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It’s always a Lotte fun in the Waterhole when Lotte and Lotte are behind the bar.

There’s a new face behind the bar in the Stone’s Café; Bex from Blackpool!

First time in the Stun for Suki, but not for Pamela, behind the bar in The End Karaoke.

It was a sunny day, so Anoek and Melissa posed outside the Three Sisters Pub.

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The Editor’s Bit

It’s been a while since we had a Guess The Cover contest, so who can guess where I was standing when I took this month’s cover photo? There’s no prize, but the first person who gives me the correct answer will get an honourable mention in next month’s Stun.

The football season is over, which means we have a winner in our Premier Predictions League! Phil Rook came top of the table, so he wins the 2 x €30 vouchers from Coco’s Outback. The full table is on page 29.

Alicia in the Poolhole drew the winner for last month’s Prize Crossword; Evelyne Jansen wins the pitcher of beer and an hour of pool! This month, there’s a Beer Pole from Café Pollux for the lucky winner; see page 26.

I don’t have room to write anything else, so enjoy your Stun.

Andy

Happy Birthday Elly, Ria, Adrie, Aad, Adriaan, Carol, Chris, CJ, Claire, Corinne, Dan, David, Denise, Derry, Diederik, Duncan, Ferry, Franky, Frans, Gareth, Gus, Hiromi, Ian, Jaime, Janette, Jay, Jessica, Jim, Jo, Johan, John, Karolina, Kieran, Kimberley, Lesley, Liz, Maarten, Mara, Mark, Martin, Mathijs, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mirjam, Nina, Olivia, Onno, Owen, Paul, Pauline Petra, Red Jon, Renee, Richard, Roy, Sandra, Sarah, Sean, Silvana, Sinead, Sonja, Steven, Tommy, Tony, Toosh, Uschi, Valerie, Vera.

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

Congratulations Steven & Muriel with the birth of Amy Aoife, a sister for Sean.

One of the first sunny days this year, my sister, Ria, and her grandson Jordan were over for a day. Andy and I decided to show them one of our favourite parts of town; Zeedijk, Warmoesstraat, a bit of the Red Light District and Chinatown.

We ended up on Molly’s terrace, having a drink and catching some rays.

And five minutes later, disaster struck!

I twisted my ankle, or so we thought. Even the doctor, who came a few days later to check it out, thought so.
Thank you so much, I don’t know how we could have done it without you!

Klaas even told us how to go about getting a taxi paid for by our health insurance.

And our health insurance did cover it, so while waiting for the taxi to take us home, we had a joint to calm me down!

In the meantime, my sister, who thought she caught a cold while in Amsterdam, was feeling worse every day. The doctor that saw her in the hospital, kept her there for an emergency procedure; they removed a blood clot from one of her main arteries, and inserted a stint. What a scare!

Then I had to go for an x-ray, because my “ankle” wasn’t getting any better, where they discovered I actually did break a bone in my foot, and they put me in a cast for a week.

Then the temporary cast was removed, and I was given a “walking” cast, that has to stay for four weeks.

The first time we went, for the x-ray, Klaas and Abbe picked us up, and brought us back many hours later.

I won’t go dancing on my birthday this year, but hope to get out for a drink on Andy’s birthday next month.

Elly
Jesse and Sonya were in the house band for Gus’s last Sunday Rock Jam in the Waterhole.

We spotted Mark, JJ, Geordie and Jojo in the Waterhole, so had to take a photo of them.

Theo was taking a break during his Wednesday Night Jam in CC Muziekcafé.

Big Franky got Blondie Chaplin to play at Blue Monday in Paleis van de Weemoed.

Gareth and Ilja got photobombed by Lotte.

Lars and Magic Sem were having an after-jam smoke in the Waterhole.
Rene in CC Muziekcafé

Dimitri and Jordy in Excalibur

Tineke and Shakira in the Flying Dutchman

Nuala and Mark in Molly Malone’s

Janice and Len in the Waterhole
It was Brian and Janice’s first day in charge at Café Oporto, so we had to get a photo.

