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Page Three

It was so nice to finally sit inside and have a beer with Anna instead of us chatting outside Hotel Torenzicht drinking takeaway coffees.



Joshua would have made her Stun debut last year but we went into lock-down just after I'd taken a photo of her in H. Murray's, so here she is, eight months later, behind the bar in Molly Malone's.

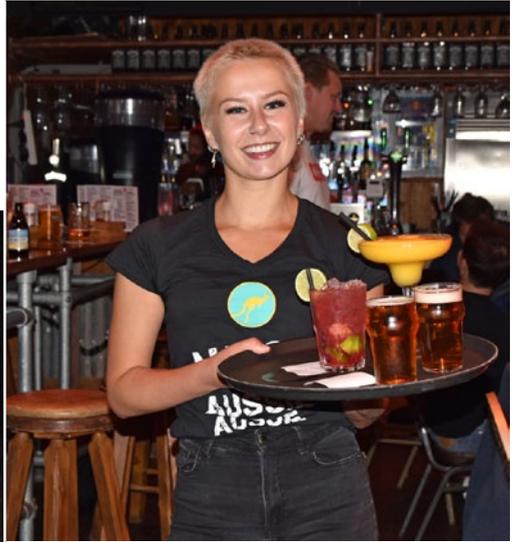


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Patricia is also a Stun debutante, but she knows a lot of cocktails; she works in Coco's!



Last, but certainly not least, here's Larissa, making her first appearance in the Stun, alongside Natasja in the Three Sisters Pub!

The Editor's Bit

It's taken a lot longer than I would have hoped, but we've finally made it to **Amsterdam Stun Number 300!** During the first lockdown, I did bring out an online edition of the Stun, but there's no way number 300 would be online only; it's such an important milestone! I did put some of the photos I took last October on the Stun's Facebook page as *No. 299.5*, in case you're wondering where they ended up.

For this month's cover, I've spent the last eight months trying to think of something with 300 in it, with very little success, but with a bit of imagination, you can make out 300 in the artwork I took a photo of.

OK, for this month's **Cover Competition**, I will give you an **Honourable Mention** in this column next month if you can tell me where the photo was taken.

Last season's **Premier Predictions League** was won by Dave Wright but he got Rung to collect his prize, €60 in food/drink vouchers



from Coco's Outback, because due to travel restrictions, he's unable to get here. Dave donated his prize to Frank, our football expert, who recently retired from Hotel Victoria.

The full final PPL table is on the next page and we're pleased to announce that Coco's Outback will also be sponsoring us for the

2021/2022 season. The entry form will be online soon so keep an eye on our Facebook page and group for the latest news.



When the terraces could stay open until 8pm, I met up with Josie for a drink or two at Molly Malone's. It started raining around 7:15pm, but before getting soaked, we had time for a drink with Anne, who'd just arrived from Dublin with hubby Cor, in time for their twin sons Steven & Brian's 40th birthday.



Once we could drink inside until 10pm, it wasn't long before Big Al flew in from Texas; he'd missed his Amsterdam friends!

We've got most of our usual stuff here this month, although the surprise easing of lockdown measures from the 26th June means our Gig List is a bit sparse but I hope that doesn't stop you from enjoying your Stun.

Andy

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to me, Stun editor/publisher Andy Reeves; I'll be 65 on the 11th, but I can't afford to retire yet, so you're welcome to buy me a drink in Molly's on Saturday 10th instead.

Also celebrating their birthday in July are Adrian, Alan, Alex, Alfred, Amy, Anita, Ann, Annelies, Arjette, Arwen, Asna, Ayla, Cameron, Chantal, Chas, Cherry, Chiara, Chris, Daan, Daniel, David, Deborah, Dee Dee, Diane, Dimitri, Dominic, Eileen, Eithne, Eleanor, Emiel, Emil, Emma-Jane, Erin, Ernst, Eva, Ewa, Feargal, Gemma, Gene, Hans, Heidi, Henk, Ilona, Ingeborg, Iris, Jack, Jackie, Jan, Jane, Janet, Jasmin, Jeffrey, Jeroen, Jim, Joey, Johan, John, Jon, Kathy, Kees, Kelli, Ken, Kerry, Kevin, Khaled, Kiz, Klaas, Laura, Lawrence, Leo, Leonike, Lin, Lisa, Liza, Luisa, Maggie, Marek, Marianne, Mark, Martijn, Mathilda, Matthew, Maurice, Max, Maya, Mike, Millie, Mugley, Nick, Nikki, Nils, Patrick, Pete, Peter, Piggy, Rebecca, Rinko, Ron, Rose, Sasha, Sean, Sergio, Shannon, Shaun, Shelley, Smithy, Stana, Steph, Tim, Tommy, Tony, Viivi, Vince, Vivian, Willy & Wol.

