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# Page Three

Nathalie's colleague Priscilla was also in the Smoking Bull, so I had to stop for a drink and take a photo of them together.



The team I play with had a crack at the Pub Quiz in Coco's Outback; we didn't win, but at least Mara and Abbie were behind the bar.



We don't see much of Laura since she moved to the sticks, so it was a pleasant surprise to see her doing an evening shift in Hotel Koopermolen.



Judging by the way Alena, Anna and Ema in the Waterhole were posing, there's a new Charlie's Angels movie out.

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# The Editor's Bit

No matter what your beliefs are, even us atheists look on December as being the month of goodwill to all of our fellow human beings. With that in mind, I decided against putting another Christmas tree or Festive street-light scene on this month's cover. Instead, we've got the statue on Oudekerksplein dedicated to sex workers, because Tuesday 17th December is the 'International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers'.

The Red Light District has always been my favourite part of Amsterdam and over the years, I've got to know a few (former) sex workers socially (in a bar after they've finished work for the night) and they've all been

lovely people. The fact that there has to be an 'International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers' is disgusting, when all they want to do is help spread the love that this world is sadly lacking at the moment.

It was getting a bit nippy out, so I accepted Ewa and Darryl's offer of a Jägermeister before I left Players. I thought the beard I grew for



## WIN! WIN! WIN!

For this month's **Cover Competition**, all you have to do is give me the name of the statue! Even if you never venture into the Red Light District, it shouldn't be too difficult to find the answer (Google it!).

You can send your answer by email to [cover@stun.nl](mailto:cover@stun.nl), Facebook Messenger to [m.me/AmsterdamStun](https://m.me/AmsterdamStun) or in a Christmas card to the address on page 2. Closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 27th December 2019. The names of all correct entrants will go into the hat and be drawn by somebody in the bar that donated each prize. Here are the prizes up for grabs:

**Molly Malone's:** €50 food/drink voucher.

**Rock On!:** 4 pints of Heineken, to be shared with your friends.

**Café Oporto:** A bottle of red wine and a bottle of white wine.

The winners will be announced on this page in the January 2020 edition of the Amsterdam Stun, and if I have enough room, I'll give an Honourable Mention to everybody else who sent in the correct answer.

Halloween would keep my face warm, but it didn't; condensation from my breath made it cold & wet and the wind whipping the hairs around almost drove me mad, so I shaved it off.

We've got another full Amsterdam Stun for you again this month, with photos from a couple of parties and from around the bars, plus all of our usual stuff, so Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and enjoy your Stun.

*Andy*

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Happy 16th Wedding Anniversary to our football correspondent Frank and his wife Rung.

Welcome To The  
Quarter Life Crisis Club Nina!

From the archives this month, two people celebrating their birthday on my first outing with a digital camera, 20 years ago in 1999!



## SEX, SEX AND MORE SEX!

I just wanted to get your attention. No, this is not a guide to the frolics of the Red Light District nor to the fun of an unnamed swing club. But since I've gotten your attention, I feel obligated to at least write about one of my favourite sexual encounters.

When I had my VW-hippie-van, I'd often ride out to the seashore near Amsterdam and sleep while listening to the roar of the surf.

One night, I was distracted from my musings by a woman's gentle sobbing. I opened the door and invited her into my lair. It turned out she was sobbing because her husband was away on a business trip and she was bored.

At first she was reluctant to give in to my suggestions, she was a faithful wifey. I coaxed her gently as I looked in her eyes and knew she was interested, but too straight to fall for any of my usual lines.

Until I came upon the key to her chastity belt.

I looked in her eyes, smiled, and said... "What do you think your husband is doing tonight in his hotel room while you sit here wondering?" With a little skip she stepped into my mobile pleasure palace.

When she left my van later that night, I kissed her gently and whispered "Never tell him what we've done. He doesn't want to know."

She smiled coyly and disappeared into the night.

One week later, I was parked on the same spot, when she walked by with what I assume was her husband. She winked discretely as she passed, and skipped for a step.

