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The Editor's Bit

Was it the weather or was everybody on holiday in August? Whatever the reason, there didn't seem to be very many people around town last month, so we couldn't take as many photographs as we usually do. That didn't stop us trying though. Parties were very thin on the ground, but we did make it to Linet's Sunday afternoon and Amy's Thursday after midnight birthday bashes. The pictures are on page 16 and 18 respectively.

I thought Dorothy would return to wherever it is she calls home once it cooled down a bit, but we still haven't heard from her. If she's still missing by this time next month, we're start putting a search party together.

We've had another bumper crop of entries for our Premiership Predictions League. We were going to give the contestants the first update of the season this month, until I remembered that we still hadn't printed the answers to our World Cup cover competition from June, so that's taken the space we had after Being Frank on Football instead.

The Complete Collection of Amsterdam Stuns auction hasn't been getting our full attention lately, so if you'd like to get your hands on a copy of every Stun ever published, it's not too late to put in a bid. The highest bid received so far is €105: If you want to go higher, give me a call.

Although this month's Stun is a bit thinner than usual, we've still got all our other regular items, like Tales from the Gutter, music and jokes packed into the 28 pages. Being a bit lighter, it'll also save a bit on postage.

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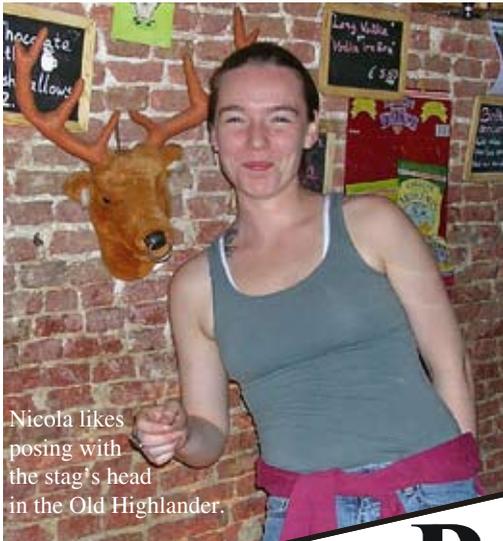
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Nicola likes posing with the stag's head in the Old Highlander.



Here's Tina on her first day in the Wonder Bar

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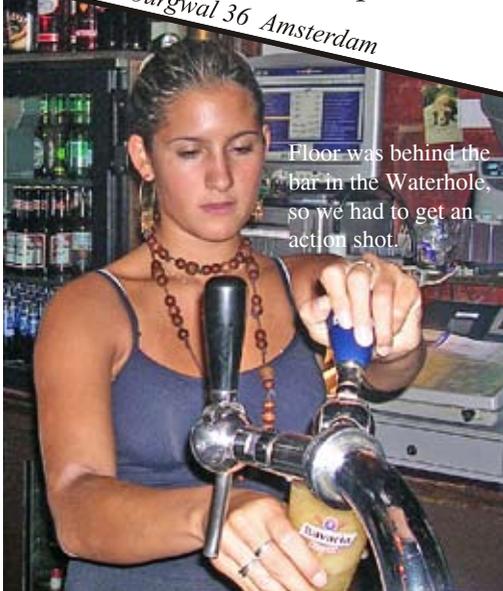
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Another new face; this is Vera, who's joined the crew in Susie's Saloon.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Harley, Albert, Shanelle, Alex, Hester (Oct. 1st), Lars, Jasmina, Lee, Roger, Jennifer, Maisha, Hennie, Ewald, Josef, Anne, Ray, Vivian, Tyena, Ann, Adele, Micha, Jack-William, Paul, Isobel, Bram, Bob, Richard, Simon, Marina, Romme, Zeno, DJ Mario, Douglas, Cassandra, Sarah, Willem, John, Tommy, Patsi, Rinus, Danielle, Lynne, Ed, Mano, Colette, Caroline, Siobhan, Gerrit, Eddy&Lenny, Raymond, Jacky, Denis, Larry, Traci, Tina, Jade, Christian, Tara, Dan, Debbie, Mart, Carlos, Mirka, Elly.

Happy Anniversary Petra & Paddy.

I haven't been out much recently, so I don't think I can tell you something you don't already know. You've heard more gossip than me!