Adopted Newcastle fan Davide from Italy joined Lee behind the bar of The Magpie, the only Geordie Pub in Amsterdam.
Ouwe Rocker

There are quite a few old rockers around Amsterdam, but if you restrict it to regular performers, the title of Oldest Rocker in Town must go to Nico Bijl, alias Rock’n’Roll Nico. Every Monday, he’s in the house band at Blue Monday in Paleis van de Weemoed, hosted by Franklin Madjid.

On Tuesdays, Nico is one of the friends when Kevin Chapman & Friends play an acoustic session in the front bar of Maloe Melo.

Wednesday nights see Nico leading the After Midnight Jam session in the main hall at Maloe Melo.

At the weekend, the Rock’n’Roll Nico Band perform at bars & festivals all over the country and can frequently be found next to the Dos Paella Cruiser.

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There’s a new live music venue in town, Café De Pianist, at Groen van Prinsterenstraat 41, where the Jet Lounge used to be. Half of Monty Pagan were playing when we dropped in, but you can catch the whole band when they present their new album, Dealing with Demons, at Mezrab on Sunday 21st June at 16:00.

Talking of new albums, I’m currently enjoying Franck Carducci’s latest, Torn Apart. The Genesis influence is noticeable, but that’s no surprise; Steve Hackett is one of the featured artists. Torn Apart is available now on iTunes, Amazon and CDBaby, amongst others.

Blondie Chaplin swapped stadiums for intimate venues when he was in town. We caught him playing acoustic with Machiel Boon and Franklin Madjid in Paleis van de Weemoed.

White Cowbell Oklahoma finished off their European tour with a secret party in Maloe Melo; loads of people knew about it!

Great to see David Hollestelle back performing in the Old Nickel with Archie and Dee Dee after his recent health scare!
**STUN GIG-LIST**

**Monday**

**Weekly**

20:00, *Paleis van de Weemoed*, Blue Monday Session, Organised by Big Franky (The Pint) & Franklin Madjid (Teeset)

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


22:00, *Bourbon Street*, Magic Monday, Open Jam hosted by Theo Mosquito

**8th June 2015**

19:30, *Zaal 100*, Goee Zin: singer-songwriter restaurant, Wolfcoat + dessert + LeafRapids (Canada)

20:00, *CC Muziek Cafe*, Bossa Nova featuring Brancka, concert + jam session €5

15th June 2015

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*, Stompin’ at the CC, with Sebas & his CC Riders (pop) €4

**22nd June 2015**

20:00, *CC Muziek Cafe*, Live Music, €4

**29th June 2015**

20:00, *CC Muziek Cafe*, Live Music, €4

**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*, Early Bird Jam Session, with Onno

**9th June 2015**

20:30, *Cafe Pollux*, Coco PopShow, Live music pop quiz about music from the 60s until now. Form a team of up to 5 people and play along.

22:00, *Bourbon Street*, Johnny Mastro & Mama’s Boys, Heavy blues from New Orleans €3

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**30th June 2015**

22:00, *Bourbon Street*, Lamar Chase, Blues/Rock €3

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**Wednesday**

**Weekly**

20:00, **CC Muizek Cafe**, Theo Mosquito’s Wednesday Night Jam, *Open podium & jam session*

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Unplugged Open Mike Jam, with Stan

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

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**10th June 2015**

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dan Patlansky (Blues Rock), followed by Nico’s After Midnight session

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Music Collectors, €3

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17th June 2015

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Singer/Songwriter Night, hosted by Dzuana Bakker, followed by Nico’s After Midnight session

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Strobel & Chase, Blues/Rock €3

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**24th June 2015**

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**, New Generation Jam Session with O’Dog, followed by Nico’s After Midnight session

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Clocxs, Soul/Pop/Rock €3

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**Thursday**

**Weekly**

20:30, **Het Hok**, Lamar Chase & Friends, blues/rock

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

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**11th June 2015**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Koeks & Dave,

20:00, **CC Muizek Cafe**, CC Soul Session, with Timothy Banchet (keys), Felix Barth (bass), Bram Knol (drums) ft. Vivienne Aerts (vocals) €5