I smiled as they walked away, the soothing sound of the waves in my ears and pleasant memories to keep me company.

*Terry Mann*



# BEHIND

Justin & Percey in Café Pollux



Steve & Emil in Susie's Saloon



Max & Hassan in The Three Sisters Pub



Saghi & Jack in The End Karaoke



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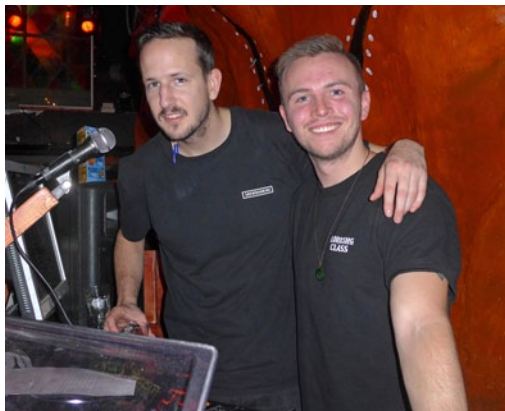
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## Monday

### Weekly

20:00, **Durty Nelly's**, Live Music, *with Dave & Friends*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell & his Gritmoaners*

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

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

**9th December 2019**

**The Waterhole**, Indie Night, *with...*

20:00, Leah Rye, *Pop*

21:15, tba,

23:15, Colossal Street Jam (USA), *Rock n' Roll*

**16th December 2019**

**The Waterhole**, Indie Night, *with...*

20:00, Falko Nelson, *Acoustics*

21:00, Cooper Lower, *Acoustics*

22:30, tba,

23:45, Ruben Klavers Trio, *Pop, Rock*

**23rd December 2019**

**The Waterhole**, Indie Night, *with...*

20:00, Ashtyn Barbaree Trio, *Americana, Pop*

22:00, Morres, *Pop, Rock*

**30th December 2019**

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole Jam with Rene Kipuw, *Pop, Rock*

## Tuesday

### Weekly

20:00, **Café de Koe**, Open Mic Night, *hosted by The Amsterdam Songwriters Guild*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Kevin Chapman & Friends*

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

**10th December 2019**

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole Jam with Rene Kipuw, *Pop, Rock*

**17th December 2019**

16:00, **Rock On!** Metal Night, *Our Monthly Metal Night is all about Speed & Thrash Metal!*

19:30, **Coco's Outback**, International Pub Quiz, *Entry price: €2.50, maximum 5 persons to a team. Great Prizes!*

19:45, **Checkpoint Charlie**, Ironic Curtain Comedy Club, *Hosted by Ken Parsons with his trademark mix of daft headtrips and even dafter songs.*

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole Jam with Rene Kipuw, *Pop, Rock*

**24th December 2019**

19:30, **Rock On!** Christmas Karaoke, *Carolling? Nah, it's just the rock songs YOU want to sing!*

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Soothing Strings, *Soulful acoustics*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, 2hot2funk, *Pop, Rock*

**31st December 2019**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, tba, *Pop, Rock*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, New Year's Eve Party, *with EXP (Rock) €15*

23:15, **The Waterhole**, Altitude, *Pop, Rock*

**7th January 2020**

20:00, **Boom Chicago**, Amsterdam Magic Show, *The best international magic and comedy acts in the heart of Amsterdam. Tickets are €25 online / €30 at the door. Book tickets now as the shows tend to sell out well in advance. Use Promotional Code STUN for a 10% discount!*

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# GIG-LIST

## Wednesday

### Weekly

22:00, **Cafe Pollux**, Rock/Blues Jam Session,  
*Hosted by Jay & Simon*

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

**11th December 2019**

20:00, **Bar Bukowski**, Laughing Lyrics Comedy  
Night, *with Michael Jäger, special visiting guest  
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20:30, **The Waterhole**, Wednesday Rock n' Roll  
Jam Night, *Pop, Rock*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Franklin Madjid's Music Train,  
*Bring your instruments*

