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Page Three

Arjola and Sharita were behind the bar for the last party in the Magpie before they had to close.



It seems like whenever we have a photo of Anna from Hotel Torenzicht on Page Three, her friend Laura is working in Hotel Koopermolen when I deliver the latest Stun, so I have to take a photo of her; we don't see enough of Laura since she moved out to the sticks.



Let's hope we can see Marta and Mara on the terrace when Coco's Outback reopens on Monday 1st June.



Lock-down seemed a world away when Soraida and Ema posed for this photo, but it will be a while before the Waterhole has live music and more than 100 people in the bar, without social distancing, again.

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The Editor's Bit

We're living in strange times! This will be the first time the Amsterdam Stun is not available on paper, but with everywhere closed, there wouldn't be anywhere for you to pick up a copy anyway, so it makes sense to make this an online only edition so that you can still see the photos I took in March.

I went to the Flying Dutchman on the afternoon of Sunday 15th March to play pool with Lesley, but before we could rack up, they announced on TV that all bars, restaurants and coffeeshops had to close at 18:00 that day! In panic, I ran round the corner to Prix D'Ami to stock up with 5 grams of white widow before they closed and by the time I'd been served, the queue outside was huge. It was the same all over the country and after 18:00, street dealers suddenly appeared everywhere, so the government changed their mind overnight and coffeeshops were allowed to open the next day, but only for takeaway.



Spare a thought for Jamie, who took this selfie with Frankie, Lesley, me and Tineke behind him; his flight from the UK to Lanzarote was cancelled so he decided to come to "Open" Amsterdam instead. First stop after taking the train from Schiphol was the Flying Dutchman, but within 20 minutes of getting there, the big shutdown was announced on TV!

Helena came to town for Paddy's Day, but because everywhere was closed, we had a mini-party at my place with live music from the Mary Wallopers on the TV instead.



I saw the Mary Wallopers in Molly Malone's about 18 months ago; sadly, there will be no more live music in Molly's! The corona virus was bad enough, but then they got a report that the foundations are so rotten, the building isn't safe and it will take about a year to fix them, so they've had to close down permanently.

The cover is a guy I saw practicing social distancing in Vondelpark, with no football to talk about, Frank has got a quiz for you, the Gig List has links to musicians playing at home and the Joke Page has a lock-down theme, so enjoy this strange edition of the Stun.

Andy

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Happy Anniversary in April: Alma & Ken, Susan & Glen.

Happy Birthday in May: Abby, Alan, Allison, Andre, Andrew, Andy, Ann, Arthur, Bal, Brian, Carla, Carlo, Chantal, Cindy, CJ, Cora, Craig, Daniel, Dave, David, Derek, Dirk, Dominik, Dursun, Fem, Franck, Frank, Frans, Gareth, Gary, Gavin, George, Giannis-Marcel, Gregorio, Helena, Henry, Ian, Ireen, Isabelle, Jack, Jason, Jayne, Joan, Joelle, Joop, Joost, Jude, Kees, Keith, Khaled, Kim, Leen, Lesley, Leta, Lisa, Lotte, Maddie, Marco, Maria, Marieta, Martha, Mary, Mathilde, Mick, Mike, Monica, Natalie, Nathalia, Nina, Paul, Peter, Raschid, Remco, Rhian, Rick, Ritchie, Ron, Ruby, Sandy, Sarah, Sem, Shannon, Simon, Steve, Steven, Stuart, Tania, Tattoo John, Terrance, Tim, Trina, Uri, Vicky, Wabs, Wiet, Zillah, Zoe.

AFTER LOCKDOWN

There's light at the end of the tunnel! Bars and restaurants can reopen on Monday 1st June, but with a lot of restrictions!

A maximum of 30 people are allowed inside and you must make a reservation, although in most places, that can be done on arrival, subject to available space; everyone must stay 1.5 meters apart, with the exception of joint households and couples, and you have to undergo a health check to make sure you're not a risk before you're allowed in. If you have a cold, fever and/or a runny nose, stay home!

Outside, there's no maximum number of people on terraces, but everyone should be seated at a table and kept 1.5 meters apart.

To help you out, here are the contact details for some of our favourite places:

Coco's Outback - joey@cocosoutback.com

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Flying Dutchman - Call 06 15 488508

Joselito - Call 020 622 7678

The Magpie Pub - Call 020 337 7926

Maloe Melo - www.fb.com/maloe.melo.1

H. Murray's - Call 020 776 2644

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STUN GIG-LIST

With all the music venues closed, a lot of musicians have turned to broadcasting performances live on Facebook; here are some of our favourites.

