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The Editor's Bit

Here we go with a new Stun and we've got a real competition for you this month with a real prize. Lin from British General Stores, who is also one of our regular joke contributors, has donated a €25 voucher to be spent in the shop. You can find details about the competition on page 33, just after Being Frank On Football. Our usual competition rules will apply, which means that we're open to bribes; if you buy us a drink, we'll give you a clue. We'll present the prize at our 12¾ Year Anniversary party next month, which will be too late to take advantage of the British General Stores Summer Sale that starts today.

Talking about the party, things are starting to come together, but we still have a long way to go. What is certain is that it will be in Mister Coco's, Nieuwendijk 11, on Saturday 15th July and we're expecting a lot of people. It's not only for 12¾ years of The Stun, but also to celebrate my 50th birthday, so I'm hoping to see some of my family and friends from England at the party. Our party organiser, Henry Lyons, will be visiting all our sponsors soon, looking for donations of food, drink and other goodies, so please give generously. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation for us to buy supplies, please contact either Elly or myself.

Of course, all our Stun readers are invited to the party. We'll do our best to keep you fed and entertained, just make sure you've got enough money to buy drinks - they won't be free.

But before all that, it's the love of my life Elly's birthday on Monday 12th June, so if you see her before then, buy her a drink, just in case we're not around town on Monday. And if you don't see her before, you can always buy her one next time you see her.

Anyway, that's it for this month. Enjoy the World Cup, but don't spend all your time in the same bar - it's on everywhere!

Andy

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Trudy
was in Mister Coco's,
so we had to get a
picture of her.



Iris is this month's
new face in
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TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Ria, my sister, Adrie, my brother, Renee, Jim, Tony, Mirjam, Gus, Djanggo, Chris, Joan, Michael, Derry, Jessica, Sean, Russell, David, Joost, Peter, Ian, Diederik, Valerie, Martin, Kimberley, Alan, Sarah, Mike, Ferrie, Gregorio, Sonja, John, CJ, Toosh, Red John, Jay, Trina, Ann, Frans, Tommy, Richard, Sandra, Michelle, Ushi, Sinead, Liz, Steve, Duncan, Johan, & when you see me, you can wish me a happy birthday too.

My brother Albert & his wife Anita are overjoyed with the birth of beautiful daughter Elina, a little sister for Alex. She was born in April, but we heard too late to include it in the April Stun, & I have to admit I forgot to put it in the May edition! But better late than never, so: Congratulations, Bro!

Congratulations also go to Cees & Anja, who got married last Friday, June 2nd. Our invitation must have gone missing in the post.

Happy Anniversary Alison & Phil, Liza & Lamar, Ilona & Ray, Ian & Richard,

Hi, Janny. If you were still living in Amsterdam I could go watch football with you! There's nobody else I would have so much fun with. (Even when I don't write to you, I do think about you)

Nancy, you moved out of town at the right time. The neighbourhood where you used to live was bad then, but it's much worse now.



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The crime-rate in that part of town is off the charts, so to speak. The gangs roaming the streets are legion, even during the day you have to be careful. It's usually white folks being targeted, & the perps in the area yell "discrimination" every time they commit one-or-other atrocity. They "demand respect", but they were never taught to give any!

But there are many nice Amsterdammers, too, & next time you come to Amsterdam, let me know. I would like to introduce you to one of them.

Football Madness!

Don't you just love it?

Well, maybe not if your home-nation isn't competing.



But Tommy (left) is officially Dutch, & Tommy (right) has been here for so long, he might as well be. So what's with these long faces, we're there! On paper we have an excellent team, & with van Basten as coach, the Dutch team should do well.

The "Jong Oranje" team have got their champion's title (first time ever!); maybe we can make it a double. And if we don't win, than I hope the English will!

It was 33 years ago I last watched the Eurovision Song-festival. (33 Years ago I moved away from home & had MY first TV, inciden-

GUTTER

tally). But this year I got suckered into staying till the winner was known, and I actually enjoyed it. Don't get me wrong, I still think most of the songs were shite, but the atmosphere was great in the Old Highlander. Quite international too, Scots, Brits, Dutch, German etc.,



but the only Finn left before Lordi performed. I think Lordi deserved to win. They were the only act where the music, the lyrics & the outfit worked together as a whole. I actually had nearly the whole bar chanting "Finland" every time a country announced its votes.