**18th December 2019**

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Wednesday Rock n' Roll  
Jam Night, *Pop, Rock*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam Songwriters Circle,  
*hosted by Dzuana, followed by session with Lamar  
Chase (free)*

## Wednesday

**25th December 2019**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, tba,

23:30, **The Waterhole**, *Whatever, Rock n' Roll*

## Thursday

### Weekly

21:00, **Het Hok**, Mosquito Unplugged, *Latin Pop  
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*

**5th December 2019**

19:30, **Rock On!** Karaoke, *Come and sing your  
favourite rock songs out LOUD! (or cheer the ones  
on that dare!)*

20:00, **The Waterhole**, The Tributes, *Acoustic Pop,  
Rock*

20:30, **De Nieuwe Anita**, Nutty Anita's Comedy  
Night, *Hosted by Maestro of the Underground, Ken  
Parsons with his trademark mix of daft headtrips  
and even dafter songs! €8*

20:30, **Volta**, Local Playground, *Green Policy +  
Zuman €5*

21:00, **Soundgarden**, The Unemployed, *Blues  
Rock*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Rock Session, *with Kim  
Stevens*

21:30, **Mulligans**, Ciaran Wynne, *talented Irish  
singer/songwriter on tour*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Sven Davis Band, *Funk,  
Pop*

**12th December 2019**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Funky Good Time, *Funk,  
Pop*

20:30, **Volta**, Local Playground, *Leah Rye +  
Bernice Aloyse €5*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Rock Session, *with Kim  
Stevens*

23:30, **The Waterhole**, Mad Lee & the  
*Mothercovers, Pop, Rock*

## ROCK ON! AGENDA

TUE  
17  
DEC

**MONTHLY METAL NIGHT:  
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TUE  
24  
DEC

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28  
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TUE  
17  
DEC

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TUE  
7  
JAN

**ROCK ON! KARAOKE**  
19:30 - 23:30 Be Bold! Sing and Scream into 2020!

TUE  
14  
JAN

**ROCK ON! PUBQUIZ**  
20:00-23:00 in dutch and english - Free entrance, register  
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WED  
22  
JAN

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## Thursday

**19th December 2019**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Township Rebellion, *Rock*  
 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Rock Session, *with Kim Stevens*  
 23:30, **The Waterhole**, Funky Influence, *Funk, Pop*

**26th December 2019**

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Rock-A-Oke, *Live-band Karaoke. Grab the mic!*  
 23:30, **The Waterhole**, Spit, *Hard-hitting 90's Rock*

## Friday

**27th December 2019**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Steven de Geus Unplugged, *Pop, Rock*  
 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Unexpected, *Rock/Rock n Roll €5*  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, tba, *Rock*

**3rd January 2020**

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Rock n Roll New Year Party, *live: Bad Mess & Tornado Beat €5*

## Friday

**Weekly**

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

**6th December 2019**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Jurre & Rens, *Acoustic Pop, Rock*  
 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Caolan McLaughlin, *Irish and international sing alongs*  
 21:00, **Blarney Stone**, Ciaran Wynne, *talented Irish singer/songwriter on tour*  
 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Caracas Latin Band, *€5*  
 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, No Smoke, *English pub rock €5*  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Dirty Pillows, *Rock*

**13th December 2019**

20:00, **Volta**, Metal Night, *Pictura Poesis, Mouflon + In Aetherium! €5*  
 20:30, **Cafe Batavia 1920**, The 3rd Amsterdam Rare Soul Weekender, *Friday Night Soul €22.50*  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, tba, *Acoustic Pop, Rock*  
 22:00, **Mulligans**, Bernard Joyce & Alan McLachlan, *Old time Irish legend and his Scottish musical partner back on stage with Celtic ballads & tunes, contemporary, pop and more...*  
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Surfer Joe Xmas Tour, *International surf music ambassador €7.50*  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Riddlebox, *Pop, Rock*

**20th December 2019**

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jur Fest 4, *Live: Love Supreme, The Weird Ears, The Irrational Library Band €5*  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste Unplugged, *Acoustic Rock*  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Zwoel, *Pop, Rock*

