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# Page Three

Behind the bar in Molly Malone's Irish Pub on a Friday night: Nuala!



Sarah struck a pose on a hot summer night in the Flying Dutchman.



We caught Marina at work in Smoking Bull, at last, so we had to drop in for a photo.



With Janice and Luana pulling pints, plus a great jam session, what's not to like about Wednesdays in the Waterhole!

# The Editor's Bit

It's less than four weeks since I last sat here writing this column and if all goes well, this Stun will be in bars by the second weekend of the month. Haven't done that since April!

For this month's cover, we wanted something that related to August. Ideas included the Uitmarkt and Grachtenfestival, but we settled for Pluk De Nacht, a free open-air film festival, because they were building up the site when I went to the dentist for a check-up last week, and it's on the street where we live. We couldn't leave it with just the cover, so we've included the films they'll be showing in the Stun Gig-List. They only announced the program on Sunday 3rd August, so I'm glad I managed to get it in.

All you puzzle fans will be pleased to hear that the Prize Crossword is back, with a meal for two at Molly Malone's up for grabs.

If you want to be in with a chance of winning 2 x €30 vouchers from Coco's Outback, make sure your entry for our Premier Predictions League is in by Friday 15th August. Our football expert Frank reveals his predictions in Being Frank On Football, starting on page 24, where you'll also find details on how to enter.

If you like drinking bubbly and listening to blues music, you'll love Friday evenings in Maloe Melo; read all about it on page 8.

Throw in a page of jokes, loads of photos and you've got the August Stun. Enjoy!

*Andy*

# ELLY'S

Happy Birthday Adrian, Al, Alan, Albert, Amy, Andy, Ann, Billy, Blom, Bo, Brian, Bruno, Chuara, Danny, Dave, Elaine, Els, Finny, Floor, Gary, Gregg, Hans, Hennie, Hester, Jack, James, Jamie, Jasmina, Jim, Joep, John, Ken, Kiz, Len, Lenore, Leny, Marie, Mary, Matilde, Michelle, Mick, Mike, Nicole, Paul, Polly, Ray, Rebecca, Rikki, Roland, Ron, Rory, Ruben, Sheila, Singh, Tamira, Tommy, Torre, tRAcY, Trudy, Vicky, Wendy, Zoe.

Happy anniversary Anita & Tim, Paddy & Petra, Nic & Harriet, Cathy & Chick, Nick & Tina, Gareth & Suzana.

It's still me, Andy, filling in for Elly on these pages, hopefully for the last time. I'm glad to report that Elly is on the mend, but hasn't been out and about yet, apart from visits to the physiotherapist, so there's not really a lot she can write about. Nothing wrong with her brain though, so she's compiled a Prize Crossword for you to get your teeth into. There's a meal for two at Molly Malone's Irish Pub to be won! It's on page 22.

I usually bring the latest Stun to former Flying Dutchman barmaid Hennie every month and was pleasantly surprised when our old friend Tommy paid her a visit while I was there. Tommy was one of the first to supply



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# RANTS & RAVES

us with material for our Jokes page and he's still sending us jokes every month. Thank you Tommy, and all of our contributors!

After being together for 28 years, Ann and René decided it was about time to get married, so that's what they did. They arranged it at short notice and kept it secret, so as we haven't got any wedding photos, here's one of Ann, taken a couple of days later in Café Zeepost.



We saw Suzana and Gareth on their wedding day last year; they celebrate their first anniversary this month.



The new season is starting, so here's a photo by Stun football expert Frank of his wife Rung having fun with the Ipswich Town stewards.



And finally, for everybody who says I never have my photo in the Stun; here's one taken by Peter in the Old Nickel of me with Adrian, Pete, Lin and Joeri.

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Frans in CC Muziekcafé on a Wednesday.



Stefan was behind the bar during the Tuesday Karaoke night in Candela.



We got a thumbs-up from Noam when we dropped into the Flying Dutchman.

# BEHIND

Anti was in Susie's Saloon during hubby Frank's shift, so we had to have a go at getting a photo of them together.



It was a hot, sweaty night in Excalibur, with Judit (hot) and Zad (sweaty) behind the bar.