But honestly, Eurovision Song Contest songwriters should not give up their day-jobs!

Peter had a few drinks with Tineke & the Flying Dutchman punters before going on his North-Western European rivers & lakes cruise.



Unfortunately he didn't find a cruise-buddy, so he's by himself. But maybe he can pick up a hitchhiker along the way before he reaches Berlin. It should take 4-5 weeks to get there. Bon Voyage, Captain!

Football will be over by then. He must be one of them rarest of creatures: One who doesn't like football! I've been told there's more of them?!?

What do they do during the World-Championship?

If the weather is nice & sunny, I suppose they can go to the beach, finally visit a museum. Rent a bike & explore the countryside on Amsterdam's doorstep, go to the movies or the theatre.

Some TV channels have put a special program together. If Football is on, there will be a good (mostly British) detective on another channel. With a bit of luck they show the Dalziel & Pascoe episode which was taped in Amsterdam.

As long as it's not on when Holland or England is playing, I might actually watch that!

Have fun everybody, & may the best team (Holland ... Holland ...) win.

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CENTRUM

Rachida and Marlene were behind the bar in the Old Quarter, so they cuddled up for a quick pose.



Zorro had his eyes on everything that was happening in the Stone's Café.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Benjamin, Bob and Hassan had a visit from Tasha, who was over from England for her Hen night. The wedding is in July, so she should recover in time.



Duncan's always stoned in the Stone's, or so Lisette tells us.

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Arman joined Walter
& Andy behind the bar

Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

My husband and I are both retired. Last summer we took a small allotment to grow our own herbs. Last week, we had a visit from the allotment inspectors, who have now written me a letter asking me to pull-up the weeds or vacate the allotment. I explained that we drink nettle tea and dandelion tea, plus we eat the leaves in a salad. Do you think this is fair?

Marjorie and Jon
Amsterdam

Dear Marjorie or Jon, whoever wrote,

No it is not fair, but then what is? It's more than probable that one of your allotment neighbours complained about the nettles. I'd go around, bang aggressively on everyone's door, demand to know who it was, and then give them a piece of your mind. This will not help the situation, but your neighbours will know that you are angry. You could then try growing nettles or dandelions along the sides of railway tracks, like a lot of the illegal growers. This will also save you on the allotment rental.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

For the past 7 years I have been receiving obscene phone calls from a very disturbed man who obviously hates anything English or British. The police won't help, and I understand that every British organisation in Amsterdam have been receiving the same calls. I have included the phone numbers he uses, so can you or your readers help in any way?

Mary English, Amsterdam

Dear Mary

These are German numbers, which is probably why the police do not want to look into this pest. He is quite well known in Amsterdam. He uses the phone, e-mails and letters to get his anti British message over. You are not alone; he targets anything to do with Britain. If any readers know anyone working at the German telephone exchange, we'd love your help. Write to Dorothy@amsterdamstun.com and I'll send you the phone numbers. First one to get us his address wins a good night out. Lets work together to find this irritable little man; I think 7 years is long enough.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I was not aware that BINGO was illegal in the Netherlands. Having just read an article in the Amsterdam Times that the Mayor of Amsterdam has organised a crime task force to crack down any unlawful Bingo Parlours, this has me worried. Having often donated prizes for the old folks BINGO, am I an "accessory after the fact"? Can I be fined or imprisoned?

LIN

British General Stores
Amsterdam

Dear Lin,

Up until recently, BINGO was only tolerated in Amsterdam. Now it seems that the authorities are taking action against these dens of iniquity. And quite rightly so! Have you seen what BINGO does to the over 80's? Too much excitement can lead to heart problems. Crack Houses, Squats, Illegal garden allotments and Bingo Parlours should be closed for public safety. Your behaviour will certainly be frowned upon by the authorities and I'm almost sure there will be a fine involved.

Dorothy.

BEHIND

It's not often that we see a mother and daughter team behind the bar, but Linda and Nicola were in action in the Old Highlander for Ann's birthday party recently.