## Saturday

**Weekly**

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

**7th December 2019**

16:00, **Rock On!** One Year Open Party!, *It's been a year since we've opened our doors! You are cordially invited to celebrate with us! Rock On!*  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Koeks & Friend, *Acoustic Pop, Rock*  
 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Caolan McLaughlin, *Irish and international sing alongs*  
 21:00, **Blarney Stone**, Ciaran Wynne, *talented Irish singer/songwriter on tour*  
 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Party Time, *De Derde Klasse & Friends €5*  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, *90's Rock*

**14th December 2019**

14:00, **Cafe Batavia 1920**, The 3rd Amsterdam Rare Soul Weekender, *Mid-tempo & Mellow Session*  
 20:00, **Bitterzoet**, Liam Ó Maonlaí & Peter O'Toole (Hothouse Flowers), *The Light Inside Tour €20*  
 20:30, **Cafe Batavia 1920**, The 3rd Amsterdam Rare Soul Weekender, *Saturday Night Soul €22.50*  
 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Adam Tobit, *Acoustic Pop*  
 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Party Time, *with Guus taking care of the music €5*  
 22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Tragedian + The Art of Havoc + Support, *Hamburg Metal Night*  
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Echoes of Industry, *Rock*

# GIG-LIST

## Saturday

### 21st December 2019

20:00, **Mixtree**, Stand-up Comedy Show! In English! with the Komedij Kaiser Michael Jäger and many more! €7.50

21:00, **De Ruimte**, A Taste of Space, with *The Unemployed* + *JARL* + *Luka Schuurman*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, tba, *Acoustic Pop, Rock*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, JPR Strinxband, *Rock* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit, *Hard-hitting 90's Rock*

### 28th December 2019

16:00, **Rock On!** Lemmy Rocks On - Forever, *Today we celebrate the life of one of rock's most iconic figureheads with Motörhead Classics!*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bottleneck, *Acoustic Rock*

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Iron Fist plays Motörhead, *All the old hits at a killing pace and deafening volume!*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Lamar Chase Blues Band, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, The First Resort, *Rock*

## Sunday

### Weekly

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

### 8th December 2019

19:00, **The Waterhole**, Micha Kroese Band, *Dance, Pop & Rock*

19:30, **Cafe Langereis**, Silver Vlinder, *Covers*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with *Tijmen & Marco*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Brand Nu Funk, *Pop, Funk, Dance*

### 15th December 2019

19:00, **The Waterhole**, Mean Machine, *Rock*

19:30, **Cafe Langereis**, Eric Verwey Trio, *Jazz*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with *Kim*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, The Cruz, *Funk, Pop, Rock*

### 22nd December 2019

19:00, **The Waterhole**, Heights Meditation, *Reggae*

19:30, **Cafe Langereis**, Las Veterans, *Cabaret style Dutch songs*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with *Magic Sem*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Mark Milan Groove Experience, *Funk, Soul, Pop*

### 29th December 2019

19:00, **The Waterhole**, Chris Alain & Friends, *Acoustic Soul, Pop*

19:30, **Cafe Langereis**, Niki Buzz, *solo, groovy rhythm & blues covers and originals*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with *Lamar Chase*

21:30, **The Waterhole**, Ati's Wildflower, *Funk, Pop*

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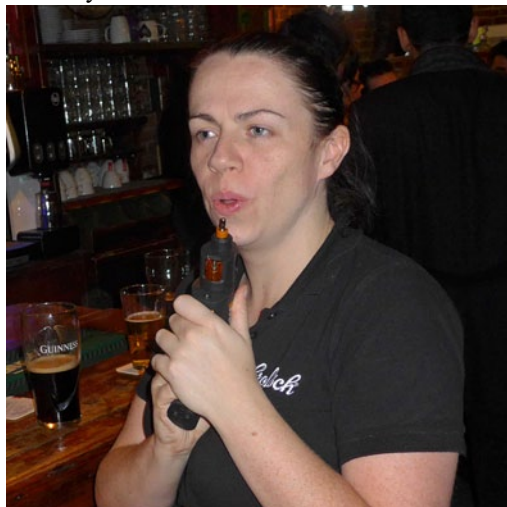
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James's sister Sharon and her kid Corey were in town; we caught them having a drink in Molly Malone's with Josie and Damien.