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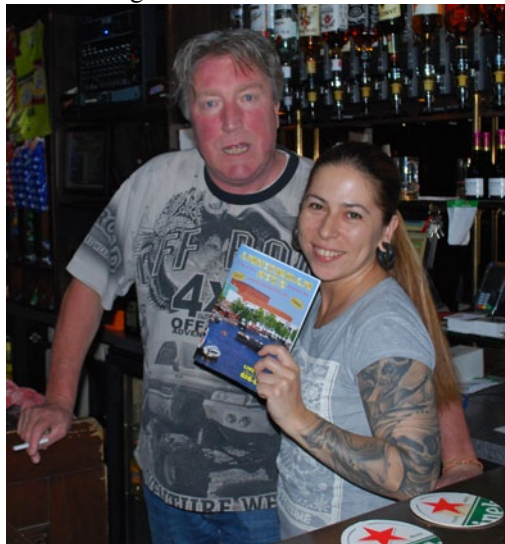
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# BARS

Shift change in Hotel Torenzicht, with Gerrit taking over from Anna.



Friday night in the Three Sisters, with Kaveh, Iris, Natasja, Kasia and Yuri.



Desiree made sure Jack got in the photo, behind the bar of The End Karaoke.



Wednesday night in Bourbon Street, with Bartel and Terry behind the bar.

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Dan from rockabilly band Kingsnakes sent his cork flying over the canal.

Jaro Mir was one of the musicians who took to the stage during our last visit.



Maggie got the cork off at her first attempt after following Gerrie's instructions.

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Virginia and Jur agreed with Gerrie; this is no stuffy tasting session, it's drinking bubbly for fun!



# LIVE *around*

Daniel Camacho was Bourbon Street's Musician of the Month in July, so we had to get a photo of him in action.



Theo Mosquito has been drawing some great musicians to his Wednesday Jam session in CC Muziekcafé.



Saturday night in the Old Nickel, where Archie always has some of the best musicians around accompanying him.



Waste singer Ramon put in an appearance at band-mate Onno's Jam in the Waterhole.



It was Gareth and Erik on stage when The Boardwalkers played in Molly Malone's.

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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**, Open Stage, *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*

### 11th August 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Gypsy Jazz, *plus acoustic Gypsy Jam session. €4*

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.*

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - Me Too, Sweet Dreams*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stijn's Could Have Should Haves Jam, *Pop Rock Jam*

### 18th August 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Stompin' at the CC, *with Sebas & his CC Riders €4*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Daniel Sage,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Les Biftecs,

### 25th August 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Mediterranean Folk Ensembles, *music from S. Italy & N. Africa €4*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Cerebral Spin / Sephirot,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stijn's Could Have Should Haves Jam, *Pop Rock Jam*

## 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*

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

22:30, **The Waterhole**, One Night Stan, *Pop & Rock Jam Session with Stan the Man*

### Weekly

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Kevin Chapman & Friends*

### 12th August 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Zat,

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - At Home, Boles*

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

### 19th August 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Crea Band R.O.C.,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Luis Diaz & Friends, *Afro-Funk, Rock, Reggae €3*

### 26th August 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, The So And So's,

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

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## Wednesday

### Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Theo Mosquito's

Wednesday Night Jam, €4

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*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Onno's Grooves Jam, *pop, rock, funk jam (except 13th)*

23:00, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,

### 13th August 2014

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - 20,000 Days On Earth, Londoners*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Moon Tapes,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Singer/Songwriter Night, hosted by Dzuana Bakker, *followed by Nico's After Midnight session* €5

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

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Ramon's Jam, *pop, rock, funk jam*

### 20th August 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Rec Band,

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sitra's Monolith,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Cowbells, *Southern rock (Canada)* €5

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

### 27th August 2014

20:00, **The Waterhole**, The Castros,

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.*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Mike Wojniak,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Italian Bandstand:

Speropromittouro + Sephirot, *Rock* €5

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

## Thursday

### Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, JAZZoul session hosted by

Wilco Koster, €4

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, Live Jam Session with Marcos

Gomez, *Bring your instruments and show your musical talent... sing along... or just enjoy the music!*

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 28th)*

### 14th August 2014

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - Shorts Night: (Un)Natural World*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Loose Coots,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Les Biftecs, *rock* €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Gregory Boyd & Urban Island, *R&B/Funk/Jazz* €3

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Elbee,

### 21st August 2014

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Blunt,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Lake Superior, *Americana, country rock* €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Sevendays, *funk, soul & reggae* €3

23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Freewheelers,

### 28th August 2014

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Wet T-Shirt Contest (Band),

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Punk Special: Buckey Boyz, O.D.Kids, Bad Idea, De Bende, *Supporting Maloe Melo: help keep the Home Of The Blues open!* €5

