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Page Three

On an afternoon visit to the Three Sister's, Alessandra and Madiha were behind the bar.

Pauline is making her Stun debut from behind the bar in Coco's Outback.

Angelica was about to finish her shift in the Flying Dutchman, so we only just caught her.

Marina only works day shift in the Smoking Bull, so we don't see her as often lately.

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ELLY'S RANTS &

Happy Birthday my brother Hans, Andy's sister Bonnie, Alan, Ana, Angelica, Annelies, Arabella, Arjan, Bert, Betty, BJ, Brian, Caroline, Claudia, Click, Colin, Damian, Dario, Deirdre, Early, Eddie, Elisa, Emilia, Eva, Evertjan, Ferdia, Flo, Gary, Glenn, Gonzo, Haluk, Harry, Hazel, Heather, Hendrik, Ilja, Ilze, Iris, Jackie, Jake, Jan Willem, Janet, Jeff, Joe, John, Jonny Bravo, Jordan, Jorna, Julia, Kevin, Kira, Kym, Lilian, Luke, Maaike, Mandy, Mandy Celeste, Marie, Martin, Michael, Mitch, Nancy, Nathan, Neil, Newcastle Andy, Nico, Nicola, Nigel, Noel, Olly, Owen, Paudge, Pauline, Peter, Rachel, Rene, Ruairi, Rung, Ryan, Sarah, Shawn, Stephanie, Teddy, Tim, Tineke, Tracey, Traci, Trudy, Weir.

Happy 11th Wedding Anniversary to our football correspondent Frank and his wife Rung.

Congratulations Matthew & Katia on the birth of your son Noah.

Andy and I went to the Waterhole on a Sunday afternoon to catch Monty Pagan on stage. A very unusual time for us, we normally go out late. But it was a splendid idea!

The band are all accomplished musicians, so it's nice just listening while sipping a glass of wine. But then front-man Ken starts his comedy routine, and he is hilarious!

No more easy listening, but nearly falling about laughing, he's so funny.

I had a great time, and I'm sure you will as well when you go see them. And you have to go, you don't want to miss the show.

My sister wanted to visit a shop in Amsterdam, so she phoned to ask if we knew where it was. Never heard of the street, but we looked it up on the map and it shouldn't be too hard to find. I said I'd pick her up from central and from there we take the bus.

First I couldn't find her at the station, so I asked the Info-lady to call her over the sound system. That worked, and we went to our place to warm up.

So after a hot cuppa at home, and making sure I had the map in my bag, we hopped on the bus.

RAVES

We got out at the wrong stop, took one wrong turn, and ended up walking in a circle. Not funny!

But she found what she came for, and we chatted for hours, so we had a great day!

When we went to see Monty Pagan, we had expected to see Josie there as well, but we must have just missed each other. No matter, Andy came across her later in the week, so he could hand her the prize-voucher she won with the Stun crossword.

This time she won a bottle of Agua de Bolivia, generously donated by Coca Leaf Liquor Store!

Last months prize was donated by The End Karaoke, a €30 voucher. The winner of the crossword, and the prize of course, is Shaun McCarthy.

Well done, both of you!

Desiree, Shalinie and Yair in The End picked Shaun's name out of the hat, and they hope he'll enjoy his prize.

It's Shaun's second win, and funnily enough, his first win was a voucher from The End as well! Let us know when you go to collect, Shaun, so Andy can take a picture!

Congratulations also to Barney's Breakfast Bar, who won a best for their Cookies Kush grass, and a second for their imported hash Carmella Cream. But we are not surprised; BBB wins prizes in the Cannabis Cup Awards every year!

Last but certainly not least, don't forget to check out the British General Store. Lin got more stock than ever before, and she will be open on Sundays as well. See page six.

And for now, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a splendid New Year Party, and a Happy 2015!

Elly

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ONE NIGHT...

In Maloe Melo, with Carolyn Wonderland, who had flown in from Austin, Texas with her band to celebrate her birthday on stage in her favourite bar in the world.

