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The Editor's Bit

Here we go with the first Stun of 2013, a bit later than I originally had in mind, but earlier than the alternative, which was a combined January/February Stun. I could tell you why we're late, but I don't want to bore you.

The City Council are promoting a lot of momentous occasions this year, like 400 years of the canal belt, 225 years of Felix Meritis and 125 years of the Concertgebouw. Well, you can add another anniversary to that illustrious list: 20 years of the Amsterdam Stun! We're not planning a party, but if anybody would like to throw one in our honour, we'll be delighted.

Nobody gets an honourable mention for identifying the location of the Christmas tree on last month's cover, because nobody seemed to know that it was on Thorbeckeplein.

Let's have another go: the first 5 people to e-mail/sms me the names of the two bars on the front cover will receive an honourable mention in next month's Stun.

We haven't got much in the way of Christmas photos in this edition, but it will be different next month, because we're going to the Charity Chicken Foundation's Alternative Xmas Party in Molly Malone's on the 25th January. You can read all about it on page 9.

Talking of Molly Malone's, they have generously donated the prize for this month's crossword, a meal for two.

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.

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

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- John Gregory
- Ken Parsons
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- Pete Bradley
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- Tommy McKeown

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Page Three

Anita and Denise were getting into the Christmas spirit in Molly Malone's.



Saturday night in the Stone's Café, with Marina and Lisette behind the bar.

Behind the bar in Susie's Saloon, Patricia and Louise were looking festive.



Brenda came over from America to meet her long-lost Finnish cousin Maria (ex-Rock Planet) for the first time and we met them in Susie's Saloon.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Aaron, Ahmed, Aimee & Shannon, Aislinn, Angelica, Anne-Mary, Archie, Bas, Billy, Caitlin, Case, Ceesje, Crystal, Daniel, Danny, David, Dean, Deb, Denson, Eamon, Eddy, Gray, Hailey, Hannah, Helle, Henk, Jacqueline, Jane, Janet, Jel, Jennie, Jessie, Jill, Jim, Joanna, Johan, John, Jurjen, Karen, Kealan, Kerstin, Lana, Lin, Liz, Margaret, Mark, Marlene, Marsh, Max, Mickey, Mike, Miranda, Muria, Myrza, Nathalie, Neil, Nico, Olav, Pasja, Patricia, Patrick, Paul, Phil, Piet, Richard, Rob, Robbie, Rocco, Romme, Roger, Rosa, Russ, Seamus, Stan, Tam, Ted, Tom, Tony, Tracy, Val, Victor, Vincent.

Happy Anniversary Edward & Jane, John & Suchada, Cathy & Chick, Monique & Willem.

I know Elly usually fills these two pages, but for this month only, you've got me, her husband Andy, writing here instead. Why's that, you may ask.

Well, it's because Elly hasn't been out much since the last Stun came out, the Wietpas issue is no longer an issue and there hasn't been much happening in politics that warrants writing one of her famous Rants.

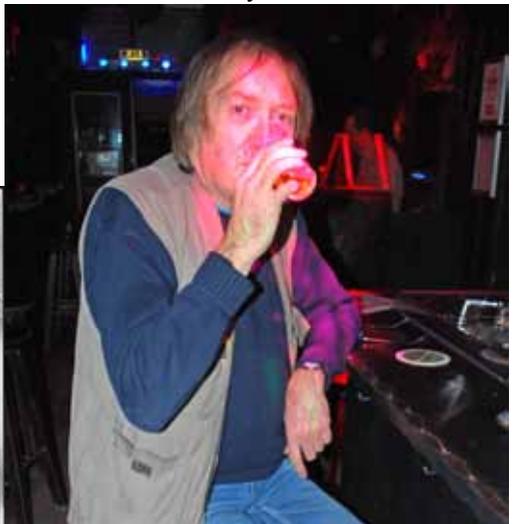
We did go out for Christmas dinner with my sister-in-law Ans, niece Roxanne and her friend Andy at their place. If I'd taken a few photos, Elly would have probably spun a story around them, but I only took one and promised not to publish it in the Stun, so nothing there.