But Andy was out & about, so there are still plenty of pictures.

When we did go out together, we ran into Vijay in the London Bridge, but I can't remember who took this picture. It wasn't Andy, that's for sure!



Another time we went out was when we were invited to a live performance by Yellow Pearl, & TMF would be there to make a video. But someone forgot to tell us it was cancelled. We were not going to stay long anyway, because we were also invited to dinner by our sister-in-law. Roast lamb, spuds & parsnips, three veg, gravy & mint-sauce. It was the best lamb I've ever had. And we got to take the leftovers home!

We will have another family get-together next week, when Andy's sisters, one all the way from New Zealand & one from England, are over for a day. They will then travel back to the UK to pick up the other sisters, & all of them will go on a Mediterranean cruise. Lucky them!

We need a holiday, too. Soon!

We heard Early, former Three Musketeers & the Four Roses, entrepreneur & adventurer, has had a terrible accident. Apparently he lost a leg while in Mexico, but he is back in Amsterdam, and is currently rehabilitating in Revalidatie-Centrum on Overtoom 283, tel. 607 16 08 for information, or send him a get well soon card!

Dominic, you should be out of hospital by now! How are you, my friend, let us know?

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GUTTER

October 2nd is the first year commemoration for Neil (Gavin Wayne Schmidt). His son Brett will be over here to scatter his ashes on the Westgaarde ash-field, at 11.30 am. You are welcome to celebrate his (Neil's) life with him. As long as we remember him, he will be with us.

Amy's bun is rising. It has now reached the size of a hefty Turkish loaf, but it needs still more oven-time. We'll be keeping an eye on the progress.



Paul's (Bonzo) house-boat had to go in the dock for necessary repairs, so he had to find alternative accommodation. He bought this little beaut, but when he get's his own floating home back in October, he will sell it again. He's asking €8750,- but he's open to negotiations. If he could afford it, he would keep them both, because the little nifty one you see here is so very handy for pulling up outside Maloe Melo, say, or Susie's Saloon, or the Nieuwendijk area.

Rests me to mention some special things to do this month: On September 9th & 10th, it's Open Monuments Weekend. Always wondered what these grand old buildings are like on the inside? Now's your chance!

And on September 17th, Car-Free Sunday. Nearly everywhere, but not Amsterdam?!? Take your family cycling for the day, or organise an outing with friends, ending with a bar-b-q on the beach, or a pick-nick in the woods. Cycle over the free-ways, and enjoy the magnificent countryside (albeit flat as a pancake, the horizon goes on forever, perfect for cyclists), without the obnoxious odour of carbon monoxide.

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CENTRUM

Cora dropped into the Stone's Corner when Lisette was behind the bar.



Anka, the new face in the Old Quarter, was talking to Reno, who we didn't recognise because his beard has gone and he was sitting down.



We didn't know they sold Weihenstephaner Hefeweissbier in Buster's until we saw Jan Willem drinking it after his holiday in Austria. Yuri and Victor stuck to the Grolsch.



Raymond and Benjamin were in the Old Quarter kitchen when we dropped in.

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BEHIND

It's been ages since we last saw Matt behind a bar, but here he is, hard at work in the Coin.



Tanja, Zoe and Alon looked like they were having fun in the Wonder Bar.



Deb and Jessie in the London Bridge are both Amsterdam Noorders, born & bred.



It's a refreshing change to see a pretty face behind the bar in the Torenzicht; Vanesse has been there for 3 months.



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BARS

There's never a dull moment in the Stone's Café when Lisette and Nathalie are working.



Shahid and Singh were winding down after a busy Saturday night in the Kamasutra.



Claire might be the new girl in the London Bridge, but she's no stranger to The Stun.



Miella had Nils and Daniel keeping her company behind the bar in the Waterhole.

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MUSIC NEWS &

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At one of Eddy's recent shows, Yusri had a great time singing in her native Indonesian and the audience also had a great time, watching her perform!



If you do book Eddy to play in your bar, let us know too and we'll mention it in The Stun, plus we'll try to drop round with our camera.