Paula in Molly Malone's really likes the screwdriver she got for her birthday; she said it feels like a real gun.

# ROUND T

Bo was at the bar with Indi when I dropped off the new Stun in Susie's Saloon.



Viviane was visiting her uncle Steve in Amsterdam and was no stranger to Susie's Saloon because that's where he works.



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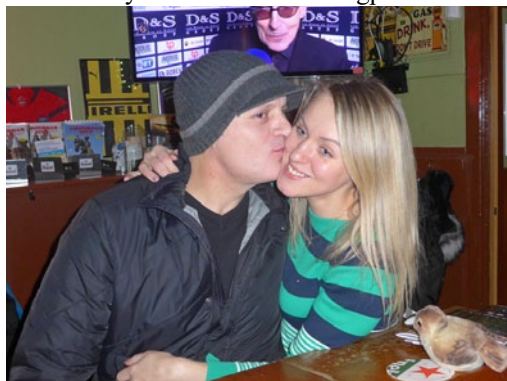
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# HE BARS

Dash gave Arjola a (lipstick-free) smacker on a Sunday afternoon in the Magpie.



After a busy day in Hunter's, Matt had a quick beer in the Magpie before heading home.



Phil missed out on Agnes's lipstick, but Tamara and Brendan got a smacker in the Blarney Stone.



On his night off, Rock On barman Pasquale paid Hotel Torenzicht a visit and posed for a photo with his former colleague Henk.

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# One Night In...

Maloe Melo, where local rock band 'Two Too Many' were supporting Danish band 'PowerSolo'. Photos of the bands on stage are on the Live Around Amsterdam Facebook page.



Between sets, Jur was spinning vinyl...



Ingrid was pleased to see Guus on the door...

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Marcel (Band of Friends), Robert (The Unexpected) and Phil were there.



Two Too Many guitarist JJ's number one fan Jojo was there too!



And filling the page is one of Jur and Guus.





# 22 Years of Molly's

After the shenanigans of the last two years, Auntie Molly's Birthday Party was a much more refined affair this time. Darren Byrne was booked to host the evening but had to pull out due to ill health. Last-minute replacement Killian Donnelly kept everyone entertained.



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# BEHIND

It's been a while since we had a photo with any of the bar crew in Rock Planet, so here's one with Marie and Emma.



Dan in Susie's Saloon is a much better barman and DJ than photographer; I asked him to take a photo of me with some friends and his finger covered the flash. Oh well, never mind!



Martina and Lara were sending out the love ahead of the Blarney Stone celebrating their 30th Anniversary this month.



It was a quiet night around town, so Mick resorted to his Contacts list in an attempt to get bums on seats in H. Murray's.



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# MORE BARS

Cónán is a new face in Molly Malone's; he spelt out his name, but used the Gaelic word for the accents, so I didn't have a clue what he was talking about until he wrote it down.



Magpie boss Arjola introduced us to Mario, who will be joining the bar crew soon.



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Martin made sure the bar was well stocked with Jägermeister when he started his graveyard-shift in Hotel Torenzicht.

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# In The Poolbar

Photos by Rob



# Doormen?

Arie pulled open the doors of Café Corso and invited me in for a beer; how could I say no?



It was packed in Excalibur, so Jordy was taking a breather by the door.



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This is a story about a couple who had been happily married for years; the only friction in their marriage was the husband's habit of farting loudly every morning when he awoke. The noise would wake his wife, the smell would make her eyes water and make her gasp for air.

Every morning she would plead with him to stop ripping them off because it was making her sick. He told her he couldn't stop it and that it was perfectly natural. She told him to see a doctor, she was concerned that one day he would blow his guts out. The years went by and he continued to rip them out.