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

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Heroes For Hire,



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## Friday

### Weekly

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

22:30, **Old Nickel**, Lasso, *(or another top local act with International allure)*

### 8th August 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Ema Yazurlo & Quilombo Sonoro, €5

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - Finsterworld, Verbatim*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Thin Pillow,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Cloxcs, *Soul/Pop/Rock* €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Drew Bryant, *singer/songwriter*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Recipe Presents: The Judge Dread Memorial, *featuring Flo - the Prince of Rudeness, backed by The Upsessions, plus DJs Flavio & Bopper* €8

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Krack,

## Friday

### 15th August 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, €5

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - Kumiko The Treasure Hunter, Lipstick*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Mister Rocks & His Handsome Devils,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kenny Bogan & the Lads, €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Mosquito Brothers, *Latin Rock* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Twenty Sicks,

### 22nd August 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Day Out, *cover band* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Red Hot Chili Neppers,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Hats, *Rock/Blues* €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Nige Bray, *A great singer songwriter in the best rock tradition*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Wreck Kings, *Psychobilly* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste,

### 29th August 2014

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Mais Non,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Marieke Meijer Live, *Soul/Blues/Pop* €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ken Parsons, *singer/songwriter/harpist/comedian/...*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Brentsleng, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Onder Voorbehoud,

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22:30, **Old Nickel**, Archie & Friends, *top local & international artists join Archie every week to bring great entertainment in an intimate setting*

### 9th August 2014

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - I Used To Be Darker; Forever After*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Dr. Noggood,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, G-Cool and The Brothers, *Soul/Soca/Disco* €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Drew Bryant, *singer/songwriter*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Spinshots (Hot Soul), *Supporting Maloe Melo: help keep the Home Of The Blues open!* €7.50

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jack's On Five,

### 16th August 2014

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - Another Year; Everything I Can See...*

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Sundown,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Hurricane Joy, *Pop Rock* €5

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Pogo A Gogo,

### 23rd August 2014

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Midnight Motel,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Timeflies (60s), The Sun Prophets (Soul), *Supporting Maloe Melo: help keep the Home Of The Blues open!* €7.50

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*

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit,

## Saturday

### 30th August 2014

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Five Licks,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mosquito, *Latin Pop Rock* €5

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, The Cave's 19th Birthday Party!,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Jeff Spivey, *American singer/songwriter*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, BluesWheel, *Blues, blues rock* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Whatever,

## Sunday

### Weekly

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Mosquito's Matinee, *Latin Pop Rock*

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Live Music, *check www.cccafe.nl for details* €4

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*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Tijmen*

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Sman Funk Jam, *Funk Pop*

23:00, **Cafe Candela**, Salsa Night,

### 10th August 2014

21:00, **Stenen Hoofd**, Pluk De Nacht, *free open-air film festival - Love Steaks, Wind*

### 31st August 2014

16:00, **De Barones**, Woody & The Sidemen, *blues/rock n roll*

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Jet and Ingeborg were in CC Muziekcafé for Theo Mosquito's Wednesday Jam.

# ROUND T

Franklin was enjoying a well earned break during Nico's After Midnight Jam in Maloe Melo.



Aen't Water barman Jan was in The End, recovering from a glass related injury.



Film director Jeroen was the natural choice for shooting the video for the Waterhole's new advert; he used to be music booker and one of the session leaders there



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# THE BARS

Former Grand workers Martin and Mat, plus Luis, have finally made it to these pages after we saw them in Susie's Saloon.



Sara and David struck a pose when the camera came out in Coco's Outback.



Bill, Henk, Adriaan and Nick dropped into Bourbon Street on their Tuesday night out.



Luisa and Ilze from Rock Planet spent part of their Tuesday night off in Excalibur with Skip.



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# BEHIND

David and Pablo in Coco's Outback.



Fresh from his holiday, Franky posed with his old friend and former Pint colleague Ger.



Marvan and Ali in Jazzcafé Alto.



Tim and Janice always read the Stun as soon as it's delivered to the Waterhole.



Zoe and Joep in Bourbon Street.



Eric was minutes away from finishing his day shift in Café Corso.





# MORE BARS

Just a normal Saturday night in Susie's Saloon for Steve and Louise.



JP couldn't say no to a photo when his daughter Bibi was with him in the Stone's Coffeeshop.



