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The Editor's Bit

The football season is over, which means we finally know who has finished top of our Premiership Predictions League. It was a tie for first place this season, so joint winners Jim and Marianne can hold their heads high and bask in the glory. Sorry we haven't got any prizes; maybe next season.

I'll put the entry form for the coming season in next month's Stun, but I'm still struggling with ideas of how to automate the form on the Stun website. Can any of our readers help me out by building a PHP/MySQL solution that can process entries and maintain an up-to-date league table of our contestants? All offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

I've been working on a complete make-over of the Stun website and it's getting close to completion. I won't go into any details yet, but keep an eye on the Stun Facebook group for an announcement very soon.

We were hoping to bring you a sneak peek inside Case from the Waterhole's latest venture, but I haven't made it there yet. He's taken over the former Club Meander on Voetboogstraat and is in the process of converting it into a Pool Bar. If all goes to plan, "The Poolhole" will be opening in August. We'll have more details for you in next month's Stun.

I'm sure there's something else I was going to write about, but I can't remember what it was, so I'll just say "Enjoy your Stun".

Andy

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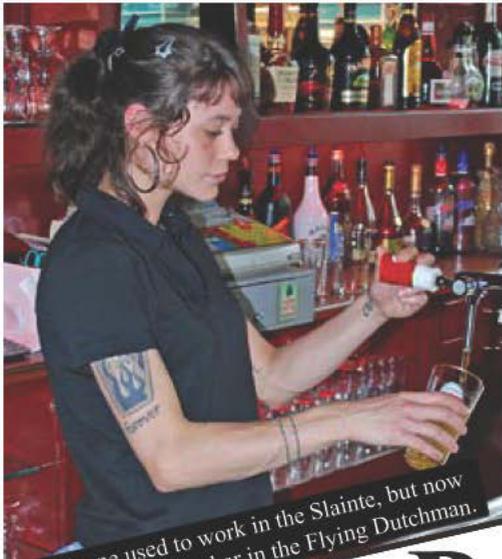
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If you would like to contribute a story or even a regular column, don't be shy: we're all amateurs doing our best here.

The following people also contributed to this edition of **The Amsterdam Stun**:

- Frank Weston
- Franky van Hage
- John Gregory
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- Ray Noya
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- Tommy McKeown

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Lianne used to work in the Slainte, but now she's behind the bar in the Flying Dutchman.



Susie is back working in the London Bridge.

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Susie's Saloon barmaid Sif got married to Steve in Copenhagen last month.



Monday night in Partycafé Candela, with Vanna behind the bar.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Elly, Ria, Adrie, Aad, Alan, Ann, Chris, CJ, Claire, Dan, David, Denise, Derry, Diederik, Django, Duncan, Ferrie, Frans, Gareth, Gus, Hiromi, Ian, Jaime, Jay, Jessica, Jim, Jo, Joan, Johan, John, Joost, Karolina, Kimberley, Lesley, Liz, Maarten, Mara, Martin, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mirjam, Olivia, Paul, Peter, Red John, Renee, Richard, Roy, Russell, Sandra, Sarah, Sean, Sinead, Sonja, Steven, Tommy, Tony, Toosh, Ushi, Valerie, Vera.

Happy Anniversary Anja & Cees, Alison & Phil, Ian & Richard, Ilona & Ray.

Congratulations Sif & Steve who got married in Copenhagen on the 10th May,

and Jaime & Kym (both Coco's!) who tied the knot on the 8th June.

Josie confessed to Andy she didn't actually "Do" the crossword she got her prize for; she looked up the quote instead! Now she feels as if she's cheated and doesn't deserve the Original Giorgi the Stun had asked Natalie to design.

I think she was definitely cheeky, but she did send in the answer and to be honest, we never set any rules, so was it actually cheating?!

Why don't you let us know what you think!

For those people who haven't yet put themselves on the Sky Diving list, you are too late to actually go jumping, but you are welcome to join the Charity Chickens on Texel from Friday 24th until Sunday 26th of June.