Simon was by the door and got in the photo with Ireen and Arwen.

Rock'n'Roll Nico was there too.

Finny and Dom from The Mahones dropped in after playing in Paradiso earlier that evening.

Tamara was there taking photos and got a kiss from Jur.

Guus came behind the bar to help Jur out with the dirty glasses.

The Editor's Bit

My attempt to get the latest Stun into bars by the first Friday of the month failed once more last month after the printing took longer than promised, again! Time to take action, try another printers and sod the expense! I'm writing this on Monday morning, 1st November, and if all goes well, I hope to hit the bars sometime tomorrow. We'll see.

Coming out earlier in the month means we've got a full four pages of Gig List this month, so you can find out what's happening at this festive time of the year.

I'll be out and about with my camera as much as possible around Christmas and the New Year, but you won't find me at any New Year's Eve parties; Elly and myself will be at home with loads of bubbly, celebrating being together for 20 years!

All of our usual stuff is in this month, so enjoy your Stun and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Seen On

Archie was joined by Dee Dee and David on a Saturday night in the Old Nickel.

For one day only, Monty Pagan took to the stage in the Waterhole for the Sunday Matinee.

Just for a change, here's the horns section at Theo's Wednesday Jam in CC Muziekcafé.

Stage

Gareth Evans-Jones was joined on stage in Molly Malone's by fellow Boardwalkers Sabrina Scharm and Joep Berkenbosch.

Marieke Meijer and her band were playing in a new venue on the Lange Leidsedwarsstraat, Jazz Café Blue Note, so we had to drop in.

Saturday night in Café Del Mondo, with live music from Mosquito.

Olly De Quartz hosted the Monday Jam in the Waterhole recently and will be partying on stage there on Christmas Day!

When The Hats were on stage in Bourbon Street, not all of them were wearing hats.

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Monday

Weekly

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night, *Everyone can have the chance to take up the mic or an instrument to entertain the audience. Drinks are cheap, and the company's always lively.*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Magic Monday, *Open Jam 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 & his Gritmoaners*

8th December 2014

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.*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Gypsy Jazz, *A Poco Django play original Django Reinhardt songs mixed with latin, russian and waltzes, plus acoustic Gypsy Jam session.* €4
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam with the Band,

15th December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Stompin' at the CC, *with Sebas & his CC Riders* €4
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam with the Band, *Ramon Oosterhof, Bas Phaff, Maarten Kooymans, Shaquille Pentury Putirulan, René Geelhoed*

22nd December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, €4
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam with the Band, *with Jesse & the Muffins*

29th December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Mediterranean Folk Ensembles, *a musical journey through Southern Italy and North Africa* €4
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam with the Band,

Tuesday

Weekly

20:00, **BackStage Hotel**, Open Mic Night, *hosted by The Amsterdam Songwriters Guild*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Magic Gumball Night & Open Mic, *4 acts*
20:30, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night, *An explosive combination of international songs and funky people from all over the world*
20:30, **Het Hok**, Mosquito Unplugged, *Latin Pop Rock*
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Onno's Grooves Jam, *Open pop, rock, funk jam*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Kevin Chapman & Friends (except 9th)*

2nd December 2014

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Gintronix, *Electro/Funk* €3

9th December 2014

20:30, **Cafe Pollux**, Coco PopShow, *Live music pop quiz about music from the 60s until now. There are music clips, photos, videos and trivia questions about the history of pop. Form a team of up to 5 people and play along.*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lamar Chase, *Blues/Rock* €3
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, VSPA Student Night,

16th December 2014

20:00, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz, *Entry price: €3, maximum 5 persons to a team. Great Prizes!*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Ruben & the Jets, *Blues* €3

23rd December 2014

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Music Collectors, *This international four-piece are exactly what their name suggests. Unable and unwilling to choose from decades of classic records, they play whatever tickles their fancy.* €3

