrds; since the Bridges to Babylon Tour, the secret weapon as unofficial member of the Rolling Stones €7.50*

21st September 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.*

28th September 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, SuperJam, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by NFS, *On the last Tuesday of every month we welcome musicians of all levels onto the stage. Get a free beer for playing a song!*

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Weekly

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan the Man, *Jam session hosted by Stan and his band. A great repertoire of Latin, Pop and Rock. €1*

15th September 2010

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Works, Octarine, De Bende, €5

22nd September 2010

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, 10 Gauge, Airbag Mustard, Chasing the Crackheads, €5

29th September 2010

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Prime Time, Sidekick Ninjas, *jazz funk, funk rock* €5

29th September 2010

23:59, **Maloe Melo**, Blondie Chaplin, *ex The Last Flames, the Beachboys, the Band, the Byrds, the secret weapon as unofficial member of the Rolling Stones* €7.50

Thursday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser, *Former Herman Brood drummer Gus Genser is still kicking ass every Thursday. Great Rock covers performed by Gus and his band. €1*

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

Thursday

16th September 2010

20:30, **Volta**, Metalcore Night, *Better Left Buried, Polydrone, Obsidion* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Blue,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Paolo Passionata, *summer latin* €5

21:30, **Mulligans**, Reatla: Conor Lamb, Deirdre Galway, Aaron Hagan, *Trad. Irish band on tour from Belfast*

23rd September 2010

20:30, **Volta**, Indie Night, *Black Bandit, From The Balcony* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Low Budgetarians, €5

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Monty Pagan Presents..., *singer/songwriter evening hosted by this very comical duo*

21:30, **Mulligans**, Tim O'Shea and Gerald Culhane, *trad. Irish duo on tour: guitar/vocals, accordion*

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

30th September 2010

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *names t.b.a.* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Chips,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Got Random Walk + 1 (Gasolini?), *concrete/electronica* €5

21:30, **Mulligans**, John O'Dreams, *famous local duo: Christy Moore and more.....*



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22:30, **Old Quarter**, Some Band - Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

10th September 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, AFC,
22:00, **Celtic Towers, Gent (BE)**, Fund raising party for "The Chicken Run!",
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Neil, Sandra & Tamita, *kick start your weekend with a fun night*
22:00, **Mulligans**, Monty Pagan, *local duo: Ken Parsons & Mick de Neeve: trad. Irish tunes interlaced with lively popsongs*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Los Idiotas, *punkrock (Spain) €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever, €1

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Friday

17th September 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Blinded Lights,
21:30, **Mick O'Connell's, Utrecht**, Fund raising party for "The Chicken Run!",
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These 4 Romanian party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed in Amsterdam. A night guaranteed to be one you will always be trying to remember!*
22:00, **Mulligans**, Reatla: Conor Lamb, Deirdre Galway, Aaron Hagan, *Trad. Irish band on tour from Belfast*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, El Rio Trio, *rockabilly €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Super Sessions, €1

24th September 2010

20:00, **Bitterzoet**, King Kapisi, *New Zealand born Samoan rapper. €12*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Big Five,
22:00, **Mulligans**, Tim O'Shea and Gerald Culhane, *trad. Irish duo on tour: guitar/vocals, accordion*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Annita & the Starbombers, *rockabilly, country, rock'n'roll €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Revival, €1

1st October 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife,
22:00, **Mulligans**, John O'Dreams, *famous local duo: Christy Moore and more.....*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever, €1

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22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 4*
22:30, **Old Quarter**, Some Band - Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

11th September 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Elfish,
22:00, **Kelly's Irish Bar, Antwerp (BE)**, Fund raising party for "The Chicken Run!",
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Fisher
22:00, **Mulligans**, The Tennessee Studs, *local 5 piece: country & bluegrass*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Beaver Hunt, *bluesrock* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit, €1

18th September 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Homeless,
22:00, **Mulligans**, Reatla, *Trad. Irish band on tour from Belfast*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Bastardz of Glitter, *glamrock* €5

- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy, €1

25th September 2010

- 20:00, **Shamrock Inn**, Reggae Party, *with DJ Lesley*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Qraq,
22:00, **Mulligans**, Tim O'Shea and Gerald Culhane, *trad. Irish duo on tour: guitar/vocals, accordion*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, P-A-U-L, *bluesrock* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste!!, €1

2nd October 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Barefoot Elegance,
22:00, **Mulligans**, The Elastic Band, *Local 4 piece band : trad. Irish with a twist....!*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, JPR, €1

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Sunday

Weekly

- 18:00, **The Waterhole**, Theo de Mosquito, *Sunday Matinee with Theo and his mosquito's, a great way to start your Sunday night out.*
19:00, **Mulligans**, Open Irish session,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Blueberry Punch*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session. Joyce Grimes and various guests performing Pop and Rock covers.* €1
23:00, **Korsakoff**, Eclectic Electric, *techhouse, techno, minimal, electro, progressive, breaks, indie and more, with DJ's Danson, Robert Smit, Scorcher and Rainman*

12th September 2010

- 19:00, **Winston Kingdom**, The Mahones, *Canada's favourite Irish Punk rockers, with De Beatzers supporting* €8

19th September 2010

- 19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, *with Berna, Jur & Kim*

3rd October 2010

- 19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, *with Berna, Jur & Kim*

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ROUND

Marcos was having a beer after playing keyboards at the Re-Plugged Open Mic night in Partycafé Candela.



Our football correspondent Frank was in the Flying Dutchman, where he introduced us to Freddie, brother of referee Benny Haverkort.

Daniel in Josélito asked us to take a picture of him on his own; how could we refuse?



Stuart, winner of the Stun Premiership Predictions League last season, had two reasons to celebrate; Northern Ireland had just won against Slovenia and I bought him a pint of Guinness in Molly Malone's.



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It was like Scottish Night in Café Zeepost, with Bobby, Isobel, Linda, Kerry, Lisa, Lianne and Lindsey in the bar.



Coco's cook Gavin enjoyed looking at the pictures from my orange-picking days on Facebook. Search for the Nafflion Orange Pickers group if you want to see them too.



Callum was in the Flying Dutchman with his friends Jeroen, Dave and Evanie.

While we were at Liam's wake (see page 20) we had to get a picture of Jim, Chiron and Tony, next door in Rick's Café.





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Bert, the other owner of the Stone's Café, was in the bar, so we had to get a picture of him with Bianca and Justine.



Evan (the Silver Fox) and Felicity (Flick) were behind the bar in Café Hoopman.



Koen, Arjen and Eliza were the Monday night crew in the Waterhole.

I'm sure Gabriel was at his wife Amy's birthday party; you can find him behind the bar in The End most nights.



Amy had a great birthday; she just forgot to invite people to the party in The End.



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Theersa and Louise were behind the bar in Susie's Saloon for Liam's Farewell Party (see next 2 pages).



Shakira was in control at the 80's/90's Reunion Party in the Flying Dutchman (pages 22 & 23).

A week after this picture was taken, Mark and Steven were much busier when Molly Malone's hosted the Charity Chicken fundraising party (pages 24 & 25).



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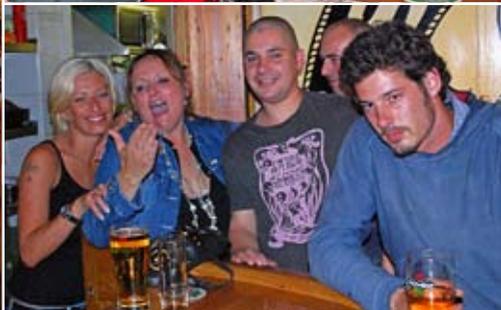
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LIAM'S FAREWELL

Liam would have loved it! Susie's Saloon was packed with his friends, from the Fiddle-Diddle days to the present, coming together to talk about him. One thing is certain; Liam will be sadly missed.



PARTY



DUTCHMAN

The 80's/90's Reunion Party in the Flying Dutchman had all the makings of being a great night out, it's just a pity that not as many people turned up as was hoped. Despite that, everyone who made it had a good time.