Happy Anniversary Johann & Karen, Kristie & Peter, Kevin & Natalia, Ann & René, Beth & Mark.

Premier Predictions League 2020/2021

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Dave Wright	6	5	23
2nd	Phil Rook	5	5	20
3rd	Lunatic from Mokum	4	6	18
4th	Uwe Arwa	5	2	17
5th	Hayat	4	5	17
5th	John Raftery	4	5	17
7th	Arun Panker	4	4	16
7th	Bever One	4	4	16
9th	Hell Child	3	7	16
9th	Carlos Macedo	3	7	16
11th	Boelens Park Rangers	4	3	15
12th	Lee Findley	3	6	15
12th	Paul Tandy	3	6	15
14th	Ken Passey	4	2	14
14th	Mo de Pannenkoek	4	2	14
16th	Polly Pollux	3	5	14
16th	Callum	3	5	14
16th	Pau Pau	3	5	14
19th	Alan Dempsey	2	8	14
20th	Bart PPHE	3	4	13
20th	Spem	3	4	13
22nd	Lumpuur	2	7	13
23rd	Jim McGrath	3	3	12
23rd	Michel Moring	3	3	12
25th	PerthTrueBlue	2	6	12
26th	Trish Steele	3	2	11
26th	Jamal Belaraby	3	2	11
28th	John Wortley	2	5	11
28th	Eric Donald	2	5	11
28th	Grouty	2	5	11
31st	Steve Mahon	2	4	10
31st	Jordy de Leeuw	2	4	10
31st	Chris R	2	4	10
31st	John Marsden	2	4	10
35th	Raul Almeida	1	6	9
35th	Willie Wood	1	6	9
37th	Swiss Tom	2	2	8
38th	Ann-Marie Stopforth	1	5	8
39th	Frank Weston	1	4	7
39th	Jude Noonan	1	4	7
39th	Ben Stopforth	1	4	7
42nd	David Lourenco	0	7	7
42nd	Shaun	0	7	7
44th	Buster Weston	2	0	6
45th	Anna Kenia	0	3	3

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BEHIND

What can I say about Patrick in Maloe Melo apart from he's great, just like his dad Jur, and we've missed seeing him!



Rebecca no longer works in Susie's Saloon but she was their first customer when they reopened, and was still there when Louise and Max took over for the evening shift.



Dimitry looks much more rock 'n' roll now that he's gone back to wearing his contacts behind the bar in Excalibur.



Two weeks later, it must have been shift change; Steve and Bo were in Susie's together!



Jen and Shakira look so sweet behind the bar of Café Oporto, but don't be fooled! They're Sirens and will keep you there until closing time!

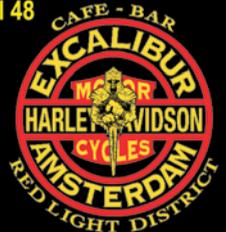
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Jordy, Clem and Elizabeth were kept busy during Jake & Jon's leaving party in Coco's.



Ria was behind the bar when I last visited The Magpie and I hope she's still there when I next get there.



It's good to see child exploitation in action! Amy and Seán love helping dad Steven behind the bar in Molly Malone's; they get a lot more tips than him!



Always nice to see Brian in H. Murray's... But what's this? Blauwe Druif ook? Are the Krijger brothers expanding their empire? If we're not careful, they'll be taking over our Jokes page next!



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Magic Sem looked shocked to be caught on camera outside Maloe Melo during daylight!

Even though they could only open until 22:00 at the time, that didn't stop Axel and Lili getting stuck into the soft drinks.



Good to see Lieke there too; missed her!

DJ Serhat was there, spinning vinyl for the fans that made it into the back room.



It was Jim's birthday, but it looks like Marcel had all of the beer.

