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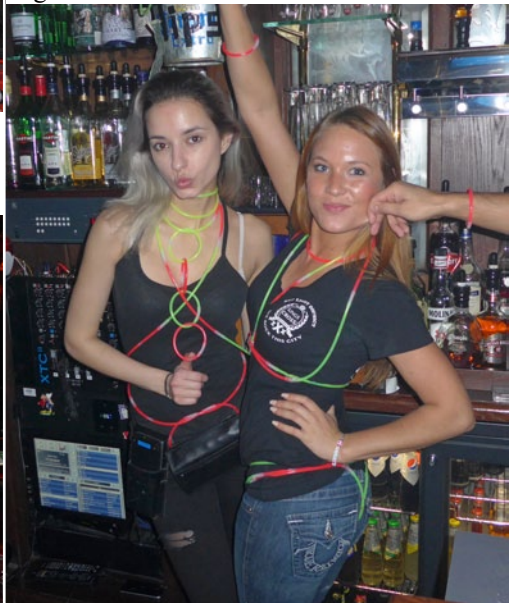
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Karen was back in the Poolbar, behind the bar with Kim on a Monday night.



Belkiz and Anna were part of the Friday night crew in the Stone's Café.

Wednesday night in the Three Sisters Pub, with Iris, Anoeck, Kasia and Marika posing on the other side of the bar for a change.



Ksenija and Zira were all lit up behind the bar on a Monday night in King's Cross.

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The Editor's Bit

ELLY'S

OK, I think I'll start my Editor's Bit with a Cover Contest! Name the bar where I took this month's cover photo. No prizes, but the first correct entry will get an Honourable Mention in the next Stun.

Producing this Stun has presented problems I haven't encountered before. Usually, I only have to look away from my computer to consult with the Stun's artistic director Elly about cover ideas and then make the necessary tweaks straight away. I couldn't do that this month; Elly is in hospital (see pages 4 & 5), so I dropped in a bar after visiting her, took photos of a Guinness tap and showed her a selection of ideas the next day.

After I finish making each Stun, it goes to our Proof Reader and within an hour, it gets sent to the printers. Can't do that this time; Elly is the proof reader, so I'll take a proof print with me when I visit her tomorrow and send it to the printers in the evening.

I hope Elly gets out of hospital soon; as well as the Stun problems, the kitchen sink is full of dirty dishes and I'm running out of clean clothes. Just kidding! I like to think I'm fairly domesticated and Elly has been helping me improve my cooking skills, so I'm ready to take care of her when she comes home.

We've got all of our usual stuff for you, apart from the crossword, so enjoy your Stun; I'm off to bed - on my own.

Andy

Happy Birthday Aileen, Alex, Amadeo, Anne, Ans, Art, Asha, Barbara, Billy C., Bobbie, Buster, Callum, Caroline, Crista, Cristino, Danny, Dave, Devin, Diann, Dirk, Donnacadh, Elias, Elke, Elly, Fish, Francesco, Francis, Frank, Franklin, Frans, Gabriel, Huib, Jaqueline, Jo, John, Joop, Josep, Jur, Karin, Katie, Keith, Kestrel, Kevin, Lance, Lara, Lenny, Lindsay, Liz, Maaie, Madelief, Louise, Maartje, Maeve, Mairead, Manuel, Marijke, Mark, Mathijs, Matt, Max, Melodie, Mick, Mike, Mirjana, Monica, Nancy, Nick, Paddy, Pat, Patricia, Peter, Raymond, Rik, Rita, Robert, Roland, Rose, Ruby, Ruud, Saara, Sam, Sarah, Scouse, Shakira, Sharon, Silver, Sue, Tamara, Tanya, Tim, Tommy, Tony, Veeru, Vera, Wende, Wolfling, Zadok.

Happy Anniversary Henk & Sharon.

Elly had every intention of writing her Rants & Raves this month. She even wrote the opening sentence: "It's not easy 'being' me at the moment".

