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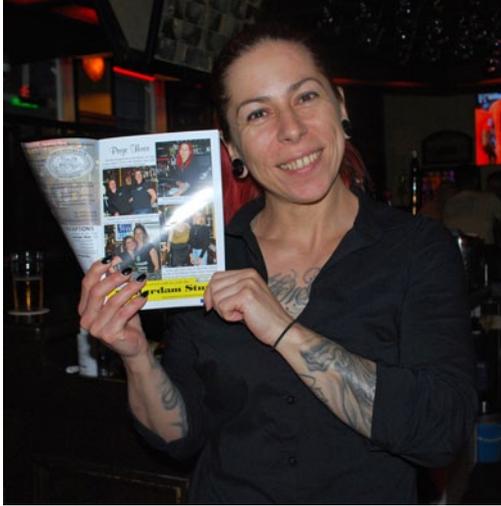
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# Page Three

Anna in Hotel Torenzicht, holding up her picture on last month's Page Three. Next month, we'll try for a photo of Anna holding up her picture of her holding up her picture, and after that...



Louise is no stranger to our pages, but it's ages since Guusje last appeared in the Stun, so I had to get a photo of them in Susie's Saloon.



Marta knows some good cocktails; she mixes enough of them in Coco's Outback.



Hayley and Jolene were behind the bar when I made Molly Malone's the last stop on my way home after a long Sunday session.

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# The Editor's Bit

I'll kick off this month's Editor's Bit by announcing the winner of last month's **Cover Competition**. Within hours of the June Stun going online, Alan Sells from Texas correctly identified it as being a statue of Domela Nieuwenhuis on Nassauplein, opposite the entrance to Westerpark, so 'Big Al' Sells gets an **Honourable Mention!**

For this month's **Cover Competition**, I went with a suggestion by one of our regular readers; she told me about the *Darth Vader* statue, but do you know who it really depicts and where you can find it? If you do, let me know and you could be in with a chance of getting an Honourable Mention in the next edition of the Amsterdam Stun.

Most of the day and evening shift bar-staff in Hotel Torenzicht are a bit camera-shy, apart from Anna, which is probably why she agreed

with my idea of taking a photo of her holding up the latest Stun with a photo of her holding up the latest Stun with a photo of her... We've only just started, but the first one is on Page Three.



Martyn compiled his first Stun Crossword in 1994, and 28 years later, we finally met at a party in Café Havelaar; see page 12.

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Parking in Amsterdam is a nightmare, so it was easier for Callum to pick up his prize from our Premier Predictions League competition of €60 in food/drink vouchers from Coco's Outback at Stun HQ instead of Coco's.

That's it from me, enjoy your July edition of the Amsterdam Stun and if you see me on the 11th, buy me a drink; it's my birthday!

*Andy*

# Congratulations

Happy Birthday to me, Stun editor/publisher Andy; I'll be 66 on the 11th, plus 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, 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, Vivian, Willy & Wol.

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

From the archives... This cowboy still had long dark hair when this photo was taken back in 1996; it's grey in this month's photos!



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# BEHIND

Gone are the days when you might have seen the contents of those skulls sliding down Zad's throat in Excalibur.



You can't keep a good man down! Since his accident, Brian can't run H. Murray's alone at the moment, so he's been doing a few shifts in De Blauwe Druif and Molly Malone's instead.



What can I say about Steve and Max, apart from the fact that it's always nice to see them behind the bar in Susie's Saloon.



Talking of H. Murray's, here's Steve, their new star behind the bar.



And in Molly Malone's, we've got Jim, Hayley and Dominic, who's making his first appearance in the Stun.



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# BARS

Pleasantly surprised to see that Soraida is working in Bourbon Street with Bartel and Diana, who's making her Stun debut.



These two made their Stun debuts years ago; it's Jur in Maloe Melo with Kim, who was playing in the house band at the jam session.



Hassan and Max had the Sunday night in the Three Sisters Pub under control.



Stefan, Leila and Aisa kept calm when I couldn't get my camera to work in the Poolbar.



Riccardo, Jess, Ginny and Louisa posed for a photo in front of the bar Coco's Outback.