In the London Bridge, Eli finally agreed to having her picture taken, but only if Mirka was in the picture with her.



Zoe got Hassan to join her behind the bar in the Wonder Bar.



Peter and Stacy were kept busy in Susie's Saloon when the Rugby Sevens were in town.





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BARS

Another bar that had a full house during the Rugby Sevens was Café Corso, but Mario and Eric had everything under control.



We've had pictures of Berber in Buster's before, but this is the first time we caught her behind the bar.



Alison was late getting away from the Flying Dutchman, which gave us the chance to get a picture of her with Willie.



Enda and Dave are ready for the World Cup crowds in Coco's Outback.

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KLAAS GETS A RISE

A colleague of Klaas retired from his job in the docks recently, leaving a good position available for the right person. That person was Klaas, which was a good enough reason to throw a party in the Flying Dutchman.



Klaas' brother Bert, who he hadn't seen for 11 years, was there with Sybilla.

The guy who was retiring got presented with a memento of his time in the docks.



With a crowd of dock workers in need of entertainment, what could be better than a stripper? We weren't sure who her victim would be until she pushed Klaas into a chair and jumped on him. The chair promptly collapsed, but there were plenty of helping hands to get them back on their feet again.



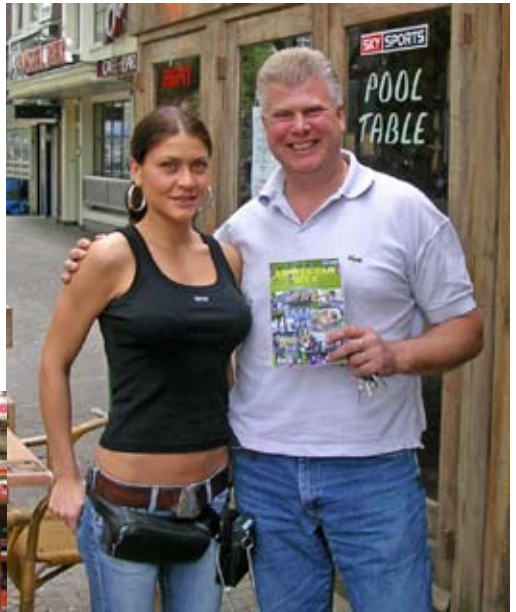
Klaas certainly looked like he was enjoying himself, but I'm sure all that whipped cream couldn't have been good for him.

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Edward, who hasn't been in The Stun for ages, introduced us to one of the newest members of the Coco's Outback crew, Nadia.


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The World Cup is going to be affecting a lot of bars for the next month. In the Waterhole, they'll be open from noon every day to show the matches on big screens, the doors will be open to the terrace and they've got Happy Hour from 6 'til 9. What more could you want? Live Music? They've got that as well, starting around 10.30.

Mind you, the Waterhole isn't the only place showing the football; just about every bar in town will be doing something special.



Mosquito's lead singer asked why we didn't put their picture in last month's Stun. It's because we wanted to say "Mosquito will be playing in the Waterhole on Saturday 17th June" but we didn't know that then.



Jim Maguire's birthday is coming up, so he'll be appearing in the Waterhole with the Joe Rocker Birthday Band on Friday 23rd June. Expect to see a lot of good musicians there that night. We'll be there too, because we want to talk some of them into playing at The Stun party in July.

If your a fan of vintage Rock'n'Roll, you'll love Blue Moon Special. They'll be playing in Maloe Melo on Saturday 1st July, so don't say we didn't warn you.



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WHAT'S ON

Peter Lavell is keeping busy in June. He's leading the acoustic session every Monday and the Open Podium on Wednesday 14th in Maloe Melo. On Thursdays, he's playing in the Old Nickel. Does he ever have any time for himself?



Amongst the other bands we've seen on stage over the last month were Short Fuse in The Waterhole...



Road Dawgz in Maloe Melo...

We saw Barefoot Elegance playing in The End. If they become famous, this picture could be worth a fortune. We could use that line with every new band we see. We might get it right one day and then people can talk about how they read about the band first in The Stun.