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# On The

Justien, Didi and Djyno were catching the sun's rays outside Stone's Coffeshop.



It was a Franky night in the Pint when Franky, Franky and Franky were all working.



Stun first-timers Jimmy, Teo and Hannah were on the terrace at Coco's Outback.



Steven came out from behind the bar to pose in the sun outside Molly Malone's.



Danny was outside Josélito and got Emma, Vanessa and David to pose with him.



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# Streets

Stan was enjoying his Happy Hour pint on Susie's Saloon's canal-side terrace.



Arie had a quick drink before starting his shift in Café Corso.



Musicians Sem, Lieber and Lars were taking a break between sets in the Waterhole.



One and a half pairs of twins outside Molly Malone's; Molly's manager Steven with Susie's barmen Ruud and Stef!



Mart's a happy man; he got engaged to Chelsea, but we'll have to wait 'til she comes over in January for a photo.

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During a break, drummer Daniel posed with barman Joep in Bourbon Street.



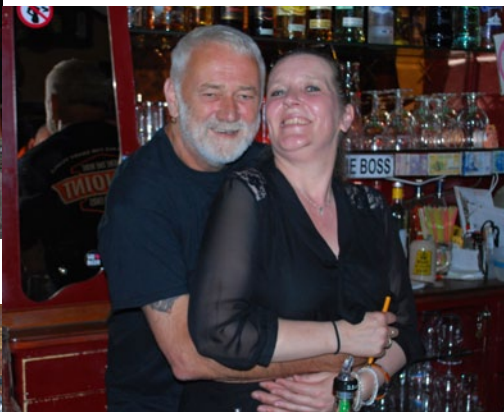
Big Franky again! This time he was in Maloe Melo with Ricardo and Damon.



Marco and Marcos were playing in Café Alto and we caught them between sets.

# MORE

Tineke will miss having Klaas in the Flying Dutchman while he's in Minnesota.



Tamara and Ben were enjoying the live music in Hotel Old Nickel.



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# ROUNDS

Maggie joined Pauline behind the bar for a photo during the weekly Bubbles & Blues evening in Maloe Melo.



Mario likes the Stun and drinks Grolsch in Susie's Saloon; all good reasons for a photo!



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Antonio was flipping away in the kitchen at Coco's Burgers & Beer.



Adrian was in town and drinking in the Old Nickel with his old friend Pete.

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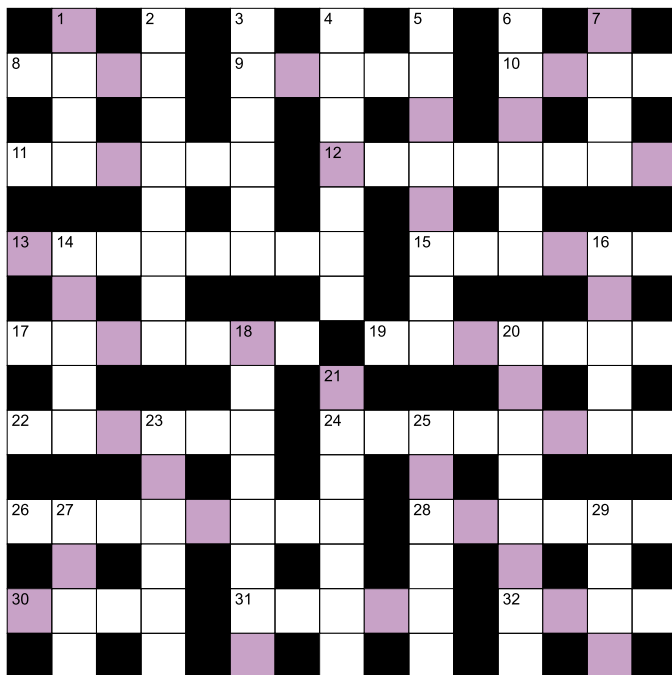
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8: Yell. (4)  
9: Evident. (5)  
10: Aid a fiend. (4)  
11: Glided on rollers. (6)  
12: Suction cap (in childbirth). (8)  
13: Wall decoration. (8)  
15: Completely. (2, 4)  
17: New World grape. (7)  
19: Type of horse. (7)  
22: Eysers. (6)  
24: Dangerously swollen artery. (8)  
26: Talk freely. (5, 3)  
28: Turn in. (6)  
30: Sleek swimmer. (4)  
31: Home. (5)  
32: Curious (4)

