

# AMSTERDAM STUN

The Paper For You

Established 1993

[www.amsterdamstun.com](http://www.amsterdamstun.com)

Number 301  
August 2021

FREE!



**LIVE MUSIC**  
*check out our*  
**GIG-LIST**

Like Sports? Then you will LOVE Three Sisters Pub on Rembrandtplein!!!

We are a 335m<sup>2</sup> English pub located in the heart of Amsterdam with **only live** games from all over the world.

We have **24 tv's**, on which we can show **6** different games at the same time!! If it's football, ice hockey, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, cricket, boxing or darts you want to see... it is all possible!



If you want to see another match, just ask the staff and we will try to find it for you! We are the only bar in Amsterdam with **56 sports channels** from all over the world!!

And if that is not enough... our menu is also the best there is.

Our burgers are amazing!!! But the menu is comprehensive enough for everybody.

So if you are looking for a nice evening, watch your favourite game, have a good meal and friendly staff around you? Come to Three Sisters Pub on Rembrandtplein 19 and have a great Amsterdam experience!!!

Rembrandtplein 19  
1017 CT Amsterdam

Tel 0206263346  
Fax 0206269278

[www.threesisterspubamsterdam.nl](http://www.threesisterspubamsterdam.nl)

[info@threesisterspubamsterdam.nl](mailto:info@threesisterspubamsterdam.nl)

## ABOUT THE STUN

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information printed in 'The Amsterdam Stun', the Publisher accepts no liability for articles submitted by our contributors.

'The Amsterdam Stun' is published by:

Andy Reeves at  
Stun Publishing  
Westerdoksdiijk 53  
1013 AD Amsterdam  
Tel.: 06-28 712 646  
Fax: 0842-114 347  
e-mail: [info@amsterdamstun.com](mailto:info@amsterdamstun.com)  
<https://www.amsterdamstun.com>

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Take out a subscription and the latest edition of the **Amsterdam Stun** will come through your letter-box every month.

Netherlands € 35.00 per year  
Rest of World: € 55.00 per year

The following people also contributed to this edition of the **Amsterdam Stun**:

- Brian & Steven Krijger
- Frank Weston
- Josie Gladden
- Terry Mann
- Tommy McKeown

Download or Order Colour Prints of photos from the Stun from the comfort of wherever you are, plus World-Wide Shipping!

See new photos BEFORE they appear in the next Stun

Brought to you in association with OYPO.nl



[www.amsterdamstun.com/photos](http://www.amsterdamstun.com/photos)

# Page Three

Jen was doing the Friday night shift in Café Oporto, but came out from behind the bar for a photo with her friends Linda and Grete.



I love Sylvia in Café De Barones, but I'm sure I'm not alone: She's wonderful!

Louise was looking, and feeling, good behind the bar in Susie's Saloon; she'd just come back from a holiday in the sun.



Why has it taken us so long to put Gen from Excalibur on Page Three again? It's been ages!

Get the latest updates from  
the **Amsterdam Stun** in  
Your Facebook News Feed



our page on **facebook**

[www.facebook.com/AmsterdamStun](http://www.facebook.com/AmsterdamStun)

# The Editor's Bit

No prizes for identifying ol' peg-leg on this month's cover, or where his statue is hidden; he's such an unpleasant individual from Dutch colonial history, they even used his name on a brand of cigarettes! After last month, he seems appropriate, even if he is a bit non-PC.

July started good! Bars & clubs could open normal hours again, but it was short lived; on the 9th, the government decreed that bars had to close at midnight and no live music! That, and international travel restrictions at the time, scuppered plans for Feargal (ex-Dubliner) to celebrate his 60th on the 10th and then my 65th on the 11th together in Molly Malone's. In the



end, I had a drink with some friends at Molly's on the 10th before having an early night and then going to more parties the next day.

Nobody responded to last month's Cover Competition! Before I tell you the what and where, this is me having a drink with my old friend Pete in Café Oporto. We appeared



together in the very first edition of the Stun, and now we're together in number 301! Which brings me back to last month's cover: I was looking for something to represent 300, and if you use your imagination, I think it works. The fact that this unnamed artwork is on Westerdoksdijk had nothing to do with it.



