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The Editor's Bit

Last month's appeal for a pre-used PC didn't exactly result in a flood of offers, so it looks like I'll have to struggle along with my old one for a bit longer.

The number of entries we received for the last crossword was also a bit disappointing: just one! This month's prize is five bottles of beer, so we expect to see a lot more of you trying your luck; we always get more entries when there's booze up for grabs.

It's March, which means it's time to fill in the annual tax-return. Sadly, my friend and bookkeeper Ad died unexpectedly a couple of months ago, so here we go with this month's appeal: Is there a kind Stun reader out there with bookkeeping/accountancy skills who can check the Stun's books and help me fill in my tax-return before the end of this month? I can't pay much, but I'd be eternally grateful.

For some reason or another, the photos in the last Stun came out a lot darker than usual. As soon as I finish writing this column, I'll find out if the problem repeats itself this month. If it does, I've got a few ideas I can try before I send the final edition to the printers. By the time you pick this up in your local bar, it should be in the quality you've come to expect from your Amsterdam Stun, filled with photos of people we encountered over the last month and all of your favourite pages. Enjoy!

Andy

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By special request, Hanna whipped up a batch of pancakes in the London Bridge.



Back on Page 3 by popular demand, Bianca in the Stone's Café.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Amy, Anne, Ans, Art, Asha, Barbara, Billy C., Bobbie, Buster, Callum, Caroline, Crista, Cristino, Danny, Dave, Devin, Diann, Dirk, Elias, Elke, Fish, Francesco, Francis, Frank, Franklin, Frans, Gabriel, Huib, Ilona, Jaqueline, Jim, Jo, John, Joop, Josep, Jur, Karin, Katie, Keith, Kestrel, Kevin, Lara, Lenny, Lindsay, Liz, Maaike Madelief Louise, Maartje, Maeve, Mairead, Manuel, Marijke, Mark, Mathijs, Max, Melodie, Mick, Mike, Mirjana, Monica, Nancy, Nick, Oggie, Paddy, Pat, Patricia, Peter, Raymond, Rita, Rose, Ruud, Saarain, Saleh, Sam, Shakira, Sharon, Tamara, Tanya, Tim, Tommy, Tony, Veeru, Vera, Wende, Wolfling.

Happy Anniversary Henk & Sharon (not January; we made a mistake last month), and Matt & Kirsty (the first wedding, not the nice one in Scotland).

For Jill: We're all thinking about you, hoping for the best!

Vicky & Ray are over on a flying visit this weekend. See you in the Flying Dutchman, it's been too long ago!

This year the Flying D. will be 50! We are hoping for a big bash, but nothing is sure. Willie is selling the bar, soon.



New owner, David, will keep the name so there is an anniversary (but will he throw a party?).

Apparently there will be a few changes: Upstairs pool table goes downstairs and it will be "Lounged Up" a bit, you know, cleaner, a bit more stylish and/or hip (but no dartboard anymore, what are the boys going to do on Friday evenings?)

Downstairs' partition will disappear, pool table goes there, and it will be the smoking room. (David could open up the back, and have a terrace in summer!)

It all sounds very good, I must say (but will he throw a party?).

Maybe David can combine the two: Opening party & Anniversary party in one!

(As soon as we know something, we'll let you know)

Josie is the winner of last month's crossword.



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GUTTER

She had the only correct entry.

Congratulations! You have won a unique 'Original Giorgi' sweatshirt/hoody, (shown in the last Stun) especially designed by Natalie herself. We've asked her to do the presentation personally.

Maybe we can meet up on Saturday, we are in town then to see Vicky and Ray, who are here for just one day.

This month's crossword-prize has been generously donated by Karaoke Bar 'The End': Five bottles of their finest beer (Heineken), to enjoy in what has to be the best Karaoke place in town!



They have recently changed their repertoire somewhat, i.e. now there are more English and Dutch songs, no Thai anymore.



Their "library" consists of 44,000 English songs and around 1000 Dutch, including the latest hits. The menu has about 4000 songs listed, the rest on demand. (Ask if they are available for download).

Ciska, who regularly helps out friend Amy behind the bar, found time to belt out one of her favourites, "Who'll stop the Rain".

The weather forecast says it's dry this weekend, which is very good news for all the Carnaval revellers roaming the streets, singing and dancing until the small hours, or even till dawn, eating themselves sober so they can get drunk again, or sick... I remember it well (or most of it. I think?). LOL

This weekend busy, next week Sunday we're invited to Ans' birthday party, and Saint Patrick's Day is around the corner.