The In Players, Amsterdam's oldest non-professional English-language theatre group, will be performing "Ducktown" at the CREA Theater from the 12th 'til the 15th of October. "Ducktown" consists of five original one-act plays by NYC playwright Ben Henderson, set in his boyhood home of Ducktown, Georgia (USA), a spot on the map in the red-clay foothills of Appalachia. They explore the complexities of family relationships in a place where holy-roller churches greatly outnumber schools and shops. The series opens with a mother and son returning home after murdering his abusive father and burying his body on land slated for a public-building project and

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WHAT'S ON

ends with two sisters planning their father's memorial service when they cannot agree on anything, including whether their father would have wanted them to play Amazing Grace or Big Spender. Tickets are € 14 (€ 11 concession) and may be reserved by calling (020) 525 1400 or by email at in.players.amsterdam@gmail.com.

The famous New Zealand singer Bic Runga will be playing in concert in Amsterdam for the first time at the Melkweg (Max Hall) on Saturday 23rd of this month. Tickets cost €20, from the usual pre-sale addresses, or you can book VIP tickets, including New Zealand wine, cheese and the special upstairs area of the Max Hall (much better view & comfort) for €35 from Andy Sceats on 020 563 8282.



Anno played lead guitar in the Waterhole's house band while Stan was on holiday, sharing the stage with Joyce and Jim when we dropped in. Jim will be back in the Waterhole on Saturday the 9th with the Jim Maguire Rockrevue.

A week later, on Saturday the 16th, Elly will be holding her (25th apparently) birthday party in Maloe Melo, with Mama's Bad Boys, amongst others, playing on stage.



Magic Sem is back in Maloe Melo and he's got an electric Super Jam every Wednesday during September. You can also catch him in the Waterhole on Monday the 25th.



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Friday 08 September

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The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Tjejer
23:00 J & C Gang
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Saturday 09 September

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The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Tjejer
23:00 Jim Maguire Rockrevue

Sunday 10 September

Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Gavin
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 11 September

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Peter Lavell
Old Quarter Jazz Session with the
Old Quarter Trio
guest: Rob Armus
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Theo's Crib Jam

Tuesday 12 September

Maloe Melo Open Podium
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

Wednesday 13 September

Maloe Melo Magic Sem's Super Jam
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Real Jam
Volta Reggae Jam

Thursday 14 September

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Tilia
22:30 Gus Genser Jam
Volta Rock Night with
The Rag Dolls, Article €5

Friday 15 September

Bourbon Street Santanico
Finnegans Mark Mysterious & Friends
Maloe Melo El Rio Trio
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The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Freakfunkers
23:00 The Buzznicks
Volta Free Fresh Friday

Saturday 16 September

Maloe Melo Party Time
with Mama's Bad Boys
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Misscovery
23:00 Jack's On Five

Sunday 17 September

Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Yanko
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 18 September

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Peter Lavell
Old Quarter Jazz Session with the
Old Quarter Trio
guest: Tom Beek
The End Karaoke
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Wednesday 20 September

Maloe Melo Magic Sem's Super Jam
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Real Jam

Thursday 21 September

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Rory & Friends
22:30 Gus Genser Jam
Volta Metal Night with
Provoke, ESION €5

Friday 22 September

Finnegans Mark Mysterious & Friends
Maloe Melo Lucky Devils
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Yellow Dogs
23:00 Strolling Bones
Volta Free Fresh Friday

Saturday 23 September

Maloe Melo Larrios
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Freakfunkers
23:00 Bad Penny
Volta Break & Enter
hosted by MC Proskript €5

Sunday 24 September

Maloe Melo Acoustic session with Yanko
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 25 September

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

Tuesday 26 September

Maloe Melo Open Podium
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mic

Wednesday 27 September

Maloe Melo Magic Sem's Super Jam
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Real Jam
Volta Reggae Jam

Thursday 28 September

Maloe Melo Jam Session with Arwen
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Misscovery
22:30 Gus Genser Jam
Volta Metal Night with
Misty Mourning, Anubis, No Sins €5

Friday 29 September

Maloe Melo Little Esther & The Tinstars
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Third Addiction
23:00 Mosquito
Volta Free Fresh Friday

Saturday 30 September

Maloe Melo Marcel Scherpenzeel Band
feat: Ron Hacker
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole 20:30 Freakfunkers
23:00 Spyglass France

Sunday 01 October

Maloe Melo Acoustic session
The End Karaoke
The Waterhole Ladies Nite
with Joyce & Baukje

Monday 02 October

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

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ROUND

Rhian was in town, so she went for a drink with Vicky and Alex in the Flying Dutchman, where Alison was working.