Whenever I see Emilia, she insists on a photo of us together and I'd be a fool to say no!



Vicky was a Stun regular in the Noughties, so it was nice to see her in the Blarney Stone with Charifa, although it was for *Peter the Groper's* wake, so not so much fun. More photos on page 19.

I didn't have room to mention Adele Openshaw or Lesley Stewart, who we also lost last month, but photos from Vince D'Elia's wake are on pages 12 & 13.

We have got nice bits too, so I hope enjoy your latest edition of the Amsterdam Stun.

*Andy*

# Congratulations

Happy Birthday Adrian, Al, Alan, Albert, Amy, Andrew, Andy, Ann, Ariana, Arjola, Arthur, Astrid, Billy, Blom, Bo, Brian, Bruno, Chuara, Danny, Darren, Dave, David, Deirdre, Elaine, Els, Finny, Floor, Gary, Gregg, Hans, Hennie, Hester, Jack, James, Jamie, Jasmina, Jenny, Jesse, Jim, Joep, John, Joop, Judit, June, Jurrien, Justin, Ken, Kiz, Len, Lenore, Leny, Lesley, Marie, Mary, Matilde, Matt, Michelle, Mick, Mike, Nicole, Patrick, Paul, Phil, Polly, Ray, Rebecca, Rikki, Roland, Ron, Rory, Ruben, Ryan, Sheila, Singh, Susanne, Sylvia, Tamira, Tim, Tommy, Torre, tRAcY, Trudy, Vicky, Virginia, Wendy, Zoe.

Happy anniversary Paddy & Petra, Nic & Harriet, Cathy & Chick, Nick & Tina, Gareth & Suzana.

We've dug really deep into the Stun's archives for this month's *Blast from the Past!* Who is this guy celebrating his 29th in 1994? I'm glad to say the relationship with his inflatable friend didn't last too long!



## Coco's Outback

Lousy Food and Warm Beer

**ALL SPORTS ALL DAY**

**24 TV'S & 2 BIG SCREENS**

**ALL INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUES**

**BASKETBALL - RUGBY - AMERICAN FOOTBALL - BOXING - F1**

**EMAIL: JOEY@COCOSOUTBACK.COM FOR SPORTREQUESTS**



**COCKTAIL HAPPY HOUR**

**ALL DAY - €6,90**



# BEHIND

It's good to see Jim back pulling pints behind a bar; he's joined Bob and the crew in Molly Malone's!



Now that Brian and Steven are also in De Blauwe Druf on Haarlemmerstraat, they're looking forward to doing things they can't usually do in their other bars; Dutch things!



It was a full house in the Three Sisters Larissa, Fran, Hassan, Natasja, Gianni they even had time



Louise said it was ages since she was last in a photo with colleague Steve in Susie's Saloon; in months, true, but it was only two Stuns ago.



O.Z. Voorburgwal 254  
AMSTERDAM  
Tel: 020 - 622 8912

Live on Saturdays!!  
English Premier League action  
Choice of 1200 TV Channels

Every Day - **TWO** Happy Hours:  
15:30 - 18:00 & 22:30 - 00:00

Our Kitchen is open!! Check out the daily specials



# BARS

It's been a long time since we last had a photo of Thijs **behind** the bar in Coco's Outback, so I had to take a photo!



Pub for the first Euro 2020 semi-final but & Jennifer had everything under control; to pose for a photo.



Justin and Percy were a bit disappointed when nobody from Café Pollux was in the last Stun, but soon cheered up when I took a photo of them for this one.



Where are all the tourists? Gen and Dimitry had loads of time to pose for the Stun, behind the bar in Excalibur.