Spring hasn't sprung yet, but it will soon, and Easter is on the way. So is summer.

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun?

Elly



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CENTRUM

Lisette and Bianca were behind the bar in the Stone's Café when I delivered the last Stun, so I had to get my camera out and take the first picture for this one.



Andy always reads the Stun Jokes page first, even if there's not enough light to read by in The End.



Róisín and Laura were having an after-work drink in the Old Nickel before hitting Cheeky Monday in the Winston.



Theo de Mosquito is one of the lucky few people who Marlene in the Old Quarter will gladly pose for a photo with.

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Seen On Stage



Ilja is one of the many musicians finding their way to the increasingly popular Thursday Tunes jam in CC Muziekcafé.



Rütger Genser was filling in for dad Gus at the Thursday Rock Jam in the Waterhole.



Three guys from Mexico did a set at the Thursday Blues & Rock session in Maloe Melo. I didn't know any of the songs, but they sounded pretty good. Who knows? Maybe they're world famous in Mexico.

There was a good crowd in for the Monday evening Re-Plugged Open Mike session in Partycafé Candela.



The Sharpees, a good, honest, rocking band of English guys who know their stuff, played a very enjoyable gig in Molly Malone's, mixing great covers with original material.



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WHAT'S ON

We haven't got Maggie's news of what's coming up in Maloe Melo this month, but fear not; you can be sure that birthday boy Jur has booked some of the best bands available. We can't reveal details about Jur's birthday party, but I'll do my best to get there with my camera and you can read all about it next month. Check out the gig list for all of the bands playing in Maloe Melo this month.

I'm sworn to secrecy about another party we've been invited to, so I can't name the three bands that will be playing, let alone where, when or what's being celebrated. I haven't got anything else planned that day, so the pictures should be in the next edition of the Stun.

Contrary to what we said in the last Stun, Chris and Lance are playing in Susie's Saloon once a month, on the Thursday closest to full moon, hence the name, the Full Moon Thursday Session. The next one is 17th March, when they might have guests playing with them.



That's St. Patrick's Day, and the start of the St. Patrick's Weekend celebrations in our favourite Irish pub, Molly Malone's. They will be open from 11am on the day itself to serve breakfast to those painting the town green earlier in the day. As usual they will be giving away a BIG pot of Traditional Lamb Stew from 5pm until its gone! Declan Downey will be flying in to host the night from 9.30pm into the wee hours of the morning!

On Friday 18th, they will be welcoming a bus load of friends from Kelly's Irish Bar in Belgium! Joining them will be Pat Kelly, who will be performing live on stage from 10pm.

Saturday 19th will see Molly's reciprocate the gesture by taking a bus load of their regulars to Antwerp for a night out at Kelly's. If you're too late to get a seat on the bus, don't worry; Olly De Quartz will be rounding off the festivities in Molly Malone's from 10pm.

I don't know what's happening in Finnegan's Rainbow on Paddy's Day, but I do know they will be holding their monthly Pub Quiz on Saturday 5th March, starting at 8pm.

Molly Malone's are holding a special Football Quiz on Monday 7th and their regular Pub Quiz will be on Wednesday 30th March.

Coco's Outback held their first Pub Quiz on Tuesday 1st and it was a great success, so they plan to make it a monthly happening. The date for the next one hadn't been set as we went to print, so drop in the bar to find out when it will be held. There's cash and drinks to be won.



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Monday

Weekly

19:30, **The Waterhole**, Neville's Pub Quiz,
 20:00, **Café Candela**, Re-Plugged - Open
 Mic Night,
 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000*
English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3
 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 and his Illegible Guitbox
Banging Gritmoaners

7th March 2011

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Football Quiz, *You*
think you know your stuff? You think you're A
REAL football know-it-all? Well here's your
chance to prove yourself!
 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter
 Trio, *special guest: t.b.a. (jazz)*

14th March 2011

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

21st March 2011

20:30, **CC Muziek Café**, Blue Mondays, *Grandpa*
Death Experience with Ruigoord Rebels
 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter
 Trio, *special guest: Ilse Huizinga (jazz)*

28th March 2011

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter
 Trio, *special guest: Wouter Kiers (jazz)*

Tuesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, ASG Singer-
 Songwriter Night, *up-and-coming songwriters*
unite to perform originals.
 21:00, **Café Candela**, Karaoke Night,
 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000*
English/Dutch 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
 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Open Jam, *with*
Lamar Chase