Then disaster struck on the 24th of February! Elly fell and broke her leg, just below the hip. She was rushed to hospital at five in the morning and went into surgery 14 hours later, where they put a long metal pin in her leg. The operation appears to have been successful and



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RANTS & RAVES

Elly has been walking with the aid of a walker, so she will be transferring to a rehabilitation centre on Monday.

One of the nurses taking care of Elly recognised her as being from the Stun; it was Louise from 'Mirage, a tribute to Fleetwood Mac'. Elly said she's not just a great keyboard player, but also a wonderful nurse.

But, there's worse news: Less than a week before her accident, we received news that Elly has lung cancer which has spread to her bones. The surgery confirmed that the cancer was also in her femur, which is why it broke so easily. I won't go into details now; Elly wants to tell you herself why it's not easy 'being' her at the moment.

Earlier in February, Elly answered the phone and was pleasantly surprised to find herself talking to Sinead, daughter of our dear departed friend Liam. They had a nice, long chat and Sinead said she was coming to Amsterdam a week later to follow in her dad's footsteps and meet up with some of his old friends in Susie's Saloon. Elly really wanted to meet her, but was too sick to go out, so she made sure I went out earlier than usual to take some photos, like this one of Sinead with me.



There are more photos of Sinead's visit to Susie's Saloon on page 21 and we hope she's back in Amsterdam soon. Sinead, Elly would love to meet you in person and you are always welcome at our place; your dad was instrumental in bringing us together!

Because of everything that has been going on, it shouldn't come as a surprise that Elly was unable to make a crossword this month.



As for last month's, Excalibur manager Zad pulled a winner from all the correct entries and the prize of a €10 Drink Special goes to Evelyne Jansen. You can find all the answers on page 27.

Andy

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Del Bhoys and Claire jumped in front of my camera as soon as I walked into Durty Nelly's.



Angelica is no longer working with mum Tineke in the Flying Dutchman, so this is the last mother & daughter shift change photo.

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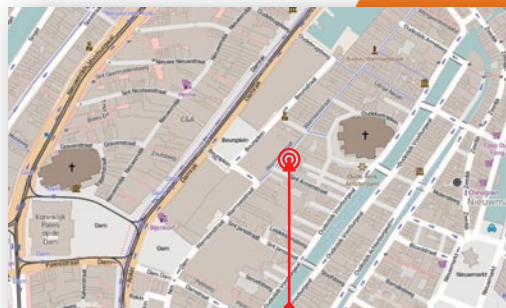
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Monday

Weekly

20:00, **Paleis van de Weemoed**, Franklin's Music Palace, *Franklin Madjid Band + new guests weekly*

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night, *An explosive combination of international songs and funky people from all over the world*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Magic Monday, *Open Jam 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*

14th March 2016

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. €2.50*

20:15, **The Waterhole**, Original Bands, *The Riverbreaks (Americana), The Legs (Powerrock trio), Airplane Mode (USA, Indie Rock)*

21st March 2016

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Original Bands, *Dr. Hofman's Bycycle (Psych. Rock), Finister (Psych. Rock, IT), Ivelvet (Alt. Rock), Nexoshape (Indierock), Amikdla (Prog. Rock)*

28th March 2016

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Easter Pop, *Bands playing originals*

Tuesday

Weekly

20:00, **BackStage Hotel**, Open Mic Night, *hosted by The Amsterdam Songwriters Guild*

20:30, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night, *An explosive combination of international songs and funky people from all over the world*

20:30, **Het Hok**, Mosquito Unplugged, *Latin Pop Rock*

22:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Conjunto Amsterdam, *Salsa & Latin Jazz*

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

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Kevin Chapman & Friends (except 15th)*

Tuesday

15th March 2016

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Open podium: *Pegasus got talent!*

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam with Onno, *Special guest: Ramon Oosterhof (funk, soul)*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, VSPA Student Night,

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

22nd March 2016

20:00, **Coco's Outback**, Pub Quiz, *Entry price: €3, maximum 5 persons to a team. Great Prizes!*