**EXCALIBUR**  
Oudezijds Achterburgwal 48 CAFE - BAR

**Hard Rock & Fast Bikes for Party Knights**

Fri & Sat: 11:00 - 03:00  
Sun - Thu: 11:00 - 01:00  
[www.excaliburcafe.nl](http://www.excaliburcafe.nl)



# Behind More Bars

I hadn't been in the Poolbar since before the first lockdown, so Max was new to me but Steven and Rijk are a couple of old faces.



Good to see Ehab behind the bar in Rock Planet; he hasn't appeared in the Stun for more than two years.



Tako and Spencer were helping Willy get Café Havelaar ready for its grand reopening on Thursday 12th August.



It must have felt like a kick in the nuts for Jur in Maloe Melo when Rutte did a U-turn on late drinking **and** banned live music in bars!

**Find Out What's On, Where and How To Get There!**

*around*  
**LIVE**  
**AMSTERDAM**



[www.livearoundamsterdam.com](http://www.livearoundamsterdam.com)

# LIVE *around*

## AMSTERDAM

We haven't got much of a Gig List for you this month; I'm hoping the two in Maloe Melo can go ahead, but we'll have to wait and see what Rutte has to say on Friday 13th August!



The night before live music in bars became illegal, I managed to catch Tobias Bader on stage in Maloe Melo before midnight and Les Biftecs took us into the early hours, for the last time...



Luckily, the live music ban doesn't apply to studios, so Cici arranged a *practice session* at TdB9 for my birthday.



### Saturday

21st August 2021

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Brentsleg, *Original cross-over Nederpop with Rock, Blues, Ska & Reggae influences* €5

### Saturday

28th August 2021

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Wap Shoo Wap: The Mocks (Live!) + DJ's, *Holland's brand new beat sensation! Inspired by The Who and The Kinks, this band will give you the 60's rock 'n roll kick you desperately need!* €5

### Tuesday

7th September 2021

19:30, **Boom Chicago**, Amsterdam Magic Show, *The best international magic and comedy acts in the heart of Amsterdam. Book tickets now as the shows tend to sell out well in advance. Use Promotional Code STUN for a 10% discount!* €25

BLUESCAFÉ

# Maloe Melo

HOME OF THE BLUES



## Live music Seven days a week

Lijnbaansgracht 163 Amsterdam

# ROUND T

Paula photobombed this picture of Peter with his son Kevin and daughter Fiona, sitting at the bar in Molly Malone's.



It was Peter's birthday and a lot of friends celebrated with him at Molly Malone's.



Another family photo, this time with Colin and his daughter Lily, outside Molly's.



Lenore, Amedeo and Josie had to raise a glass for my birthday a bit early because all of the bars had to close at midnight.



Joan and Janet were just two of the many England supporters in Café Oporto for the Euro 2020 final. Last time I saw an England match in Oporto was also on my birthday, three years ago, and they lost then as well.

**JOSÉ LITO**  
CAFÉ · TAPAS

Simply the **BEST** tapas in town

Nieuwendijk 2, Amsterdam  
tel. 020 622 7678

The advertisement features a background image of a busy restaurant interior with people dining at tables.

# THE BARS

Denise and Lili made the most of Maloe Melo during the all too brief spell it was open until after midnight.



Michael had just taken a photo of me in Café Oporto, so I returned the favour.

Shift change in the Magpie, with Ria taking over from Dash and Arjola.



Tamara, Robert and Steven were having a Saturday night drink in H. Murray's.



Mairiad had a night off work, so she was in H. Murray's too.

**The Magpie**  
The One & Only  
**Geordie Pub**  
In Amsterdam  
An Original Mix of  
Traditional  
English Pub  
and Dutch  
Brown Café  
Tel.: 020 3377926  
Rietwijkerstraat 34, 1059 XA Amsterdam



# Vince's Wake

There was a good turnout of family, friends and former colleagues in Molly Malone's to celebrate the life of Vince D'Elia, who passed away on Thursday 8th July 2021.





# More Rounds

Peter turned up his natural charm when he encountered Grete and Linda in Café Oporto.



Willy's *Bak-brommer* was stolen by drunken joyriders from outside Café De Havelaar. He's got it back now, thanks to an observant Stun reader, but until it's roadworthy, and the bar can open late again, he's started his own garden centre on the Voetboogsteeg.

