

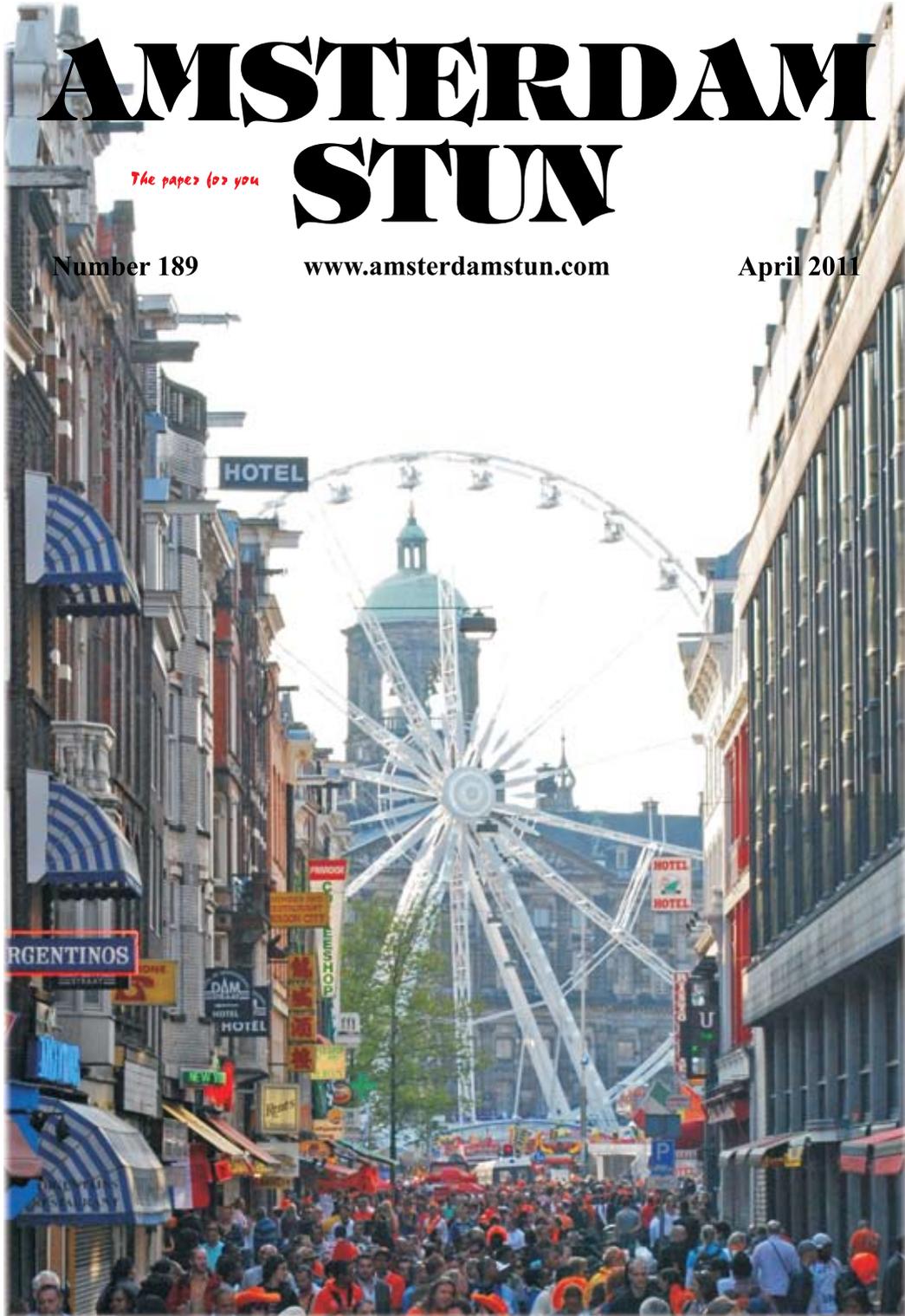
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The Editor's Bit

It's the second Friday in April and the sun is shining through my office window as I write this, which can mean only one thing: I've been up all night and this Stun should have been finished hours ago. In my defence, this is the biggest Stun of the year, so far.