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam with Onno, *Special guest: Mosquito's (Latin, Funk, Pop)*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Michael Strobel, *rock and blues classics €3*

29th March 2016

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam with Onno, *Special guest: Tarq Bowen (bluesrock)*

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



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Wednesday

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21:00, **The Waterhole**, Unplugged Open Mike Jam, *with Stan*

21:30, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Wonderful Wednesday Jam, *Open podium & jam session hosted by Theo Mosquito*

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*

9th March 2016

22:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Thanos Athanasopoulos Trio, €4

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Super Session, *hosted by Rufus*

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

16th March 2016

22:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Argo Vals / Liis Ring showcase, €5

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, Particolare Student Night,

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lieber Liber, *Organized by Liber Torriente* €3

23rd March 2016

22:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, The Blackbirds,

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Singer/Songwriter Night, *hosted by Dzuana Bakker, followed by Open Podium*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Big Dez, *Blues* €3

30th March 2016

22:00, **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.* €2.50

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Hey Hey,

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, New Generation Bubbles & Blues Session, *hosted by O-Dog*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Soulful NRG, *Live energizing soul* €3

Thursday

Weekly

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, CC Soul Session, €5

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*

10th March 2016

20:00, **The Waterhole**, John Frost, *Soul, Hip-hop, Funkrock*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Tree + The Embassy, *followed by Blues Session* €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mosquito, *latin rock* €3

23:45, **The Waterhole**, The Bashir Bros. feat. Steven de Geus, *Funk, Soul, Pop*

17th March 2016

14:00, **Molly Malone's**, St. Patrick's Day - Live Music All Day! *Mark Condren, singer/songwriter from Wicklow*

16:00, **O'Reillys**, Monty Pagan, *original folk-rock and cabaret band with a Celtic twist*

17:00, **Molly Malone's**, Frank Gannon,

20:00, **The Waterhole**, St Patrick's Day - Bottle of Smoke, *The Pogues-tribute*

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Kevin O'Donoghue, *Irish singer-songwriter*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Sweet Mary Jane, *Irish/Dutch three piece band playing Rory Gallagher, Thin Lizzy, Gary Moore, Brush Shiels and other Irish related rock music.*

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

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Blues Summit, *blues* €3

22:30, **The Waterhole**, St Patrick's Day - Bad Penny, *Folkrock, Rory Gallagher*



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24th March 2016

- 20:00, **The Waterhole**, The Big Shakedown, *Allround*
 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Two Shakes Of a Lambs Tale + Sweet Loretta, *followed by Blues Session* €5
 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kenny Bogan & The Lads, *singer/songwriter* €3
 22:30, **The Waterhole**, Big Dez, *Rock, Blues, Funk*

31st March 2016

- 20:00, **The Waterhole**, Spangle, *Allround Pop*
 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *Open podium*
 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Rene Geelhoed & Band, *soul & rock* €3
 22:00, **Durty Nelly's**, The Big Session, *Get down and Durty with Sweet Mary Jane*
 22:30, **The Waterhole**, A Night with Farida & Friends, *Funk, Soul, Disco*

Friday

Weekly

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

11th March 2016

- 20:00, **The Waterhole**, Make Noise, *Allround*
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, WeaaH, *Earthy grooves designed to move you.* €5
 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Blues Summit, *blues* €5
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Flaming Stars, *Rockabilly* €5
 23:30, **The Waterhole**, Bonemachine, *Bluesrock*

18th March 2016

- 20:00, **The Waterhole**, Local Boyzz, *Allround Pop, Rock, Dance*
 20:00, **Susies Saloon**, 25th Anniversary Party, *with live music*
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Deep Sound Diver, *a mix of Anti-Folk, Americana meets Acid-Rock* €5
 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Hats, *Rock/Blues* €5
 22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Full Moon Party, *Get your face and or body painted for free with fluoropaint!*
 22:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, The Dog-Washers, *rock, punk, new wave & metal covers*
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Hengels & Special Guests, *RocknRoll-Sixties* €5
 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Vezpa, *50/60's Rock n Roll*