On the Saturday before Christmas, we went to the Lindengracht market, where we bumped into Joost. I didn't have my camera with me, so I used my phone for this picture.



Joost told us that his mother Rita really enjoyed the Rodos Bar Reunion last September, which is why she stayed so long, and hopes there will be another one in a few years time.

People are always asking to take photos of me with my camera and I frequently say no, but here's one taken by Alex in Coco's Mine.



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GUTTER



Big Franky in De Pul/Pint is proud of his Wall of Fame featuring him with the stars and shows it off to everybody.



He also likes getting whoever's in the bar on a photo when I drop in. Don't know the name of this guy with Franky and Ricardo.

Finally, please keep a lookout for Baboushka, she's a lovely dog and her owner misses her.

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Bianca came from behind the bar to join Gisella, Rafa and Polly for a Tuesday night photo in the Stone's Café.

Mark was on another flying visit to see Beth, which included drinks in the Old Quarter.



Saturday night in the Stone's Café and Claudia was working with Lisette.

What a surprise! Robert and Deborah behind the Old Quarter bar together.



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ONE NIGHT IN...

Molly Malone's on the Saturday before Christmas, with Andy Mac Unfraidh on stage.



Original manager Bernie was there with Tommy and Rodney.

Molly's manager Steven and his twin Brian had a visit from their parents, Cor and Anne.



Josie posed with a festive looking Mark...

Previous manager Matthew dropped in, en route from Portugal to England.



and made sure Steven got in the picture.

Time For More Chicken

Molly Malone's in association with the Charity Chicken Foundation are pleased to announce the first Charity Chicken Event of 2013:

THE ALTERNATIVE XMAS PARTY

It's time to blow the post Christmas and New Year blues out of the window and get out and party! With the help of Molly Malone's, we are throwing our version of the Xmas party and you know what that means! Mayhem and Madness in pure CCF fashion!

Fancy dress with a Xmas theme is optional, but there will be a prize for the best or most outrageous costume, so get your tinsel, glue and string out and thinking cap on.

Make a note of the date in your diary: Friday 25th January. (Yes, the first pay-day of the year too!)

The madness kicks off with an exclusive set from DJ Chunky Chicken, who will be playing

all the Xmas classics that you love (and hate), together with the best sounds from the 80's to the present day.

Still not convinced?

Bad Santa and the Exotic Elves will be rocking Molly's to the max until the wee hours of the morning. This is a one-off performance from a band that should not be missed!

The night will be fed by the generous hospitality and snacks of Molly Malone's. And Homemade mince-pies all round!

There will, of course, be the (now legendary) CCF Raffle Prize Draw!! With superb prizes courtesy of our friends and sponsors.



For those of you who have not been to a CCF event, be warned, as the die hard fans will tell you, these are fully grown men dressed as giant chickens getting up to all sorts of shenanigans in the name of raising money for a fantastic cause.

We have even managed to get hold of a set of stocks for the evening! You could always volunteer to do a stint or, better still, for a small donation you can press gang somebody else to do a stint (a great opportunity to bring the boss along).

All the proceeds from this Charity event are to be donated to The Early Learning and Development Centre for Down Syndrome, based in Kiev, Ukraine. For more information (or to make a donation online) please visit our website:

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WHAT'S ON

There's a new host, and name, for Monday nights in the **Waterhole**; Waste guitarist **Onno Postma** will be inviting different special guests to start the week with a refreshing jam at the **Monday Hangover Sessions!** Bring your instrument and join in, or just bring yourself and enjoy the (90's/00's) music.

Mosquito, who play the **Sunday Matinee** and host the Tuesday Jam Session in the **Waterhole**, have made their long-awaited appearance in Dutch TV series "Penoza" and not as musicians: they play a bunch of gangsters! If you missed it on TV, the whole series is available online at penoza.kro.nl, with Theo, Buddy, Gregorio and Rikkert appearing in the last three episodes of series 2.