We've been to loads of gigs, on a Paddy's Day pub crawl, at parties in the Flying Dutchman and Susie's Saloon, as well as our usual trips round the bars, so we've got loads of pictures for you this month. It was hard work, but I managed to squeeze most of them in; the rest will be on Facebook.

We've also got a new advertiser with live music, CC Muziek Café, so we've got even more gigs in our Gig-List. At first, we couldn't get them all in the available space, so I've changed the listings to a slightly smaller type-face and gained an extra page for photos in the process. I hope it hasn't affected the readability of the Gig-List in dimly lit bars too much; let me know what you think.

Although we've gone with a Queen's Day theme for the cover, we haven't got much to report about what's happening on the big day. It's probably best to just go with the flow and see what surprises come your way on Queen's Day. I'll be wandering around with my camera, but don't ask where or when I'll be anywhere; I haven't got a clue. Enjoy your Stun.

Andy



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Lisette was working on a Friday night in the Stone's Coffeeshop, so I had to take a photo.



Nikki's customers have more drinking room now the kitchen has moved upstairs in the London Bridge.

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Anti and her friends were having fun at the 20th Anniversary Party in Susie's Saloon.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Aaron, Abe, Adrian, Amber, Anita, Ann, Annie, Arabella, Arend, Avril, Bernie, Beth, Billy, Cathal, Colin, Daniel, Danny, Daria, Demi, Dick, Elina, Evelyne, Glynnis, Gordon, Guusje, Harry, Heike, Hildegard, Ilona, Imogen, Iris, Janneke, Jessica, Jill, Joan, Jochem, Joey, Johann, Johanna, John, Justine, Kate, Kathleen, Ken, Kevin, Liz, Mac, Marcelle, Maria, Marjolein, Matje, Maureen & Cathy, May, Mellie, Mickey, Milo, Miriam, Neil, Nina, Noi, Norbert, Paula, Phil, Rachel, Róisín, Roxanne, Rush, Sarah, Selena, Skip, Sophia, Steve, Tammie, Truus, Virgil.

Happy Anniversary Alma & Ken, Susan & Glen, Carol & Rainor.

On our way to the market last Saturday (wasn't it summery!), Andy & I ran into Peter,



who invited us to a boat ride. We've said yes, of course, we'd love to go! Hope to have some nice pictures next month.

Since we met up with Ollie last year, he's been over for dinner and a good chinwag a couple of times. We were so busy talking, completely forgot to take photos. But we did



think about it last week, and here he is. We wont lose contact again!

Because Vicky & Ray were over on a flying visit to the Dam (page 8), there wasn't much time for individual visits, but a great opportunity for a pub-party, and where else but in the Flying Dutchman.

Andy & I also had an appointment with Natalie and Josie that evening. Josie had won the crossword prize, an Original Giorgi, made by Natalie who would present it to Josie while Andy took photo's (page 9).

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GUTTER

Then Natalie turned out to be a pool-shark as well, and since I hadn't played in years I just couldn't resist a game. Or two. Or more.



Pedro wanted in too, so he challenged the winner (me), and he lost. He should have won, because, for whatever reason, someone had messed with the balls. There were only 5 spots, to 9 stripes. He knew about the swap, but kept mum about it and picked the spots every game. I only really noticed after a few games, but didn't lose a single game!



Josie nearly beat me, but I got lucky. In the end I did lose one game, Joyce beat me, and proceeded to beat everyone else as well.

And then it was time to catch the bus except it was gone so we walked home. Next day I was stiff as a board but I had a great time!

The Charity Chickens are also having a great time. While in Kiev to present donations to Down's Syndrome Early Learning Centre, and celebrate World Down's Syndrome day with the children and their families, they got invited



to the Ukrainian Morning TV to explain why they were dressed like giant chickens. The studio gave more time than they had hoped for, and the British Embassy invited them for an evening to help raise more awareness for the good cause.