Check the Charity Chicken fan club on Facebook, and Pete is in charge of camping



Photo by Ray Noya

May you live happily ever after!

We couldn't make it to the wedding party in Coco's Outback, so thank you to Ray for letting us use one of his photos.



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GUTTER

arrangements, I hope you're not too late. But maybe you don't want to stay the weekend. It's not so far away you know, Texel.

From A'dam Central you hop on a train to Den Helder, the ferry should be waiting to take you to the island.

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different teas to choose from, ask Lin for advice, that lady really knows her Tea!

But, as always, you have to be in it to win it!

Last month's prize, a bottle of Whisky from London Bridge, has not gone out. It will hopefully be in the Kitty for later use, so don't worry, you could still win it.

And since Josie feels she doesn't deserve the "Crossword Master" hoodie, that will come back in the Kitty, too.

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WARD *around* MOESSTRAAT CENTRUM



Róisín was on the Friday late shift in the Old Quarter; good enough reason for the first picture taken for this Stun.

It's always a Party night in the Stone's Café when Lisette and Natalie are dancing around behind the bar.



Same night, same street, and Rachel was behind the bar with Lotte in the Stone's Café, so I had to get the camera out.

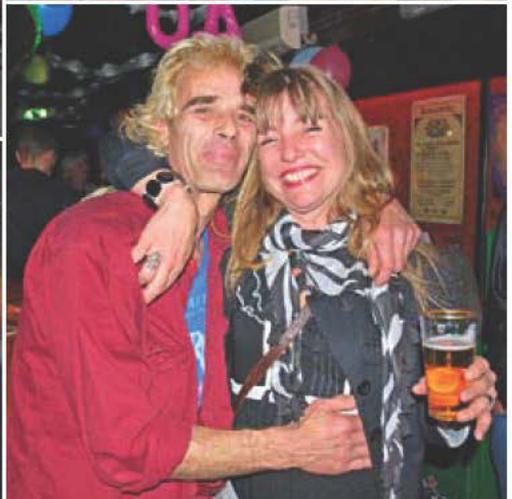
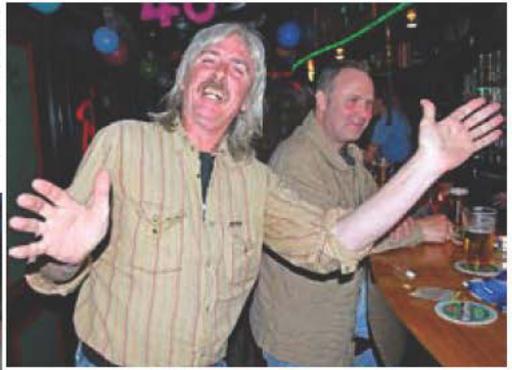
Amy and Deborah left the dancing to the customers, but could still enjoy the music of Some Band in the Old Quarter.



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FORTY/FORTY

Yvonne has been a hairdresser for 40 years (she does half the customers in the Shamrock) and Liza (Stun Bar Person of the Year in 1999 & 2000) was celebrating her 40th birthday, so they had to have a double party in the Shamrock Inn.



Seen On Stage



Huib joined Chris and Lance for the Full Moon Thursday session in Susie's Saloon.



Dee-Ann and the Nightcaptains had the Rockabilly fans dancing in Maloe Melo.

Mosquito's Buddy and Theo made a guest appearance with Some Band in the Old Quarter.



Buskers James and Giovanni swap the streets for the spotlights when they lead the Re-Plugged Open Mike night, every Monday in Café Candela.



Vincent finished his solo set with a rousing rendition of "If you're happy and you know it..."



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WHAT'S ON

Pub Quizzes

Saturday 11th June 2011

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

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 29th June 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.*



Are you a gamer? Do you play Nintendo Wii, Sony PlayStation or Xbox? Ever thought how cool it would be to play in a groovy rock-bar with a crowd of like minded people and ice cool beer in frosted glasses on tap? Well a few regulars of the Waterhole certainly have, but in order for it to succeed, they need your cooperation and enthusiasm. They have a few consoles and controllers, use of the Waterhole's plasma screens and hopefully a couple of beamers will be there on the day. Let them know if you would like to take part and bring the controller (and/or console) of your choice. The first Waterhole Games Day is on Saturday 18th June, starting at 14:00.