Coco's Outback are getting ready for their biggest party of the year: **Australia Day** on the 26th January! And it falls on a Saturday this year! Things lined up for your enjoyment include: Toss the Boss from 13:00 till 14:00 (flip a coin and when you choose the right side, you get your pint of Heineken for FREE), Raffle at 20:00 (Tickets €1. 1st prize: a Case of VB, 2nd: €30 Coco's voucher, 3rd: 9 shots of Jagermeister), Coco's house DJ playing Aussie tunes, Triple J hottest 100, Free Lamingtons, Australian food specials and of course, Happy Hours. Coco's Outback will be busy all day and in the evening, it won't take too long to reach full capacity of 600, so if you don't want to miss out, get there early!

Folk Fusion Festival

Local singer, musician and entertainer Ken Parsons will be hosting his second Folk Fusion Festival in Paradiso on Tuesday 12th February. This time, it's the Folk Punk Edition and his special guests are Patrik Fitzgerald and Attila the Stockbroker.

Patrik Fitzgerald is very much the unsung Bob Dylan figure of the punk movement of '77. His song "Safety Pin Stuck in My Heart" has been covered by countless artists including Chumbawumba and The Wonderstuff. He has worked alongside members of the UK Subs and the Buzzcocks and has been revered by many people, including Dead Kennedy's singer Jello Biafra, poet Benjamin Zephaniah and Oasis manager Alan McGee. Patrik's live performance is as sharp and engaging as ever, with cutting socially critical lyrics and passionate delivery.

Attila the Stockbroker is best known as the late John Peel's favourite ranting poet. Disestablished since 1980, for more than thirty years he has been whipping up a storm with a potent mix of radical rhymes, surrealist storytelling and raucous rants. One of the most prolific performance poets on the planet, he was described as "Magnificent" by BBC Radio 4.

It is very rare to see two such renowned underground artists together and Patrik has not played in the Netherlands for decades, so it is a very special event and not to be missed.



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STUN GIG-LIST

Monday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Coco's Live Music PopShow (quiz in English), followed by *De Live Karaoke Band* €5

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lazy Monday,

Open jam night hosted by Theo Mosquito

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**, Monday Hangover Session, *Onno Postma invites different special guests to start the week with a refreshing Jam session.*

21st January 2013

22:00, **Player's Café**, Joe Rocker, *the best Joe Cocker tribute band around*

Tuesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Magic Gumball & Open Mic, with 4 different acts

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night, *An explosive combination of international songs and funky people from all over the world*

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

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Tuesday Night Jam Session, with *Mosquito*

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, with *Kevin Chapman (except 22nd)*

Tuesday

22nd January 2013

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

12th February 2013

20:00, **Paradiso**, Folk Fusion Festival – Punk Folk Edition, *Attila the Stockbroker, Patrik Fitzgerald, hosted by Ken Parsons.* €8 + memb.

Wednesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Jazz and More, *CC Jazz Nights* €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,

23rd January 2013

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Karl's Poppers (rock/blues), followed by *Maarten's After Midnight session* €5

30th January 2013

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.*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jonathan Rex & Friends, €5

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Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Thursday Tunes Jam, *Pop/Rock/Blues/Funk*
20:30, **Cafe Candela**, Live Jam Session, *with Marcos Gomez & Celina Yebra Alvarez*
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Open Jam with Peter Lavell, *all styles welcome*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Lamar Chase*

24th January 2013

20:30, **Volta**, Spelen voor de Grap, *Le Fromage, The Delicate Project* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hit Me,
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get a free shot for singing & a chance to win a €30 Coco's Voucher!*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Ardor Lane,

31st January 2013

20:30, **Volta**, Pop/Rock Night, *Attention Disorder, Where is Waldo* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Suspenders,
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, We Love The 80's & 90's, *with DJ. All cocktails 1/2 price from 22:00 'til close.*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser's Rock Jam, *Rock n Roll Jam with former Herman Brood Drummer Gus Genser*

Friday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell and his Illegible Guitbox Banging Gritmoaners, *Roots and 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*