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A guy sitting next to me said the Stone's Café was "the best bar ever". With Bianca and Natalie behind the bar, who can dispute that?



Micky Llewellyn posed with Mandy, the Old Quarter boss Rob's daughter... and then with Ritchie, Rob's son.



The last time Kirsty and Ed were in the Stun was when they were visiting Amsterdam the same weekend the smoking ban came in. It hasn't stopped them coming back.



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AN EVENING

The Flying Dutchman, where Ray and Vicky had arranged to meet up with friends at the start of their weekend in Amsterdam.



Martina, Ria and Jimmy dropped in...



As did Monica and Debbie.



Ray spent time at the bar with Gavin and Willie, and with Peter on the big table.



The plan of going out for dinner was dropped in favour of having a couple of pizzas instead.



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IN...

WELCOME

Natalie's fashion label Original Giorgi Streetwear sponsored the Stun Crossword in February so we invited her to join us in the Flying Dutchman to present the prize, an exclusive unisex hoodie, to the winner Josie.

Since the demise of the Dubliner over eight years ago, we haven't felt the need to visit De Pijp very often. I'm sure there are lots of very nice bars there, especially if you live in the area, but none of them ever tempted me away from the centre of Amsterdam: Until now!



And here's the 'Stun's Crossword Master' modelling her new designer hoodie.

CC Muziek Café has only been open for a couple of months, but with live music every night, great acoustics, friendly atmosphere in the bar and a smoking lounge downstairs, it looks like the owner René is onto a winner.



The style of music is varied, to say the least; rock, pop, blues, funk, soul, reggae, jazz, salsa, Latin and Greek are just some of the genres on the agenda for April.

You can find CC Muziek Café by the corner of Rustenburgerstraat & Ferdinand Bolstraat and they are open daily from 19:00 'til 01:00 (03:00 on Friday & Saturday).





Peter Lavell has an ever-changing line-up of Gritmoaners accompanying him in the Old Nickel, but none of them are in this photo.

Seen On

Some Band were performing in their classic line-up when I dropped in to see them play in the Old Quarter. No guest artists or substitutes, just Stan, Micky and Joyce!



The Bucket Boys were doing their thing on the pool table at the 20th Anniversary Party in Susie's Saloon.

Once I've been to the Thursday Tunes jam session in CC Muziek Café a few more times, I might remember the names of the musicians.



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Nigel, David and Eoghan, the three members of Hipster, all live in different places, so gigs like this one in Molly Malone's only happen a couple of times a year.



Olly De Quartz are just back from conquering France, will be taking Germany during the Musikmesse in Frankfurt this weekend, and in June, they will invade Scandinavia.



In most of our more recent pictures of Magic Sem, he's been propping up the bar, but here he is on stage in the Waterhole doing what he does best; playing the Blues!



At his Thursday night Blues session in Maloe Melo, Lamar was visibly joined on stage by Tina on vocals, Sonny on guitar and Dan on bass. Also on stage, but out of sight were Kevin on guitar and Maarten on drums.

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WHAT'S ON

There are plenty of good bands playing in our favourite bars this month, but I'm not going to mention places that have live music more than once a week this time; you can see what's coming up in our Gig-List.

I've seen Sonny all over town lately, but every Monday at 20:00, you'll find him leading the Re-Plugged Open Mic night in Partycafé Candela.



Berna had a temporary shortage of guitarists at the fortnightly Sunday Jam in the Shamrock Inn, but Jur is back now and the music goes on. The next Sham Jam will be on Sunday 17th April, and as usual, all musicians are welcome.



I think the next Full Moon Thursday session with Chris & Lance in Susie's Saloon will be on the 21st this month, but it could be a week earlier; the real full moon falls almost exactly in the middle. Susie's Saloon have got an outside bar again this Queen's Day, and if previous years are anything to go by, there's a good chance Chris will be playing.

If I had the space I'd mention more about Queen's Day, the Mahone's European tour or the Levellers in Paradiso in June, but I haven't.

