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The Editor's Bit

Whoopee, a colour cover again! Even more whoopee, Elly's health has been improving enough for her to contribute more to the Stun. You'll have to wait a bit longer for Elly's return to writing Tales from the Gutter herself, but in her role as Artistic Director of Stun Publishing, she came up with the best cover we've had in a long time. Elly also compiled this month's crossword, so we can stop using the puzzles that first appeared in the Stun in 1994; you can find it on page 26.

It's taken a while, but I've finally got the sort of digital camera I always wanted - one that takes the picture straight away, without any delay. It's too big for me to carry around all the time, so I'll still be using the little Nikon that has served the Stun well over the last four years, but the new one is great for taking pictures of bands on stage and at parties.

Kevin's leaving party in Molly Malone's got the new camera treatment, as did James' 65th in Café Corso last night. Yes, last night. We've had the occasional picture appear in the Stun the day after it was taken, but this is the first time we've ever had a two-page spread from a party in the Stun the next day. It's fun being able to do it, but I'm not going to make a habit of it; it's too much like hard work.

All of our usual stuff is here this month, plus a page of pictures from Willy's latest visit to Calella, so enjoy your Stun.

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Marianne and Bianca.

TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Ann, Lenore, Billy, Terry, Mick, Marie, Marcelle, Marcel, Blom, Chuara, Adrian, Nicole, Rikki, Kiz, Jasmin, tRAcY, Jim, Singh, Jasmina, Michelle, Brian, Fiona, Leo, Zoe, Jamie, Vivienne, Hennie, Tommy, Dave, Rebecca, Matilde, Wendy, Mike, Gregg, Ken, Alan, John, James, Gary, Hester, Torre, Vicky, Ray, Andy, Mary, Hans, Amy & Rory.

Happy anniversary Anita & Tim, Nic & Harriet, Cathy & Chick, Jill & Klaas.



Isobel came over for her summer visit with embroidered Old Highlander shirts for Linda and the rest of the bar staff. Husband Bobbie, granddaughter Abbie and her friend Danielle got one too.



It will be Jill and Klaas' 12th anniversary later this month, which was good enough reason to take a picture of them together.

Kevin, Famke, Teine, Katisha and Freerk-Jan were having a family reunion in Molly Malone's because Kevin is joining the army.



Jan Willem, one of our printers at The Finishing Touch, joined me on the Stun delivery run last month, which involves visiting a lot of bars and drinking a few beers. By midnight, he was in the mood for a bit of Karaoke, so he got up on stage in The End and sang "Busje Komt Zo". If you don't know it, it's about junkies waiting for the methadon bus.



GUTTER



Susie's Saloon now sell prepaid cards for the self-service tap in the smoking room: €10 deposit, €4 a pint and €2.50 during Happy Hour. It only does pints at the moment, but that's not a problem for most of their customers. Any credit left on the card can be reclaimed, or given as a tip to the staff. First customer John took card number 13 and got 5 pints for €2.50. Everybody wanted cards after that, but the glitch was soon fixed.

Elly likes the Zero Zero that Robert and Pelle sell in Coffeeshop Hollywood, and it's good value too.



Marcel has sold the Shamrock Inn to concentrate on his new venture, Street Legal Rent. The last session under his ownership will be on Monday 1st September, where he'll be introducing the new owner to the regulars. Greg, who helps Marcel with Street Legal Rent, will be there.



The 250cc buggies from Street Legal Rent are great fun for bombing around town or longer trips into the countryside. Marcel took me for a drive in one recently and I was hanging onto my seat most of the time. The hire buggies are newer and more powerful than the one I was in, so it's probably a good job the insurance won't let him rent them out overnight; that would be frightening. Read more about Street Legal Rent on the back cover.

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CENTRUM

Ted was just a tourist when he appeared in last month's Stun, but he came back and now he's working in the Old Quarter with Anka, who's going back to Romania to continue her studies soon. I'm sure she'll be back for Christmas.



Maarten, Meke and Jeroen were in the Old Quarter, discussing the new band they are forming. No details yet, but Jeroen will let us know when they have their first gig and we'll mention it on our music page.



The always-helpful Zorro in the Stone's Café is a mine of information; if he doesn't know the answer, he knows somebody that does.



Nathalie and Susan were behind the bar in the Stone's Café, so we had to take a picture of them together.