Maloe Melo Must Stay

Some of Amsterdam's finest musicians have been performing in weekly fundraisers to help Amsterdam's best live music venue, Maloe Melo, survive the shutdown.

www.fb.com/maloemelomoetblijven

Mosquito

The Stun's favourite band, Mosquito, have put on a couple of full shows from a secret location and more will follow until they can play in front of a real audience, whenever that may be.

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www.fb.com/sem.vandertien

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www.fb.com/SweetMaryJane.nl

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Great customer service in H. Murray's; when John Thomas's legs became too wobbly, Brian was more than happy to carry him out, and leave him in the gutter.



It's about time we had a photo of Bill and Adriaan propping up the bar in Coco's Outback.



Paula (Molly's) and Viivi (Mulligan's) were having an after-work drink in Rock On; sadly, only Mulligan's will reopen after lock-down.

ROUND T

Paul met up with the Warrington crew in Café Oporto just days before all the bars closed.



Danny paid a rare visit to see Jen in Café Oporto, and then the bars closed, so we haven't seen him since!



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THE BARS

Jerry was celebrating his birthday in the Magpie, before social distancing became the new way of life.



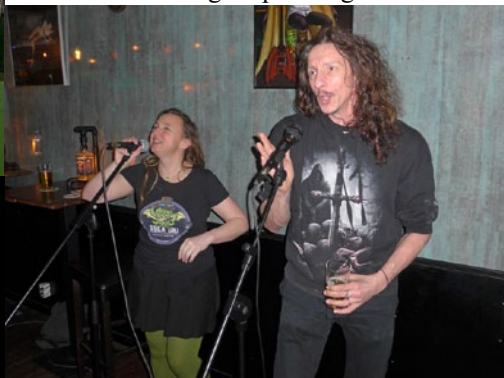
Andy MacUnfraidh had a lot of gigs lined up around Paddy's Day, but this one in Molly Malone's was the only one that went ahead.



Even before the Corona Crisis struck, we knew Rock On was closing down. The final party couldn't go ahead, so I'm glad I made it there for the very last Rock Karaoke night. Jojo was on fine form, duetting with Tony.



Barman Pasquale had his own backing vocalists when he got up to sing.



Jojo also did a duet with Patrick, amongst others, but we haven't got room for more photos. We're going to miss Rock On, but not as much as Jojo; it was her dream come true!

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Hayley, Judit & Max in the Three Sisters Pub



Anna with her new Hotel Torenzicht colleague, Charlton Athletic supporter Ciaran



Steve, Louise & Lars in Susie's Saloon

BEHIND

Charlie was ready to rock, but then we got hit by the lock-down, so it's anybody's guess when we'll see live music in the Cave again!



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BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

I thought that as football was in a state of hibernation in the UK at the moment, thanks to this dreaded Corona virus that has inflicted so much suffering on so many, I would do something different this month.

Now this is a first for the B.F.O.F. column, but as everyone appears to be self-isolating, quizzes are back in vogue. This should test your football knowledge to the full and you can find the answers on page 14.

1. Who was the first club to win the Premier League title in the 1992/93 season?
2. How many goals did Alan Shearer score for Blackburn Rovers when they won the Premier League in 1994/95?
3. Who scored the only goal for Ipswich Town in the 1978 Cup Final against Arsenal?
4. Which famous footballer said, "I am constantly being asked about individuals. The only way to win is as a team. Football is not about one or two or three star players."
5. Which Premier League player was recently held at knife-point after being burgled by two men who had entered in his own home?
6. Who managed Manchester City before Pep Guardiola?

7. Who is the owner of Newcastle United?
8. Which club has had two head coaches who went on to manage the English national team?
9. Who does pop idol Adele support?
10. Who won the First Division Championship in 1931/32?
11. Who has won the most FA Cup's since its inception in the year of 1871?
12. Who have won the League Cup on most occasions?
13. Which team does Ed Sheeran support?
14. Where are around 80% of the worlds footballs manufactured?
15. Who coined the phrase "Sexy football?"
16. Who won the World Cup in 1938?
17. Who coined the phrase "the beautiful game?"
18. Who invented football?
19. How many times have Brazil won the World Cup?
20. Who did Argentina defeat in the 1978 World Cup?

OK folks, put your thinking caps on, and see how many of you can guess correctly...

Frank Weston

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JOKES

The only way to pull off a lock-down afternoon 'quickie' with their eight year old son in the apartment was to send him out on the balcony with a Mars Bar and tell him to report on all the street activities. He began his commentary as his parents put their plan into operation:

'There's a car being towed from the car park,' he shouted.

'An ambulance just drove by!'

'Looks like the Anderson's have company,' he called out.