- 1: Amble. (4)
- 2: Non sexual, as  
relationship. (8)
- 3: Sour. (6)
- 4: Very soft. (7)
- 5: More hip. (8)
- 6: Elephant boy. (6)
- 7: Adult elvers. (4)
- 14: Amidst. (5)
- 16: Rips. (5)
- 18: Repairer. (8)
- 20: Telling off. (8)
- 21: Angry shouters. (7)
- 23: Computer post. (5)
- 25: Uninhibited. (6)
- 27: Expression of relief. (4)
- 29: Pink. (4)

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# JOKES

A man went to Harley Street in London, having seen an advert for a Gynaecologist Assistant. Knowing that nowadays job advertisers aren't able to discriminate against the applicant's gender, he was very interested, so he went in and asked the secretary for details.

She retrieved the file and read to him: "This job entails preparing ladies for the Gynaecologist. You will be responsible for helping them out of their underwear, laying them down and carefully washing their private areas, applying shaving foam to the necessary parts and removing all unwanted hair, and finally, you'll be required to rub in soothing oils, in preparation for the Gynaecologist's examination." Then she told him "The annual salary is £65,000 and if you're interested, you'll have to go to Aberdeen".

"My goodness!", exclaimed the man, "Is that where the job is?"

She answered, "No, that's where the end of the queue is..."

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Two guys in their mid 30s sitting at a bar; one guy says to his buddy, "Man you look tired."

His buddy says, "Dude, I'm exhausted. My girlfriend and I have sex all the time. I just don't know what to do."

A fellow of 65, sitting a few stools down, overhears the chat. He looks at the two men and says, "Marry her, that'll put a stop to that shit..."

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Now that they are retired, a husband and wife are discussing all the aspects of their future.

"What will you do if I die before you do?" he asked her.

After some thought, she said that she'd probably look for a house-sharing situation with three other single or widowed women who might be a little younger than herself, since she is so active for her age.

Then the wife asked her spouse, "What would you do if I die first?"

He replied, "Probably the same thing."

A Sex Therapist claims that the most effective way for a woman to arouse a man is to spend 10 minutes licking his ears. Personally, I think it's bollocks!

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You'll be fine," the doctor said after finishing the young blonde woman's surgery.

"But," she asked, "how long will it be before I am able to have a normal sex life again doctor?"

The surgeon seemed to pause, and a small tear ran down his cheek from the corner of his eye, which alarmed the girl.

"What's the matter Doctor? I will be all right, won't I?"

He replied, "Yes, you'll be fine. It's just that no one has ever asked me that, after having their tonsils removed."

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What do you get if you cross GPS with PMS? A crazy bitch that you can't hide from.

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I was sat on the sofa next to my wife last night; when my hands started roaming, she began to giggle. After a few minutes she said "that felt really nice, why did you stop?"

I replied "because I found the remote."

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If someone threw a rock and knocked you off your donkey, would you be stoned off your ass?

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As my fiancée walked gracefully down the aisle, every head turned and watched the trail of white flowing behind her. "You might want to pull that bit of toilet roll out of your knickers love," I said, "The plane is about to land."

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A hungry traveller stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchens. A brother is frying chips. 'Are you the friar?' he asks.

He replies: 'No. I'm the chip monk'.



# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

**1. CHELSEA 2/1:** Having run out of steam at the back end of last season, Jose Mourinho knew exactly what he had to do to turn things around this term. It was in attack that the Londoners largely failed to deliver, scoring a staggering 31 goals less than eventual winners Manchester City. By recruiting Diego Costa and getting rid of some of the dead wood up front, Mourinho has gone a long way to addressing the problem and I see them just pipping The Gunners to the title.

**2. ARSENAL 5/1:** Arse Wenger is impatient for success. So too are his supporters! Last season he had a little taste of it again by winning the F.A. Cup, after almost a decade of barren years. This time around, he has bought big, acquiring the undoubted talents of Alexis Sanchez and the Chilean should add more sparkle up front. I see them going a long way with this developing squad, but perhaps not close enough to edge in front as the finish is in sight.

**3. MANCHESTER CITY 2/1:** They will be regarded by many as favourites this term and certainly they will be there or there about again I am sure. At the end of the day though, it will depend perhaps on who wants it most and having not ventured into the transfer market with any real purpose, there is a risk that they could be resting on their laurels.