25th March 2016

- 20:00, **The Waterhole**, Van Kessel-live, *Top 2000*
 20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Trio Camaleão, *Brazilian* €5
 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Hurricane Joy, *Pop Rock* €5
 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Atomic 4, *Rockabilly* €5
 23:30, **The Waterhole**, 2 hot 2 funk, *Funk, Rock, Latin, Pop*

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Saturday

Weekly

21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/
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12th March 2016

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Suzy Red, 90's Rock

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Mixxxxed Breed Reunion
4.0, Rock €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Kenny Bogan & The Lads,
singer/songwriter €5

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Live Music - band t.b.a.

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Korsakof Dance Night, €5

19th March 2016

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Scoville, Pop, Rock

20:00, **Susies Saloon**, 25th Anniversary Party,
with live music

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

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Strobez, German rock
trio €5

23:30, **The Waterhole**, Cover Up, 90's Rock

26th March 2016

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Allen Wrench & the Nuts,
Blues, Rock

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Meredith Baker & Sarah
de Warren (indie alt pop), followed by Kenji
(psychedelic rock), €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The New Power
Revolution, Prince tribute band €5

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Waste, 90's Festivalrock

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Big Dez, blues-bluesrock €5

Sunday

Weekly

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

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, with Lamar
Chase

13th March 2016

15:00, **The Waterhole**, Clash of the Coverbands –
Amsterdam Final, Benelux Coverband-competition

16:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Singing Sunday - Vocal
Session, with Carmen Gomes €3

19:00, **Black & White**, Allen Wrench & the Nuts,
Blues, jazz, rock & oldies

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Brazilian Legends Night,
ft. Danny Medeiros €5

20:45, **The Waterhole**, Just Notes Band, soul, funk, pop

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Super Sunday, funk, soul, pop

00:00, **The Waterhole**, The Cloxxs, Pop, Rock,
Funk, Soul

20th March 2016

16:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Junior Jazz Jam,

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Tom Bright (UK), Grit-Pop

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Stompin' at the CC, with
Sebas & his CC Riders (pop) €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Super Sunday, with Nate
Dizco & The Dizcats

22:30, **The Waterhole**, St. Louis Slim, Bluesrock

27th March 2016

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

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Easter Pop, Tribute Acts

20:00, **CC Muziek Cafe**, Deep Funk Jam with
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22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lamar Chase & Francois
Spannenburg, blues

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Joel and friends were singing Three Little Birds at The End Karaoke.



It was nice seeing Chris in the Waterhole, and he didn't need to bribe me with a vaasje to get his photo taken, but it's always welcome.

ROUND T

These ladies were enjoying the Saturday night entertainment in Durty Nelly's.



Frank can count on Julia and Emilia being at Susie's Saloon's 25th Anniversary Party on the 18th & 19th of March.





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René posed with Robert, the man behind “Waar is toch die Jam Sessie”, during the Wonderful Wednesday Jam in CC Muziekcafé.



Later that evening, Robert was in Maloe Melo, so we took a photo of him with Jur.



Talitha and Clara finished the day shift in King's Cross, then went next door for a drink with Max and Amir in the Stone's Café.



Steven called in Bob to assist with the Pub Quiz in Molly Malone's because his regular sidekick, brother Brian, was on daddy duty.



It was Katie's 18th, so she was old enough to come to Amsterdam with friends Claire and Kim, with mum Sandra, an ex-resident, as their guide to the best bars.

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Maisie was enjoying a nice glass of Port when the Stun's new roving reporter, Josie, dropped in The Magpie.

BARs



Peter, Joey, Grete, Clara, Alyssa and Linda were behind the bar on a Wednesday night in Coco's Outback - Cheap Heineken Night!



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Anouk is back in Players, behind the bar with Anna and Mikey.

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ROUND THE



Jianho was still going strong after another weekend of 6 Nations Rugby in Café Corso.