30th December 2014

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Ruben & the Jets, *Blues* €3

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Wednesday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Theo Mosquito's Wednesday Night Jam,
20:30, **The Waterhole**, One Night Stan, *Open Pop & Rock Jam Session with Stan the Man*
22:00, **Cafe Pollux**, Jukebox Rocola Jam Session,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

3rd December 2014

21:30, **Sugar Factory**, Mijke en Co Live@ sugarfactory, *weekly Radio 6 live Soul & Jazz show*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Hats, *Rock/Blues* €3
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Am Fi Bi Student Night,

10th December 2014

21:30, **Sugar Factory**, Mijke en Co Live@ sugarfactory, *weekly Radio 6 live Soul & Jazz show*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Party Of The Mind, *followed by Nico's After Midnight session* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Machiel Boon & Friends, *Blues* €3

17th December 2014

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.*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Singer/Songwriter Night, hosted by Dzuana Bakker, *followed by Nico's After Midnight session*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Luis Diaz & Friends, *Afro-Funk, Rock, Reggae* €3

24th December 2014

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, The New Generation Jam Session, *followed by Nico's After Midnight session*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jesse & The Muffins, *Blues/Rock* €3

31st December 2014

20:30, **The Waterhole**, New Years Party, *with Spit & Guests*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, New Years Eve Party with Los Galerna, *surf* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, New Year's Eve Party, *with Declan Downey*
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, NYE Glimmer & Glamour Party, €10

Thursday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, JAZzoul session hosted by Wilco Koster, €4
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get a FREE shot before singing and be in with a chance of winning a nice prize!*
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 Rahim (except 25th)*

4th December 2014

18:00, **Molly Malone's**, Irish in Amsterdam Meet-up, *with live music from Mark Condren, singer/ songwriter from Wicklow*
20:00, **The Waterhole**, Staalbeek,
20:30, **De Nieuwe Anita**, Nutty Anita's Comedy Night - Headliner: Marcel Lucont, *hosted by Ken Parsons (In English)* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven De Geus, *Rock/ Soul* €3
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Controllers, €5
22:30, **The Waterhole**, James Brown Tribute Band,

11th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Monday Rocks,
20:00, **Blarney Stone**, Celebrating 25 Years of the Blarney Stone, *with live music from Ciaran Wynne*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Damp - The Sound of Amsterdam, €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Saturday Sun, *Gentle acoustics and luscious melodies* €3
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rough & Tumble,

18th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Happy Demons, *swamp rocks* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kenny Bogan & The Lads, *A project built around the amazing voice of singer/ songwriter Kenny Bogan featuring mostly original songs which are based on the world-music theme.* €3
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Yellow Radio,

25th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Christmas Party with Olly De Quartz,

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Friday

Weekly

21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

5th December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Dear Life, *followed by Jericho Pie* €5
20:00, **The Waterhole**, Cousin Daddy,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, K-Cique, *Latin, pop, house and more* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Drew Bryant, *singer/ songwriter*
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Full Moon Party, *Get your face and or body painted for free with fluoropaint!*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Waste,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Theo Mosquito & Friends,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Shuffle Kings, *Chicago blues* €5

12th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Cortez,
20:00, **Blarney Stone**, Celebrating 25 Years of the Blarney Stone, *with live music from Ciaran Wynne*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, The Big Five, *followed by DJ from 23:30 'til late.* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Hurricane Joy, *Pop Rock* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Madelon Jansen,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Robbie & Friends,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dry Riverbed Trio feat. Dusty Sigaar, *support: The Velvedettes feat. Phantom Frank* €5

Friday

19th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, *followed by DJ from 23:30 'til late.* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Hats, *Rock/Blues* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Revival's Last Gig!,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Robbie & Friends,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Tumblin Go Go's, *rockabilly* €5

26th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, *followed by DJ from 23:30 'til late.* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Clocxs, *Soul/Pop/ Rock* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Theo Mosquito & Friends,