Lara is back in Lost In Amsterdam with Martina after her two month holiday. She spent a month in Australia, a week in Denmark and three weeks on the beach. In October, she'll be celebrating her first year in Amsterdam.



Marjolein is proud of Finnegan's Rainbow's darts team; they've won promotion to the third league.



Ryan from the Tara was having a beer or two with Andy. He likes it in the Newcastle because everybody is so friendly.



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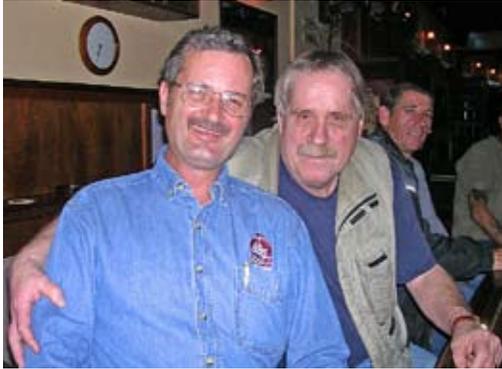
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THE BARS

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Chris, one of the Marauders' main sponsors, was over from Thailand for a visit and in Café Corso with Postman Rob.



Glen and Spud wanted their picture taken from across the bar in Susie's Saloon.



If we had a vote for scariest bouncer, Zorro from the Stone's would beat Boris any day.

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LINET'S PARTY IN

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Linet's mum Geertje was there, of course.



Etienne and Friso helped keep the drinks flowing at the party.



When she wasn't serving drinks, Maria found time to strike a pose.



You can't have a party without music, so they had a DJ on hand to make the Sunday afternoon go with a swing.

CAFE LINETTE



One of the regulars, Pedro, managed to get a band from Badajoz university medical school, who happened to be in town, to come round and serenade Linet on the streets...



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BIRTHDAY GIRL

When you've got a night bar, it makes sense to start celebrating your birthday at midnight, and that's just what Amy did, with Gabriel by her side to look after the drinks.



Andy seems to drop into The End most nights, so it would have been a shock if he wasn't at Amy's party.

It was easier for Patrick to put his shades on rather than cover up his black eye on the computer.



There was more than enough cake to go around, so Amy gave me some to take home for Elly, who couldn't make it to the party.

KARAOKE FINAL

The End held a karaoke competition every Saturday in August, with the Grand Final on the 26th. We couldn't stay for the whole of the final, so Richard Rietveld kindly let us use some of his photographs instead.

Noi, who won the Miss Karaoke competition in March, made it through to the final round, but didn't end up in the prizes this time.



Third place, and €100, went to Kai.



We don't know who came second, but it was Lom who the judges awarded the first prize of €500 to.



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Spanish Sara from Hill Street Blues was in the Newcastle to see her good friend Kate.



ROUNDS

Gus Genser's band Yellow Pearl have got a new single out and it got the thumbs up from Youssef in The Waterhole.



Here's Michel and Stun Guest Joker Rush in Coco's Outback, with Dave pouring.



Neil was talking world politics with Patrick and Chris, who were on R&R from Iraq.



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WHOOOP-DE-DOO



Mirka from the London Bridge will be celebrating her 21st birthday soon and I'm sure Tommo will be wishing her many more.



Gary was in Buster's with Sabine on his birthday last month.

Jill & Klaas celebrated their 10th anniversary on 29th August, but we saw them in the Flying Dutchman a few days later.



I'm sure Zippy will help to make Mart's 40th birthday a memorable occasion.



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THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Jane, Rush & Lin

A blonde woman was speeding down the road in her little red MG sports car and was pulled over by a woman police officer who was also a blonde. The blonde cop asked to see the blonde's driver's license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated. "What does it look like?" she finally asked. The policewoman replied, "It's square and it has your picture on it." The driver finally found a square mirror, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. "Here it is," she said.

The blonde officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, "Okay, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop."