There was live music from Olly De Quartz in the late afternoon, but they had gone to their next gig by the time we arrived.

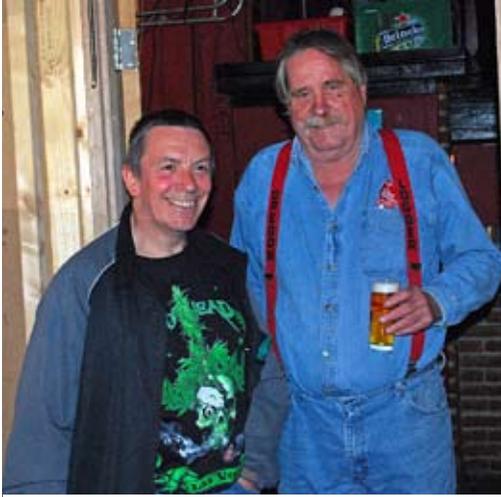
During the evening, the entertainment was provided by Billy Thomson, who was taking requests in the smoking room.



Tineke and Richard weren't too upset with the outcome; it was a good practice-run for the Flying Dutchman's 50th anniversary next year.



REUNION PARTY



CHARITY CHICKEN

Matthew, Vince, Pete and Mark are cycling from Brussels to Amsterdam dressed as chickens to raise money for the Ukrainian Down's Syndrome Association. A week before they set off on the Charity Chicken Run, they held a well-attended fund-raising party in Molly's.



RUN



MORE ROUNDS



Andrew and Kevin met Frank, our football correspondent, in the Flying Dutchman.

Bumped into Johnny and Hans, who'd just got plastered before they went on holiday.



After a gig in Molly's, Ken dropped into the Old Nickel to catch the last few numbers by Peter Lavell and friends.



James, the new cook in Coco's Outback, is making his Stun debut.



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JOKES

With our Jokers: Billy, Lin & Tommy

I've just come out of the shop with a meat and potato pie, large chips, mushy peas & a jumbo sausage. A poor homeless man sat there and said 'I've not eaten for two days'. I told him 'I wish I had your will power'.

Top tip; if your camping in the summer and the attractive girl in the next tent tells you that because it's so hot she will be sleeping with her flaps open, it's not necessarily an invitation to casual sex... Wish me luck, I appear in court next Monday.

I got fired on my first day as a male masseuse today. Apparently the instruction 'finish off on her face' didn't mean what I thought it did.

Paddy is walking down the road eating a bag of doughnuts. Murphy meets him & says 'if I can guess how many doughnuts you have in the bag, can I have one?'

Paddy said 'if you can guess how many doughnuts are in there you can have both of them!'

I have a new chat up line that works every time!! It doesn't matter how gorgeous or out of my league a woman might be, this line is a winner & I always end up in bed with them... Here's how it goes: 'Excuse me love, could I ask your opinion? Does this damp cloth smell like chloroform to you?'

Blondie went to a "Dude Ranch" while in Texas. The cowboy preparing the horses asked if she wanted a Western or English saddle, and she asked what the difference was. He told her one had a horn and one didn't.

Blondie replied, "The one without the horn is fine. I don't expect we'll run into too much traffic."

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83.' years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm..

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that... I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful...'

40 travellers arrive at the Pearly Gates in their Transit vans and caravans.

St Peter goes into the gatehouse and phones up God, saying 'I've got 40 travellers here. Can I let them in?'

God says 'We are over quota on Pikeys. Go tell them to choose between themselves which are the 12 most worthy and I'll let just the dozen in.'

Less than a minute later St Peter is on the phone to God again. 'They've gone', he tells God.

'What?' 'All 40 of them?' says God,

'No, the gates!'

Snow eh! The weather girl said she was expecting 8 inches tonight, I thought to myself 'she'll be lucky with a face like that!'