Saturday

Weekly

21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Archie & Friends, *top local & international artists join Archie every week to bring great entertainment in an intimate setting*

6th December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Tom Bradley, *followed by JD Bluesband* €5
20:00, **The Waterhole**, Divine Rebellion,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, JaxSwing, *Soul/Funk/ Swingbeat* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Drew Bryant, *singer/ songwriter*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Bone Machine,
22:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, The Dog Washers, *Rock Punk New Wave and Metal covers*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Ghostriders, *rock & roll* €5

13th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Koeks & Dave,
20:00, **Blarney Stone**, Celebrating 25 Years of the Blarney Stone, *with live music from Ciaran Wynne*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, VanZanden, *followed by DJ from 23:30 'til late.* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, JaxSwing, *Soul/Funk/ Swingbeat* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Onder Voorbehoud,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, One Foot in Ze Grave, €5

Saturday

20th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Permission To Land,
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, The Pact, *followed by DJ from 23:30 'til late.* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Bourbon Beats, *Sing and swing all night to the finest Bourbon Beats!* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Yellow Radio,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Alley Cats, *rockabilly* €5

27th December 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Hollywood Party, *with The Big Five* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Nate Dizco, *soul and funk* €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Dynamic Gentlemen,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Lamar Chase Band, *blues/rock* €5

Sunday

Weekly

16:30, **The Waterhole**, Mosquito's Matinee, *Latin Pop Rock*
18:00, **Cafe Pollux**, Lazy Sunday, *singer/songwriters (contact Robbie if you would like to play)*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Little Mary, *Soul/Blues/Pop* €3
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:00, **The Waterhole**, Open Jam Session, *hosted by Solo Keys*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Lamar Chase*

7th December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, South American Sunday, €4

14th December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Greek Music Night, €4

21st December 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, EtnoJazz & Balkan Beats, €4

28th December 2014

16:00, **De Barones**, Woody & The Sidemen, *blues/ rock n roll*
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, When Klezmer Meets…, *Oriental music* €4

ROUND T

Ireen was in Maloe Melo with the new man in her life, Sebastian.

The manager and Jeff the bartender from Mata Hari were having an after work drink next door in Café Corso.

Fritz came straight to CC Muziekcafé after seeing Holland lose to Mexico in the Arena.

Janine and Annet got a warm welcome from Zad and Judit when they visited Excalibur.

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THE BARS

During a break from hosting Jam with the Band night in the Waterhole, Olly De Quartz posed with Rory, Frank and their number one fan, Josie.

It was just past midnight in Molly Malone's; time for birthday boy Steven to start celebrating with Steven and Bob.

Jeroen and Annette, who were in the Old Nickel, have been friends for years.

Big Phil dropped into Susie's Saloon, so we had to get a photo of him with *Little* Frank.

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David in the Flying Dutchman.

Jordy and Judit in Excalibur.

René in CC Muziekcafé.

Bartel and Terry in Bourbon Street.

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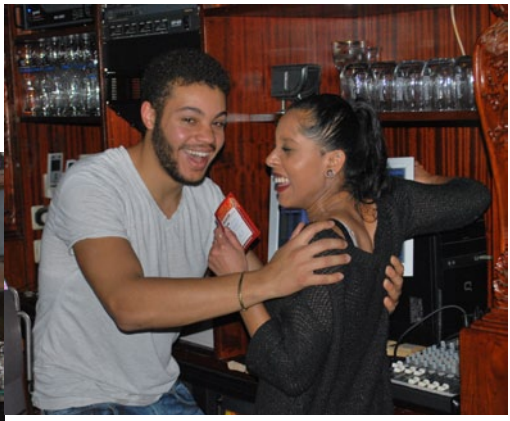

Nii Ardey and Pamela in The End Karaoke.

Pat in Molly Malone's.

Susan and Justien in the Stone's Coffeeshop.

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Soraya, Nathalie, Julian, Henny and Lisa in the Stone's Cafe.

Savannah with Nathalie in The Pint.