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FUN IN THE SUN

Willy from Maloe Melo goes to Calella, our favourite town in Spain, at least three times a year and kindly sent us some pictures and comments from her most recent visit.

“Great hanging out with my friends, specially in the Hard Rock bar Golden Gloves, friends of Andy and Elly.”



Amsterdam locals in Calella with Richie.

“Always seeing people I know and then, yes, go out for some good food also.”



“Vonne and Nick, my hosts.”

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Dear Dorothy

Dear Ms Dunshaggin,

I am a member of the Animal Rights Saviour Enterprise (A.R.S.E. for short). Next week we have a big demonstration planned to voice our opinions on vivisection. We will meet up in Dam Square and march to Rembrandtplein. Now, I am perfectly happy to wave a banner and wear a silly hat to draw attention to our cause, but my new boyfriend has his own methods. He was once held in a maximum-security prison and truly believes that smearing shit over everything is the quickest method. I've tried to convince him that a petition is far better than his ideas, but he just won't listen. How do I handle this one?

Mrs C. H., Amsterdam

P.S. I love him.

Dear Mrs H,

If you want to impress this new beau, you could try smearing your body with Marmite instead. Then again, if you surrender to his whims now, heaven knows where it would lead. A holiday in solitary confinement, sloping out in the mornings, keeping your mobile up your... let's not think about that one just now. Just keep him off the magic mushrooms (Amsterdam Hoteliers have found a link between those taking mushrooms and those who have a urgent need to redecorate their hotel rooms in... never mind). Luckily for you it is a short route.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I have been a manic-depressive for as long as I can remember. I was hated by my peers at school; lonely as a teenager, growing up with no friends, even the dog ran away. I only ever get 6-month work contracts. I am ugly as

well. My parents moved without giving me a forwarding address when I was 12; I've never received a Christmas card. I am getting even more depressed with the state of the economy.

Arthur B,

Amsterdam

Dear Arthur,

Your point is?

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I am looking for some funding for my next business idea. The Portashed for smokers kinda backfired: the wheel clampers towed 3 away, with the smokers still inside. Now I've come up with the most fantastic idea of all times. THE PIGEON RIDDER. Lots of people have unwanted pigeons nesting on balconies and such. I've invented a great way to get rid of pigeons without poison. All I need is €500 to get the business off the ground. That should be enough for a boiler suit, bakfiets and 200 cans of WD-40, which I liberally spray around the infected areas. I've found out that pigeons hate the smell, and the grease under their feet. I can put brown paper over the WD-40 so the punter won't know what I am using. I can then ask for 3-monthly contracts to come back and re-spray. It's easy money, the punter is ignorant of what I will be using. All I need is €500; can you help?

Maarten G

Sloterdijk

Dear Maarten,

I'll pass your message on to all of our readers. Good luck.

Dorothy.

IN THE NEWCASTLE

Outside the Newcastle, having a smoke:
Dan, Beth and Lana.



Newcastle boss Andy with Raymond.



Birthday boy Mark and Dave were on a
nine-day bender in Amsterdam, knocking back
Baby Guinness with Beth.



Andy with Chantal and Sherill, who were
on the Avro boat during the Gay Pride Canal
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MALOE MELO MUSIC

Willy, fresh from her latest trip to Calella (see page 8) was behind the bar with Jur, who had a cigar substitute clamped in his mouth.



A big smile from Maggie on the door.



I hadn't seen Woody & The Sidemen for ages, (didn't make it to his 25th anniversary in 2006) so I made a point of catching him on stage last month, even though it meant a few places got their Stuns a day later.



Following week, Harmonica Shah Blues Band were playing on stage...

Guus and Dimitri were drinking at the bar.



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MUSIC & WHAT'S

The Prinsengracht won't be as calm as it looks on this month's cover on Saturday 23rd August; that's the night of the annual open-air Prinsengrachtconcert. Top of the bill is violinist Sarah Chang, playing works by Tchaikovsky, Handel & Vivaldi. Great free night out if you're into classical music, even better if you can watch it from a boat.

The Monday session in The End is now in the capable hands of Jeff (mandolin), with the musical emphasis on Bluegrass & Country.



Darren Byrne went down so well in Molly Malone's last month, that he's back for two weekends in August: 8th & 9th, 22nd & 23rd.



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No wonder I couldn't find anything out about the Bangtwangers last month; it's the Twang Bangers. When they played in Molly's, they were missing their bass player Stefan (his wife gave birth earlier than expected), so Kim filled in as third man.

