

# AMSTERDAM STUN

A vibrant street scene in Amsterdam during a festival, likely King's Day. The street is filled with a large crowd of people, many wearing orange. In the foreground, a market stall with a blue and white striped tablecloth displays various items, including a LEGO box. A man in an orange shirt is seated at the stall. The background shows historic Dutch architecture and red lanterns hanging from the buildings.

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# The Editor's Bit

Another month, another Stun and after getting the last one finished in record time, I'm back to writing this on a Friday morning with the sun streaming through the window after pulling another all-nighter. I probably could have finished earlier, but we're in the process of changing internet & phone provider and both services got cut off on Wednesday.

That could have spelt disaster, but my new provider, XS4All, provided a UMTS dongle as a stop-gap. The only trouble was, it only works on one computer at a time and I couldn't reach the rest of our local network to print or transfer files, which slowed down production of the Stun quite a bit.

After a bit of investigation, I discovered that a dongle can be plugged into the new router that will be installed by XS4All later today, but I didn't know what settings to use. I sent an e-mail to the help desk at 21:15, and much to my surprise, got a reply an hour later with detailed instructions on how to set it up. That made things much easier and I could print again, so thank you XS4All, you saved this edition of Stun.

Now, I'd better finish this and upload it to the printers before the man from XS4All arrives. All of our usual stuff is here for you, including photos from St. Patrick's Day, so enjoy your Stun.

*Andy*



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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.

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Look who's working in the London Bridge, Ashley! She's a natural behind the bar - it must be in her blood.



Lauren was in the Flying Dutchman with her cousin Nicole, who was visiting from South Africa, leaving Mathijs at home looking after baby Kenzo.

Have a drink in the Stone's Café and you'll soon discover that Lisette is a star behind the bar.



It was double trouble in Susie's Saloon when Emilia's twin sister Julia was in town.



# TALES FROM

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

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

Andy and I were invited to Ans' birthday party, so we got her a present and a nice bottle of wine.

When the (sun) day arrived, we remembered we didn't actually know where the temporary bus stop was situated (we've been living across from a humongous building site for months, plus the road was dug up for repaving!). We walked and looked, walked a bit more before we realised there was no temporary bus stop to be found. They'd promised us!

So we turned around and walked to the next stop the other way. By the time we got there I



was too tired to go any further, so we turned round again and went back home.

That's why there's no Party Pics.

We do, however, have a photo of Ashley and her granddad, Klaas. Ashley, nineteen



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# THE GUTTER

years young this month, is a third generation bartender, following in her grandmother's and her mother's footsteps.

Klaas I haven't seen in a long time, but we hope he'll come and visit us sometime when he's in A'dam.

This month it was Andy's turn to pick a



name out of the hat to find the winner of last month's crossword puzzle. Steve Currie was the lucky one, and he wins a pitcher of beer and a turn on one of the many tables in the Poolhole. Have fun!

And now for something completely different: More and more people in Amsterdam are struggling to make ends meet, I'm sure you all know, and we've been thinking about how the Stun could maybe do something to help.

We've come up with: One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure! As in don't throw things away anymore, but find someone you could give your "undesirables" to!

Your surplus goods could well be very welcome in other households where money is a bit tight at the moment.

It can be anything from furniture to curtains, electronic stuff, clothes, books, tents, lamps, you name it, somebody will need it!

So if you do have stuff you don't need or want anymore, why not put a small ad in the Amsterdam Stun (at no cost!), for someone to come and pick it up for free.

You're happy because it's out of your way, they're happy because they don't have to buy it, it's a sort of recycling, which in turn is good for the planet, hence for all of us!

And of course people who are in need of something in particular can also put in a small ad (at no cost!) and ask if maybe somebody has it and doesn't need it anymore

To kick off the "One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure" campaign, we have something we want to give away, and we really hope someone wants it.

What is it, you wonder?

See the photo of Andy on this page, he's sitting in it! It's an untreated wooden rocking chair, could do with a lick of paint, throw in a few cushions, it's very sturdy and could be yours for years to come. Give us a ring, fax or e-mail, we'll make an appointment and you can pick it up. See you soon.