There's even more live music in the Waterhole now, with an early-evening slot giving "New" bands the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. Check the Stun Gig-List to find out who's playing this month.

The InPlayers will be presenting their English language production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet", a Jukebox musical by Bob Carlton based on Shakespeare's The Tempest and the 1950s science fiction film Forbidden Planet, at the Polanentheater from 16th to 19th and the Ostadetheater from 23rd to 25th June. It's a guaranteed fun, all round show, for the whole family. Contact the theatres for reservations; the shows start at 19:30.

Jim Maguire will be celebrating his birthday on stage with his band Joe Rocker, quite possibly the best Joe Cocker tribute band around. You'll find him in Player's Café, Warmoesstraat, on Monday 20th June and the show starts at 21:00.

The amazing Uni and her Ukelele will be playing at the Jet Lounge on Saturday 11th June. Uke's have become a bit of a mad craze lately, but Uni was a trail blazer, playing long before they were so trendy and she has the show and stage craft to prove it. Celtic Folk Rock fun band Monty Pagan replete with harps, fiddles, cellos, whistles and four voices will provide a support.

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STUN GIG-LIST

Monday

Weekly

20:00, **Cafe 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

Weekly

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell and his Illegible Guitbox Banging Gritmoaners*

13th June 2011

21:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Salsa Night, *Quinteto Caney* €5

20th June 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, t.b.a., €3

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bowen and the Tide,

21:00, **Player's Café**, Joe Rocker, *the best Joe Cocker tribute band around*

27th June 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Ελληνική Μουσική Βραδιά, *Greek music jam* €3

Tuesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball, *5 different acts*

21:00, **Cafe 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

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel (except 21st)*

21st June 2011

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

28th June 2011

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

Wednesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, 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, **The Waterhole**, Stan the Man, *Jam session with a great repertoire of Latin, Pop and Rock.* €1

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

15th June 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, The Elis Session, *Ferial with Ana Beck, Josee Koning, Lilian Vieira, Brancka, Jose Lopretti, Enrique Firpi* €8

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, DNA ft. Ammeriek van Dorst, €5

22nd June 2011

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Brand, Airbag Mustard, €5

29th June 2011

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Carburetor, Lo-Lite, Footstomp, *trash/punk/blues* €5

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Thursday

Weekly

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, 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, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser, *Great Rock covers performed by Gus and his band. €1*
- 23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Rahim*

16th June 2011

- 20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Deci, The Birdbrains €5*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, *Alsof je een koffer bent,*
- 21:00, **Susies Saloon**, The Full Moon Thursday Session, *with Chris & Lance*
- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Giant Tiger Hooch (r&b), *Auto Blonde (alt/pop/rock), €5*
- 22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke, *Get a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30 Coco's Voucher!*

23rd June 2011

- 20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *ROC jam €5*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, *Suspenders,*
- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, *Let's Buzz, Paladins tribute €5*

30th June 2011

- 20:30, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Who Jumped In Limousines, Dakota €5*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, *Baby's Mama's,*
- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, *Bier Geklier, rock/funk/ska €5*
- 22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke, *Get a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30 Coco's Voucher!*

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*

10th June 2011

- 19:30, **The Waterhole**, *Young Girls,*
- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, *Jevenstaffle & Aischa €3*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, *Your Way,*
- 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Peter Carroll, *One of the big boys from the Temple bar circuit in Dublin*
- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, *Kieron McDonald Combo, the swampman comes to town €5*
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, *Revival, €1*

17th June 2011

- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, *Friday Night Live, €3*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, *AFC*
- 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Peter Carroll, *One of the big boys from the Temple bar circuit in Dublin*
- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, *Black Cat Bone Squad, neo/rockabilly €5*
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, *Roxyxy, €1*