Wam in the Poolhole.

Mandy in Players with Roy from Susie's.

Albert and Robbie in Café Pollux.

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MORE BARS

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Lotte and Matthias don't usually come to blows when they work together in the Waterhole.

All change in Candela! Juan is the customer now and Marcello is behind the bar.

Frank was demonstrating his managerial skills in Susie's Saloon...

Wednesday Jam session in CC Muziekcafé with Serge and Rauli at the bar.

And Roy was on the receiving end.

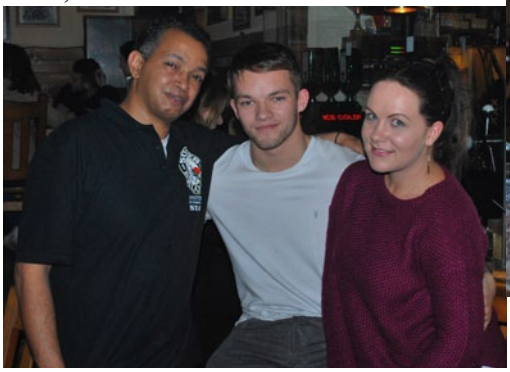
Sabrina, Joep and Gareth were playing in Molly Malone's as the Boardwalkers and posed for a photo during a break.

ROUNDS

Susan and Bocky were over for the weekend and celebrating his birthday in Molly's.

Susie's barman Steve had a visit from his ex-colleagues at the AMC, Tiago and Marijn.

Steve also got in the picture with Fergus and Heidi, who were in town for the weekend.



It's that time of year again; Giselle was singing "Last Christmas" at The End Karaoke.

Kenny and Sean were in The Pint, talking about some website or another.

Bumped into Rita in Susie's Saloon, so we had to take a photo.

Stun Prize Crossword

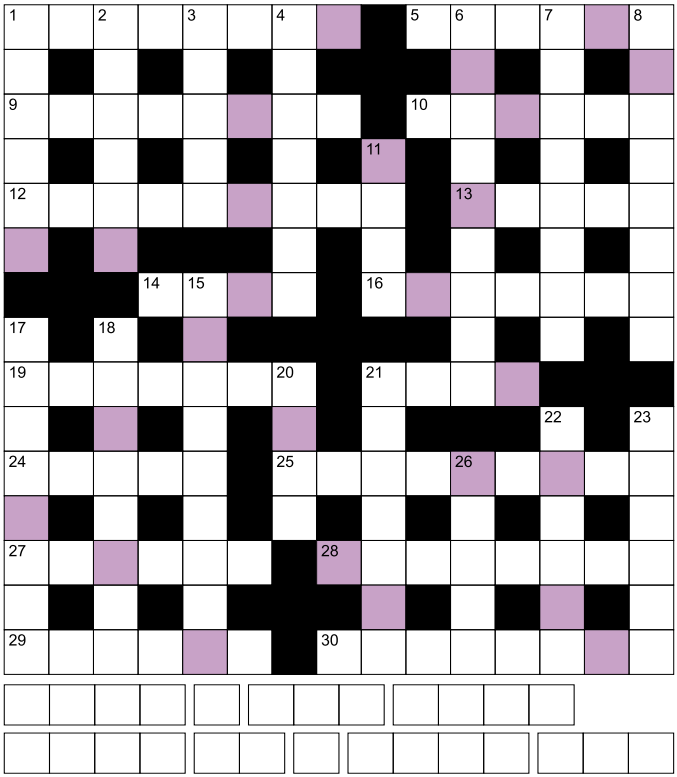
Sponsored by Susie's Saloon

Across

1: Mange tout. (4-4)
5: Christmas drink. (6)
9: Gorges. (8)
10: Against. (6)
12: Tropical tree. (9)
13: Frowned upon by the elderly? (5)
14: Goes wrong. (4)
16: Unprofessional. (7)
19: Hints at. (7)
21: Revel (in). (4)
24: Prefix for: Net? (5)
25: Barter. (9)
27: Family of languages spoken in Ethiopia. (6)
28: The real deal? (8)
29: Saps. (6)
30: Pre-ordained? (8)