Pub Quiz Nights

Saturday 16th April 2011

20:00, **Finnegan's Rainbow**, Pub Quiz, *Cash prize for winning team! Reservation advised.*

Monday 18th & 25th April 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.*

Tuesday 19th April 2011

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz, *ONLY €2 to enter. 1st prize = POT MONEY (at least €80), 2nd prize = €30 voucher to spend at Cocos and 3rd prize is a bottle of Jagermeister.*

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Weekly

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, **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 & his Illegible Guitbox Banging Gritmoaners*

11th April 2011

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

21:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Pascal Danae, *alternative/
blues/roots €3*

18th April 2011

21:00, **Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special
guest: Jan Menu (jazz)*

21:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Lamizi, *Greek €3*

25th April 2011

21:00, **Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special
guests: Inge Klinge & Klaas Fopma quartet (jazz)*

21:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Mira Falk Quartet, *jazz €3*

Tuesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Amsterdam Songwriters
Guild, *up & coming songwriters 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, **Waterhole**, Julius E. Green and the Gang
Green, *Jam session. Born entertainer Julius E. Green
will start the night off by playing some great blues. €1*

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with
Marcel Scherpenzeel (except 19th)*

12th April 2011

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Blue Ordinary, *rock €5*

19th April 2011

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

26th April 2011

21:00, **Waterhole**, Woodland Critters,

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by
NFS, *welcoming musicians of all levels onto the
stage. Get a free beer for playing a song!*

Wednesday

Weekly

22:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Ferial Trio, *latin/jazz
session €3*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/
Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:30, **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*

13th April 2011

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Rock 'n Roll Nico + Session,

20th April 2011

21:00, **Waterhole**, Sam's Piano,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, King Nitro, Cheap Thrills,
Bomber Leo, €5

27th April 2011

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Emergency Access, Sir Moor
& the Big Spoons, *rock €5*

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Thursday Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Thursday Tunes, *jam session; styles include blues, rock, reggae, jazz & pop.*

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & 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, **Waterhole**, Gus Genser, *Great Rock covers performed by former Herman Brood drummer Gus and his band.* €1

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

14th April 2011

20:00, **Coco's Mine**, Sing Along Dutch Songs, *Improve your Dutch by singing Dutch songs.*

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Enter Alice, Marozia* €5

21:00, **Waterhole**, Suspenders,

21st April 2011

20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Captain Ortheogon* €5

21:00, **Waterhole**, Jinx,

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

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Live Karaoke Band, €5

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30 Coco's Voucher!*

28th April 2011

19:00, **Waterhole**, Daniel Roos Band,

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *Boltini Circus, Apneu* €5

21:00, **Waterhole**, Sticky Honey,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Holy Water, The Kelvinators, *rock 'n' roll* €5

Friday Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & 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 4*

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

8th April 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Friday Night Live, *Afekaika & Crayon (funk/soul), Banda Diego Witzza (Brazilian pop)* €3

21:00, **Waterhole**, Coltha,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Road to Nowhere,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Luna Vegas, Epileptic Hillbilly's, *rock 'n' roll (UK)* €5

23:00, **Waterhole**, Spyglass, €1

15th April 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Friday Night Live, *Valter Barreto Band (mpb - brasileira)* €3

21:00, **Waterhole**, AFC,

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

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, High Flyers, *rockabilly (UK)* €5

23:00, **Waterhole**, Whatever, €1

22nd April 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Friday Night Live, *Jacob Arch, Orizone (soul/dance/electro/pop)* €3

21:00, **Waterhole**, What's Next,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Horrible Porno Stuntmen, *rock 'n' roll (Italy)* €5

23:00, **Waterhole**, Spit, €1

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Friday

29th April 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Friday Night Live, *Jacq Steven, Valter Barreto Band (bossa)* €3
21:00, **Waterhole**, Emergency Access,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, OrangeNight: The Vulgarettes,
Sugar Ray Dogs (Italy), *rock'n'roll* €5
23:00, **Waterhole**, 2Choices, €1