I'm sure a lot of people don't actually read all the adverts every time the new Stun is out, but don't skip the British General Store ad (page 4), because it invites you to the "Braderie" on May 19th. I love a good braderie, lots of people, music, different foodstuffs, etc. Hope to see you there.

And of course on Queens-Day, don't want to miss that!

Have fun!

*Elly*



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# WARMOESSTRAAT CENTRUM



Cakes all round when Pauline dropped in the Old Quarter on husband Robert's birthday.



Gabriela was in the Stone's Café with Jesus, who was back in town for a short visit.

Behind the bar in the Old Nickel, Albert.



While Kirsty & Millie were in Scotland, Matt was roaming Warmoesstraat with Banana and a couple of cola crates.



In the Old Quarter, Ellen was reluctant about having her photo taken, but birthday-boy Karl helped change her mind.



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# Trial Separation

After 25 years together, Richard & Tineke are spending time apart - in the Flying Dutchman.



Richard had his arm round Sandra...  
So Tineke wrapped both arms round Valentino.



What's this? Richard locking lips with Adva!



The following night, it was Disco in the Dutchman and Tineke was dallying with David down in the smoking room.



Richard was doing his best to get up close and personal with Agi, but she got away.



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# Seen On Stage



Musicians aplenty at the Monday Open Mike night in Partycafé Candela; Cezar and Alina were on stage when I arrived.

Rap was just one of the musical offerings at the Urban Mix Up in CC Muziekcafé.



They usually finish by midnight, but Xander, Milos and Jaap were still playing at 2am.

There was some sweet sixties soul when The Stubbs played in Maloe Melo.



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Warbling barmaid Beth joined Stijn, Jeroen and Daniel on stage in the Waterhole.

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# What's On

# STUN

It's 25 years ago this month that Coco's first opened on Thorbeckeplein, so they're celebrating with daily specials and Fancy Dress parties every Saturday throughout April. There are also extra prizes to be won during the Pub Quiz on Tuesday 10th, and I'm sure they'll come up with a few more surprises before the month is out, so drop in Coco's Outback or visit their website if you don't want to miss out on any of the fun.

Another milestone on Wednesday 11th April, when the One Night Stan Jam Session will mark Stan van den Busken's 1500th gig in the Waterhole! A lot of great musicians have shared the stage with Stan, in the old and new Waterhole, since the first gig over 20 years ago, so expectations of a good turnout are high and we can look forward to a memorable night.

The Sharpees will be rocking Molly's on the 27th & 28th April. I really enjoyed the show they put on in Molly Malone's last year and am looking forward to seeing them again.

And then it's Queen's Night! I haven't heard much about what's happening yet, but will keep my eyes & ears open.

On Queen's Day, Monday 30th April, CC Muziekcafé are having an Outdoor Reggae party, Susie's Saloon have live music from their very own All Star band, and there will be something happening wherever you turn.

## 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*  
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell*  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Michael Strobel Jam Session, *Jam session with both modern and classic rock.*

### 9th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Urban Mix Up!  
*rap/soul/jazz €3*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Will and the People,

### 16th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, €3

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *8 rounds of brain-teasing questions! €2.50 per person, all money taken will be given back out in prizes. Booking ahead advised (0611958949) as they always fill up.*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Lost Noise,

22:00, **The Waterhole**, Traffic Junction,

### 23rd April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, €3

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Voluntary Madness,

### 30th April 2012

12:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Queen's Day Outdoor Reggae, *Peter Lloyd Experience, The Basque Diktatorz*

12:00, **Susies Saloon**, Live Music with Susies' All Stars,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dancing with the Queen, €5

22:30, **The Waterhole**, FRENCH WASTE!!!,

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# GIG-LIST

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## Tuesday

### Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball & Open Mic, *4 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 Jam Session, *Soul Night in the Waterhole with born entertainer Julius E. Green*