Down

1: Marriage partner. (6)
2: Mobsters "Code of silence". (6)
3: Primp. (5)
4: Movements. (7)
6: Party takeaways. (5, 4)
7: Japanese carved miniatures. (8)
8: Biters and grinders. (8)
11: Books on Icelandic and Norse mythology. (4)
15: (Sometimes harmful) emission of energy. (9)
17: Flowering member of the daisy family. (8)
18: Horn of plenty? (8)
20: Warble. (4)
21: British actor Sir Dirk. (7)
22: Heavy piece of artillery. (6)
23: Staggered drunkenly. (6)
26: Narrow. (5)



This month's Prize Crossword is sponsored by **Susie's Saloon,** O.Z. Vorrburgwal 254, who have generously donated **Two Jugs of Heineken beer** for the winner. All you have to do is put the letters in the shaded squares into the 2nd grid in the same order they appear to reveal the answer. E-mail your answer, along with name & contact details, to puzzle@stun.nl or SMS 0628712646 to arrive no later than Saturday 27th December 2014. The winner will be drawn from all correct entries and announced in the next edition of the Amsterdam Stun.

Last Month's Answers

Loneliness is only a state of mind!

Across: 8 Nino, 9 Meandering, 10 Whiner, 11 Tittered, 12 Cyst, 13 Simpletons, 17 Pair, 18 In-Off, 19 Lush, 20 Astounding, 22 Rapt, 23 Amateurs, 27 Voters, 28 Malingerer, 29 Item.

Down: 1 Light years, 2 Porn star, 3 Impression, 4 Halt, 5 Edit, 6 Ardent, 7 Once,14 Maori, 15 Life givers, 16 Nosy parker, 19 Lyretail, 21 Outfit, 24 Moan, 25 Urge, 26 Sard.

And the prize goes to: Shaun McCarthy, who wins **A €30 Voucher** generously donated by **The End Karaoke**.

October's prize from the **Coca Leaf Liquor Store** was won by Josie Gladden.

JOKES

Jennifer was a pretty 18 year old girl. In the week before Christmas she sauntered up to the counter in the department store, and was trying to decide which of the many types of tinsel she would buy. Finally, she made her choice and asked the spotty youth who was manning the fabric section. 'How much is this gold tinsel garland'.

The spotty youth pointed to the Christmas mistletoe above the counter and said, 'This week we have a special offer, just one kiss per metre'.

'Wow, that's great', said Jennifer, 'I'll take 12 metres'.

With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the boy measured out the tinsel, wrapped up the garland, and gave it to Jennifer. She then called to an old man who had been browsing through the Christmas trees and said, 'My Grandpa will settle the bill.'

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It was Christmas Eve at the meat counter and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one. In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, 'Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

'No, madam, 'he replied, 'they're all dead.'

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Mum, can I please have a cat for Christmas?

No. You'll have turkey the same as the rest of us.

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Why is Christmas just like another day at the office? You end up doing all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit.

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It was just before Christmas, and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?'

The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early.'

'That's no crime,' said the magistrate. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?'

'Before the shop opened,' answered the prisoner.

Moira lost her handbag in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping in Oxford Street, London. A small boy found it and he returned to her. Looking in her purse, Moira reasoned, 'Hmmm... That's strange. When I lost my bag, there was a £20 note in it. Now there are four £5 notes.'

The boy quickly replied with a charming smile and in a cockney accent, 'that's right, madam. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward.'

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Please remember a doggy is not just for Christmas: It's a great position all the year round!

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Anyone who believes that men are the equal of women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present.

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Christmas is just plain weird. What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree in your living room eating candy and snacks out of your socks?

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Why is Santa so jolly? Because he knows where all the naughty girls live.