**4. MANCHESTER UNITED 3/1:** Under new coach Louis van Gaal, they have looked unstoppable in pre-season, but it is never wise to take friendlies very seriously and even the Dutchman has warned fans not to get too excited, because the process of rebuilding will not be an overnight success.

After David Moyes however, anything he does will be seen as success and qualification to the Champions League will be his first major goal.

**5. LIVERPOOL 5/1:** Brendan Rodgers must have been devastated to lose his star man Luis Suarez, because no matter what people



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may think of him, he is a truly exceptional talent and quite simply irreplaceable. Signing Lovren, Lambert and Lallana will help, but it will not solve their problems and a series of seemingly unnecessary extra signings may unsettle the ship.

**6. EVERTON 10/1:** Roberto Martinez did a magnificent job in his first full season in charge at Goodison. He will do well to improve on it though and his best bet is probably in a cup competition. Holding on to Ross Barkley is a big boost though and at home, they are very capable of beating some of the other big fish in the Premier League lake.

**7. LEICESTER CITY 50/1:** Nigel Pearson will have his squad well prepared for this new challenge and with the Thai owners quite prepared to spend when necessary, funds should not be a problem if they are required. They won The Championship at a stroll last term and I believe they have what it takes to be one of the surprise packages of the season.

**8. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 25/1:** They have some quality players in all departments, but their Achilles heel for many years now has been their lack of consistency. On their day, they can beat anyone, but it is not easy

to predict which Spurs team will actually turn up. I fear another up and down campaign for Mauricio Pochettini and his boys.

**9. NEWCASTLE UNITED 33/1:** Alan Pardew has been spending heavily again and as he has a very long contract with the club, will certainly want a better start than the last time around. They also suffer from inconsistency - although we must remember that last time they suffered a huge amount of injuries which unsettled the whole club.

**10. WEST HAM UNITED 50/1:** Sam Allardyce always makes the best of what he has got. They too struggled because of a long injury list last season and as long as the same thing does not happen again, I can see them finishing in a comfortable mid table position and just outside the European qualification places.

**11. HULL CITY 60/1:** Steve Bruce is also a shrewd campaigner and with him at the helm again, I can see them finishing in a good position for a club with limited resources. Staying out of danger will always be their top priority.

**12. SWANSEA 80/1:** Gary Monk will have his work cut out to keep this team afloat, but he does have some good players to choose from and he will hope that his new recruits can



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ensure they do not struggle as much as they did last term.

**13. SUNDERLAND 100/1:** Gus Poyet will find the going tough again, but will have learned much from his Houdini act of last term and if Connor Wickham does sign on again, they could steer well clear of the relegation dog fight this season.

**14. WEST BROM 100/1:** Alan Irvine is running the show this time and the big question is, does he have the guile and squad at his disposal to avoid the drop? Well, I think he probably does, but it will be a long hard season and he is blessed in the knowledge that he is not the only manager with his hands full!

**15. SOUTHAMPTON 100/1:** Dutchman Ronald Koeman has gone from managing one selling club to managing another and he will have to use all his powers of ingenuity to help this club stay on their feet. It certainly won't be plane-sailing, but I think if he stays there, he can get them up and running before the season's close.

**16. BURNLEY 150/1:** Sean Dyche will do everything in his power to keep this team up. It will be a long hard struggle, but if anyone can help them avoid a swift return to the lower leagues, then it is him!

**17. CRYSTAL PALACE 150/1:** Tony Pulis will have another mammoth task on his

hands here, of this there is no doubt. Once again, he will have to rely on a team pulling together against the odds and I think it will be another near miss for the Londoners, who rely so heavily on their miracle worker.

**18. QUEENS PARK RANGERS 100/1:** Harry Redknapp begins the season in charge here, but I think that by Christmas the job will become vacant again. Their saving grace is perhaps their huge bank balance, but I fear that even our Harry won't be able to save their bacon and I expect a speedy return from whence they came for this lot.

**19. ASTON VILLA 100/1:** This club is in big trouble and has been dicing with death for some years now. Paul Lambert always looks like a bit of a worried man - even when his team is winning, but this season he will have genuine cause for concern and I see him as one of the early Premier managerial casualties.

**20. STOKE CITY 150/1:** Mark Hughes did remarkably well to keep this side in the elite league last term. I think that this time around, he will find it even more difficult and sadly, their rugged brand of football will not be greatly missed if they do go down, as I expect them to. The beautiful game was not made for teams from the Potteries, it seems.

*Frank*

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