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session,
with Marcel Scherpenzeel (except 15th)

8th March 2011

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Tycus, The Backdoor
 Virgins, *punk/rock €5*

15th March 2011

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, V.S.P.A. Student Session,

22nd March 2011

20:00, **Maloe Melo**, Guitar Workshop with
 Marcel Scherpenzeel, *info: www.wolffpin.com*

29th March 2011

20:00, **Maloe Melo**, Guitar Workshop with
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 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted
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GIG-LIST

Wednesday

Weekly

22:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Ferial Trio,

Steely Dan session

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000

English/Dutch 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

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, JB & Friends, *live soul, funk and blues all night*

9th March 2011

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Rock 'n Roll Nico + Session, €5

16th March 2011

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Sticko Xperience + DJ Rasta Love Int. Sound, *reggae* €5

23rd March 2011

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Moonaddict, Manimal, Spendex Devils, *grunge/rock* €5

30th March 2011

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *Expect the usual 10 rounds of brain-teasing questions! Cash prizes for the winning teams and frequent on-the-spot raffle prizes through-out the night.*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dumbell, Hoofdstad Group, *punkrock* €5

Thursday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Thursday Tunes, *jam session. Styles include blues, rock, reggae, jazz, and pop.*

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell and his Illegible Guitbox Banging Gritmoaners, *Roots & blues with grit.*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000

English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven Lewis & Friends,

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*

10th March 2011

20:00, **Coco's Mine**, Sing along Dutch songs, *Improve your Dutch by singing! Every second Thursday of the month, we'll sing Dutch songs with singer Ben van Overmeeren and accordionist Winfried Veenker.*

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, Ace, Gaz €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sticky Wax,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Octarine, *rock/grunge* €5

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke

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Thursday

17th March 2011

20:30, **Volta**, Metal Night, *Bloed Aan De Muur*, Room 32 €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Vanz,

21:00, **Susies Saloon**, The Full Moon Thursday Session, *with Chris & Lance*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Amsterdam Saints, *funk/pop* €5

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Declan Downey, *Expect top notch entertainment with plenty of Irish flavours!*

24th March 2011

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap Reggae

Evening, *Two Roots ft. Regga P., Phantom & tha Progress band* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hit Me,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Dead Mouse Walking, *rock* €5

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke

Competition, *Get a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30 Coco's Voucher!*

31st March 2011

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Black Boys On Mopeds*, Finch Town €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Butt-Ugly Noodle, *rock* €5

Friday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell and his Illegible Guitbox Banging Gritmoaners, *Roots & blues with grit.*

21:30, **CC Muziek Café**, Live Brazilian Samba, *Julio Brechó's band plays a swinging mix of forró and samba.*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000*

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

Friday

4th March 2011

19:30, **Volta**, Junior Jam On Stage, *Wild Panthers, No Shit Men, Lets Go, Friday Night, Robbie enzo*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Fuzzles,

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!*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Something Rude, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, JPR Strinxband, €1

11th March 2011

20:30, **Winston Kingdom**, Kamikaze, *Conteched, hardcore/metal* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hot Ding Dilly,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Steve Keane, *pop, rock and folk covers*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Barnstompers, *rockabilly/country* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever, €1

18th March 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Van 206,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pat Kelly, *Irish singer/songwriter*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Graveyard Johnnys, *punk/rockabilly (UK)* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste!!, €1

25th March 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Rough & Tumble,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, S.V.Liber, €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Monty Pagan Show, *Celtic harps and comedy songs with Ken Parsons and Mick de Neeve. A very talented and very funny show!*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Vezpa, €1

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Saturday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell and his Illegible Guitbox Banging Gritmoaners, *Roots & blues with grit.*

21:30, **CC Muziek Café**, Saturday Night Live, *a fun band makes the whole pub move.*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 4*

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

5th March 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Basket Case,
21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess: Gothic Night, *minifestival with Sophya, Boudoir, Letatlin, DJ's Droid, Idan K (Sophya), CCCP, Reverend Esser. Dresscode: Gothic, Cyber, Fetish, Black, Alternative.* €10

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Mischief, *Rockabilly* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Revival, €1

12th March 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Krack,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Oddsocks Revival, *born in Sligo, in the west of Ireland in 2003 with the sole purpose of bringing you good time Rock & Roll, Funk and Blues.* 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jacq Steven & The Originals, *sweet reggae music* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jericho Pie, €1