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For Christmas this year, I want Santa's list of naughty girls.

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Why did the snowman have a smile on his face? Because the snow-blower was coming down the block.

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A song told me to Deck the Halls... so I did. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are not very happy.

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What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a new job the next day.

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The most gleaming trophy a great man can claim is the discovery of a few truths and the destruction of a few errors. These were not my words of course, but those of Frederick The Great. Shame I did not think of them...

Now, if we apply those words of wisdom to Alan Pardew, we will know that in accepting error, we can indeed see further than our noses and the turnaround that has been apparent at Newcastle of late is not a coincidence!

Only a few weeks ago, he was seen as cannon fodder for the disgruntled supporters of the black and white army. It seemed like only a matter of time before he was guillotined. Pardew however, had other ideas and argued forlornly that he still had what it takes to resurrect their stuttering season, that found them in the drop zone in the Premiership once again. No one really believed him.

At the time, the words he uttered seemed like the kind of thing you would expect to hear from an under pressure politician. All rhetoric and no substance. How wrong we were! In fairness to their chairman Mike Ashley, he did not bow to fan unrest and instead told his supporters that although there was no quick fix, Pardew was the man to take the club forward. He was right too and although there are still some cynical Geordies out there, the majority are quite proud of the fact that this north-east club is now sitting in ninth place in the table and that was after a 1-0 defeat away to WestHam United last weekend!

The same words of Fredrick The Great could perhaps be applied to Liverpool football club as well. Brendan Rodgers has had a nightmare of a season so far and the only hope of football redemption is to qualify for the knock-out stages of the Champions League. It is still possible - but only just! If they can summon up the desire and support to overcome Basel in a couple of weeks at Anfield, then their season will go into overdrive once again. A 1-0 home win against relegation threatened Stoke City will not heal their wounds, but a victory in the Champions League will propel them into some big money and relieve the anxiety felt by the club as a whole. It may just spare Rodgers the indignity of being shown the door.

In the Championship, I think Ipswich Town football club are worthy of a mention. Under Mick McCarthy, they have gone from relegation candidates to Premiership hopefuls

in just over two years. Ably assisted by Terry Connor, they have indeed gone from strength to strength and without spending zillions to get there, it must be said.

As this goes to print, Ipswich are in second place in the Sky Bet Championship, just one point behind leaders Derby County and yet in the two seasons under McCarty's watch, they have spent a measly 25,000 quid on one player that never kicked a ball in earnest and went back to Ireland home-sick! Now that is cutting cloth according to needs.

Mick The Man has performed minor miracles with a team made up of more Irishmen than most and the phrase Ipswich Irish is not an exaggeration these days, as eight of their regular first team squad either have or could represent the Emerald Isle!

Their latest new recruit is perhaps the most astonishing of all. Noel Hunt played 22 games for Leeds United without scoring and his stats were even more alarming, because in those games, playing as an out and out striker, he was also not responsible for any assists.

Town supporters were scratching their heads in amazement as they wondered why McCarthy would take such an inept footballer on loan, to the delight of the Yorkshire men, who no longer had to pay his salary?

The answer was immediate. As Charlton and Ipswich went into the fifth minute of extra time, Noel Hunt joined the fray and with the last kick of the game, scored the only goal to catapult the Blues into an automatic promotion place! As Confucius once said, there is no such a thing as a coincidence, there is a reason for everything!