'Matt's out on his bike and his mum is telling him off'

'Looks as if the Sanders are going into full isolation!'

'Jason has had his skate board taken off him,' After a few moments he announced, 'The Coopers are shagging!'

Startled, his mum and dad shot up in bed! Dad cautiously called out, 'How do you know that?'

'Jimmy Cooper's on his balcony with a Mars Bar.'

I remember a time when we could smoke in pubs, now we can't even drink in them!

It's been a blessing being home with the wife for (what seems a lifetime but is only) nine weeks now. It's amazing, we've caught up on everything I've done wrong for the last fifteen years!

To help all of the pubs of this country, we will be replacing "Dry January" with "Get pissed June, July and August."

At the end of nine weeks of lock-down, I've been thinking about Osama Bin Laden. He was stuck in his house with three wives for five years. I'm wondering if he called in the US Navy Seals himself!

Don't forget to join tomorrow's applause in honour of our friends, the Amazon Delivery drivers; sometime between 9am and 6pm.

I've still not found a good breakfast wine!

One of the side effects of being in quarantine is that it's really hard to end phone calls. Twice today I almost said "I have to run" before realising there's nowhere to run to.

There will be a baby boom in nine months, and then in 2033, we shall witness the rise of the Quarenteens.

My wife said, "What things do you think will have to change when we come out of lock-down?"

I said, "My underpants for a start."

I got stopped by the police earlier... The copper said "I can smell alcohol on your breath". I said "That's 'cos you not observing the 2 metre rule ya twat."

If you want to save money this Christmas, now is the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn't make it through the pandemic.

Post lock-down chat up lines:

* What disinfectant are you wearing?

* Why don't we slip into something less protective?

* Until I saw you, I was just bored stiff.

* Why don't we get a Zoom?

* My PPE? It's made of boyfriend material.

* Would you handle my package if I left it outside for 2 days?

* I have bog roll.

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Before Lock-Down



Jordy, Gen and Zad in Excalibur were doing a roaring trade in bottles of Corona in the days leading up to the lock-down.



They were taking hygiene very serious in Molly Malone's, even if it did look like Steven was doing 'jazz hands' behind the bar.

Despite being in short supply in most of the supermarkets, Louise and Rebecca in Susie's Saloon had more than enough toilet paper to last until they had to close two days later.



Being Frank on Football The Quiz Answers

- 1: Man United, 2: 34, 3: Roger Osborne,
- 4: Pele, 5: Dele Alli, 6: Manuel Pellegrini,
- 7: Mike Ashley, 8: Ipswich Town,
- 9: Tottenham Hotspur, 10: Everton,
- 11: Arsenal, 12: Liverpool, 13: Ipswich Town,
- 14: Pakistan, 15: Ruud Gullit, 16: Italy,
- 17: Pele, 18: China in 476 BC! 19: Five times,
- 20: The Netherlands

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2nd	Swiss Tom	5	4	19
3rd	Anna Kenia	5	1	16
4th	Phil Rook	4	4	16
5th	Arun Panker	4	3	15
5th	Trish Steele	4	3	15
5th	Jeffrey Schuffelen	4	3	15
8th	Frank Weston	4	2	14
8th	Ann Marie Stopforth	4	2	14
10th	Bart PPHÉ	2	8	14
11th	Kenneth	3	3	12
11th	Steve Mahon	3	3	12
13th	John Raftery	3	2	11
13th	Jim McGrath	3	2	11
13th	Cotton Polly	3	2	11
13th	Neil Weston	3	2	11
17th	Lee Findley	2	5	11
17th	Callum Dickie	2	5	11
17th	Carlos Macedo	2	5	11
17th	Ben Stopforth	2	5	11
21st	Alan Dempsey	3	1	10
21st	Chris R	3	1	10
23rd	John Wortley	1	7	10
24th	Ken Passey	2	3	9
25th	Shaun	1	6	9
25th	Jude Noonan	1	6	9
27th	Ronald Middelkoop	2	2	8
27th	Boelens Park Rangers	2	2	8
29th	Jordy the Lion	1	5	8
30th	Sander van Angeren	0	8	8
31st	Stuart	1	4	7
31st	Paddy Wynne	1	4	7
31st	Thomas Redmond	1	4	7
31st	Paul Tandy	1	4	7
31st	Philip Justice	1	4	7
36th	Spén	0	7	7
37th	Grouty	1	3	6
37th	Jim Scrimgeour	1	3	6
37th	Willie Wood	1	3	6
37th	Rob	1	3	6
41st	Eric Donald	0	5	5
42nd	Pau Pau, Paulo	0	3	3

HELP

Whether you live in Amsterdam or are just visiting, we hope you don't need to make use of this list. But just in case...

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