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Saturday

19th March 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Red Maddies,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *See Friday 4th.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Out On The Floor, *Live: De Keefmen + DJs. sixties party* €7

23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Relic, €1

26th March 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Hipster, *acoustic trio consisting of Eoghan O'Sullivan, David Graham and Nigel Hughes...three guitars, three voices.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Soul Solution, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

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.*

20:00, **Coco's Mine**, Sunday Beats *is a way to enjoy your Sundays; Free Entrance, cheap Jameson Cocktails and great Lounge/House brought to you by Dawn Factory House residents.*

21:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Singers Night, *a different arrangement of two singers each week.*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch 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

13th & 27th March 2011

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



Britta is new to the neighbourhood but is already a regular at Berna's Sunday Jam in the Shamrock Inn.



Fraser started celebrating his birthday at midnight during Coco's Staff Party.



Cees, from Cees'Place music club in Utrecht, always drops in to see Jur in Maloe Melo when he's in Amsterdam.

ROUND T



In the Flying Dutchman, Mathijs and Koot had no choice; they had to let Babooshka appear in the photo with them.

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Arthur has avoided appearing in the Stun and Joyce was never in the right place at the right time, but we caught them together in Susie's Saloon, at last!



Still in Susie's: Louise insisted on having her picture taken with Simone...

Then she took my camera to take one of me, Andy, with Yuri and Chris.





After his Arabian Gulf adventure, Skip needed a bar that rocks, so he joined Zad behind the bar in Excalibur.



Nice to see Nina back behind the bar with Louise in Susie's Saloon.



A couple of new faces behind the bar in the Waterhole with Arjan: Titia and Rauli.

BEHIND

Róisín usually works days in the Old Quarter, but we caught her on a Wednesday evening, wishing her late shift was over.



Astrid from the Korsakoff popped into Maloe Melo to see Jur and got her picture taken while she was there.



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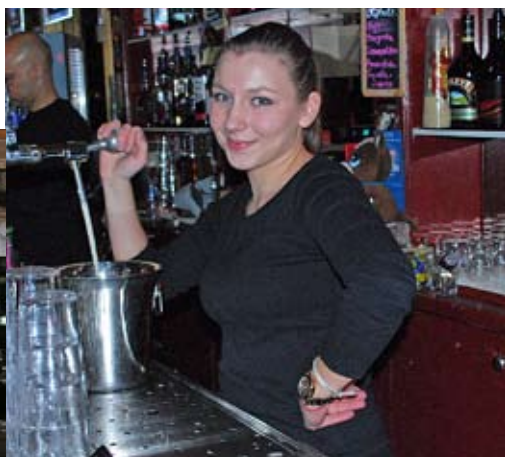


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BARS



Molly Malone's barman Pat was taking advantage of a quiet spell in the bar to work on the Stun Prize Crossword.



It's always nice to see Vanna's smiling face behind the bar in Partycafé Candela.



Josélito waiter Daniel is pleased that it's Summer Terrace time again. The sun even came out to welcome back, quite possibly, the best terrace in Amsterdam.

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OFF STAGE

Tom Dalton told us that he might be playing in O'Reilly's on Paddy's Day.



Thursday night outside Bourbon Street: May "The Force" be with you!

Gareth is back in town, no longer leading the Monday Re-Plugged session in Candela, but he will be playing there regularly.



Lamar and Rahim took a break while a Mexican band played at their Thursday session in Maloe Melo.

Some Band, alias Theo, Micky and Joyce, were unwinding after their Old Quarter gig.



There was a shortage of guitarists at the last Sham Jam, but Berna could count on Sietske's harmonica and Piet's percussion.

STAFF PARTY

Coco's Outback staff had a busy weekend with the Super Bowl, Six Nations Rugby and Party Nights, so they deserved their Monday night party in Coco's Mine.



ONE NIGHT IN...

The Waterhole, where the Monday Jam hosted by Michael Strobel's Band was in full swing, with Alfred on stage belting out "Smoke on the Water".



JJ was there, having a drink with Michael, but he didn't get up on the stage to play; he was conserving his energy for a gig the next day in Rock In & Roll Out.



Waterhole veterans Stan The Man and Terry Mann (no relation) were in the audience.



Magic Sem dropped in after his shift in Barney's Coffeeshop and found Arjan waiting to serve him a nice cold beer.

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& ONE NIGHT IN...

Molly Malone's, where ChiefXX; Jono (guitar), Yrjänä (bass), Luis (percussion) and Roy (mandolin), had got together from all over the world to entertain us.