24th June 2011

- 19:30, **The Waterhole**, *Dear Goes Culture,*
- 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, *Jacqsteven and Tha Originals, sweet reggae music €3*
- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, *Atlantic Attraction,*
- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, *Buzz Bartoon's Brothers, rockabilly €5*
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, *Alkazar, €1*

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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*

11th June 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Raket Salazar Band, *soul/funk* €3

20:00, **Jet Lounge**, Uni & her Ukelele, *on tour from California, supported by Monty Pagan*

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

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Peter Carroll, *One of the big boys from the Temple bar circuit in Dublin*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Candye Kane Band, + *special guests: Sue Palmer, Jonny Viau, Billy Watson* €7.50

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whoo, €1

18th June 2011

14:00, **The Waterhole**, Games Day, *play Wii, Play Station or X-Box in a rock-bar with like minded people and ice cool beer in frosted glasses on tap.*

19:30, **The Waterhole**, Ease Springs,

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Alberto Palacios Band, *funk/jazz/soul* €3

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Ergo,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed in Amsterdam.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Gethouse Bluesband, *5 years of the band* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, €1

25th June 2011

21:00, **The Waterhole**, M*rtén,

21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess: Gothic Night, *DJ's Droid, Reverend Esser, CCCP, Toxiz.* €8

21:30, **CC Muziek Cafe**, SHIFT Bertrand Robinne, *funk* €3

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Eoghan O'Sullivan, *A mixture of old favourites together with his own material. A cracking solo act.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, AmsterdamBeatClub, *live: The Ragtime Wranglers* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit, €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.*

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

12th June 2011

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

20:00, **Bitterzoet**, Prime Circle, *one of South Africa's most popular and talked about rock bands. (Best Rock Album at May 2011, South African Music Awards)* €12

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds - Brazil, *SambOrange & Mariandoro* €3

19th June 2011

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, *Danalyze & Renée le Poutre* €3

26th June 2011

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

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, *Laura Stavinoha & Krijn Peter Hesselink* €3

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ROUND

Adriaan had a rare Saturday night off, but still ended up in Coco's Mine, having a drink with former Waterhole barman Fergus.



Andy, who's getting married to Lisa on 24th June, had a night of Karaoke in The End during his Stag weekend in Amsterdam.



Chris had a drink with Zippy and Nick between sets at his Full Moon Thursday session in Susie's Saloon.



Rene introduced Pap Dioum from Senegal, the artist/musician who organises the frequent African festivals in CC Muziek Café.

Dave introduced Michael from America, the Chief Expat Officer who organises the monthly Expat Meetup night in Molly Malone's.



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THE BARS

Bumped into Ellen and George having a drink in the Globe where 'son-in-law' Ronald was behind the bar.



M & M relaxing in the MM.



Saturday night in Coco's Outback and it was packed, as usual!



Berna was in Finnegan's Rainbow, so we had to get a photo of her with Marjolein.

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BEHIND

A new face behind the bar in Coco's Mine; J! She's Jamie to her friends, but in Coco's that sounds too much like Jaime.



How could we resist taking a photo of Annemarie with Noam in the Flying Dutchman?



Behind the bar in the Globe, this is the Ronald mentioned on the previous page.



Charlotte, Cuish, Kamila and Patrick had the main bar covered on a busy Saturday night in Coco's Outback.

It was too crowded to reach the cocktail bar, so Naked Fraser posed with Ann behind the games room bar.



BARS



I bet Patrick was busy when his brother Marcel played with Gerry McAvooy and Ted McKenna in a sold-out Maloe Melo.



It's always nice to see Desiree and Amy behind the bar in The End.

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Monday night in the Waterhole with Emily, Annelotte and Arjan...

Maryse, Iris, Koen and Mo on a Saturday...



And Lars in whatever they call the little bar these days.