### 10th April 2012

19:30, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz - 25 Years of Coco's Special, *Entry price: €3, maximum 5 persons to a team. 1st Prize: 5 tickets to Cirque Du Soleil. 2nd Prize: each team member gets a €30 voucher to spend at Cocos. 3rd Prize: 1 €30 voucher. 4th Prize: 10 shots of Jagermeister.*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Traveller,

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

### 17th April 2012

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Kid Champion,

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

### 24th April 2012

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Tuesday,

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

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## Wednesday

### Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, CC Jazz Nights, *Live Music* €3

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

22:30, **The Waterhole**, One Night Stan Jam Session, *Pop, Rock, Latin Jam with Stan the Man*

23:00, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,

### 11th April 2012

20:00, **Susies Saloon**, Blondie Chaplin,

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Georges Poems,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Traveller, Feather & The White, Barzin, €5

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's 1500th Waterhole gig!!! *Pop, Rock, Latin Jam with Stan the Man*

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## Wednesday

### 18th April 2012

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Damn Right Rocks,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Forget Me Nuts, The Vulgarettes, €5

### 25th April 2012

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *8 rounds of brain-teasing questions! €2.50 per person, all money taken will be given back out in prizes. Booking ahead advised (0611958949) as they always fill up.*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, JR & the Mutations,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Attitudes, Mudbag, €5

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## Thursday

### Weekly

20:00, **Cafe Candela**, Student Night, *great music, great offers*

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

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Open Jam with Peter Lavell, *all styles welcome*

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

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

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser's Rock Jam, *Rock n Roll Jam with former Herman Brood Drummer Gus Genser*

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Rahim (except 12th)*





# THE STUN

## Thursday

12th April 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Punk/Hardcore Night, *Jonestown Aloha, GAS, De Aanslag* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Chasin Allister,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dr Buster Dynamite Records & ReggaeRecipe present: The Delegators, *Rocksteady from the soul, London* €7.50

19th April 2012

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Woohoo,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Slow Jeff & The Tears, €5

26th April 2012

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap: PopRock, *Sir Moor and the Big Spoons, Desert Fish, Headwear* €5

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

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Blue Ordinary, Bluestone, *blues* €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 3*

22:30, **Old Quarter**, Some Band - Unplugged, *Live music with Stan van den Busken, Micky Llewellyn & Joyce Grimes*

6th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Mosquito, *funk/jazz/soul* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Gonzo,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These 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**, The Toothpicks, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, WASTE,

13th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Wrldbeat, *world music* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Harry doesn't mind,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition*

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

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

20th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Shannon Hurley, *Banda Maloca, singer-songwriter, Brazilian* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Connection,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy Humphreys, *Irish singer/entertainer on tour*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Adels, *Rockabilly (Italy)* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Alkazar,

27th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, €5


21:00, **The Waterhole**, Onder voorbehoud,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Sharpees, *a top Blues/Rock Guitar band, delivering a professional, no compromise performance of music influenced by Rory Gallagher, Tom Petty, Dr Feelgood, The Stones...*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Lucky Devils, *psychobilly (France)* €5


23:00, **The Waterhole**, SPIT!

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# GIG-LIST

## Saturday

### Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Live Music, *with Top local acts*  
 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*  
 22:30, **Old Quarter**, Some Band - Unplugged, *Live music with Stan van den Busken, Micky Llewellyn & Joyce Grimes*

### 7th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Clone Original, *covers* €5  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Kelly's vacation,  
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Dave Mullins, *singer/songwriter/guitarist*  
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, SouthernTrain, €5  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, B-Where,

### 14th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Onder Voorbehoud, Robert Fossen + Peter Struijk & The Dynaflo, *pop/rock, blues* €5  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Handsfree,  
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition*  
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Blues, €5  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Prepare 2 unload,

### 21st April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Red Over Black, Whatever, *rock* €5  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, 30 past 7,  
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy Humphreys, *Irish singer/entertainer on tour*  
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wolfpin, *Bluesrock from the south* €5  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Wendies,