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues & Rock Jam Session,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kenny Bogan & The Lads, €3

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Breaking Days,

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**18th June 2015**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, A Lot of Zwet,

20:00, **CC Muizek Cafe**, CC Soul Session, with Timothy Banchet (keys), Jose Lopretti (bass), Bram Knol (drums) €5

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sick Boy, €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Diaz Brothers, Rock/Funk/Reggae €3

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Homemade Water,

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**25th June 2015**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Awkward Silence,

20:00, **CC Muizek Cafe**, CC Soul Session, with Anan den Boer (keys), Reindert Kragt (bass), Franc Auf dem Brinke (drums) ft. Jessica Manuputty (vocals) €5

21:30, **Mulligans**, Bernard Joyce & Alan McLachlan, *Celtic ballads & tunes, contemporary, pop & more...*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Vital Element, Prog Rock €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven De Geus, Rock/Soul €3

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Maarten & The Rinaldos,
Friday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, followed by DJ from 23:30 ’til late. €5
21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3

5th June 2015

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Miss Halliwell, €5
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, North West, €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Machiel Boon & Friends, Blues €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Jeff Spivey, American 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**, Train Wreck Trio,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Theo Mosquito & Friends,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Shuffle Kings, Chicago jump blues €5

12th June 2015

20:00, **The Waterhole**, All Recovered,
20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Shagging Ponies + Permission to Land, €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Sounds Funky, €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford
22:00, **Mulligans**, Monty Pagan, original folk/rock cabaret band with a Celtic tradition
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Finest Truth,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Allen Wrench & the Nuts, Blues, jazz, rock & oldies
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Them Old Crap, Outlaw country €5

19th June 2015

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Zero Twenty,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Clocxs, Soul/Pop/Rock €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Funky Influence,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Theo Mosquito & Friends,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, 10th Anniversary Reggae Recipe: Live - The Upsessions, Reggae €10

26th June 2015

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Sundown,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Uncle Harry’s Punch, rock €5
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Koeks & Dave,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, The Wendies,
22:30, **Old Nickel**, Lasso,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The High-Five Four + Lil’ Sal & the Wildtones, rockabilly €5
**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

6th June 2015
20:00, The Waterhole, The Containers,
22:00, Bourbon Street, Mosquito, latin rock €5
22:00, Molly Malone’s, Ken Parsons, singer/songwriter/harpist/comedian/…
22:30, The Waterhole, Charmplay,
23:00, Maloe Melo, Delicious Monsters, Funk €5

13th June 2015
20:00, The Waterhole, Basic Principles,
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, Darren Byrne, singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford
22:30, The Waterhole, 2 Big 4 Words,
23:00, Maloe Melo, Funky Good Time, Funky & soul covers €5

20th June 2015
20:00, The Waterhole, Grave Dohls,
20:00, CC Muziek Cafe, Andrew Laureth Band, €5
22:00, Bourbon Street, JaxSwing Allstars, Soul/Funk/Swingbeat €5
22:00, Molly Malone’s, Nige Bray, A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition
22:30, The Waterhole, Shagging Ponies,
23:00, Maloe Melo, Adamastor, folk, Portuguese, Balkan punk, gypsy €5

27th June 2015
20:00, The Waterhole, U2 Undercover, Slash n’ Roses, Meatlove, tribute bands night
20:00, CC Muziek Cafe, Live Music, followed by DJ from 23:30 ‘til late. €5
22:00, Bourbon Street, Hurricane Joy, Pop Rock €5
22:00, Molly Malone’s, Sweet Mary Jane,
23:00, Maloe Melo, The Timeflies, soulful nedergarage beat €5

**Sunday Weekly**

20:30, Het Hok, Stan & Friends, pop/rock
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

7th June 2015
20:00, The Waterhole, Awkward Silence,
20:00, CC Muziek Cafe, Fusée Dorée, followed by Wolf & Disaster €5
22:00, Bourbon Street, Boombox, funk, soul, pop €3
22:30, The Waterhole, Train Wreck Trio,