RUGBY



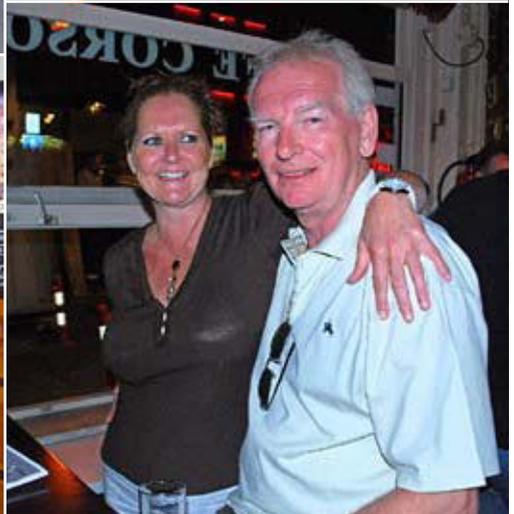
Susie's Saloon was packed during the Rugby Sevens weekend, which made taking pictures inside almost impossible. Luckily, the bar staff were out in force.



SEVENS



A full house in Café Corso too, but Mario found time to have a smoke outside.



MORE



They were Dancing on a Saturday Night to Some Band in the Old Quarter...



Gavin talked me into having my picture taken with him in the Blarney Stone.

Lilian and Peter were having a drink between sets in the Old Nickel.



And Swinging to the soulful sounds of The Stubbs in CC Muziek Café...

Where Roos, Mashya and Sam took a time-out to pose for the Amsterdam Stun.



Magic Sem dropped in for a drink with Jur in Maloe Melo, and catch a bit of Rockabilly.



ROUNDS



Jurjen was doing a bit of bar-propping during the Monday jam in the Waterhole.



It was a nice surprise seeing Franklin in Susie's Saloon - he bought me a beer too!



Zara and Marilyn spent some time in Susies' smoking room during their weekend visit.

John, Chris and Ruud only got their photo taken because Emilia was with them.



Louise in Susie's Saloon asked me to take a photo of her with Mouna. I couldn't say no.



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DOUBLE FUN

Two of the Blarney Stone barmaids held a joint party in the bar: Natalie was moving to the countryside a few days later and Marcela celebrated her birthday a few days before.



JOKES

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Tommy

The teacher asked the class to use the word “fascinate” in a sentence.

Molly put up her hand and said, “My family went to my grand dad’s farm, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating.”

The teacher said, “That was good, but I wanted you to use the word ‘fascinate’, not ‘fascinating’.”

Sally raised her hand. She said, “My family went to see Rock City and I was fascinated.”

The teacher said, “Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word ‘fascinate’.”

Little Johnny raised his hand. The teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Johnny before. She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word “fascinate”, so she called on him.

Johnny said, “My aunt Gina has a sweater with ten buttons, but her tits are so big she can only fasten eight.”

The teacher sat down and cried.

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar backwards. The man, who was a priest, said “I am a Father.”

The little boy replied “My Dad doesn’t wear his collar like that.”

The priest looked up from his book and answered “I am the Father to many.”

The boy said “My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn’t wear his collar that way.”

The priest, getting impatient, said “I am the Father to hundreds” and went back to his book.

The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said, “Maybe you should use a condom and wear your pants backwards instead of your collar.”

I met a fairy today who granted me one wish. “I want to live forever,” I said.

“Sorry,” said the fairy, “but I am not allowed to grant that type of wish.”

“Fine,” I said, “Then I want to die when Scotland wins the World Cup.”

“You crafty bastard!” said the fairy.

“Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink, I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn’t drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, “It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.”

~ Jack Handy

“I feel sorry for people who don’t drink. When they wake up in the morning, that’s as good as they’re going to feel all day.”

~ Frank Sinatra

“When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.”

~ Henry Youngman

“24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not.”

~ Stephen Wright

“When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let’s all get drunk and go to heaven!”

~ Brian O’Rourke

“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

~ Benjamin Franklin

“Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza.”

~ Dave Barry

“To some it’s a six-pack; to me it’s a Support Group. Salvation in a can!”