Saturday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell & 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 4*
22:30, **Old Quarter**, Some Band - Unplugged, *Live
music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

9th April 2011

- 21:00, **Waterhole**, Handsfree,
22:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Saturday Night Live,
*Jesse K & the Muffin Men (blues rock), Whatever
(classic covers)* €3
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Gregosaurius Rex,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wolfpin, *bluesrock* €5
23:00, **Waterhole**, Spyglass, €1

16th April 2011

- 21:00, **Waterhole**, Rock Diva's,
21:30, **CC Muziek Café**, Saturday Night Live,
*Blend 11 (funky & soulful covers), Maria
Catharina (latin/salsa)* €3
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Declan Daly, *professional
entertainer and cracking musician from Ireland*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, AmsterdamBeatClub, *Live:
The Cadillac Bombers (rock'n'roll/jive, USA)* €7.50
23:00, **Waterhole**, Alkazar, €1

23rd April 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Saturday Night Live,
*VanZanden (jazz/pop/soul), Quarteto Forrózar
(Brazilian forró)* €5
21:00, **Waterhole**, Big Shakedown,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/
songwriter/comedian from Wexford*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Steve Conte & the Crazy
Truth, €5
23:00, **Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy, €1

Saturday

30th April 2011

- 21:00, **Waterhole**, 2Choices, €1
21:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Saturday Night Live,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, QueensDay with Brentsleng, €5

Sunday

Weekly

- 18:00, **Waterhole**, Theo de Mosquito, *Sunday
Matinee with Theo and his mosquito's, a great way
to start your Sunday night out.*
19:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Samba De Mesa, *A jam
session for Brazilian percussionists and singers,
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20:00, **Coco's Mine**, Sunday Beats, *is a way
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21:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Singing On Sundays,
*Enjoy the beautiful voices of Noam Vazana, Petra
Jordan, Mary Catherine, Mariandoro, Dené
Theron, Danielle Cornelissen. There is a different
arrangement of two singers each week.* €3
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, **Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session.
Joyce Grimes and various guests performing Pop
and Rock covers.* €1

17th April & 1st May 2011

- 19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, open jam
session with Berna & Jur

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ROUND

Waterhole barman Arjan wanted to pose with the band; Jan, Magic Sem and Monday night session leader Michael Strobel.



It was nice seeing Richard and Tineke back in the Flying Dutchman; weekends haven't been the same without them around.



Sietske said she looks like a ghost in flash-photos, so this one was taken using the light available in the Shamrock Inn.



Chad got the shots in for Joeri, Mark and Luke in Susie's Saloon.

Before going to Switzerland, Michal was downing shots with Ciska and Amy at her leaving party in The End.



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THE BARS

The Olly De Quartz Fan Club; Helena, Josie and Carmen (lead-singer Olivia's mum), were in Molly Malone's for the band's first gig after their triumphant tour of France.



Noam had some Special Guests join him in the Flying Dutchman.

Danny and Daniel in Josélito Tapas Café had a visit from their neighbour Sylvia of the Hollywood Coffeshop.



Old Nickel barman Peter took a break to chat with Joeri the French horn player.

Pauline thinks the Stun should have a column about the rights and expectations us aging Brits need to know about as retirement approaches; would any of our readers like to write one?

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BEHIND

Noam and David are the new owners of the Flying Dutchman and it looks like the bar I have been frequenting for over 30 years is in safe hands. I'll drink to that!



Finnegan's Rainbow barman Paul loves Roos, but she's got a jealous boyfriend.



I only discovered CC Muziek Café a couple of months ago, but with live music every night and a very welcoming René behind the bar, I'll be back there more often.



Mark's back from his holiday and introduced us to Stephen from Dublin, the newest member of the crew in Molly Malone's.

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BARS

Rebecca, Nina, Lars and Steve were kept busy behind the bar during the 20th Anniversary Party in Susie's Saloon, but they had a lot of fun while they were working.