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

England began their Euro 2010 qualifying campaign in fine fettle. A handsome 4-0 victory against the disappointing Bulgarians was swiftly followed by a morale-boosting 3-1 success in Basle against the Swiss. With a makeshift defence consisting of Everton's old back line of Jagielka and Lescott, they looked solid enough, and up front where Defoe and Rooney looked sharp, the signs look promising. There is still some debate about who should wear the captain's armband on a regular basis and whether some of the old school should return when

fully fit, but all in all it was a heartening set of results for English fans. That said, Capello is still a marked man. The tabloid journalists lie in wait, with their pencils sharpened and eagerly anticipating the first gaff. He needs lady luck most of all now, one suspects and to the cynics out there, of whom there are many, this is nothing more than a false dawn.



Another nation that can hold their heads high this week is Ireland, who moved to the top of their European qualifying group with wins over Armenia (0-1) and Andorra by three goals to one at home. Yes, you could argue that these nations are small fry, but where does that leave Scotland, who scraped a desperate 2-1 home win against Liechtenstein – with a goal seven minutes into injury time! (The less said about the Scots the better.) For Ireland however and their wise old Italian general, Giovanni Trapattoni, this was a satisfactory start and he suggested that the team

is learning more and more with every game. Perhaps he is too?

And here in Holland there is also much cause for rejoicing. Two wins out of two so far is an excellent return, but the feel good factor has been slightly tempered by their performance against Finland. Yes, they got two goals in next to no time, but then succumbed to sustained

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pressure from the flying Fins - which meant they were hanging on at times in this encounter. The Dutch fans like to be entertained and it is simply not enough to take the points without doing it in a convincing manner. The whistles that could be heard as the final whistle blew were ample testimony to this.

Perhaps the greatest shock of the first round of results was Portugal's 4-4 draw at home to Cyprus! It was an amazing game apparently, but this is of little consolation to the Portuguese, who lost their second game 1-0 away in Norway and will struggle to qualify now, it would seem. Other nations to come under the cosh include Wales, Azerbaijan

and Belgium. Azerbaijan only get a mention because they lost 6-1 to the Germans, who again look very strong. Wales are simply not good enough, unless of course they are placed in a group with San Marino, Luxembourg... oh, and Azerbaijan. (See, they have got three mentions now!) John Toshack has his work cut out, that's for sure and unless they can uncover a new Ryan Giggs in next to no time, their fate is already determined.

And finally, as the new domestic campaigns get under way all over Europe, it will be interesting to see how this season develops. Barcelona can be expected to be pushed all the way in Spain by Real again and so too can Wolfsburg in Germany. Closer to home and I am quite convinced that here in the Netherlands, the championship is a two-horse-race between Ajax and PSV. I think the league campaign will go right to the wire, but let's face it, Ajax are due a title again and they have the manager in Martin Jol and the players in Suarez, Stekelenburg and El Hamdaoui, to name but three, to do the business this time around. Well, you know my predictions for the English Premier league so what are yours might I ask?

Frank

PPL Update

I'm sure everybody who entered this season's Premiership Predictions League is eager to find out who they're up against, but you'll just have to wait another month. I can reveal that we've had the most entries ever!