Kasia wasn't trying to bribe me into taking a photo when I delivered the last Stun to Café Remember. Honest!

Nathalie in the Smoking Bull is going on maternity leave in April, so there's only a few weeks left to watch her bump grow.



Roisin in the Black Tiger was pleased to see the crossword back in last month's Stun; she never enters the competition, but always has a go. Sorry to disappoint you Roisin, but we were unable to make a crossword this month.



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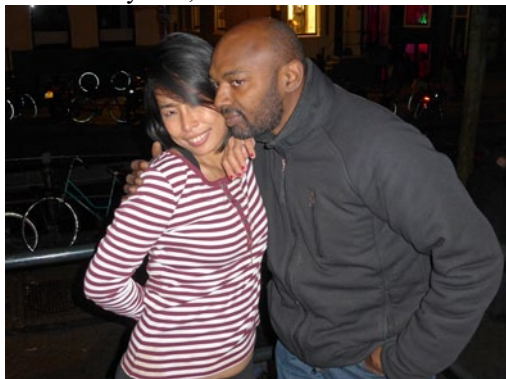
RED LIGHT



Lotte was showing her tourist friends Jim, Scott and René another great bar, Excalibur!



At last, a photo of just Franky and Angie, with nobody else, in the Pint.



Ann and Frankie were like strangers in the night, beside a moonlit canal.

Gerrit was all smiles in Hotel Torenzicht; his evening shift was almost over.



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Birthdays!



It was Café Oporto landlady Janice's birthday, so Bridget, Paula, Josie, Shakira and Janet dropped in the bar for a couple of Monday afternoon drinks.



Even though she came straight from work, Jenny arrived too late for the group shot, but as few people have been a Stun reader as long as Jenny, I took one of her with Janice and Janet.

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'Little' Paddy turned 60 on the 1st of March, so his wife Petra and son Eamonn arranged a surprise party for him in Kapitein Zeppos three days earlier, with loads of family and friends coming over from Ireland.

The following day, the party carried on, unsurprisingly, in the Blarney Stone.



With so many of Paddy's family in town, we had to get a group shot for the Stun.



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In Liam's Footsteps

Sinead didn't know much about her late father, Liam Scanlan, so she paid a visit to Susie's Saloon to learn more from the people who knew him. They certainly knew and remember Liam in Susie's; they even have a plaque in his memory above *Liam's stool*.



Accompanied by boyfriend Dennis, Sinead met Liam's friend Brad...



and some members of the Liam Fancub.



The day shift bar staff, Susanne and Nina, remember Liam well.

As do Steve and Louise, the evening shift.



Otto's memories go back to the days when Liam ruled the roost in the Fiddler's.



ON/OFF STAGE



Jim Maguire was getting ready to sing at Stan's Open Mike Night in the Waterhole, along with Roy van Oost on guitar.



Marcel Scherpenzeel was at Nico's *Dormant Talent* night in Maloe Melo, even though it hardly applies to him; Marcel is the guitarist in Band of Friends, the Rory Gallagher tribute that includes two of Rory's band members! Maybe Marcel was there because his dad Jur is the owner of Maloe Melo.

Buddy, Miguel, Rauli and barman Romeo were ready to hit the stage at Magic Monday in Bourbon Street.



Ilja was waiting in the wings at the Waterhole.



How could we not get a photo of Gus Genser and Jim Maguire; they're both legends!



I've put in an hour a day for the last four years
on my exercise bike, and it's got me nowhere.

Some yob attacked me with a bat down the
local park tonight. I was really impressed at
how well he'd trained it.

In my day, a paradox was what skinheads wore
on their feet.

Bought the missus a hamster skin coat last
week. Took her to the fair last night, and it took
me 3 hours to get her off the Ferris wheel.

My wife asked me to pass her lip balm, but I
gave her super-glue by mistake. She's still not
talking to me.

I got chased by a mugger the other day, trying to
steal my wallet. Halfway through the terrifying
ordeal, I couldn't help but think to myself, "He's
giving me a good run for my money."