25th January 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, The 420's (ska/jazz), *Pubelle (pop/soul/jazz)* €5
20:30, **Volta**, Punk Night, *The Local Spastics + 1 more band* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sandy Rocks,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mosquito, *Funky soul*
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Charity Chicken Alternative Xmas Party, *Bad Santa and the Exotic Elves, plus an exclusive set from DJ "Chunky Chicken"*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Los Bandos, *rockabilly* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Revival,

1st February 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Sonnyboy, *alternative/funk* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Kawasaki's,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Guttersnipes, *singer/songwriter/guitarists*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *rockabilly* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever,

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Saturday

Weekly

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

26th January 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Ranyada, €5
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Australia Day Party,
celebrate in Amsterdam's only Aussie bar.
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Pogo a Gogo,
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Archie & Friends,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer
songwriter in the best rock tradition*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Shufflekings, *blues* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jack's on Five,

2nd February 2013

20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Kendread, *reggae* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Them Bootiemovers,
21:00, **Old Nickel**, Lasso,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Guttersnipes, *singer/
songwriter/guitarists*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *t.b.a.* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jessie & the Muffins,

Sunday

Weekly

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Mosquito's Sunday Matinee,
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20:00, **CC Muziek Café**, Live Music, €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 Lamar*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session
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23:00, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,

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In Memory of Julius E. Green

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One of the most passionate performers I've ever seen grace the stages of Amsterdam has lost his eight month battle with lung cancer. Julius E. Green was a Soul Legend who began his career at STAX Records in the 60's, writing songs and performing with the likes of Otis Redding, Jackie Wilson, Sam Cooke and The Mad Lads, before reaching international fame with The Platters.

But to me, most of all, he was a really nice guy. I'm going to miss seeing him in the Waterhole, where he always got the best out of the musicians playing in the jam session and entertained the audience with a show to be remembered.

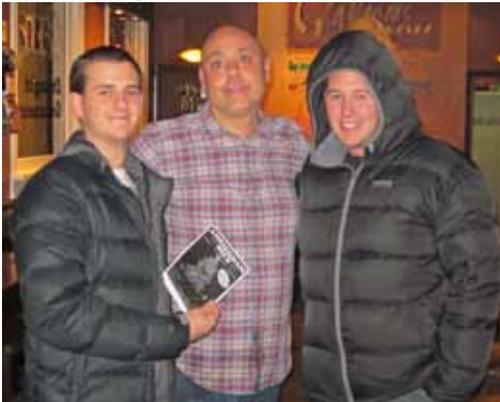
Julius has chosen Memphis Tennessee as his final destination and the Waterhole will be holding a Memorial Jam for him within the next few months.



Chris, Josie, Neil (on a flying visit from Australia), Helma and Steve were in Molly Malone's to see Olly De Quartz play.



During a break, ODD guitarist Amadeus had a chat with Laura, Valentijn, Mark and Beth, making a rare visit to Molly's.



Kiwis Carlos and Kevin came to Café Corso, where they met Mario the barman.

ROUND T

Klaas went to Scotland and Sandra came over from England for New Year's Eve, but they were both in the Flying Dutchman a few days later.




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THE BARS

Erin dropped into Finnegan's Rainbow and got in the picture with Paul, Graham and Kas.



Hadn't seen Gerry for while, so we had to take a photo of him with Ilona, Yemi and Sjon in Café de Poort.



In the Poolhole with Erik, brother of René who used to live next to the Last Waterhole, where Case was the boss and Len was a barman.



Andrew had a hard day in the kitchen at Coco's Outback, so fellow chefs James and Alex took him to the Mine to get back to "normal".

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Tuesday night in the Waterhole with Koen, Lotte and Robin behind the bar.

BEHIND

Magic Gumball night in CC Muziekcafé, with Fritz behind the bar.



Saturday night in Susie's Saloon and Steve was working with Patricia, so for the first time in ages, we got a photo of him *without* Gonzo.



Edo, Natalie and Ricardo were behind the bar when we paid a visit to De Pul/Pint.