If Jono Jack's in town, you'll find Ken Parsons around.



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Colonel Mike told us his plans for spring involving testicles, East-European girls and fluffy animals, but we won't repeat them.



Ken's got no problem posing with Jono, but put him next to Vera and he goes to pieces.



What's this? Josie, Olly De Quartz's Number One Fan, in the arms of another band!

MORE ROUNDS



I was about to leave Molly Malone's after the Sharpees gig when I saw Emilia and Matthew sitting at the bar, so I had to get the camera out and take a photo of them.



It was quiet in Finnegan's Rainbow, so Paul joined James on the comfortable side of the bar to watch the football.



Cees likes his Blues, which is why he was at Lamar and Rahim's session in Maloe Melo.



David (born in the year of the rabbit) was singing "Sweet Child of Mine" at The End Karaoke. With over 40,000 English songs to choose from, he had no problem finding something he knew and liked.

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JOKES

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A husband had just finished reading a new book entitled, "You Can Be THE Man of Your House."

He stormed to his wife in the kitchen and announced, "From now on, you need to know that I am the man of this house and my word is Law. You will prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm done eating my meal, you will serve me a scrumptious dessert. After dinner, you are going to go upstairs with me and we will have the kind of sex that I want! Afterwards, you are going to draw me a bath so I can relax. You will wash my back and towel me dry and bring me my robe. Then, you will massage my feet and hands. Then tomorrow, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

The wife replied, "The funeral director would be my first guess."

After a night of drink, drugs and wild sex, Bill woke up to find himself next to a really ugly woman. That's when he realised he had made it home safely.

I've been charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest, I only intended to rough him up a bit.

After years of research, scientists have discovered what makes women happy. Nothing.

Just had my water bill of £175 drop on my mat. That's a lot. Oxfam can supply a whole African village for just £2 a month: time to change supplier I think.

Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate; when I said white they gave me a lecture on the benefits of brown bread for 30 minutes... I think they were Hovis Witnesses.

A lad comes home from school and excitedly tells his dad that he had a part in the school play and he was playing a man who had been married for 25 years. The dad says, "Never mind son, maybe next year you'll get a speaking part."

Man said to wife "Alright you sexy thing, bedroom now."

She looked at him and said, "Ooh, you kinky bastard."

He said, "No, seriously, the footy's about to start, fuck off!"

The Mexican maid asked for a pay increase. The wife was very upset about this and decided to talk to her about the raise.

She asked: "Now Maria, why do you want a pay increase?"

Maria: "Well, Senora, there are tree reasons why I wanna increaze. The first is that I iron better than you."

Wife: "Who said you iron better than me?"

Maria: "Jor huzban he say so."

Wife: "Oh yeah?"

Maria: "The second reason eez that I am a better cook than you."

Wife: "Nonsense, who said you were a better cook than me?"

Maria: "Jor hozban did."

Wife increasingly agitated: "Oh he did did he?"

Maria: "The third reason is that I am better at sex than you in the bed."

Wife, really boiling now and through gritted teeth; "And did my husband say that as well?"

Maria: "No Senora... The gardener did."

Wife: "So how much do you want?"

How many men does it take to open a beer?

None. It should be opened when she brings it.

Why do women have smaller feet than men?

It's one of those 'evolutionary things' that allows them to stand closer to the kitchen sink.

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

As I begin to write this, Chelsea take on Manchester United in the Premier League and unless you live on the other side of the moon, the likelihood is that you will know the outcome by now. This is a must win game for the men from Stamford Bridge if they still harbour faint hopes of winning the title. Even a victory only goes some way to narrowing the gap, but the psychological effects of a loss could impact a bit on the Red Devils. It would certainly serve as a fillip to the chasing pack – not least Arsenal and Manchester City, but realistically, the way this season is developing, I cannot see any team denying the Red Devils another trophy. Chelsea have been found wanting again and again. Torres and Drogba seem to be misfiring too, when they desperately need to forge a lethal twin striking partnership quickly. If they don't manage it this evening, when they have every incentive to excel, I think we can safely say that the title is going back to Old Trafford.