~ Dave Howell

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the winners of the PPL this year and it was new names on the cup this time around, I think! It used to be a big gripe with me that there were no prizes, but given the current economic circumstances, it is perhaps understandable to find that sponsors of this paper are more reluctant to dig deep into their purses. Even M.O.T.D. has suffered of late and although they still have a Goal of the Month competition, there are no prizes for guessing that there are no prizes for guessing anymore! It used to be £100 for the person who agreed with the panel of experts in the studio, but these days the Beeb has new bosses from Government house and money is apparently too tight to mention. Now that I have given the ED some breathing space, I will take this opportunity to publicly state that when

economic conditions become more favourable you should hound him to do something about it!

We know that it is all for fun, but it would not harm any of our sponsors to show a bit of

willing when times are good now would it?

Now that that is off my chest, it's onto other football matters. It looks like Guus has got the Chelsea job, but whether he can change the mind-set is something entirely different. He has not exactly taken Turkey by storm and he may be at the stage of his career when another fat pay cheque is more enticing than collecting anymore silverware. Only time will tell I guess – or should that read I Guus? He has the pedigree but does he still have the desire?

Liverpool has apparently bid eight million quid for teenage sensation Connor Wickham. Such is the state of play in the professional world of football these days that it is seemingly not enough for a player who has not kicked a ball in the top flight and has scored just 15 goals in 3

seasons. Statistics can be deceiving however, as we are all aware and the truth of the matter is that he has just turned 18 on the last day of March and most of his appearances prior to the



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demise of Roy Keane were from the bench. He was the youngest player ever to make his league bow for the Tractor Boys at 15 and surpassed Jason Dozzell's league debut baptism by a few months. He obviously has talent and is seen as a traditional centre forward in the mould of an Alan Shearer or more recently perhaps Andy Carroll. He shows maturity way beyond his tender years and has a physic akin to a brick outhouse! I have no doubt that barring serious injuries he can go onto bigger and better things, but for now I feel he would be wise to ply his trade in the Championship because he still has a lot to learn. If he goes to Liverpool or one of the big four, he can expect to spend

most of next season bench warming the bench - or worse still, just a squad player and this won't do his confidence any good and he could eventually lose his momentum.

Well, as there is no World Cup this year and a huge gap between now and the start of the new season, may I take this opportunity to thank all of you who take the trouble to read this column. I know that your team does not always get a mention and maybe when it does it may not be as favourable as you would like, but if people continue to read, then I feel obliged to write. Over the years I have been pleasantly surprised by how many people have approached me and told me they regularly read my column. They usually go on to explain that most of it is utter rubbish, but without their and your interest - for good, bad, or indifferent reasons, I would not even bother to be absolutely frank. And I am absolutely frank of course!

Let us hope that next season fulfils all your footballing wishes, but remember that in football, as indeed in life, our dreams are invariably there only to be broken, but without the dream there is no beginning.

And finally, congratulations to Ajax here in the Netherlands because against all the odds of a few short months ago, they went on to lift the title for the first time in seven seasons! Next season they won't have to qualify for the Champions League either and thanks to the financial gains just getting into the competition proper presents, they may be able to hang on to some of their rising stars and perhaps recruit a few too!

Frank

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IN THE BACK

Now that Jaime is a married man, does it mean we've seen the last of him posing for photos like this with his colleagues in Coco's Outback? I very much doubt it!



Tia came to visit Trudy in the Waterhole and ended up helping out.

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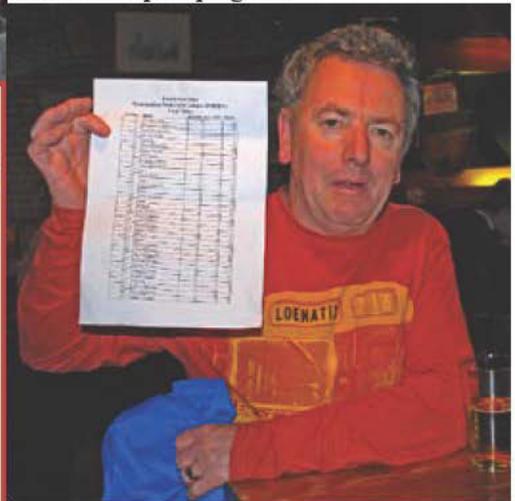
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No cup and no prizes, but Jim and Marianne will go down in history as the first ever joint winners of the Amsterdam Stun Premiership Predictions League. Congratulations! Here's the final table; how did you do?