In The End Karaoke, Amy and Ciska out-voted Lloyd on the choice of photo.



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BARS

Astrid from Korsakoff dropped in to see Jur behind the bar in Maloe Melo.



Arie in Café Corso raised a glass and wished everybody a Happy New Year.



It was getting late on the Saturday night before Christmas, but Noam was still smiling behind the bar in the Flying Dutchman.



Coco's Outback was packed, so I went next door to see Kaz and Raoul before Coco's Mine got too crowded.

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Seen On

Mosquito don't let their TV appearances get in the way of hosting the Tuesday Jam Session in the Waterhole...



Alexandros & Sitta were on stage in CC Muziekcafé, where every Tuesday is Magic Gumball Night, with four different acts!



Where Eric gave an energetic performance and Magic Sem was... Magic.



Lamar Chase was getting up close and personal with the audience at a Tuesday night show in Bourbon Street.



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Stage



Café Candela plays host to an international crowd for the Tuesday night Karaoke.



Marcos and Celina host the 'new' Thursday Jam session in Café Candela.



Max Headroom were on stage in Maloe Melo, but sounded nothing like the Max Headroom I remember from the 80's.



Archie & Friends perform regularly in Hotel Old Nickel and will be there again on Saturday 26th January.



Lasso are another band of Old Nickel regulars, and they also have Jaap on bass. Lasso next play there on Saturday 2nd February.

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Off Stage

Guitarist Ilja was in the Waterhole for the Tuesday night Jam Session with Mosquito.



Luciano hosted the Thursday Jam in Café Candela with Marcos while Celina was away.

Peter posed with Rahim, who was filling in for Simon, who was supposed to be filling in for Rahim at the Thursday Blues & Rock session in Maloe Melo.



Micky and Stan were taking a break from playing with Some Band in the Old Quarter.



Some Band's bass player Joyce was having a chat with Beth, the warbling barmaid.

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Behind More Bars



This could be the last photo we take of Albert behind the bar in Hotel Old Nickel; he's going to work in Café Pollux!

We haven't seen Susan behind the counter in the Stone's Coffeeshop for ages, so we had to take a photo.



As well as helping out in The End Karaoke, Ciska can also be found behind the bar in Aen't Water, sometimes with Jan!



Another Saturday night in Susie's Saloon, this time with Pim and Gonzo, the bearded barmen behind the bar.



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In Susie's Saloon, Phil didn't want a solo photo, so Louise and Maria joined him.

Majd was showing off his ability to balance a pint on his head in Café Corso.



Gregorio is an old friend, so I was happy to pose for a photo with him, and ex-Waterhole barmaid Emily joined us.

When Eric came off stage in the Waterhole, Emily posed with him too!

Haven't seen Huib behind the drums lately, but I did talk to him in Susie's Saloon.



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JOKES

For my New Year's resolution, I've decided to listen more to women, be more considerate and encourage them to show their true feelings. Apparently, that's the best way to get a shag.

I had a crazy dream that I weighed less than a thousandth of a gram. I was like, 0mg!

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

I got in touch with my inner self the other day. That's the last time I buy cheap toilet paper.

In hindsight, I should have posted my Facebook status as: "I've blown the head gasket on my 1998 XR3i" rather than "I've just buggered a 14 year old escort".

The police still haven't seen the funny side, my lap top's been confiscated, and the wife has gone off to her mum's.

I'm selling my python on ebay and a bloke came on and said, 'Is it big?'

I said, 'yeah, it's massive.'

He said, 'how many feet?'

I said, 'none, it's a fucking snake!'

I won an award for my punctuation.

They gave me a posh trophy.

When I heard they'd found a cure for dyslexia it was like music to my arse!

When everything's coming your way, you're on the wrong side of the road.

Teamwork is essential - it allows you to blame someone else.

Just booked a table for Valentines Day... Missus isn't impressed; she's shit at snooker.

Went to a fancy dress party last night dressed as a loaf of bread... The birds were all over me!