14th June 2015
20:00, The Waterhole, Andrew Laureth,
20:00, CC Muziek Cafe, José Lopretti & Friends, Latin session €5
22:00, Bourbon Street, Super Sunday, with Nate Dizco & The Dizcats €3
22:30, The Waterhole, Shuffle Kings,

21st June 2015
16:00, Mezrab, Monty Pagan’s Summer Solstice CD Release Party, Monty Pagan will be releasing their eagerly awaited CD ‘Dealing with Demons’. 20:00, The Waterhole, Sunra,
20:00, CC Muziek Cafe, Live Music, €5
22:00, Bourbon Street, Boombox, funk, soul, pop €3
22:30, The Waterhole, Mosquito,

28th June 2015
16:00, De Barones, Woody & The Sidemen, blues/rock n roll
20:00, The Waterhole, Joe Reineke,
20:00, CC Muziek Cafe, Sunday Night Funk Jam, €5
22:00, Bourbon Street, Super Sunday, with Nate Dizco & The Dizcats €3
22:30, The Waterhole, Cry Wolf Blues-band,

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Your Venue in the Stun Gig-List?
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Zadok didn’t look out of place when Excalibur was invaded by a bunch of pirates.

Leo and Roberto were in CC Muziekcafé for Theo’s Wednesday Night Jam.

Juliette took visiting friend Hannah for a drink in her local, The Magpie.

Pete and Lisa always drop in to see Tineke in the Flying Dutchman when they’re in town, and they brought Klaas a Harley D T-shirt.

Willem, pictured in the Old Nickel with Jaap, has taken up painting and wishes he had retired years ago.
Laura from Hotel Koopermolen dropped into Hotel Torenzicht for an after-work drink with her favourite barmaid, Anna.

Adrian was in town for the Rugby 7s and met up with Bob for a drink in Café Corso.
Erwan, Maxizle, Jordy and Judit in Excalibur

Bartel and Zoë in Bourbon Street

Frits, Brechtje and Mathijs in Café Pollux

Mattias and Radka in the Waterhole

Matje in Molly Malone’s

Hani and Suki in The End Karaoke
In Coco’s Outback, we’ve got Francis...

Hannah and Kaz...

James, Michaela, Tim and Jeremy
Behind the bar, Bartel and Romeo made sure the drinks kept flowing.

Lamar Chase hosted Bourbon Street’s Magic Monday Open Jam while Theo was on holiday. Ilja, Dalena and Daniel were waiting in the wings for their chance to play.

As usual, Miguel and Buddy, along with Gregorio, made up the House Band.

Nichole Da Luz was back in town for a week and performed on her accordion.

Former Waterhole barmaid Emily was in the audience, back from her Brighton adventure.
Big G’s Birthday

No surprise seeing a lot of familiar faces at the 2 Hot 2 Funk gig in the Waterhole; it was bass player Gregorio’s birthday and everybody loves Gregorio, the moda foka.
Susie’s Saloon was packed during the Amsterdam Sevens weekend, but we managed to get a couple of photos of the bar staff and some of the rugby players.
MORE ROUNDS

Simon and Simon were at the White Cowbell Oklahoma gig in Maloe Melo.

When he’s not doing Pub Tours, Jack likes to relax at The End Karaoke.

Connie and Mariet look like they were enjoying themselves in the Waterhole.

A lot of people would be interested in a Saturday night pool tournament in the Flying Dutchman, according to Pedro.

Conner is back in town and was catching up on the news from Kristina in the Blarney Stone.

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Out & About

Bartel from Bourbon Street popped in the Cave to see Chicha.

Skip from Excalibur was in the Waterhole for Gus’s last Sunday Jam session.

Jelena from Susie’s Saloon was celebrating her birthday with Cristina, Ruud, Stef and Marek at Molly Malone’s.

Stefan from Candela posed with Ali in Alto.

Chris, Len and Dave from the Waterhole were at Magic Sem’s gig in Bulldog Palace.

Charlotte and Kaz from Coco’s Outback were having a night out in the Waterhole.
Audrey introduced us to Rico, behind the bar in Paleis van de Weemoed.