Brian came out from behind the bar of Molly Malone's to pose for a photo with Emilia.



Jim's e-bike got stolen a couple of months ago, but luckily, the insurance paid out, so I got to see him with his new one recently.

Visit the **Amsterdam Stun** website

Download every issue of the Stun since 2006

See our photos the day after they are taken

Find out what's on, where and how to get there!

[www.amsterdamstun.com](http://www.amsterdamstun.com)



# Granny's Gags & Giggles

A man walked out to the street and caught a taxi just going by.

He got into the taxi and the cabbie said, "Perfect timing. You're just like Brian"

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Brian Sullivan. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happen like that to Brian Sullivan, every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Brian Sullivan. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Brian Sullivan, he could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow. Some guy then."

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Brian, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good.

He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Brian Sullivan."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Brian. He died. I'm married to his fucking widow."

\*\*\*\*\*

John O'Reilly hoisted his beer and said, "Here's to spending the rest of me life, between the legs of my wife!" That won him the top prize at the pub for the best toast of the night!

He went home and told his wife, Mary, "I won the prize for the best toast of the night"

She said, "Aye, did ye now. And what was your toast?"

John said, "Here's to spending the rest of me life, sitting in church beside me wife"

"Oh, that is very nice indeed, John!" Mary said.

The next day, Mary ran into one of John's drinking buddies on the street corner. The man chuckled leeringly and said, "John won the prize last night at the pub with a toast about you, Mary."

She said, "Aye, he told me, and I was a bit surprised myself. You know, he's only been in there twice in the last four years. Once I had to pull him by the ears to make him come, and the other time he fell asleep!"



Granny Annie's  
EXPAT SHOP

SCAN ME



All your favourite foods & drinks from back home; Delivered at your home!

[www.granny-annies.com](http://www.granny-annies.com)

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

I cannot believe just how quickly it has come around again but the Premier League season will begin shortly so here are my predictions for the season ahead.

**20. Watford:** They have just come up from the Championship and I fear they will go straight back down from whence they came. Manager Xisco Munoz successfully negotiated a difficult introduction in the Championship but the Premier League is something completely different. Danny Rose, Josh King, Imran Louza and Emmanuel Dennis are among the new recruits but they will need more than this to keep their heads above water in my view.

**19. Brentford:** To be honest, I think they will struggle. After several near misses they are finally in the elite league but will the sharks of the top flight swallow them up? They have not been very active in the transfer market but the club is well run from top to bottom. I think it will be their defence that might cost them in the end because scoring goals has never been a problem. The Great Dane Thomas Frank is currently running the show.

**18. Brighton:** I suggested last season that they would go down and they came very close to doing so. Since then they have recruited

Jeremy Sarmiento from Benfica and the 23 year old Zambian international Enoch Mwepu from Red Bull Salzburg but will it be enough? I am not convinced I'm afraid - although Graham Potter is doing a magnificent job, with very limited financial clout.

**17. Crystal Palace:** They are under new management with a guy who has never coached in the top flight of English football. Frenchman Patrick Viera will have his hands full trying to steer this lot free of the drop zone. I think he could be one of the first managerial casualties of the new season, and will rely on untried Championship players Marc Guehi and Michael Olise to attempt to save his bacon. He will require much more than that!

**16. Norwich City:** Daniel Farke's side should be much stronger this time around. The City board kept their nerve and have stuck with the German after they were relegated two seasons since, and it has paid dividends! They have recruited Milot Rashica from Werder Bremen and Pierre Lees-Melou from Nice for a combined sum of around 15 million so they do mean business, and if they avoid the drop, it will be seen as a huge improvement!

**15. Aston Villa:** Manger Dean Smith has done a magnificent job so far but that only increases expectations and if they lost Jack Grealish, the roof might cave in! They have bought Emi Buendia from Norwich for a staggering 38 million but he is untried in the Premier League and they are banking on him to succeed.