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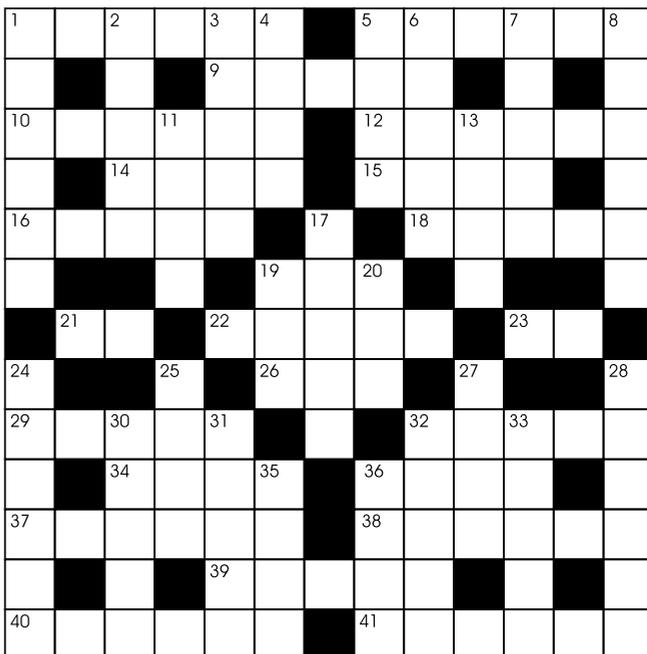
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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1: Smooth, thick liquid skin care. (6) | 22: Conductor's wand. (5) |
| 5: Commander. (6) | 23: Start. (2) |
| 9: Showing support. (5) | 26: Shred. (3) |
| 10: Fiddle. (6) | 29: Make ecstatically happy. (5) |
| 12: Colourful arrangement with glass, pebbles, etc. (6) | 32: Make fun of. (5) |
| 14: In front of an audience. (4) | 34: Yell. (4) |
| 15: Fresh. (4) | 36: Shakespeare's king. (4) |
| 16: Fine, smooth cotton, used to manufacture stockings. (5) | 37: Accent. (6) |
| 18: Comedian DeGeneres. (5) | 38: Claim or assert. (6) |
| 19: Blind flier. (3) | 39: Move rhythmically. (5) |
| 21: All of us. (2) | 40: Arrived. (6) |
| | 41: Breathe out. (6) |

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Down

- 1: Adorable. (6)
- 2: Implements. (5)
- 3: Mediterranean staple. (5)
- 4: Not any. (4)
- 5: Mother. (4)
- 6: Solo. (5)
- 7: Fish. (5)
- 8: Lately. (6)
- 11: Inflatable mattress. (4)
- 13: Peddle. (4)
- 17: Relative equation. (5)
- 19: Pub. (3)
- 20: Highest point. (3)
- 24: Made from herbs. (6)
- 25: Male deer. (4)
- 27: Secure against leakage. (4)
- 28: Erase. (6)
- 30: Oak fruit. (5)
- 31: Evade. (5)
- 32: Send by wire. (5)
- 33: Stadium. (5)
- 35: Direct. (4)
- 36: Lingerie material. (4)

Last Month's Answers

Across: 1 Bogus, 5 Movie, 9 Foxy, 10 Ado, 12 Ends, 14 Or, 15 Rat race, 18 Go, 19 Under, 21 Order, 23 Cupid, 26 Dove, 29 Peg, 30 Oral, 32 Reave, 33 Lover, 34 Peru, 35 Neo, 37 Acme, 39 Adios, 41 Users, 44 Pasta, 47 So, 48 Illegal, 51 UN, 52 Ergo, 54 Ara, 55 Bond, 57 Totem, 58 Plane.

Down: 1 Born, 2 Ox, 3 Gyre, 4 Sat, 5 Moa, 6 Veer, 7 In, 8 Edge, 9 Found, 11 Drape, 13 Sorel, 16 Arc, 17 Cod, 20 Diverse, 22 Directs, 24 Upend, 25 Igloo, 27 Ore, 28 Eau, 30 Ova, 31 Arm, 34 Pause, 36 Eider, 38 Eland, 39 Asl, 40 Spa, 42 Sort, 43 Riot, 45 Alba, 46 Tune, 49 Lam, 50 Gap, 53 Go, 56 On.

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We've lost a good friend in Liam. During his time in the Fiddlers, it was one of the first bars to support the fledgling Amsterdam Stun and Liam's antics became a regular feature, which led to a lot of people calling it the Liam Fanclub Newsletter. Over the years that followed, Liam has appeared on our pages more than any other person, and he loved it! It's hard to believe we won't see his smiling face in the Stun again.

I owe a lot to Liam: I first met Elly in his bar and we became an item after Liam took a break on New Year's Eve so that me and Vince (who was barred from Fiddlers) could come in for a drink. For that alone, I am eternally grateful to my good friend Liam Scanlan.

Rest in peace Liam, we're going to miss you.

All of my pictures of Liam since 2002 and some from the 1990's can be seen at:
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