A man goes to the doctors. The doc checks him over, and says "sorry mate, but you have yellow 24, a nasty virus, so called as it turns your blood yellow and you only have 24 hours to live. There's nothing I can do for you - just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth." So he trudges home to wifey, and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to accompany her to bingo that evening so he can experience her idea of a night out, as he's never been there before.

He gets his 1st card, and wins 4 corners - prize £350, and then gets any line and wins £3200. He also calls for a full house - and wins a grand. The national grid comes up and he wins a further £380,000.

The bingo caller gets him on stage, and says "son - I've never seen you in here in all my life, but you won 4 corners, any line, full house and the national grid - I've never met anyone so lucky."

"Lucky???" he screamed, "lucky? I'll have you know I've got yellow 24."

"F**k me," says the bingo caller, "You've won the raffle as well!"

In 1986, Mkele Mbembe was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from college. On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed so Mbembe approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee and inspected the elephant's foot, and found a large thorn deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Mbembe worked the thorn out with his hunting knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot. The elephant turned to face the man and with a rather stern look on its face, stared at him. For several tense moments Mbembe stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned and walked away.

Mbembe never forgot that elephant or the events of that day. Twenty years later he was walking through a zoo with his teenaged son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Mbembe and his son Tapu were standing.

The large bull elephant stared at Mbembe and lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man. Remembering the encounter in 1986, Mbembe couldn't help wondering if this was the same elephant. Mbembe summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder. Suddenly the elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of the man's legs and swung him wildly back and forth along the railing, killing him.

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BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The football season has only just begun and yet here we are in the middle of qualifying matches for the European Championships 2008! It always seems like we have had no respite from football after a World Cup campaign and although I am not complaining especially, it must be an absolute nightmare for those of us who have no interest in football at all. Anyway, the bandwagon is back on the road and there were very few shocks to report from the opening set of qualifying games.

Perhaps one of the games that raised the eyebrows was the Netherlands only winning by a single goal away in Luxembourg. This was a dreadful performance when collectively, everybody played badly. At the end of the day however, it is three points in the bag as Marco van Basten pointed out, but this was not the kind of display that would fill him with any confidence. Luxembourg's group of part-time footballers gave the Dutch a run for their money at times and playing with two strikers at times, the gardener and the tile-fitter both came close to scoring in the opening phase. It was a single strike by Joris Mathijsen that sealed the win in the end, but this was a game most of us would have expected to be a formality.

As for England, well it was exactly that. Four goals to the good by the interval against Andorra and it was game set and match to the home nation even before their interval cup of cha. Peter Crouch is now one of the most prolific English goal scorers since the days of Alan Shearer and Gary Lineker, and with nine goals

in just ten internationals, he would appear to be unstoppable. This I fear is not quite as good as it sounds. He has scored most of these goals against vastly inferior opposition and when we want him to do the business against the best defenders in the World, he will be found wanting. Confidence is one thing, and the lurch certainly knows how to head the ball without even having to jump, but in so many other respects he is immobile and to use a less than complimentary coin of phrase, he bears all the hallmarks of a giant slug in football boots. His somewhat awkward and often cling-on advances into the penalty area often go strangely unchecked by referees and this could be because they are just plain bad at their job or for some other rather more sinister motive the like

of which I shall leave to your imagination. The bottom line is this fortuitous goal scoring run is destined to end in disappointment and the hard fact is that he is not up to the job of leading the attack when we have a serious match on our hands. At the moment he is as snug as a bug in a rug who has not seen the vacuum cleaner coming!

In the case of Scotland, they perhaps exceeded everybody's expectations! Yes, we know they were only playing the little old Faroe Islands, but what an emphatic result. It is usually in matches such as this that the Scots



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do what the Dutch did or worse still, even lose! Anyway, credit where credit is due and by all accounts this was a good performance. Walter Smith had room for a smile as wide as the river Clyde after this display and Chris Boyd was probably the Scots main man with well-taken strikes. The Tartan army have been found wanting against these minnows from the North Atlantic in the past having drawn against them in 1999 and also in 2002, so this is a huge improvement in anybody's language!

The unluckiest of all the home Nations must be the Welsh, who put up a spirited fight against the mighty Czech Republic only to lose 2-1 with a last minute goal. What makes it even more frustrating for John Toshack and his boys is that they had just managed to claw their way back into the game with an own goal on 86 minutes, only to throw it all away in the dying seconds. Craig Bellamy had chances a plenty, but he was wasteful again in front of goal and at this level, you simply cannot afford to be.