**14. Southampton:** Ralph Hasenhüttl has worked wonders at the helm so far but he will be very hard pressed to do the same this season. The Austrian has not brought anyone of note into the building - unless you call

**Being Frank on Football**  
All the latest football news from around the world, updated daily!



[www.beingfrankonfootball.com](http://www.beingfrankonfootball.com)

former Everton and Arsenal man Theo Walcott anything special. If you do, then why did he come here in a free transfer? Wantaway striker Danny Ings may have Ralph pulling his hair out but if he stays, they should survive.

**13. Newcastle United:** They are the endless enigma in this division. Steve Bruce has a squad of very talented individuals but that is perhaps where the problem lies. Football is a team game and unless Bruce can marinate his squad into a collective then they will always struggle.

**12. Burnley:** They have arguably the best English manager in the Premier League and year on year, manager Sean Dyche has to pull rabbits out of a hat. It is high time for the new owners of the club to put some money in the kitty and give this man a chance to prove to the world that with the right financial commitment, Burnley don't have to perpetually struggle. The early capture of £12m man Nathan Collins will certainly help their cause. They need more of the same.

**11. West Ham United:** Here is another side that makes the unpredictable rather predictable. Manager David Moyes has a European adventure to attend to this season but he must not take his eye of the biggest picture, which is staying in the Premier League. No new arrivals of note so far, are a cause for serious concern though.

**10. Wolves:** Former Benfica boss Bruno Lage is keeping it in the family after the departure of Nuno to Spurs. The new boss needs more creativity in midfield and more goals in attack if they want to rise up the table again. They have bought some interesting players so far including, Louie Moulden from Manchester City and Jose Sa from Olympiakos for an undisclosed fee. They are transitioning just now so mid-table would do.

**9. Everton:** Former Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez is the new manager for the Toffees and it has divided half of Merseyside. Some think it's a disastrous appointment whilst

others think it is a very bright idea! Time will tell but if he does not hit the ground running, he will be running from the ground with his tail between his legs! Demarai Gray is a good signing but they will need much more than that to pacify the sceptics.

**8. Leeds United:** Marcelo Bielsa is a top coach and he will need all his wealth of experience to keep his squad heading in the right direction. They have acquired Jack Harrison from Manchester City and Junior Firpo from Barcelona so they are still intent on improving the make-up of the team. An all energy team and very exciting so far, but like a front-running race horse, they have a tendency to fade near the finish which they must try to cut out, if they are to continue to improve.

**7. Tottenham Hotspur:** I rather think where they finish might just depend on whether Harry Kane stays? The Son/Kane partnership has been phenomenal so far and although Son has just signed a new four-year deal, Kane is

**HOTEL BAR  
RESTAURANT  
TORENZICHT**

Live Sports on  
Big Screen  
& 2 Tvs

Free WiFi in  
all rooms  
and bar



On Tap:  
Heineken  
Strongbow  
Murphy's Red  
Murphy's Stout

Open:  
Sun - Thurs  
09:00 - 01:00  
Friday & Saturday  
09:00 - 03:00

**Oudezijds Achterburgwal 93  
Amsterdam - Red Light District**

[www.hoteltorenzicht.com](http://www.hoteltorenzicht.com) 020-6232900

# Being Frank... *continued*

still apparently wanting out. New boss Nuno Espírito Santo has a lot on his plate and the lack of any big signings so far will not help their cause.

**6. Arsenal:** Will finishing above Spurs but out of those Champions League places be good enough to keep Mikel Arteta in a job? Well, I think it probably would but the Spaniard will need a strong start to silence the doubters and the purchase of Ben White from Brighton and Nuno Tavares from Benfica will bolster his hopes.

**5. Manchester United:** Their involvement in the early stages of the Champions League might serve as a bit of a distraction, and they will have to do better in this than in former years if Ole Gunnar Solskjaer does not want to find his critics again. Little to talk about on the transfer front, although the capture of Jadon Sancho from Borussia Dortmund was a biggy!