Mike, Anna, Sezar and Ewa were behind the bar when we dropped into Player’s.

Friday night in the Pint, with Savannah behind the bar.

Rob has opened a new live music bar, Café De Pianist, at Groen van Prinsterenstraat 41, where the Jet Lounge used to be.
Across
8: Norse god. (4)
9: Fencing attack move. (5)
10: Computer symbol. (4)
11: Bitterly. (6)
12: Jewish festival, between Passover & Pentecost. (3,5)
13: Cardboard, hat & chocolate? (3,5)
15: Emotional problem. (4-2)
17: English cheese. (7)
19: Hairy. (7)
22: Kudos. (6)
24: Publican. (8)
26: Pirate booty. (8)
30: Very interested. (4)
31: One of Macbeth’s given titles. (5)
32: Take a jump. (4)

Down
1: Brainchild. (4)
2: Established. (8)
3: Fail to function properly. (4,2)
4: Examine methodically. (7)
5: Chinese furnishing method. (4,4)
6: Late Bronze Age Cretan. (6)
7: Crossbar of a rudder. (4)
14: Different. (5)
16: Speak. (5)
18: Sufficient. (8)
20: Capital of Coahuila. (8)
21: Unlawful. (7)
23: All at sea? (2,1,3)
25: Small lump of precious metal. (6)
27: Payment for lodgings. (4)
29: Remain. (4)

This month’s Stun Prize Crossword is sponsored by Café Pollux, Prins Hendrikkade 121, who have generously donated a Pollux-Beer-Pole 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 Friday 26th June 2015. The winner will be drawn from all correct entries and announced in the next Stun.

Last Month’s Answers
Life is one long process of getting tired!
Across: 8 Fife, 9 Revel, 10 Sion, 11 Jetsam, 12 Chilies, 13 Agonised, 15 Opener, 17 Credits, 19 Escapes, 22 Vendor, 24 Off Piste, 26 Triplets, 28 Tea set, 30 Tsar, 31 Elide, 32 Trap.
Down: 1 Lime, 2 Lessened, 3 Promo’s, 4 Avocado, 5 Illinois, 6 Isolde, 7 Hone, 14 Gorse, 16 Egest, 18 Targeted, 20 Alicante, 21 Bonsoir, 23 Deport, 25 Fetter, 27 Rise, 29 Egad.

And the prize goes to: Evelyne Jansen, who wins A pitcher of beer & 1 hour of pool generously donated by The Poolhole.
My wife was expecting a surprise and a night out for her birthday, so I shouted “Boo!” and then went down the pub.

I’m going to the Introvert Society annual fancy dress ball as a turtle. At least that way I won’t have to come out of my shell.

I attached all my wrist watches together to make a belt. It was a complete waist of time!

I think I might be getting laid tonight; rose petals on the bed, romantic music in the background. But what’s really giving it away is the way my naked cell-mate is winking at me while he’s slowly stroking his large erection.

I asked my wife to act like a “naughty school girl” for me. So she forged a note from her mother saying she didn’t have to participate!

My mate went to a temporary tattoo parlour to get a tattoo yesterday. After it wouldn’t wash off this morning, he went back to complain, but the tattoo parlour wasn’t there.

What do you call an anorexic girl with a yeast infection? A quarter pounder with cheese.

We called our late granddad “Spiderman”. He didn’t have any super powers, he just found it difficult to get out of the bath.

Why a man would want a wife is a mystery to me. Why a man would want two wives is a bigamystery.

My doctor says he has found the cause of my facial spasms; he knows what makes me tic.

I’ve recently taken up meditation; it’s better than sitting around and doing nothing.

I like wearing Indonesian clothing; is that a sarong?

The Post Office is being criticised for systemic sexism in the workplace. Mind you, it is a mail dominated industry.

I like other time zones, but I’ll stick with Greenwich for the meantime.

My wife has left me for a pasta chef; I’m feeling cannelloni right now.

My mate said “my wife talks in her sleep”. On reflection, “I know” wasn’t the best thing to say.