Frank

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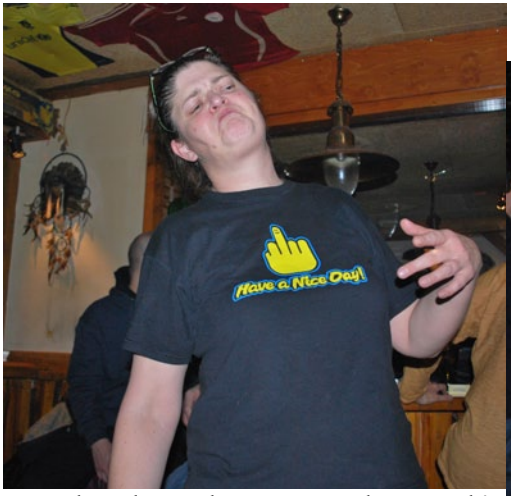
PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League table looked on Sunday 30th November 2014.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Rick Middelkoop	9	4	31
2nd	Trish Steele	7	4	25
3rd	Alan Dempsey	5	5	20
4th	Jim McGrath	5	5	20
5th	Callum Dickie	5	5	20
6th	Frank Weston	5	3	18
7th	Paul Tandy	5	3	18
8th	Grouty	5	2	17
9th	Elwin Borgman	4	5	17
10th	Steve Mahon	4	5	17
11th	Stuart Davidson	4	5	17
12th	Carlos Macedo	4	4	16
13th	Philip Justice	4	4	16
14th	Frank Theunissen	3	7	16
15th	Nix Nicoll	3	7	16
16th	Ben Stopforth	4	3	15
17th	Frank Waardenburg	4	3	15
18th	Eric Donald	3	6	15
19th	John Raftery	3	5	14
20th	Ron Koopmans	3	5	14
21st	Sydney Blok	3	5	14
22nd	Buster	3	4	13
23rd	Andy	2	7	13
24th	Jordy de Leeuw	2	6	12
25th	Willie Wood	2	5	11
26th	Bertus van Feyenoord	2	5	11
27th	Stephen Spencer	2	4	10
28th	Michael	2	4	10
29th	Ann Marie Stopforth	2	4	10
30th	Polly Wijn	1	7	10
31st	Phil Rook	1	7	10
32nd	Sander Middelkoop	1	7	10
33rd	Josie Gladden	3	0	9
34th	David Lourenco	0	9	9
35th	Arun Pankerd	1	5	8
36th	Boelenspark Rangers	1	4	7
37th	Ken Passey	1	4	7
38th	Paddy Wynne	0	7	7
39th	Peter van der Wal	2	0	6
40th	Tomasz Kuna	1	3	6
41st	Nigel French	1	3	6
42nd	Eric	1	2	5
43rd	James Talynin Hughes	1	2	5
44th	Jude Noonan	0	4	4
45th	Billy C	0	1	1

IN THE BACK



Evelyne knew the answer to last month's crossword but sadly, didn't win the prize.

While he was in town, we had to get a photo of Bocky with his old drinking buddy Pete.

Tineke and Marina have known each other for 30 years, from the days of the Swan.

We couldn't leave Molly Malone's without taking a photo of Josie and Susan.

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People always say I'm never in the Stun, so here I am with Zad and Judit in Excalibur...

In the Old Nickel with singer Dee Dee Dekkers and guitarist David Hollestelle...

And in Maloe Melo with my old friend Finny McConnell from The Mahone's.

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Reporting minor crimes	0900 - 88 44
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Central Doctors Service	088-00 30 600
Pharmacies (Out of hours)	020-592 33 15
STD Clinic, Weesperplein 1,	020-555 58 22
Juridisch Loket (Legal Aid)	0900 - 8020
Emergency Vet	020-694 47 66
Dierenambulance	020-626 21 21
Australian Embassy	070-310 82 00
British Consulate	020-676 43 43
Canadian Embassy	070-361 41 11
Danish Consulate	020-575 17 79
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South African Embassy	070-392 45 01
Spanish Consulate	020-620 38 11
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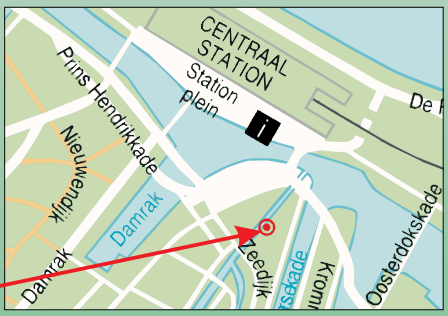

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