Arsenal may of course have other thoughts, but until Arse Wenger realises that a good goalkeeper is a worthwhile investment, then they will always fall foul of the sucker punch, as was witnessed in the League Cup Final against Chelsea the other week. This has been Arsenal's Achilles heel ever since David Seaman called it a day at forty and he had been keeping goal for the Gunners long before Arse arrived on the scene. Sometimes I think that Wenger has such a belief in the quality of his outfield players that he considers a goalkeeper to be largely surplus to requirements. If he was arranging a kick about on a local park somewhere, he would probably as an afterthought say to someone, "OK... now that we are ready to play, who wants to go in goal?" You get the feeling that he thinks much the same way when he has his morning training sessions! This is where Sir Alex has always had the upper hand and perhaps why



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Arsenal have been the bridesmaids for too long. First Ferguson acquired the services of Peter Schmeichel, who was arguably one of the World's best, and after one or two less than convincing understudies, he picked up Edwin van der Sar! Need we say more? As for Manchester City, well they continue to baffle to deceive. They have some very expensive players, but the consistency is not there as yet and even when Tevez is on song, the team is not singing from the same prayer book.

Here in the Netherlands, things are really starting to hot up! Twente Enschede, who were four points ahead of third placed

Ajax went down by the odd goal and some controversial refereeing decisions to A.Z. Alkmaar last week and with PSV drawing with the team from Amsterdam, we are back into a three horse race. PSV have a four-point lead on Twente and a five-point lead on Ajax, but anything could happen because in the run-in, the men from Eindhoven have some very testing encounters away from home. Of the three leading contenders, they are the ones who will somehow have to find another gear. The goalless draw with Ajax was not entirely a drab affair, but in truth, both teams seemed more concerned about losing than anything else and as a result the game was not what you would call a spectacle. Feyenoord are at long last finding some form. It is about time too, because they are not completely clear of relegation and the lottery that is the play-offs yet. A handsome victory against high-flying Groningen would have done their confidence the world of good though, one would imagine, so you can expect them to improve from here on in.

Well, that is about it for now, but what do I know about football I hear you ask? You might have a point, but what I will say is that I much prefer to be propping up the table now than at the end of the season. Surely that is the ultimate embarrassment and I hope I am not tempting fate by suggesting that it ain't gonna be me!

Frank

The latest PPL update is on page 27.



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IN THE BACK



Trudy takes loads of photos of the live music for the Waterhole website and Facebook page, so all the musicians like to pose with her when she's working. This time, it's Michael Strobel.



Musicians pose with Dennis too; there just weren't any around when I took this picture.

The Farmer Crew, Thomas and John, are on a mission to suss out the best nightlife in Europe. They've visited a number of cities in Germany, Italy and France, and so far, Amsterdam is the best, not to mention the space cakes. What happens in Amsterdam stays in Amsterdam!



The prize in this month's Stun Crossword is 5 bottles of Heineken from The End Karaoke. If you enter and win, who knows, The End regular Andy might sing a duet with you.



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PPL UPDATE

No change at the top, but Frank has got off the bottom of the table, overtaking his better half in the process. Paul won't be so happy; he dropped 16 places to 29th, way behind Finnegan's regulars Ken (1st) & Andy (6th). Here's the stand on Friday 4th March 2011.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 st	Ken Wright	4	9	21
2 nd	Jim McGrath	6	1	19
3 rd	Mike	5	3	18
4 th	Pete	4	5	17
5 th	Willie Wood	3	8	17
6 th	Andy F	4	3	15
7 th	D Bock	4	3	15
8 th	Rick Middelkoop	4	2	14
9 th	Elwin Borgman	2	8	14
10 th	Tom	4	1	13
11 th	Suleman Khan	3	4	13
12 th	Marianne Peereboom	4	0	12
13 th	Andy Gerrard	3	3	12
14 th	Steve Mahon	2	6	12
15 th	Chris Mundell	3	2	11
16 th	David Crawford	3	2	11
17 th	Lennard De Rooij	2	5	11
18 th	Ann Marie	2	5	11
19 th	Rob Pendleton	2	5	11
20 th	Stuart Davidson	2	4	10
21 st	Robert Ceasar	3	0	9
22 nd	Steven Krijger	2	3	9
23 rd	Ron Koopmans	2	3	9
24 th	Mr T	1	6	9
25 th	Ken Passey	2	2	8
26 th	Pinockio	1	5	8
27 th	Paddy Wynne	1	5	8
28 th	John Raftery	1	5	8
29 th	Paul Finnegan	1	4	7
30 th	Stones	1	4	7
31 st	Buster	0	6	6
32 nd	Carlos Macedo	0	5	5
33 rd	Frank Weston	0	5	5
34 th	Arun Pankerd	0	4	4
35 th	Michael Okoje	0	3	3
36 th	Callum Dickie	0	2	2

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