My granddad used to race pigeons. I don’t know why, he never won.

My wife told me to get our ginger son ready for his first day at school. So I punched him in the face and stole his dinner money.

Necrophilia; the urge to crack open a cold one.

Little Johnny came running into the house bawling his eyes out and cradling his hand. “Mum quick! Get me a glass of cider!” he wailed. “Why do you want a glass of cider?” asked his mum. “I cut my hand on a thorn, and I want the pain to go away.” Confused, but weary of the child’s whining, the mother obliged and poured him a glass of cider. Little Johnny immediately dunked his hand in it. “Ouch! It still hurts! This cider doesn’t work!” he whined. “What are you talking about?” asked Little Johnny’s increasingly perplexed mum, “Whatever made you think that cider would ease your pain?” “Well, I overheard my big sister say that whenever she gets a prick in her hand, she can’t wait to get it in cider.”
FIFA have finally fallen foul of international law after years of controversy under the stewardship of that aging Swizz football buffoon, the one and only Mr. Sepp Blatter. The question I guess we must ask is why has it taken so long to nail such a powerful criminal organisation?

Sepp Blatter has refused to resign as FIFA president after UEFA president Michel Platini called on the 79-year-old to step down for the good of the game, but he holds fast to the belief that it will all blow over in the end and was preparing instead for the FIFA presidential election, with world soccer reeling from the arrest of several officials and a key sponsor threatening to cut ties with the scandal-tainted organization.

In the two-pronged set of criminal investigations, Swiss prosecutors on Thursday were planning to question at least 10 members of the FIFA executive committee who voted on the awarding of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups and seven soccer officials remained in custody in Zurich as part of an American investigation into soccer corruption at the very highest level. The officials were all in Zurich for the FIFA Congress, which will see Blatter challenged by Prince Ali of Jordan for the presidency on Friday. The gathering of the 209 soccer nations starts later Thursday, but European body UEFA was still deciding whether to boycott the congress over the worst scandal in FIFA’s 111-year history.

Visa became the first sponsor to warn that they could pull out of their FIFA contract, which is worth at almost 40 million Euros a year, if the world’s football governing body failed to get its act together and restore its former reputation on the world stage. The credit card company is demanding immediate steps by FIFA aimed at “rebuilding a culture with strong ethical practices in order to restore the reputation of the games for fans everywhere.”
Blatter has courted controversy since he took on the post in 1998 and he is desperate to continue his reign at the top of his game by winning the election for the fifth time tomorrow afternoon, but Michel Platini, who is head of UEFA, firmly believes he should step down for the good of the game. I agree. He has turned the most popular sport on the planet into a complete joke and his tendency to turn the other cheek when controversy emerges, is tantamount to being at the very least an accomplice to crime and he must finally face the music, in my view.

The probe into the 2018 and 2022 World Cup events to be held in Russia and Qatar, and the denouncement of his actions as head of world football by his close friend Michel Platini, surely suggest that this time he must leave. Greg Dyke, the Football Association chairman in the UK, said “Blatter has to go at all costs.”

The truth of the matter is that FIFA have always courted controversy, but this time they cannot wriggle free of it. Not even Mr. Smiley can get away with this blatant assault on football integrity and his attempt to secure a fifth term of office must be suspended until further notice.

Single-handedly, this Swizz geriatric has done more damage to the beautiful game than all his predecessors put together and surely it is only a matter of time before he finds himself in the dock too.

Frank

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PPL UPDATE
Here’s the final Premier Predictions League table; Phil Rook wins the prize from Coco’s!

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Twins Brian and Steven had a few pre-birthday drinks in Molly Malone’s, so it was a good job Muriel was there to get them home. Chef and Pete had a drink or two with them. Emiel brought his little friend into the picture with Nuala and Steven.

Things have come a long way since the days of the Last Waterhole, where Jon and Dan used to work in a dedicated sound booth.

With his tablet and sound level meter in hand, Bart can do his sound engineering from anywhere in the Waterhole.

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Astrid was in the Old Nickel on a Saturday night with her ex-husband, Remco.

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