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ROUND T

Hadn't seen Otto for a long time so it was good to see him on the Grolsch in Susie's,



What can I say? Seán was in Molly Malone's with the "Beast" but he's Bobby to his friends.



Also in Susie's Saloon were Geoff Diamond from Amsterdam NowTV and US radio DJ 'Big Al' Sells.



Jennie and Josie were enjoying their life of leisure outside Molly Malone's, and that's all I'm saying because I love them both.



I was surprised to hear that Paula isn't back working in a bar, but she said she's only going to do it if it's the right one.



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Chiron and Dino visited Maloe Melo to wish Jim a happy birthday but were too early.



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Jeroen was in H. Murray's, celebrating his 50th with Paula, another Jeroen and Joris.



Terry, who's never been in the Stun, was having a drink outside the Blarney Stone with Frank, our very own football correspondent.



Helma and Chris were happy knowing it was the last night Café Oporto closed at 10pm.

Jake & Jon's Leaving Party

Two of Coco's Outback's long-serving duty managers, Jake & Jon, are moving on to new career challenges, but they couldn't leave without saying goodbye to their friends.





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After more than six months of enforced closure, it was such a relief to be able to visit Molly Malone's again, even if it was only on the terrace. It might not have been the best of weather, but Steven and Bob made everybody welcome with cold beer and hot snacks.



Neil and Dennis were getting their kicks, even though it was only from 2 'til 6.



Drinking inside was over a month away at the time, so Jen and Doda were outside Molly's with a lot of the Café Oporto regulars.



Peter was in town on crucial business, which gave him the opportunity to go for a drink with his daughter Fiona.

Even with the mask, I recognised Danny straight away, and so did Jen.



Granny's Gags & Giggles

Dave the Scouser is touring the USA. Along the way, he stops off at a remote bar in the Nevada desert and chats to the bartender when he spots a Red Indian in full tribal dress seated in the corner of the bar. "Blimey!" remarks Dave. "Who's he?"

"Gee, that's the memory man," replies the bartender. "He knows everything there is to know. Got a memory like an elephant, he can remember any fact. Heck, go and try him out!" Dave heads over to the Red Indian, thinking that he can outsmart him with a question about English football. He asks the memory man, "Who won the 1965 FA cup final?"

"Liverpool," came the instantaneous reply. Dave was stunned. He tried again asking, "Who did they beat?" "Leeds," replied the memory man.

Dave tried once more asking, "What was the final score?"

The wise Red Indian didn't hesitate in answering, "2-1."

Dave thinks he'll get smart, asking the memory man for the name of the winning goal scorer. Without so much as blinking, the Red Indian says, "Ian St John."

Dave is stunned and returns home to Liverpool, where he tells everyone about the Red Indian. Dave's curiosity lingers, and he vows to return to America and pay his respects to the Indian. Ten years later, Dave finally saved up enough money to return and, after weeks of searching

the Nevada desert, once more he finds the Red Indian, now in a cave.

Humbled by the Red Indian, Dave steps forward, bows, and greets the brave in his traditional tongue. "How," Dave says.

The memory man squints at him and replies, "A diving header in the six-yard box."

Mary and Ted got married and had 13 children. Then Ted died of heart disease.

She married again and she & Bob had 7 more children. Bob was killed in a car accident, 12 years later.

Again Mary remarried and this time she & John had 5 more children.

Mary finally died, after having 25 children. Standing before her coffin, the preacher prayed for her. He thanked the Lord for this very loving woman and said, "Lord, they are finally together."

Ethel leaned over and quietly asked her best friend, "Margaret, do you think he means her first, second, or third husband?"

Margaret replied, "I think he means her legs, Ethel."

It's been years since my wife wanted sex but tonight she's been all, "why don't we go upstairs? I've got something for you up there" and "I'm going to make you sweat tonight."

I've got a horrible suspicion she's had a self assembly Ikea wardrobe delivered.



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I did not expect much from the Euro 2020 tournament and for several reasons. After all, it was already being played a whole year behind schedule, as this dreaded pandemic began to grip the world.

And due to the Covid outbreak, and all its horrendous mutations, crowds would be severely limited and I was not getting excited about the prospect of group games that would probably become very cagey affairs.

The whole structure of the competition was flawed in my view, and meant that the best third placed teams in groups of only four would also have the chance of qualification to the knock-out phase of the competition.