Then one Christmas Day morning, as she was preparing the turkey for dinner and he was upstairs sound asleep, she looked at the innards, neck, gizzard, liver and all the spare parts, and a malicious thought came to her. She took the bowl and went upstairs where her husband was sound asleep and, gently pulling the bed covers back, she pulled back the elastic waistband of his underpants and emptied the bowl of turkey guts into his shorts. Sometime later she heard her husband waken with his usual trumpeting which was followed by a blood curdling scream and the sound of frantic footsteps as he ran into the bathroom. The wife could hardly control herself as she rolled on the floor laughing, tears in her eyes! After years of torture, she reckoned she had got him back pretty good. About twenty minutes later, her husband came downstairs in his blood stained underpants with a look of horror on his face. She bit her lip as she asked him what was the matter. He said, "Honey you were right... all these years you have warned me and I didn't listen to you."

"What do you mean?" asked his wife.

"Well, you always told me that one day I would end up farting my guts out, and today it finally happened, but by the grace of god, some Vaseline and two fingers, I think I got most of them back in."



An elderly couple go for a check-up. After his exam, the doctor said to the to the old fella, "You appear to be in good health. Do you have any medical concerns you would like to ask me about?"

"In fact, I do," said the old man. "After I have sex I am usually hot and sweaty, and then, after I have it with her the second time, I am usually cold and chilly."

After examining the old man's elderly wife, the doctor said to her, "Everything appears to be fine. Do you have any medical concerns that you would like to discuss with me?"

The lady replied that she had no questions or concerns. But the doctor then said to her: "Your husband had an unusual concern. He claims that he is usually hot and sweaty after having sex with you the first time, and then cold and chilly after the second time. Do you know why?"

"Oh, that crazy old bastard," she replied. "That's because the first time is usually in August, and the second time is at Christmas!"

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I'm so skint that I've just opened a door on my advent calender and a bailiff was stood there.

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One night Freda went carol singing.

She knocked on the door of a house and began to sing. A man with a violin in his hand came to the door

Within half a minute, tears were streaming down his face! Freda went on singing for half an hour, every carol she knew - and some she didn't.

As last she stopped.

'I understand,' she said softly. 'You are remembering your happy childhood Christmas days. You're a sentimentalist!'

'No,' he snivelled. 'I'm a musician!'

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The strange goings on in Spain with regard to the reappointing of former boss Luis Enrique as their national coach is a rather bizarre episode in the life of a modern day head coach. Enrique resigned from the role in June this year so that he could spend more time with his nine-year-old daughter Xana, who sadly died from bone cancer in August.

This allowed Robert Moreno to succeed him and he was given a contract until the end of Euro 2020, and Spain's performances at international level improved discernibly in the meantime. The Spanish football president Luis Rubiales told Moreno that this position was only a temporary arrangement, and an agreement was in place that once Enrique was fit to resume work, he would be back at the helm.

Moreno apparently accepted this situation and said in September of this year that he would be happy to step aside if Enrique chose to return to his former position. But when in October Enrique said he would come back, Moreno suddenly had a change of heart and said that he would be happy to assume the assistant role again; provided he was allowed to stay in his current post until the end of

the 2020 campaign, which is what had been promised to him.

When Moreno became aware of the discussions that were taking place to bring Enrique into the fold, he demanded some clarity about his own position and the following day it was revealed that Enrique would be back in charge after Spain's final qualification match (the 5-1 drubbing of Romania). Moreno departed the Wanda Metropolitano Stadium in tears, believing that the Spanish Football Association had reneged on their original promise that he could stay until the end of Euro 2020.

Enrique however was unrepentant and blamed his old friend Moreno of being disloyal. He explained to the media that his long relationship with Moreno was over, having worked together at Barcelona, Celta Vigo and Roma. "I understand that he has worked very hard to be the head coach and that he is ambitious but for me this is disloyal. I would never do something like that and I don't want someone with those characteristics in my staff. Ambition is to be encouraged but excessive ambition is a defect not a virtue. Adolf Hitler had excessive ambition too and we all know where that ended!"