Ireland went down by the odd goal in Germany, but Steve Staunton was relatively satis-

fied with their endeavours. It was a cruel deflection from a free-kick early in the second half that damaged any realistic hope of getting something useful from this encounter. Nevertheless, it was a battling performance and a big improvement on the four-nil drubbing they received at the hands of the Netherlands recently.

Elsewhere, there were no real surprises, except perhaps Finland beating Poland by three goals to one away from home. Most games went to form and the real action might begin later in the week when England take on Macedonia; this should be a bit more challenging than Andorra, I would have thought. It has to be said that Steve McClaren has started very well, but without wanting to sound too pessimistic, there is nothing new in that either and it is time for everyone to hold on to the seat of their pants, because the ride can only get rougher from now on!

Frank

RESULT!

We only had two entries for our June World Cup cover competition, and even though they bribed us profusely, neither of them managed to guess even half of the bars featured, so we decided it was unfair to award either of them the prize that Lin from British General Stores had so generously offered to donate.

For those of you still interested who can remember that far back, here are the bars and stadiums we were looking for:

1: Coco's Outback, Kaiserslautern; 2: Flying Dutchman, Gelsenkirchen; 3: London Bridge, Koln & Hannover; 4: Old Quarter, Stuttgart; 5: Lost In Amsterdam, Hamburg; 6: Buster's, Frankfurt; 7: Waterhole, Stuttgart; 8: Kamasutra, Frankfurt; 9: Susies Saloon, Leipzig; 10: Corso, Leipzig; 11: Finnegans Rainbow, Dortmund; 12: Stones Café, Koln; 13: Old Highlander, Berlin; 14: Wonder Bar, Hannover; 15: Newcastle, Nurnberg; 16: Vijaya, Nurnberg; 17: Mister CoCo's, Munich.

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Probably wasn't the same elephant.

IN THE BACK



Esmeralda still drops into Lost In Amsterdam to see Lara, but we've heard rumours that she's now working at Barney's.

Old Rodos bar regulars Lenore & Ploum were reminiscing in the Old Highlander.



Been there, got the t-shirt: Tasman & Maria were rocking it up in Paradiso at the Ice-T/Body Count gig and then went to Susies.



Iain's back from his holiday, so father in law Jaap has got a drinking partner again.



Ashley & Jamie, the 2 Finns, visited the Old Highlander with their grand dad, Bobby.

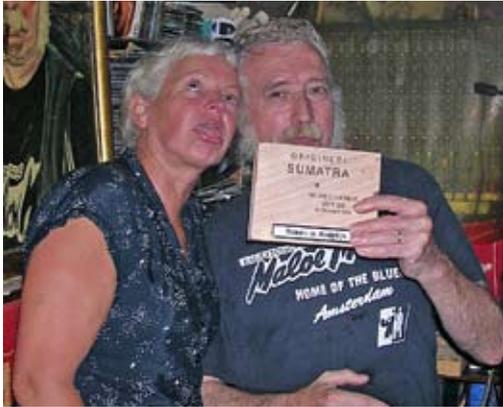


Brynjulf was in town, so Eddy took him to Amy's party in The End.

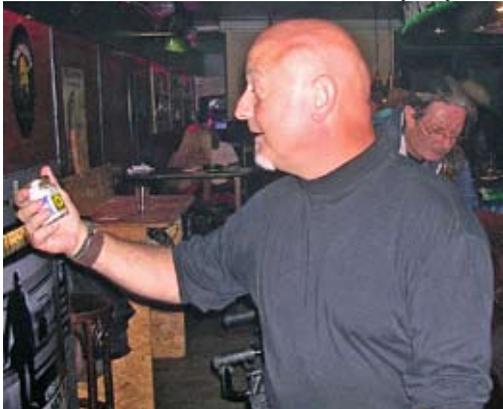




Liam & Stacy had excuses for not being at our party. Liam was on holiday, in a tent in Edam, and Stacy had to work.



Can't remember what this picture of Willy and Jur was about, but we'll use it anyway.



Mike was stunned when we told him he'd won a prize in the raffle at our party in July.

HELP

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