I've been getting anonymous texts from
someone telling me to get a shower, comb my
hair and brush my teeth.

I think they might be trying to groom me.

Can anyone remember the good old days when
Binge Drinking was known as Getting Pissed?

When I see lovers' names carved into a tree,
I don't think it's cute; I just think it's strange
how many people take knives on a date.

A clown held the door open for me yesterday;
I thought it was a nice jester.

An aeroplane full of car parts exploded in mid
air. People on the ground below reported that it
been raining Datsun cogs.

My wife broke up with me because I'm a
compulsive gambler. All I can think about is
how to win her back.

JOKES

My wife just left me because of my obsession
with cricket. It's really hit me for 6.

If a tomato is a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?

I told a mate that I preferred a full marathon
over a 100 metre sprint. Now he's accused me
of race prejudice.

I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost three days
already.

I started a band called 999 Megabytes. We
haven't got a gig yet.

If I put a potato into a nuclear reactor, will I get
fission chips?

Just sold my house today; got a very good
price, but the landlord is pretty pissed off.

Last night I was in a restaurant, the waiter
brought me out a tiramisu and a blindfolded
donkey. I said "No! I asked for mascarpone."

Confirmed spinster Joan was visiting her
neighbour Ann one Friday afternoon when a
bunch of red roses were delivered.

"You don't look very pleased" said Joan.

"They're from my husband" said Ann. "This
will mean I have to spend the weekend with
my legs in the air."

"Haven't you got a vase?"

The platypus lays eggs and provides milk for
its young. This means it's the only creature that
can make its own custard.

Went to an Indian restaurant last night and had
a pelican curry. Food was OK, but the bill was
enormous!

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Just when we thought that Claudio Ranieri's "Little Leicester" were about to lose their place at the summit of the Premier League after they succumbed to a frustrating 2-2 draw at home last Tuesday, it turned out that Wednesday night proved to be even more sensational and the tables were turned on their heads once again!

After the Italian dropped valuable home points to a determined Tony Pulis outfit, he calmly stated that his little Leicester side would not give up the fight of trying to defy all the odds of football logic and lift the trophy.

"Four points from two difficult matches, it is fantastic," said former Chelsea boss Ranieri. "We are alive and our spirit is ready to fight again. There are Tottenham and Manchester City in the race to fight for the title and there is little Leicester to fight against them," said the warm-hearted Italian, to the delight of the onlooking press.

But after the results of last Wednesday, perhaps his "little Leicester" will not have to fight that hard!

The first big shock was the defeat of Tottenham Hotspur at the hands of their arch rivals West Ham United.

Remember, if Spurs had won that one, they would have gone to the top of the Premier League, as they have a superior goals-for tally, but this was not to be and in the end, they were out-fought and out-thought by a magnificent Slaven Bilic side.

The game may have only been decided by a single goal,

but the home side were far better on the night.

The next big surprise was to see another pretender to the throne go down at home to struggling Swansea City! On paper this looked like a home banker for Arsenal, but The Swans had other ideas and ran out 2-1 winners at the Emirates stadium, to the obvious frustration of their home support who booed their team off in the end.

In a night of Premier football perhaps unlike any other, next to fall was Manchester City! Having lifted the Capital One Cup after extra time and penalties last Sunday to their Scouse rivals, the two met again. Liverpool were determined to get revenge and their manager German Jurgen Klopp warned before the game that only "only silly idiots stay on the floor and wait for the next defeat" and so it was to prove!

The Reds ran out easy 3-0 winners on the night, to the delight of Leicester City and the



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most charming manager in English football, the one and only Claudio Ranieri!

In what developed into a remarkable night of midweek Premiership football, the most unlikely winners, apart from Leicester City, were of course Manchester United, who have now gone a long way to bridging that gap between themselves and those Champions League positions!

They were far from convincing in their 1-0 victory over Watford at Old Trafford, but a late strike by Juan Mata ensured they took all three points and they are now neck and neck with Manchester City in fourth - although of course City have a game in hand.