## Saturday

### 28th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, The Basque Diktatorz, €5  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sticky Honey,  
 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Sharpees, *a top Blues/Rock Guitar band, delivering a professional, no compromise performance of music influenced by Rory Gallagher, Tom Petty, Dr Feelgood, The Stones...*  
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wrldbeat, *Reggae Rocksteady* €5  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, 2Choices,

## Sunday

### Weekly

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee with The Mosquitos, *A great way to end your weekend or start your 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 Lamar Chase*  
 22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session with a mixture of pop rock with a feminine touch*  
 23:00, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,

### 8th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Greek Music Night, €3

### 15th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Sunday City Sounds, Laura Stavinoha, Oscar van der Meer, Rick Franssens €5

### 22nd April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, €3

### 29th April 2012

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Klezmer, *live music* €5

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# ROUND

I've taken photos of Olly De Quartz ever since they first hit town, but never been in one with them, until now. That's me between Amadeus, Fritz, Olly and their #1 fan Josie.



Jennie and Caroline were having a drink in De Poort after their trip to the Movies.



The James van Amstel Memorial rugby match was followed by some serious drinking in Café Corso; Steve and Melanie were still going strong well past midnight.



It was a quiet night in the Waterhole, but at least Beth and Ilze were there.



Roger the DJ takes care of the music in Coco's Mine a couple of times a month.

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# THE BARS



Coco's regular Roland could never get in the Stun, until Amy and Jess posed with him.



They like group shots in Susie's Saloon; here are Mike, Patrick, Louise, Brad, Arthur, Tony and Nadine in the smoking room.

Even when they're not working, there's a good chance of catching the Badia's in Coco's.



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In the Waterhole, it's Rauli's Angels: Denise, Eva and Lisanne.



Candy Kane joined Jur behind the bar after performing on stage in Maloe Melo.



We don't visit their bars very often, so the only way Player's barman Mike and Tony from Rick's Café could get in the Stun was by posing with Louise in Susie's Saloon.

# BEHIND

It's Diego's first appearance in the Stun, behind the bar in The End with Desiree.



Coco's Outback have got new T-shirts to coincide with 25 years of Coco's in April, and who better to model them than two of the newest members of the crew, James and Jess.



# BARS

There are some big prizes up for grabs at the next Pub Quiz in Coco's Outback, hosted by barmen Fraser and Adriaan.



Adva is a regular in the Flying Dutchman, but had never been in the Stun, so Noam made sure we noticed her.



Here are Yves and Elisa in the Poolhole, sponsors of this month's Stun Prize Crossword.



Fritz had a big grin on his face while he was pulling beers in CC Muziekcafé.

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# PADDY'S DAY



In the Old Quarter, Robert was friendly, but Deborah was “Officially Friendly Staff”.

Julia and Pat were busy pulling pints of Guinness in Molly Malone's.



Molly's was packed, with far too many people to mention by name and live music from the Green Hill Travellers.



Gillian and Magda were behind the bar of the Blarney Stone during my first visit.

Pauline and Marcelle had taken over when I dropped in on my way home.







# Matt & Pat's Party

Good reason for another party in Molly's with the departure of long-serving barmen Matt and Pat. There was music from Peter Carroll, snacks from Aad and a good time for everybody who turned up to see them off.







# In The Dutchman

Valentino, Tineke, Klaas and Phyllis were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new Stun.



Gavin refused to pose for a photo with Josie.

After finishing work next door, Tracey dropped in for a chat with Tineke.



Lesley came in for a drink and got a hug from Klaas.

Mike and Finn were on the decks at the Dutchman Disco.



# JOKES

With Jokers: Billy, John, Tineke & Tommy

Two businessmen in the centre of Cape Town were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new shop. As yet, the shop wasn't ready, with only a few shelves set up. One said to the other, "I bet any minute now, some pensioner is going to walk by, put their face to the window, and ask what we're selling."

No sooner were the words out of his mouth when sure enough, a curious old woman walked to the window, had a peek, and in a soft voice asked, "What are you selling here?" One of the men replied sarcastically, "We're selling ass-holes."

Without skipping a beat, the old dear said, "Must be doing well...Only two left."