Amy and Gabriel in The End Karaoke generously donated a prize of five bottles of Heineken for last month's Stun Crossword; I hope the winner isn't teetotal! Hang on; she's a Stun reader, works in Coco's... no chance!

Serial Gran Ann raised a glass in Café Zeepost to her new grandson, Donnacadh (don't ask us how to pronounce it), born on the 18th March to proud parents Sarah and Alan.



Coco's Outback barman Jaime hasn't been in the Stun for months, so for those of you who missed him... anybody?

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TOO LATE

ONE



I passed the Jet Lounge on my way from the Shamrock to Maloe Melo and just missed JK Rolling playing, so Jim and Kim posed with the boss, Mark, while they were packing up.



Sonny and Chris had already finished their set when I got to the party in Susie's Saloon.

I stayed at the party so long, I didn't make it to Molly Malone's in time to catch Oddsocks Revival performing, but they did pose for me.



Maloe Melo, where Octarine had been playing, but the band's drummer Daniel was just leaving with Waterhole barman Arjan when I got there.



Liza Chase was over from Bulgaria and I only just caught her and Rosemary before they left for the next bar on their night out.



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NIGHT IN...



Drummer Ron Wright and guitarist Kevin Chapman were there for a drink and jam.



I wasn't late getting to Maloe Melo; I was there for Lamar's Thursday night jam that starts after the bands finish. Maarten was drumming in Lamar's house band that night.



I didn't go to see Monty Pagan in Mulligans that night, but caught Mick and Ken having a drink in Maloe Melo after.



Maarten also found time to pose with Dan and Sam from Octarine... before joining Tina at the bar for a drink.



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SUSIES' 20th



Helle and Lars threw a party to celebrate 20 years of Susie's Saloon. Not surprisingly, the place was packed, so Joeri was being very selective about who he would let in the bar.



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MORE PADDY'S DAY

Coco's Outback went Irish for the night; Kamila, Cameron, Fraser and Amy were toasting St. Patrick with Jameson/Baileys bombs in Guinness.



Marcela, Natalie and Pauline were behind the bar in the Blarney Stone...

So I dropped in on my way home and had a drink with Max.


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Conner, Natalie and Giedre tried posing, but Babooshka stole the show.



JOKES

With our Jokers: Billy, Bronski, Lin, Rush & Tommy

Sat opposite an Indian lady on the train today, she shut her eyes and stopped breathing. I thought she was dead until I saw the red spot on her forehead, and realized she was just on stand-by.

Yorkshire Police today made public their concern over the latest trend for club-goers and “casual drug users” in the vicinity, involving the use of dental syringes to inject liquid doses of Ecstasy directly into the mouth. The phenomenon is known locally as “E” by gum.

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time...

I was driving this morning when I saw an RAC van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself ‘that guy’s heading for a breakdown’.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they’re still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they’ve lost the plot!!

I was at a cashpoint yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

A new Middle East crisis erupted last night as Dubai Television was refused permission to broadcast ‘The Flintstones’. A spokesman for the channel said. “A claim was made that people in Dubai would not understand the humour, but we know for a fact that people in Abu Dhabi Do.”

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!! B*****s to this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not happy.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

A very prestigious cardiologist died, and was given a very elaborate funeral by the hospital he worked for most of his life. A huge heart covered in flowers stood behind the casket during the service as all the doctors from the hospital sat in awe. Following the eulogy, the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever.

At that point, one of the mourners just burst into laughter. When all eyes stared at him, he said, ‘I am so sorry, I was just thinking of my own funeral... I’m a gynaecologist’.

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, “How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?”

“Well,” he said, “we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub.”

“Oh, I understand,” I said... “A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup.”

“No” he said. “A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?”

A wife asks her husband “Could you please go shopping for me and buy a carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get six!”

A short time later the husband comes back with six cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, “Why the hell did you buy six cartons of milk?”

He replied, “They had eggs.”

A man goes into a bookstore and asks the young lady assistant, “Do you have the new book out for men with short penises?”

She replies, “I’m not sure if it’s in yet.”

“That’s the one, I’ll take a copy.”