I've quit my new job as a postman. They handed me my first letter to deliver, I looked at it and thought: "This isn't for me."

When someone asks, "You look familiar, where do I know you from?" I like to respond with, "Well... do you watch porn?"

I went to the pub last night and there was this fat girl dancing on a table. I walked passed and said "Amazing legs." The girl giggled and said with a big smile "Do you really think so?" I said "Definitely, most tables would have collapsed by now!"

ea - "69" for midgets.

I gave my anorexic girlfriend a kite today... She was blown away.

Walking in on your parents having sex is very distressing, but your parents were more concerned that I had keys to their house.

I just started following the French Military on Twitter. They're famous for retweeting.

Life is full of complications. Even when you're born there's a string attached.

I don't understand fast food. I've been eating it for years but I seem to be getting slower and slower.

I phoned up Drugs Awareness today. I said, "Can I speak to a cocaine councillor please?" He said, "You'll have to wait, he's on another line."

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

They say that fame usually comes to those who are thinking about something else. In the case of assistant referee John Brooks, who officiated the Arsenal versus Manchester City game a week or so ago, this was most certainly the case. Microphones at live football games normally present their own problems. No need to lip-read anymore. Most of the time we can hear the expletives too! It is therefore pleasing to report that what was picked up on this occasion was a delight to the ears! As he shook the hand of Lescott, he was heard to remark, "I appreciate the handshakes lads, but your supporters have paid 62 quid over there, so go and see them instead." Now, as you know, I am not one to sing the praises of match officials normally, but I will make a noticeable exception here. Brave words indeed, but the right ones.

It is just a pity that the players had to be reminded of it! Football has moved in leaps and bounds over the last couple of decades and it is a sad reflection on the modern game that supporters have become increasingly disenfranchised from the players and the clubs they support as a whole. Even your average supporter's outlook has changed. They have become increasingly impatient for success and if a manager does not produce the goods quickly, the chances are the fans will be baying for blood and demanding his dismissal! Understandable perhaps, when you consider how much a top-flight manager gets, but in all forms of business in the current economic climate, there is a price to pay for failure.

This brings me conveniently around to another topical talking point on the football front! Isn't it about time we had female coaches and managers too? In the modern era, most clubs have a lot of female fans. At some, as many as 25 percent of regular customers are women, so why are they disregarded in the sport generally, one asks?

We have of course the odd female referee's assistant and lots of women's football, that is increasingly on the up and up, but why has this sexual revolution not impacted more decisively on the beautiful game? Let's face it; the beautiful game could become all the more beautiful with a few more delightful dolls embracing the managerial side of football. I think that if we could crystal football gaze now, we would see it as an inevitable development

in the future. Women have also had a go more recently of doing football commentaries, both on Radio Five Live and on television. This however is an experiment that has failed miserably in my view and for good reason. Sadly, women, when they get all excited, sound like little children in the commentary box and it detracts discernibly from the action. For it to work, it needs another Claire Balding in the studio and not someone who sounds like something from Alice in Wonderland! A deep voiced female would rectify the problem here and add meaning to the whole exercise, in my view. Otherwise, no matter how important the match is, the voice emanating from the commentary box makes a mockery of football



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but they too are seven points adrift of City and fourteen behind Manchester United, so they can kiss their Premiership hopes goodbye.

In Scotland, Celtic must be feeling very lonely these days and the absence of Rangers has turned the league into even more of a joke than before! What is puzzling though is their continued good form in the Champions League, when they have virtually no competition anymore domestically. Inverness Caley are top of the chasing pack, but are adrift of Celtic by nine points. Maybe this is the key to their continued progression in Europe? No game against Rangers means fewer suspensions and injuries, and it also reduces the chances of football fatigue!

In Spain, Barcelona are also having things all their own way. They lead the Spanish premier division by a staggering 11 points and their nearest rivals are NOT Real Madrid but Atletico!