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Thursday 08 June

Maloe Melo Blues Session
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Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Gus Genser Jam

Friday 09 June

Maloe Melo Beat Club
Live: Los Tiki Boys
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole An Evening with Julius

Saturday 10 June

Maloe Melo Reggae Recipe
Live: The Liquids
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Strolling Bones

Sunday 11 June

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Derek
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 12 June

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Peter Lavell
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
the Old Quarter Trio
guest: Jorg Kaaij
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

Tuesday 13 June

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

Wednesday 14 June

Maloe Melo Open Podium
with Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 15 June

Maloe Melo Blues Session
with Lamar Chase
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Gus Genser Jam

Friday 16 June

Maloe Melo Pre-D-Day:
Ruby Ann & Her Band
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole One Night Stan

Saturday 17 June

Maloe Melo Julia P. + supp. De Hoe
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Mosquito

Sunday 18 June

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Derek
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 19 June

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Peter Lavell
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
the Old Quarter Trio
guest: Sanne van Hek
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

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The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

Wednesday 21 June

Maloe Melo Buiten Poes
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 22 June

Maloe Melo Blues Session
with Lamar Chase
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Gus Genser Jam

Friday 23 June

Maloe Melo Rootsclub with Bert Boot,
Rik & Jan the Lazyman
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Joe Rocker Birthday Band

Saturday 24 June

Maloe Melo Maloe Melo All Stars
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Viking Mark Experience

Sunday 25 June

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Derek
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 26 June

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Magic Sem's Jam

Tuesday 27 June

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

Wednesday 28 June

Maloe Melo Wira Sasha
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 29 June

Maloe Melo Blues Session
with Lamar Chase
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Gus Genser Jam

Friday 30 June

Maloe Melo Wahid Thaziri
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Santanico

Saturday 01 July

Maloe Melo Blue Moon Special
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole t.b.a.

Sunday 02 July

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Derek
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 03 July

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
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The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Magic Sem's session

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ROUND

Henry bought a round, so Tineke called us over to take a picture of him with Terry, Cath, Sandra and Helena in the Flying Dutchman.



Coco's Outback manager Mathijs was in the Waterhole with his beautiful girlfriend Kiki.



Here's Elvira, Ahmed, Ana and Salvo in the Wonder Bar.



Annie was in Susie's Saloon with her brother Fred, who's moved to Amsterdam and Nanna, who was the only one at the bar not in the last Stun.



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THE BARS



Magic Sem is now leading the Monday night jam session in the Waterhole, but he frequently drops into Maloe Melo for a drink and a chat with Jur.

Trudy and Aileen would only pose for us in Mister Coco's if Mickey was in the picture too. So here they are: Mickey & his "Daughters".



Jiske and Tjitske were chilling out downstairs in Lost In Amsterdam.



Jayne was in town with Sam to celebrate her birthday, so Jackie introduced them to the Old Highlander.



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HIGHLANDER

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Ann's partner Rene was there, of course...

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Plenty of friends were there, including Josie and Neil.



Frankie, Fiona & Phil were glad they came.



Ria came to wish Ann a Happy Birthday. Cathy and Roxanne joined in the fun.



Nicola had to work behind the bar, but Vlatko didn't; he could party.

Ann danced all night and it certainly looked like she enjoyed her birthday party.



MAHONES IN

The Mahones, Canada's premier Irish Punk band, had a couple of dates free between their European and Australian tours, so they called Jur at Maloe Melo, who was only too happy to book them in on Tuesday 30th May.



Finny told me their new (7th) album, Take No Prisoners, will be out in August and they'll be playing in Maloe Melo again on Thursday 7th September. Don't miss them!

The booking was made too late to be on Maloe Melo's monthly flyers and posters, or even in The Stun, but the fans that did find out about the gig saw Finny McConnell in fine form.



Martje and Vince knew about the gig; They saw Finny in Mister Coco's earlier.

Joining Finny on stage were Arlyn Bradley on bass, Dominic Whelan on drums and Michael O'Grady on accordion. They're normally a five piece band, but mandolin player Ayrton Mortley couldn't make it.



These two are always in Maloe Melo.