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ON



Gregorio pointed me out to the stand-in bass player when I was taking pictures at Santanico's gig in the Waterhole last month. They play Bourbon Street on Saturday 9th August.



Regular lead guitarist Onno was still injured, so Waste played with a substitute at last month's gig in the Waterhole. Waste play there again on Friday 22nd August.

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GIG-LIST

Monday Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Bluegrass/Country Session, with Jeff

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The International Dance Fever Jam, *open latin, soul & funk jam session with Gregorio*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with Peter Lavell

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, *All musicians, even complete bands, welcome. (e-mail in advance if you want to play a full set) €1*

11th August 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Rinus Groeneveld (jazz)*

18th August 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Eric van der Luijt (jazz)*

25th August 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Clous van Mechelen (jazz)*

1st September 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Arthur Heuwerkemeijer (jazz)*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Groovy Mondays,

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Tuesday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim*
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Lamar Chase Jam, *open jam session/blues*
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's Blues & Rock Jam, €1

12th August 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

19th August 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.*

26th August 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Melvin Taylor & Band, Blues €7

2nd September 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session,

Wednesday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Micky Llewellyn, *blues & rock*
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock & Pop Jam, €1

13th August 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Anacondas, *surf*

20th August 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Archie*

27th August 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Jamsession, *with Solo Simporé*

3rd September 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Band Stand with Nico, *various bands*

Thursday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Open Session, *with Henning Brand*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Lamar Chase (except 28th)*
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by Kim Stevens, *Molly's invite all kinds of musicians to bring along their instruments and jam with our resident musicians.*
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking ass every Thursday* €1

14th August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, FOTA Fonzie,

21st August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Cat & The Style,

28th August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Kush,
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, J.J.Pearson & his Weapons of Ass Destruction (Ex Tonic Reasons) (Ohio U.S.A.), *support: The Flaming Rocks (Germany) Punk Rock* €6

Friday

Weekly

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,
8th August 2008
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Connection,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by popular demand*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, El Rio Trio, *rockabilly* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Continental Breakfast, €1

GIG-LIST

15th August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Hurricane Joy,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Eva & Theo de Mosquito, *Beautiful and highly talented Polish violinist Eva, supporting the flow of strums and sounds coming from Molly's regular Theo*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Herb Spectacles, *Tijuana Mariachi sound* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, 5 Live, €1

22nd August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Ten/4,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *see Friday 8th*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Stubbs, *Soul* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, €1

29th August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Bill Bluestone, *Born in the States and based in Germany, Bill Bluestone has been performing on the international circuit for many years. His extensive knowledge of covers and side-spitting jokes together with his own material proves this to be a top class act.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Blues Junkies, Kickass, Speedrock Dumbell, Apocaypse, Douchebag Destructo, *Punk Rock* €6

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Chilli Bastard, €1

Saturday

Weekly

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

9th August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Theo Band,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *see Friday 8th*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Santanico, *Latin*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sugar Mama, *bluesrock* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a., €1

16th August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bebas,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Tom Dolton, *Originally from the west of Ireland, Tom has been performing in venues across Europe for many years. Whether delivering his own songs or much loved recognizable favourites, he delivers an emotionally charged and passionate vocal.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Juice Box, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a., €1

23rd August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Invisible Girls,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *see Friday 8th*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Suitcase Brothers, *101% Blues* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, 1st Floor, €1

30th August 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Aga Live Band,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Bill Bluestone, *see Friday 29th*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Psyllibilly productions presents: The Bellhops, + *Psyllibilly DJ's* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, RIF, €1

Sunday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Fun(k), *Clubugly sessions*

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee presented by Theo de Mosquito & band, *a musical antidote for your hangover (funk soul session)*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Evenio Martinez*

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes & Baukje Westerlaken, *Sunday night jam with a feminine touch* €1

ROUND



Nana is back for the summer (she's studying in Denmark) and was in Coco's Outback with her friend Lisa, who lives here.

Elina and her colleagues from Forrester Research were taking a cocktail mixing course in Coco's Outback, where Elina's boyfriend Tim is a barman.



Marcel was escorting Linda around the Gay Parade while her mum was on the town with Shamrock regular Pauline.



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THE BARS

Ant, a regular in the Nes Café, thinks it's about time he was in the Stun; he also drinks in Café Corso, so we said yes.