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A brain walks into a bar and says, "I'll have a pint of beer please."

The barman looks at him and says "Sorry, I can't serve you."

"Why not?" asks the brain.

"You're already out of your head."

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A Jamaican lady gives birth to twins but unfortunately falls unconscious after a somewhat arduous birth. When she comes to, a few days later, the nurse reassures her that everything is fine, and that her brother had taken care of naming the babies, one boy and one girl. "Oh no, he's a complete idiot with that kind of thing", protests the mother. "Well OK, I suppose you'd better tell me what he's gone and called them. So what's the girl's name?" "Denise" says the nurse.

"Oh, that's a nice name, perhaps I overreacted a little just now. And what about the boy's name?" "Denephew".

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My mate asked me if I wanted to buy his entire collection of Bucks Fizz memorabilia. I'm still making my mind up.

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Sex is like playing bridge... if you don't have a good partner you better have a good hand.

You won't be hearing from me for a while. The police are investigating me for stealing a swimming pool inflatable. Gotta lilo.

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Do transvestite psychiatrists wear Freudian slips?

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My vegan transvestite friend is heavily into salad dressing.

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The doctor has told me I've got to watch my drinking... so I'm sitting in front of the mirror with a pint.

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I woke up this morning as an Irishman. Think I must have contracted Dermatitis.

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There was a ram raid at the Apple Store. The police want to talk to iWitnesses...

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I've heard that a local brothel has become very health conscious... they carefully examine all new members.

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Women always say that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the nuts. Here is proof that they are wrong. A year or so after giving birth, a women will often say "it would be nice to have another kid".

You never hear a guy say "I would like another kick in the nuts".

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Bernie was invited to his friend's home for dinner. Morris, the host, called his wife by many endearing terms, calling her Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc. Bernie looked at Morris and remarked, "That is really nice. After all these years, you still call your wife those pet names."

Morris hung his head and whispered, "To tell the truth, I forgot her name years ago."



# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

And if we all thought it was only our very own Howard Webb who made a mockery of refereeing, then think again! Here in the Netherlands they have one too and his name is Bjorn Kuipers! On Tuesday evening in the second leg of the prestigious Champions league quarter-final between Barcelona and AC Milan at the Nou Camp, he almost single-handedly ensured that the Spanish giants progressed, to the horror of Italians and dismay of armchair neutrals.

This game was obviously too big for this Dutch official, who seemed to bend over backwards to acknowledge the fact that of the 120,000 supporters packed into the Nou Camp, at least 110,000 were supporting Barcelona! He completely ruined the game as a spectacle by not letting the game flow as his whistle stop tour of Spain incensed not only the Milan supporters, but also the vast majority of the television-viewing public! Speaking to a lot of Dutch fans over here, they spoke as one when they said that here in the Netherlands, he would never have given a penalty for a shirt tug. And let's face it, if he was consistent and applied the letter of the law every time, then he would be awarding at least five penalties a

game! Milan will feel aggrieved, and rightly so, because in the second half, he ignored their appeals for a spot-kick, having already given two to Barcelona very cheaply. What promised to be an exciting encounter, which was building nicely, was destroyed by this man's petty interference and his inability to play the advantage rule – preferring to halt play immediately and wave another yellow card in the general direction of the Italians. In the end, two penalty goals from Lionel Messi and another from Andres Iniesta was enough to see the Spanish progress and even when Antonio Norcerino scored a last gasp first half equaliser, you just knew that this Dutch disciplinarian was hell bent on seeing the home side through. And so it was to prove.

Barcelona are a very good team and of this there is no doubt. They play an attacking brand of football that delights the crowds. All the more reason to believe they did not need help from officials to reach their fifth Champions league semi-final in five years! Pep Guardiola, the coach of Barcelona, said it was an amazing run to get this far again and of course he is absolutely right. Sometimes, watching them pass is more akin to fantasy football than it is to reality and the wealth of talent they have on show is truly astonishing. Chelsea will have to deal with it in the semi-final, having swept an injury weakened Benfica in another quarter-final. The Londoners have improved discernibly of late, but not enough to suggest a passage through to the finals, and on paper at least, I cannot see them stopping them in their tracks. Bayern Munich and Real Madrid are the only other pretenders to the throne and with the

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right referee at the helm, the final promises to be an enthralling affair.