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

And there you have it. Wayne Rooney hurls a few expletives at the camera and sweet FA gives him a two-match ban. The irony here, of course, is that when a decision goes the wrong way, in most matches players swear at refs. They rarely get cards for it - although you don't have to be deaf to understand what their lips are saying and although I don't condone Rooney's antics, the only people who are bringing the game into disrepute are the football authorities once again. It is hypocrisy and everyone knows it. If there is anything good to be gleaned from this, then it is only that the chasing pack has more chance of catching the

leaders with an in-form striker sitting in the stands! That said, if there were to be an upset, then it would probably have happened last Saturday when United fell two goals behind to West Ham at Upton Park. That was until that Rooney free kick after 63 minutes turned the game on its head. The Red Devils went on to win 4-2 and the rest is football history as they say. Arsenal, Chelsea and Tottenham all drew. The other half of Manchester also had reasons to be cheerful last Weekend. City thumped

Sunderland 5-0 and are now just three points behind Arsenal in second place. The Gunners do have a game in hand though, but you get the feeling that they are capable of being caught.

Down at the foot of the table, it is a desperate affair. Wigan, Wolves and West Ham occupy the relegation places at this moment in time, but are divided by just one point! Next in line for the drop come Blackpool, who at the start of the season was everybody's favourite to go down. Sadly, I think they will do just that, but the two Midlands giants, Aston Villa and Birmingham, are not out of the woods for sure and nor are Blackburn! As this goes

to print, they are all on 34 points - just two points away from the chop zone!

In the Championship, things are really hotting up too! QPR and amazingly Norwich, look to have secured the two automatic promotion places, but the play-off positions are still very much up for grabs. Cardiff and Swansea are the Welsh representatives and they are joined in the race for the last promotion place with Leeds United and Reading. Apparently however, there is a probe by the



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PPL UPDATE

Another month of no great movement, more a case of just shuffling around. Pete has taken over the lead after hovering just below the top for most of the season and Frank has crept up a few more places. Here's the stand on Friday 8th April 2011.

Premier League into who exactly owns Leeds these days and this could have a detrimental effect on club morale in the closing weeks of the season. Personally, I don't think they are ready enough for the Premier as yet and if Richard Scudamore has his way, the door will be firmly slammed in their faces whatever they do. His argument is that they have not revealed ownership disclosure rules robustly enough and with the onus these days very much on transparency - even in football circles, a great mist has descended on Elland Road.

Here in the Netherlands, we also have a really exciting end to the league campaign very much on the cards. Last week, Twente beat leaders PSV to re-take their place at the top of the division. Theo Janssen scored two inspired goals and he has been the catalyst for all things good about the boys from Enschede this term. Ajax too seem revitalised under Frank de Boer and they are now within reach of the top two! Five points separate the top three, so anything could happen between now and the end of the campaign! Some tricky games lie in wait for the top two and Ajax have a relatively easy run-in, so we shall see.

In both Spain and Portugal, the titles are a done-deal. Barcelona will win in Spain and Porto in Portugal. Nothing new there, I hear you say. But, Real Madrid might end up with nothing, which would not please their impatient supporters, and the self-named Special One would not be so very "special" anymore!

Frank

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

IN THE BACK

Here's Roos again, this time with "jealous boyfriend" Kas, who she first met in Finnegan's Rainbow just over 2 years ago.



Musicians Alfred and Michael posed with Plee Boy Dennis in the back of the Waterhole.



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Since Josie won the Stun crossword and got her prize from Natalie, they've become pool buddies and even have their own cues. Willie is just a customer in the Flying Dutchman now, but still gets the ladies.



Ralph was popping out for a smoke: Maybe Willie's name should come off the door now that he's sold the Flying Dutchman.



Phil asked me to take this photo just in case I hadn't taken one of him at the big party in Susie's Saloon. I did, but I'll still include this one so I can mention that they're making the smoking room in Susie's Saloon bigger.



Before starting CC Muziek Café, René was with the Amsterdam Crusaders American Football club for 22 years, but he's retired now. Is that René in the poster?