MALOE MELO

Ruth was on the door, looking good. Nice to see her back in Maloe Melo.



It was Derek's birthday, so Finny got Maloe Melo's Sunday acoustic session leader on stage for a jam.

Tamara was there taking pictures for her website. If you want to see them and many more, go to www.musicpixels.net.



Willy was behind the bar with Jur, as she usually is when the best bands are playing, but at the moment, she's in Calella for the annual Rockabilly festival.

RUGBY SEVENS

We didn't make it to see the finals of the Amsterdam Sevens rugby tournament, partly because it looked like it was going to rain, but mostly because we were out around the bars the night before.



Although Bob doesn't work in Café Corso any more, he's still there for the Marauders, who made it to the semi-finals.

Being out on the piss in Café Corso didn't seem to affect the performance of the Marauders Vets: They won the Veterans competition.

Corso also entered a ladies team this year, with Jules as their driving force. They won their group on the Saturday, but were knocked out in Sunday's round-robin by W.O.P. and Samurai, who also met in last year's final.



Susie's Exiles lost to Corso in the quarter-finals, despite having Rueben Aiono from Samoa and Kim Vuadreu from Fiji in the team.



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SOWER PEOPLE

Over the last month, we kept bumping into people we knew from the Sower, a bar on Warmoesstraat we used to frequent until it got closed down.

First, we bumped into Ana, who has just started behind the bar in the Wonder Bar.



Then, in the Sláinte, we bumped into Sinead, with Louie and Andy. She's just got her law degree, so she's soliciting now.



Kay was frequently behind the decks in the Sower and now plays every Saturday in Hunter's Vodka Bar (where the Sower used to be).



Just to make the page complete, we bumped into ex-barman Floor, who's in the army now.

MORE



Here's Jan, who's leaving town very soon, in Susie's Saloon with Robert, who's in charge of the wine cellar in The Grand.



Short Fuse singer Simone was having a chat with Rory, who leads the Open Mic session in the Waterhole every Tuesday.



Murph was in town with the Watford Mafia. We spotted them outside Rick's.



Vince was wishing the 10 year junior Gavin a happy birthday in Mister Coco's.

If there's karaoke in The End, you can be certain that Andy will turn up.



Posing with Youssef in the Waterhole this month are barman Kees and Maria.



ROUNDS



Josep was pleased with the picture of him and his friends in last month's Stun; he sent ten copies to Catalonia.



Denise and Manan were working when we dropped into the Vijaya.



Zippy introduced us to Flozzy (pronounced Floosie) in Susie's Saloon.



Andy was spending some quiet time in Co-co's Outback, until we disturbed him.

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BEHIND



Carla spent her birthday working behind the bar in the Flying Dutchman.

It was a busy night in The End, but Amy had Phuung helping her out behind the bar, while Gabriel was running the karaoke.



Justine was behind the bar in the Stone's Corner café. She swapped a couple of nights with Rachel. What was Rachel up to?



Later that same night, Frank was spending his birthday with Miella, the other Frank and Geranne behind the bar in the Waterhole.



MORE BARS

Susan was busy in the Stone's Café and didn't have time to pose for a picture, so we went for an action shot.



Tim and Paul were behind the bar in the Waterhole because everybody else was at Case & Anja's wedding. They've never worked there before: Tim works next door & Paul used to work with little Kees.

This picture of Amber and Andy was going to be used in Café Newcastle Pub's advert on page 8, but it's too nice to print so small.



OK, they're not behind bars in this picture, but Matt is now working in the Coin and Kirsty is in Big Shots. We'll have to drop in.

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My friends Jim and Laurie Cusack were in town with a few mates for the Burning Spear concert, so I had to go out for a drink or two with them. We came to Amsterdam together 19 years ago and they were regulars in the early editions of The Stun.



Eoin, Bláth, Maura and cousin Micheál enjoyed some Blues in Bourbon Street.

We went round to see Toosh. (Congratulations on signing your contract!)



They all agreed, the meal in Kamasutra was better than anything they can get in Westport and was as good as you can get in Leicester. Praise indeed, because Leicester's famous for its Indian restaurants.

Did a bit of lounging in the Wonder Bar.