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

HELP

Whether you live in Amsterdam or are just visiting, we hope you don't need to make use of this list. But just in case...

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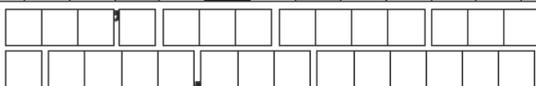
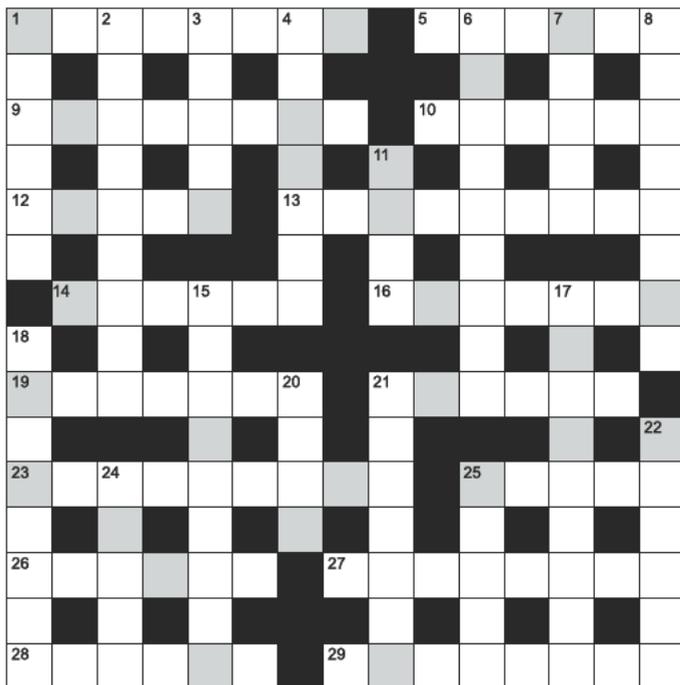
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Across

- 1: Hover. (8)
 5: French city. (6)
 9: Marketable. (8)
 10: Silver wattle. (6)
 12: Calls. (5)
 13: Bequeathed. (9)
 14: Repairing. (6)
 16: Bread browner. (7)
 19: Margins of safety. (7)
 21: Perfecting. (6)
 23: Taboo. (3,6)
 25: Panorama. (5)
 26: Runway. (6)
 27: Mountaineer. (8)
 28: Divan. (6)
 29: Male siblings. (8)

Down

- 1: Shine. (6)
 2: Lover. (9)
 3: Rips. (5)
 4: Blabbing. (7)
 6: Make sure. (9)
 7: Implied. (5)
 8: Norm. (8)
 11: Starts a question. (4)
 15: Lifeless. (9)
 17: Citrus fruit. (9)
 18: Apportioned. (8)
 20: Lean. (4)
 21: Prostitute. (7)
 22: Orange/brown butterflies. (6)
 24: Hairy. (5)
 25: Patrick, from Ireland. (5)



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Last Month's Answer

And Mankind created God in its own image.

Across: 8 Star, 9 Elder, 10 Envy, 11 Impact, 12 Responds, 13 Deciders, 15 Argued, 17 Tangent, 19 Derange, 22 Deigns, 24 Indebted, 26 Outburst, 28 Onager, 30 Isle, 31 Minus, 32 Carp.

Down: 1 Atom, 2 Dreaming, 3 Nettle, 4 Address, 5 Dressage, 6 Mekong, 7 Avid, 14 Evade, 16 Eagle, 18 Nostrums, 20 Ambiance, 21 Dieting, 23 Gilet, 25 Drowsy, 27 Ursa, 29 Earn.

It must have been tough because we didn't get any entries, so nobody wins the bottle of Whisky, courtesy of London Bridge English Pub.