Goce wanted his picture taken with Molly's barman Matthew.

Steve from Warrington was visiting his old friend H and having a drink in Molly Malone's.



Ray and Linda were dancing to Hot Love in the Old Highlander.

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BEHIND

It's been over a year since we had a photo of Tineke on her own in the Flying Dutchman.



Sarah missed Jaime and the rest of the crew in Coco's Outback, so she came back.

We've never had a picture of Mara and Alex behind the bar together in Susie's Saloon.



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BARS



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Reouth was behind the bar in Molly's for Kevin's leaving party (see page 22).



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Claire's been recuperating after nearly losing a toe in a candle-holder related accident, but she's back behind the bar of the London Bridge now, with more protective footwear.



LATE NIGHTS IN

I went to the Waterhole to take photos of Santanico with the new camera I got specially for bands and parties, but I took plenty of pictures of the staff and customers too; it's just like a party whenever Santanico plays there.



Don't know if Mika and Tea came from Finland just to see Santanico.

Floris and Anita came from a bit closer.



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THE WATERHOLE

Another good party-band, Waste, were in the Waterhole the following Saturday, so I was back with my camera for pictures of the band and the audience getting Wasted.



KEVIN'S LEAVING

We had a picture of Kevin on his last night working in Molly Malone's in last month's Stun, but the leaving party came a couple of weeks later. Friends and family packed the place, inside and out, with everybody having a great night out.



PARTY IN MOLLY'S



JAMES' 65TH



Café Corso boss James reached retirement age, so of course, there was a party in the bar. Even though this Stun had to be finished the same night, it was one party I didn't want to miss, so I dropped in long enough to wish James a happy birthday, down a couple of beers and take these pictures.

As expected, it was packed, inside and out.



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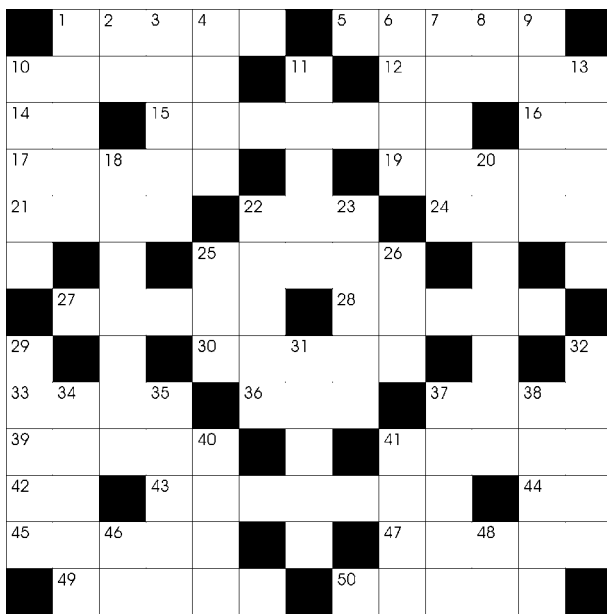
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The Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: Dwelling for loud, monotonous music. (5)
 5: Hardest time of your life? (5)
 10: Short and to the point. (5)
 12: Scandinavian money unit. (5)
 14: Egyptian Sun God. (2)
 15: Multi-coloured bloomer in dry regions. (7)
 16: Biblical woman cut in half? (2)
 17: Persuaded avidly. (5)
 19: Neither liquid nor hollow. (5)
 21: Shining light on celluloid. (4)
 22: The Spanish nobleman returns. (3)
 24: Playful part. (4)
 25: Copy, news, money? Follow the trail! (5)
 27: Turkish delight? (5)
 28: Flooding in Wales? It sounds like it! (5)
 30: He wanders where he's going. (5)
 33: Disgusting! (4)
 36: Purchase. (3)
 37: Thus. (4)
 39: Not working anymore? Never did do!
 41: Result. (5)
 42: If they're not tactful, they'll have to face the music. (2)
 43: More money than Croesus? (7)
 44: Can only a specialist do this? (2)
 45: Watch for it to go off? (5)
 47: Flugs. (5)
 49: Tallied. (5)
 50: Deserve what you get, for what you've done. (5)