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THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my GOD! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my GOD! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful ... CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!" The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?" The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

During class, a teacher trying to teach good manners, asks the students "Michael, if you were on a date, having dinner with a nice young lady, how would you tell her that you have to go to the bathroom?"

"Just a minute, I have to go pee."

"That would be rude and impolite!!! What about you Peter, how would you say it?"

"I am sorry, but I really need to go to the bathroom, I'll be right back."

That's better, but it's still not very nice to say the word bathroom at the dinner table. And you Little Johnny, are you able to use your intelligence for once and show us your good manners?"

"I would say: 'Darling, may I please be excused for a moment? I have to shake hands with a very dear friend of mine, whom I hope you'll get to meet after dinner.'"

The teacher fainted...

An old man was sitting on a bench at the mall. A teenager sat down next to him. He had spiked hair that was red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet. The old man stared. Whenever the teen looked at the old man, he was staring at him. Finally, the teenager said sarcastically: "What's the matter old man ... never done anything wild in your life?" Without missing a beat the old man replied: "Got drunk once and had sex with a peacock. Just wondering if you were my son."

An elderly couple was having dinner at another couple's house, and after their meal, the wives left the table to go to the kitchen. The two elderly gents were talking, and one says: "Last night we went out to a fabulous new restaurant. I'd highly recommend it." The other man says: "What's the name of the restaurant?" The first man thinks long and hard with a furrowed brow, finally saying: "Ah, what is the name of that red flower you give to someone you love?" His friend replies: "A carnation?" "No, no. The other one," the man says. His friend suggests, "The poppy?" "No, no, no," growls the man. "You know - the one that is red and has thorns." His friend says: "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes! Thank you!" the first man says. He then turns toward the kitchen and yells: "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

A few weeks back, my wife and I were discussing life and death. I told her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." She promptly got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all my beer. Some days I hate being married to a smart ass.

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

World Cup fever is upon us and a certain don't be too surprised if he starts to sing the Mr. Wayne Rooney is never out of the head- wrong National anthem!

lines. They say he is making a remarkable re- The Dutch on the other hand are looking

covery and will play some good. They have a crop of very

part in proceedings. I doubt exciting players and the World

however whether he will Cup comes on the back of their

be fit enough to make any first ever triumph in the under

real impact and if I was a twenty-one European Champions

foreign coach facing Eng- onships in Portugal last week.

land with Rooney in the As usual, the orange men will

side, I know only too well be oozing with confidence and

what I would be telling my there is no shortage of ability in

defenders to do! He has no the ranks either. Philip Cocu may

chance of riding the storm be thirty-five now, but he still

and if he actually makes it has bags of talent and this applies

into the starting line-up, the to a number of other players in

chances are he will see red the squad. I fancy them to have

or be carried off screaming a good run and here is where I

in agony. Is it any wonder would put my money this time

that Sir Alex Fergusson is around.

so anti the whole idea? I suppose some of us

might argue that we don't need him that much

anyway, if we can trounce teams by six goals

to nil. Unfortunately the team in question was

Jamaica and when you examine the goals and

the way they were administered, it was a rather

flattering score-line. Nigel Crouch is not the

kind of player you expect to see in an Eng-

lish shirt. He is hopelessly slow and against

top class international opposition he will be

found wanting. We all know about Michael

Owen, but he is still off the pace, in my view;

he is living off the back of his past reputation

and as he has not played competitive football

since Christmas, don't hold your breath. Eriks-

son has lost the plot completely as far as I can

see and when England go out to play Sweden,



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Address:

Frank

IN THE BACK

All the women want to pose with Mickey. Here he is again, this time in the Flying Dutchman, with Yvonne and Renée.



They've got karaoke in The End every night, but on Fridays and Saturdays they don't start until after the bands have finished.

Gavin was showing the ropes to new chef Mike in the kitchen at Mister Coco's.



Paul had his back to us in Finnegan's Rainbow, so we put him "In The Back".

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Lee's getting married to Samantha soon, so he was over with his mates from Newcastle and in the Newcastle.

Daley's stag do was in the Newcastle too.



Tasha was over from Harrow for her hen night in the Old Quarter.



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