HELP

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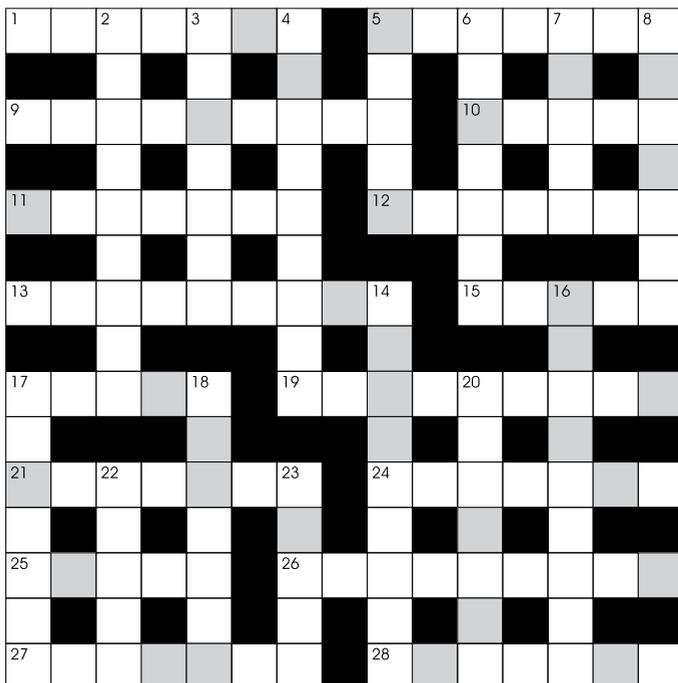
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Across

- 1: The Book of Eli? (7)
- 5: Heavy! (7)
- 9: Bitter. (9)
- 10: Merits. (5)
- 11: Strange. (7)
- 12: Ease. (7)
- 13: Changing. (9)
- 15: Soil. (5)
- 17: Red Rock? (5)
- 19: Distinguished people. (9)
- 21: Extreme tiredness. (7)
- 24: Wilderness treks. (7)
- 25: Slow (in music). (5)
- 26: Deep recess. (9)
- 27: Incarnations. (7)
- 28: Pared. (7)

Down

- 2: Confident. (9)
- 3: Idiot. (7)
- 4: Successful. (9)
- 5: Loafer. (5)
- 6: Framework. (7)
- 7: Audacity. (5)
- 8: Oriental. (7)
- 14: Sliding steps. (9)
- 16: Musical instrument. (9)
- 17: Leguminous plant. (7)
- 18: Italian madam. (7)
- 20: Turkish title. (7)
- 22: Earth. (5)
- 23: Immoral actions. (5)



This month's Prize crossword is sponsored by **Finnegan's Rainbow** (De Wittenkade 120), who have generously donated 2 pints of Guinness for the winner of this month's puzzle.

All you have to do is put the letters in the shaded squares into the 2nd grid in the same order they appear to reveal the answer. E-mail your answer, with contact details, to puzzle@stun.nl or send an SMS to 0628712646 to arrive no later than Saturday 30th April 2011. The winner will be drawn from all correct entries and announced in the next Stun.

Last Month's Answer

Every creation starts with a fantasy.

Across: 1 Equalled, 5 Caviar, 9 Earliest, 10 Artery, 12 Translate, 13 Steal, 14 Vote, 16 Twinges, 19 Targets, 21 Ergs, 24 Re-sow, 25 Indispose, 27 Evades, 28 Frog-lets, 29 Sesame, 30 Secretly.
 Down: 1 Events, 2 Uproar, 3 Lairs, 4 Enslave, 6 Arresting, 7 Icebergs, 8 Royalist, 11 Celt, 15 Overwhelm, 17 Starters, 18 Tress-pass, 20 Soil, 21 Endorse, 22 Potent, 23 Feisty, 26 Sugar.

And the winner is: Kamila Markowska, who will soon be enjoying 5 bottles of Heineken, courtesy of The End Karaoke.