Down

- 1: It's at home! (5)
 2: French gold. (2)
 3: Puts you in your place! (5)
 4: Beginning of everything? (4)
 6: Hardly makes ends meet. (4)
 7: Mistake. (5)
 8: No, Nanette; something's missing! (2)
 9: Slow and slimy, like the French? (5)
 10: You have to earn it! (5)
 11: Bend over, but not backwards. (5)
 13: Finished (5)
 18: African jumpers nearly sound cosy! (7)
 20: At school, and in jail! To keep in or out? (7)
 22: See 43 across? Robby, no! (5)
 23: Hold back for now. (5)
 25: Kitchen utensil. (3)
 26: Magenta, Cardinal, or just bright. (3)
 29: Oust. (5)
 31: How I like my peas with fish & chips. (5)
 32: Averse writers? (5)
 34: Holy cow! What a country! (5)
 35: Went the wrong way. (5)
 37: Go in the ship for profit? (5)
 38: Culpability. (5)
 40: Wear out rubber band. (4)
 41: Nature of being. (4)
 46: You only see that person when you really have to! (2)
 48: Chinese unit of distance. (2)

Last Month's Answers

Across: 7 Camera, 8 Trifle, 9 Mad, 10 Round, 11 Hen, 14 Tails, 15 Coast, 16 Ascot, 18 Trams, 22 Ban, 23 Romeo, 24 Hip, 27 Leader, 28 Drivel.
 Down: 1 Malaga, 2 Hew, 3 Baton, 4 Stone, 5 Tip, 6 Alters, 12 Eliot, 13 Hoard, 17 Spades, 19 Mailer, 20 Court, 21 Verdi, 25 Ode, 26 Rig.

THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

It's the spring of 1957 and Bobby goes to pick up his date, Peggy Sue. Bobby's a pretty hip guy with his own car and a ducktail hairdo. At the front door, Peggy Sue's father answers and invites him in.

'Peggy Sue's not ready yet, so why don't you have a seat?' he says.

'That's cool.' says Bobby.

Peggy Sue's father asks Bobby what they are planning to do. Bobby replies politely that they will probably just go to the malt shop or to a drive-in movie.

Peggy Sue's father responds, 'Why don't you kids go out and screw? I hear all of the kids are doing it.'

Naturally this comes as quite a surprise to Bobby and he says, 'Whaaaaat?'

'Yeah,' says Peggy Sue's father, 'Peggy Sue really likes to screw; she'll screw all night if we let her!'

Bobby's eyes light up and he smiles from ear to ear as he mentally revises the night's plans. A few minutes later, Peggy Sue comes downstairs in her little poodle skirt with her saddle shoes and announces that she's ready to go. Almost breathless with anticipation, Bobby escorts his date out the front door while Dad is saying, 'Have a good evening, kids!'

About 20 minutes later, a thoroughly dishevelled Peggy Sue rushes back into the house, slams the door behind her and screams at her father: 'Dammit, Daddy! The twist! It's called the twist!!'

An elderly couple had been dating for some time. Finally they decided it was time for marriage. Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work. They discussed finances, living arrangements and so

on. Finally the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

'How do you feel about sex?' he asked, rather trustingly.

'Well,' she says, responding very carefully, 'I'd have to say I would like it infrequently.'

'The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment. Then, looking over his glasses, he looked her in the eye casually asking, 'Was that one word or two?'

After having their 11th child, a Liverpool couple decided that was enough, as the social wouldn't buy them a bigger bed and they weren't strong enough to nick one. The husband went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want to have any more children.

The doctor told him there was a procedure called a vasectomy that would fix the problem but it was expensive. A less costly alternative was to go home, get a firework, light it, put it in a beer can, then hold the can up to his ear and count to 10.

The Scouser said to the doctor, "I may not be the smartest guy in the world, but I don't see how putting a firework in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me."

"Trust me, it will do the job" said the doctor.

So the man went home, lit a banger and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5," at which point he paused, placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.

This procedure also works in Ireland, parts of America and some parts of Australia and New Zealand.

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

A new football season is just around the corner, so here are my tips for glory in the quest for Premier pride.

20: Hull City. They have waited long enough, it must be said and sad to say their existence in the top flight will be very short lived. Even their great fan base will not compensate for their lack of quality. Oh dear, I fear they will fall at the first.

19: Stoke City. Here is another team that battled beyond belief to make it to the land where football dreams are made. Sadly, this dream is exactly that and before you can say Stanley Matthews, they will be packing their bags again, on the road to nowhere in particular.