Louis van Gaal looked as if he had fallen from grace, as he fell rather less than majestically in their encounter with Arsenal the other week, but that is now four wins in a row for his United side and the tide seems to be turning.

I have devoted the whole of this column this month to the Premier League because it is really proving to be a truly exceptional season and with still ten games to go, it really is anybody's title still!

As someone who supports a club that is, in football terms, light years away from all of this, I would love to see Leicester City triumph. Claudio Ranieri was treated poorly at Chelsea and now he has the chance to rub some salt in their wounds - as well as forcing Gary Lineker to present Match of The Day in his underwear!

Given the fact that he was idolized by females and the gay community when he was a player, he might just boost viewing figures in the process!

Frank



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PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League table looked on Sunday 6th March 2016. Check out the latest stand by visiting this page on the Amsterdam Stun website:

www.amsterdamstun.com/prempred2015.php

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Buster	4	0	12
2nd	Jude Noonan	3	3	12
3rd	Shaun	3	2	11
4th	Billy C	3	2	11
5th	Trish Steele	2	5	11
6th	Elwin Borgman	3	1	10
7th	PollyCross	3	1	10
8th	Sander Middelkoop	3	1	10
9th	Nigel French	2	4	10
10th	Steve Mahon	2	4	10
11th	Ben Steele	2	4	10
12th	Callum Dickie	1	7	10
13th	John Raftery	3	0	9
14th	Liveonsatfan	2	3	9
15th	Thomas Kuna	2	3	9
16th	Philipp Roth	2	2	8
17th	Frank Weston	2	2	8
18th	Kenneth	2	2	8
19th	Arun Panker	2	2	8
20th	Carlos Macedo	1	5	8
21st	Alan Dempsey	2	1	7
22nd	Perth True Blues	1	4	7
23rd	Chris R	1	4	7
24th	Grouty	1	2	5
25th	Paul Tandy	1	2	5
26th	Phil Rook	1	2	5
27th	Ronald Middelkoop	1	2	5
28th	Eric Donald	1	2	5
29th	Willie Wood	1	2	5
30th	Boelenspark Rangers	1	2	5
31st	Ken Passey	1	2	5
32nd	Steven Krijger	1	2	5
33rd	Paddy Wynne	1	1	4
34th	Sydney Blok	0	4	4
35th	Stuart	0	4	4
36th	David Crawford	0	4	4
37th	Spen	0	3	3
38th	John Davies	0	3	3
39th	Gabriele Bertom	0	2	2
40th	Rick Middelkoop	0	2	2

IN THE BACK



The Flying Dutchman's Garfield was under the weather, but had perked up when we took this photo.

We haven't had a photo from Hill Street Booze in ages, so here's one with Sara, Laura, Helena, Noi and Martina.



Mattias won't have to carry Lotte any more; she no longer works in the Waterhole.



Joey wasn't the only one singing 'Senorita' at The End Karaoke.



Angelique and Michael were enjoying a Saturday night drink in Molly Malone's.



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Barney's was still open as I walked home, so I popped in for a photo of Alessandro and Sem.



Hadn't seen Frans in CC Muziekcafé for a while, but there he was, talking to Rauli.

Last Month's Crossword Answers

Courage is greatest under pressure!

Across: 9 Aquaria, 10 Ironize, 11 Pueblos, 12 New Suit, 13 Tour buses, 15 Lepta, 16 Seconds, 19 Sled dog, 20 Rosin, 21 Damp spots, 25 Pours in, 26 Strides, 28 Elegies, 29 Upsurge.

Down: 1 Carpet, 2 Bureau, 3 Oral, 4 Masses, 5 Pianists, 6 Dog walkers, 7 Bicuspid, 8 Feet gang, 14 Banana skin, 16 Stripper, 17 Costumes, 18 Sudanese, 22 Mess up, 23 Orders, 24 System, 27 Rise.

And the prize goes to: Evelyne Jansen, who wins a **€10 Drink Special** generously donated by **Excalibur**

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