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That's enough about Spain, back to the rest of European football. In the Champions League, Manchester City, Tottenham Hotspur, Paris Saint-Germain, Bayern Munich, Juventus and RB Leipzig have all made it through to the knockout phase and it is very likely that Liverpool, Napoli, Ajax and Real Madrid will join them. Chelsea and Valencia will have to sweat it out, along with Shakhtar Donetsk, Atletico Madrid and Inter Milan.

In the Prem, it is all change at Tottenham and so far so good for Jose Mourinho, who has won all three of his initial encounters, both in the Premier League and in Europe. I do however feel rather sorry for Mauricio Pochettino though, because he over-achieved at Spurs, due to the fact that Chairman Daniel Levy was tight with the transfer purse strings.

To make the final of the Champions League only to lose largely against the run of play to Liverpool last season was a remarkable achievement in itself, and he has consistently managed to get the London outfit into those Champions League berths year on year. Mourinho now says he is a man of humility and not the special one. Let's see how long that lasts?

Now, by the time this goes to print, don't be surprised if Marco Silva at Everton and Manuel Pellegrino at West Ham are seeking new employment. They both find themselves in a perilous managerial position as things stand, and I don't see a way out for either.

***Frank Weston***

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# PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League table looked on Sunday 1st December 2019. Check the Stun website for the latest stand.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Cotton Polly	5	4	19
2nd	John Raftery	5	2	17
3rd	Ann Marie Stopforth	4	4	16
4th	Kenneth	3	7	16
5th	Jordy the Lion	4	3	15
5th	Alan Dempsey	4	3	15
7th	Neil Weston	3	6	15
8th	Trish Steele	4	2	14
9th	Boelens Park Rangers	3	5	14
10th	Swiss Tom	3	4	13
10th	Arun Pankerd	3	4	13
10th	Lee Findley	3	4	13
10th	Sander van Angeren	3	4	13
14th	Thomas Redmond	2	7	13
15th	Jude Noonan	3	3	12
16th	Syd Satan	2	5	11
17th	Anna Kenia	3	1	10
17th	Paul Tandy	3	1	10
19th	Bart PPHE	2	4	10
19th	Carlos Macedo	2	4	10
19th	Callum Dickie	2	4	10
22nd	Grouty	2	3	9
22nd	Spen	2	3	9
24th	Steve Mahon	1	6	9
24th	Phil Rook	1	6	9
24th	Jim McGrath	1	6	9
24th	Frank Weston	1	6	9
24th	Ben Stopforth	1	6	9
29th	Rob	2	2	8
30th	Chris R	1	5	8
30th	John Wortley	1	5	8
30th	Ronald Middelkoop	1	5	8
30th	Shaun	1	5	8
34th	Ken Passey	1	4	7
35th	Willie Wood	1	3	6
36th	Stuart	0	5	5
36th	Eric Donald	0	5	5
38th	Philip Justice	1	1	4
39th	Jeffrey Schuffelen	0	3	3
39th	Jim Scrimgeour	0	3	3
41st	Pau Pau, Paulo	0	2	2
42nd	Paddy Wynne	0	1	1

# Gig For Gilligan

Davóg Rynne kicked off his tour of the Netherlands in Molly Malone's with a fund-raiser in aid of fellow Irish musician Mark Gilligan, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2003. Mark is now in the secondary progressive stage of the disease and has lost the use of the whole left-hand side of his body, but there is hope! A procedure called HSCT has shown very positive results in stopping MS in its tracks, but it's not available here and because it's considered to be at an experimental stage, it's not covered by his Dutch health insurance.

The GoFundMe page to raise the €75,000 needed to get Mark treated overseas has passed the halfway point, but there's still a long way to go. Visit [www.gigsforgilligan.com](http://www.gigsforgilligan.com) for more information and to make a donation.

Molly's had a raffle, which raised €500 for Mark; here are some of the prize winners, along with MC James, and Davóg, of course.



Josie won all of the whiskey and gin prizes!







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