18: Middlesbrough. Every season, one of the unexpected falls, and with Gareth Southgate at the helm, here is another team that will unseat their rider early in the race. Who takes over after Christmas will have a mountain to climb and I fear the worst for this lot, this time.

17: Sunderland. Roy Keane is an out and out fighter, and he will need to be. This will not be an easy ride and I suspect they will avoid the drop by the skin of their teeth.

16: Bolton. Had a tough time last term and the going's going to get tougher still. Not enough strength in depth and they will have another uneasy ride.

15: Fulham. Easy to predict after the traumas of last season perhaps, but I think Roy Hodgson will steer them clear of danger before the season is out.

14: W.B.A. Tony Mowbray is a tough old nut. He is also a good judge of character and he will need lots of that this season, as he has promised not to break the club's wage structure in order to improve the squad.

13: Wigan. They have a good steward in Steve Bruce and they will need all his expertise to reach the finishing line intact, I suspect.

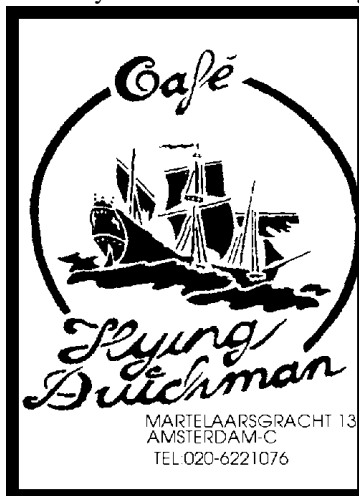
12: Everton. David Moyes has always been a man on a mission. If the rumours have some substance, then let us hope he is on a mission from God, because he could be pushed to quit the race unless a miracle occurs.

11: Aston Villa. This is not Celtic, Martin. No easy pickings here. It will be a difficult campaign and mid-table is the very least this club expects.

10: West Ham. Alan Curbishley knows his stuff and with the exciting attacking options of Dean Aston and Craig Bellamy to choose from, they should at least score a few goals. It is at the other end where problems still exist though and they could be involved in some very high scoring!

9: Blackburn Rovers. Now that Mark Hughes is elsewhere, I think they will struggle a bit. They still have quality in all departments though, so expect an indifferent season this time around.

8: Portsmouth. This is about the best our Harry could hope for and even the most optimistic fan could not envisage anything better.





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7: Manchester City. Mark Hughes is the new recruit and he will start at a gallop only to tire as the season progresses. His owner will be counting the cost once more, I fear.

6: Newcastle. Under the watchful eye of Kevin Keegan, expectations will run high. I think they will start in front, only to fall away as the season progresses.

5: Tottenham. A new manager in Juande Ramos and he has the potential to deliver in the end, if the board stay faithful. Darren Bent will be the Premier League's top scorer and the team will be a pleasure to watch.

4: Manchester United. I fear this will be Sir Alex's death knell. Ronaldo will be unsettled and the team unity, which is so vital for success, will be seriously lacking this time around.

3: Chelsea. All change at Stamford Bridge, I hear them cry, but you know change for change's sake does not always provide the answers. Their impatience will be costly, although I feel they will perform well in the knockout competitions.

2: Arsenal. I think they will get very close indeed, falling perhaps at the very last hurdle, but make no mistake; this will be a wonderful campaign. Arse Wenger knows what it takes and I see them running almost neck and neck with the eventual winners, right up to the flag.

1: Liverpool. Thirteen years in the Premier wilderness and finally some silverware once more. They have the strength in depth, the ability, and no one would doubt their will, so why not I ask?

Frank

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STILL SMOKING



What's this? Ashtrays on the bar and people smoking in the Flying Dutchman? Must be an old picture, surely.

Smoking hour in Finnegan's Rainbow: Inside it was completely empty.



Everybody was outside, smoking.



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Nicotine monkey James has to smoke outside Barney's Coffeeshop; inside, they've got bowls of tobacco free substitute for filling joints, so customers can toke away.



Claire was having a smoke outside the London Bridge with fellow Mancunian Jason.



Carla dropped into Buster's while Jill was working, so they popped outside for a smoke.





No Smoking in the Waterhole, so barman Skip and Santanico bassist Gregorio were out on the terrace, but there were no seats left.

The covered seats on the terrace were full, so Molly Malones' porch was busy when the rain started bucketing it down.



Susie's Saloon has a smoking room, but Huib, Yuri and Mart wanted some fresh air.



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