Here in the Netherlands and it is still a six horse race! Ajax have now pushed on in front against all the odds, and with injured players now on the mend and a rich vein of form enhancing their chances further, they will take some stopping now. The crunch game could be this Wednesday when they take on sixth placed Heerenveen away. A victory here and it could be all over bar the shouting. A defeat and the most exciting Eredivisie Championship since 1956 is back on hold!

And finally, in England it is looking increasingly likely that Sir Alex will raise aloft the Premier title once again. They are now five points clear of arch rivals Manchester City and the games are running out. Sad though it is for long suffering supporters of the men in blue, it may go to show that money can't buy you love and probably can't buy you any silverware either. There is always next year I suppose.

***Frank***

# PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League looks on Friday 6th April 2012.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andy F	6	2	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Okeje	4	8	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grouty	5	4	19
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gareth Kingdon	5	4	19
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tom	5	3	18
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Schuffelen	5	2	17
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Stopforth	5	2	17
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Stopforth	4	5	17
9 <sup>th</sup>	Elwin Borgman	4	4	16
10 <sup>th</sup>	Buster	4	4	16
11 <sup>th</sup>	Daf Matheson	3	7	16
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Marie	4	3	15
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Passey	4	3	15
14 <sup>th</sup>	Arun Pankerd	3	6	15
15 <sup>th</sup>	Willie Wood	4	2	14
16 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Scholes	4	2	14
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stones	3	5	14
18 <sup>th</sup>	Trish Raftery	4	1	13
19 <sup>th</sup>	David (PT)	3	4	13
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mireille Mannee	3	4	13
21 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Mahon	3	3	12
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Iwan Matheson	3	3	12
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Paddy Wynne	3	3	12
24 <sup>th</sup>	Marianne Peereboom	2	6	12
25 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Matheson	2	6	12
26 <sup>th</sup>	John Raftery	2	6	12
27 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Pendleton	2	5	11
28 <sup>th</sup>	Nix Nicoll	2	5	11
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mathew Wright	2	5	11
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bertus v/d Moelen	3	1	10
31 <sup>st</sup>	Carlos Macedo	2	4	10
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Finnegans	2	4	10
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank Weston	2	4	10
34 <sup>th</sup>	Josie Gladden	2	4	10
35 <sup>th</sup>	Ruben Dukker	3	0	9
36 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Ceasar	2	3	9
37 <sup>th</sup>	Callum Dickie	1	6	9
38 <sup>th</sup>	Stuart Davidson	2	1	7
39 <sup>th</sup>	Jim McGrath	1	4	7
40 <sup>th</sup>	David Kingdon	2	0	6
41 <sup>st</sup>	Gijs Daalmijer	1	3	6
42 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Koopmans	1	3	6
43 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephen Kingdon	0	5	5
44 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Pendleton	0	2	2

# IN THE BACK

Stuart is prepared to risk the curse of the Premier Predictions League by having his photo taken. As a previous winner, he knows it's how you finish that counts and said he couldn't do any worse, but he's dropped 10 places since last month.



Now that Ajax are top of the Eredivisie, Paul from Finnegan's Rainbow isn't afraid of the curse either, and he went up 10 places.



There weren't many musicians around, so Micky and Long got in the photo with Dennis in the back of the Waterhole.



Shaun only just made this edition of the Stun: He was just leaving the Flying Dutchman when I arrived.

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# In Memory of William Allen Cloud

† 8th January 1950 - 14th March 2012 †



It came as a shock to hear that Willie, the former owner of the Flying Dutchman, passed away while on holiday in Thailand. I didn't get to see Willie for a drink the last time he was in Amsterdam and now I never will.

His mortal remains have now returned home to the United States and he will shortly be laid to rest next to his beloved wife Paula. Our thoughts go out to the family and friends he leaves behind.

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