How very wrong I was! This tournament has turned out to be one of the most exciting ever, and very few games of football chess have been played! Even in the group stages of the competition we witnessed some sensational encounters, and perhaps most notable was Italy beating Switzerland 3-0 and Germany defeating Portugal 4-2! We cannot forget either Christian Eriksen being stretchered off the field with a suspected cardiac arrest, and little Finland winning that game by a single goal.

Remarkably, the Danes then lost to Belgium but still managed to qualify by defeating the Russians 4-1 and we were all set for what has turned out to be one of the most exciting knock-out phases of a European competition ever!

A word for Wales here too; they got through their group only to fall at the first hurdle when the Danes thumped them 4-0. It was a bad day at the office for Gareth Bale and Co, but they had done remarkably well to get so far in the competition in the first place. Scotland sadly, bowed out in the group stages - although their 0-0 draw with England will be long remembered not for the football, but for the passion of their fans and their players and not least of course, the result!

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And so we moved to the knock-out phase of the competition, and all the big guns were in the mix, and this included Italy, France, Belgium and Germany.

Italy progressed to the quarter final thanks to a narrow 2-1 win against Austria but only after extra time, and then on the Sunday we had our first big shock of the tournament, as the Netherlands were surprisingly beaten by the Czech Republic after Matthijs de Ligt controlled the ball with his hand as the last defender. It was the kiss of death for the Dutch and the obvious underdogs went on to win in the end rather comfortably 2-0!

The same evening Belgium defeated Portugal by a single goal but what a strike it was from Thorgan Hazard, the brother of Eden, who of course played for Chelsea before.

Then, on Monday, we witnessed arguably two of the best ties in the history of European international football, as Spain beat Croatia 5-3 after extra time and the Swiss defeated mighty France on penalties, after this game also ended 3-3 at full time.

Both games were outstanding. Both matches saw one nation come back from the jaws of defeat with two goals in the dying embers of normal time.

Croatia were losing to Spain 3-1 until two subs got them back into the match with a double strike in the last five minutes, and it was a similar story, in the later game, as the French looked to be coasting to victory against Switzerland, only for two late strikes from the Swiss team took the game into extra time. No more goals meant it was time for those dreaded penalties!

Kylian Mbappe was then to miss the last pen of ten to see the most unlikely result in the competition so far, as the World Cup holders were tossed out of the Euro 2020!

And then we had England facing the Germans in a cat and mouse encounter that was largely short on thrills and entertainment, but for every Englishman watching it was all about getting the win.

So then, for the first time in more than 55 years of knock-out encounters between these two old rivals, it was England who came out on top, thanks to late goals from Raheem Sterling and Harry Kane.

Thomas Muller missed a glorious chance to equalize before Kane struck, when he found himself in oceans of space, before placing his shot just wide of the left hand post, when it looked a lot easier to score.

In the last round of 16 matches, the Ukrainians edged past fancied Sweden but not until they played out another 30 minutes. Ukraine were helped greatly by the sending off of Marcus Danielson in extra time for a reckless challenge, after a 1-1 score-line at full time.

Oleksandr Zinchenko had smashed Ukraine in front on 27 minutes, only for Forsberg to level things with a pile-driver just before the interval.

It was not until a shoot-out seemed inevitable that Ukraine finally got their noses in front again when Artem Dovbyk headed home from close range.

And now we move onto the quarter finals, and we can once again expect the unexpected.

Frank Weston

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IN THE BACK



Mugley was in town to celebrate his 40th birthday with his friends on a terrace...



Jason was alone on Batavia's terrace; cold weather and a lack of tourists will do that.



Jennie came round to keep Ann company outside Café Zeepost, but she wrapped up well against the cold!

Steve said it's ages since we last had a photo of him in daylight, so here he is, outside Susie's Saloon.



Tony managed to avoid being in the Stun for 13 years, but he couldn't resist showing off his new bike; it's even got a beer glass holder!



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ZAD ONLINE

Like most of us, Excalibur bar-manager Zadok had a lot of time to kill during the lockdowns we've been through since March last year, but he's been filling it by posting videos of whatever crosses his path, be it interviews



with people like fellow vlogger Harald Baldr, or even ducks wandering around the Red Light District!

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