**4. Leicester City:** The Foxes have bought well again, recruiting Patson Daka from RB Salzburg for 23 million and midfielder Boubakary Soumare from Lille for around 17 million. Finally, that illusive Champions League slot will be theirs and my word, how they will have deserved it!

**3. Manchester City:** Now, I know this sounds insane but I think they will not win the title this time around. It's a squad in transition, and

the departure of Sergio Aquero is a very big loss. He will continue to score with Barcelona I am convinced of that, and they have not been very active in the transfer market so far which is disappointing and quite surprising too.

**2. Chelsea:** They too have been quiet on the transfer front so far but they do have a very strong squad and the addition of Marcus Bettinelli from Fulham on a free is nothing to get excited about. But manager Thomas Tuchel will want to get his players believing that they can win the Premier League, after lifting the Champions League last season, and I do think they will come very near to achieving it next time around.

**1. Liverpool:** This will not be a runaway Premier League scalp, as it was two seasons ago, and Chelsea and Manchester City will run them very close. But Ibrahima Konate has joined the Reds from RB Leipzig for around 36 million quid and the 22-year old French centre-back will steady the defensive ship; along with a rejuvenated Virgil van Dyke, and a German manager in Jurgen Klopp who will be determined to put things right!

## *Frank Weston*

If you think you can do better than Frank, enter our Premier Predictions League and you could win €60 in food/drink vouchers from our friends at Coco's Outback! Details below!

## Premiership Predictions League 2021/2022

*Sponsored by Coco's Outback*

### Now Even Easier to Enter!

Scan the QR-code, drag & drop the teams into order and then click on the "Submit Entry" button to send it to The Amsterdam Stun.

Closing date for entries is Friday 10th September 2021

[www.amsterdamstun.com/prempred2021.php](http://www.amsterdamstun.com/prempred2021.php)



# Peter Rodd R.I.P

Peter passed away in England in June, so a few of his remaining Amsterdam friends got together in the Blarney Stone on the day of his funeral to celebrate the life of "The Groper".



Mugley and Fiona



Charifa and Vicky  
and Conner



# HELP

**Whether you live in Amsterdam or are just visiting, we hope you don't need to make use of this list. But just in case...**

Police/Ambulance/Fire (Emergency only)	112
Police HQ - Elandsgracht	020-559 91 11
Reporting minor crimes	0900 - 88 44
Report crime anonymously	0800 - 70 00
Kruispost, O.Z. Voorburgwal	129, 020-624 90 31
Central Doctors Service	088-00 30 600
Pharmacies (Out of hours)	020-592 33 15
STD Clinic, Weesperplein 1,	020-555 58 22
Juridisch Loket (Legal Aid)	0900 - 8020
Emergency Vet	020-694 47 66
Dierenambulance	020-626 21 21
Australian Embassy	070-310 82 00
British Consulate	020-676 43 43
Canadian Embassy	070-361 41 11
Danish Consulate	020-575 17 79
French Consulate	020-624 83 46
German Consulate	020-673 62 45
Indian Embassy	070-346 97 71
Irish Embassy	070-363 09 93
Italian Consulate	070-306 55 10
New Zealand Embassy	070-346 93 24
Polish Consulate	020-565 11 55
South African Embassy	070-392 45 01
Spanish Consulate	020-620 38 11
Swedish Consulate	020-301 45 50
Swiss Consulate	020-717 34 16
U.S. Consulate	020-575 53 09

## The following should be more useful

Public Transport Info	0900 - 9292
TCA Taxi	020-677 77 77

## Night-Shops (Close around midnight)

Avondmarkt	De Wittenkade 94
Dolf's	Willemsstraat 79
Sterk	De Clerqstraat 1-7
Sterk	Waterlooplein 241

# MOLLY MALONES

- 70+ Irish Whiskeys
- Scrumptious Food
- Live Music Nights
- All the live Rugby  
GAA & Football



Have you met our  
little sister yet?



on the Oudezijds Kolk 9



# H. MURRAY'S

WHISKEYS & WINES



on the Nieuwebrugsteeg 15