And finally, it looks like we could have two Welsh teams in the top flight of English football next season. Yes, I know, it does sound like a mixed metaphor, but it really is likely to happen! Cardiff could join Swansea in the Premier if they continue to perform as they are doing. They are top of the Championship with a very commanding 8 point lead from the chasing pack, and 7 out of the last 8 years, the team who is top at the beginning of January gets to the elite league automatically! Still can't get my head around them changing their colours from blue to red though. Sacrilege!

Frank

passion and makes you think you were listening instead to a transmission of the Tellytubbies!

Now back to reality. Alan Hansen is not one of my favourite football pundits, but he does make sound sense from time to time. His condemnation of the sending off of Vincent Kompany was a good example. "If football continues like this you may as well give up because it will end up being a non-contact sport!" This is the second time the talented Manchester City defender has fallen foul of the ref in this manner and I just hope for the sake of football that when it is reviewed, his red card will be rescinded. There was no way in which his tackle in the game against Arsenal justified a red and I think the referee was looking to balance the books, having dismissed an Arsenal defender much earlier in the match. In the end though, City won and remain a distant seven points behind arch rivals United at the top of the league. Although we are only into January, this is very much a two-horse race for the Premiership this time around. Chelsea have rekindled some form of old of late under Benitez,

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In The Back PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League, sponsored by **Coco's Outback**, looks on Sunday 20th January. The latest updates appear first at www.amsterdamstun.com.



Tommy and Bernie were sampling shots of Mickey Finn Whipped Chocolate, Fruit & Nut in Molly Malone's, so I had to give it a try. I'm sure we'll be seeing the tasty brown liqueur showing up in a lot more bars soon.



Gisella has just started her own mobile Nail Studio, but with 15 years experience and clients including Tatjana Simic and Victoria Koblenko, she's no rookie. Find out more at: facebook.com/NagelstylisteAmsterdam.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Jude Noonan	9	0	27
2nd	Carlos Macedo	6	4	22
3rd	Trish Raftery	6	3	21
4th	Ben Stopforth	5	3	18
5th	Paddy Wynne	3	8	17
6th	Marcel Finnegan	4	4	16
7th	Ron Koopmans	4	4	16
8th	Marianne Peereboom	4	4	16
9th	Ken Passey	4	3	15
10th	Nix Nicoll	4	3	15
11th	Michael Okoje	3	6	15
12th	Buster	4	2	14
13th	Jim McGrath	3	5	14
14th	Elwin Borgman	4	1	13
15th	Rick Middelkoop	3	4	13
16th	Matthew Vaudrey	3	4	13
17th	Paul Davies	2	7	13
18th	Steve Mahon	3	3	12
19th	Ann Marie Stopforth	3	3	12
20th	Willie Wood	2	5	11
21st	Sydney	2	5	11
22nd	Phil Rook	2	5	11
23rd	Jeffrey Schuffelen	3	1	10
24th	Stuart Styth	2	4	10
25th	Josie Gladden	2	4	10
26th	Arun Panker	2	4	10
27th	Robert Pendleton	2	4	10
28th	John Raftery	1	7	10
29th	Stuart Davidson	1	7	10
30th	Robert Ceasar	2	3	9
31st	Sander Middelkoop	1	6	9
32nd	Grouty	1	6	9
33rd	Andy F	1	6	9
34th	Callum	1	6	9
35th	Alan Dempsey	1	4	7
36th	Nigel French	1	3	6
37th	Paul Finnegan	1	3	6
38th	Stones	0	6	6
39th	Keith Scoble	0	6	6
40th	Philip Justice	1	2	5
41st	Catherine Hudson	0	5	5
42nd	Frank Weston	0	2	2

In Memory of Mick Cawley

† 17th January 1938 - 15th January 2013 †



Our good friend and ex-Stun photographer Mickey died at his home in Leeds on Tuesday 17th January. Although he moved back to England six years ago, he always considered Amsterdam his home and came back for visits as often as he could, much to the delight of his many friends here.

Funeral details haven't been announced yet, but come celebrate the life and remember the man who was our good friend Mickey in Coco's Outback on Tuesday 29th January from 19:00. Bar snacks and your first drink is on Coco's.

HELP

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