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## Monday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3  
20:30, **Waterhole**, Open Jam Session, with Rene Kipuw €2  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Bourbon Jam, with Theo Mosquito €5

## Tuesday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3  
20:30, **Waterhole**, Open Jam Session, with Nienke & Jacco €2  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lamar Chase, Blues rock €5  
**19th July 2022**  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Bashir Brothers & Laura Richardstone, Soul €5

## Wednesday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3  
20:30, **Waterhole**, Jam Session, with Gregorio €2  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, Jamming with the house band

### 6th July 2022

- 21:00, **Maloe Melo**, Panja Boys, New up and coming talent  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Luis Diaz & Rayn Bechoe, Funk/Soul €5

### 13th July 2022

- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Daniel Camacho & Eline, €5  
**20th July 2022**  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Roxanne Hartog, Soul, funk & pop €5

### 27th July 2022

- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Roxanne Hartog, Soul, funk & pop €5

## Thursday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3  
20:30, **Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba), check [waterhole.nl](http://waterhole.nl) for details €2  
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, Jamming with the house band  
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, Get a FREE shot before singing and be in with a chance of winning a nice prize!

### 7th July 2022

- 20:00, **Boom Chicago**, Amsterdam Magic Show, Anniversary special with an all-female magic show! €25  
20:30, **De Nieuwe Anita**, Nutty Anita's Comedy Night - Best of 2022, Featuring the acts who really shone this season. Hosted by Ken Parsons. €10  
22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, L.A. Cobra, Glam/Sleaze Metal; from Pretoria, South Africa. €5  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Adam James Band, Rock/Pop/Soul/Reggae €5



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## Thursday

14th July 2022

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jacco Gotink, *classic rock* €5  
21st July 2022

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Luis Diaz & Rayn Bechoe, *Funk/Soul* €5

28th July 2022

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Burgerkill, *shaping the underground metal scene in Indonesia since 1995.* €5

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Adam James Band, *Rock/Pop/Soul/Reggae* €5

## Friday

Weekly

20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from.* Open til 4

20:30, **Waterhole**, Rock Night (bands tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €3

8th July 2022

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Tuning Band, *Pop rock cover band formed around mid-August 2012* €5

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Attila, *Soul/Jazz/Pop* €5

15th July 2022

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, King King Kings, *Gritty blues rock.* €7.50

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Aymar Torres, *Singer-Songwriter from Aruba* €5

22nd July 2022

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, t.b.a.,

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Aymar Torres, *Singer-Songwriter from Aruba* €5

29th July 2022

20:00, **Maloe Melo**, Punk Night, *Live: Disurbance, Tuka Tukas & Kezus Krijst* €7.50

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Daniel Camacho & Eline, €5

## Saturday

Weekly

20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from.* Open til 4

20:30, **Waterhole**, Rock Night (bands tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €3

## Saturday

9th July 2022

16:00, **Maloe Melo**, Winnie's Drumkit, *Students play with the Winnie's Drumkit House Band.*

21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Derm Farrell, *Irish singer/songwriter*

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Mark & the Dickpicks, *Americana & country rock* €5

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Nikki Born, *Pop/Rock* €5

16th July 2022

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, No Smoke: New CD Presentation, *Amsterdam band with original songs from their new album, No Mirrors (Rock, Pop, Blues, Country)* €5

21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Aaron Wilson, *Irish singer/songwriter*

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Ati's Wildflower, *Soul/Jazz/Pop* €5

23rd July 2022

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Unexpected, *Rock band from Amsterdam feat. Rocknroll Nico* €5

21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer, as seen on The Voice of Ireland*

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Treasure, *Soul/R&B* €5

30th July 2022

21:00, **Maloe Melo**, Ruigoord Rebels, *Censored songs, from the 1930s & 40s, to contemporary high-spirited rebelliousness.* €5

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jaxswing, *Funk/Soul/Swing/Electro Pop* €5

## Sunday

Weekly

19:00, **Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €2

20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from.* Open til 3

17th July 2022

21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Aaron Wilson, *Irish singer/songwriter*

24th July 2022

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Pesto [Brazil], *We are Pesto and we play Culinary Death Metal.* €5



Who get's the most stage time at Maloe Melo's Wednesday Jam session out of Axel, Simon, Franklin, Kim, Francesco and Kevin? I only see one drummer and bass player, so...

# ROUND T

John Thomas (Doda to his friends) was a little bit disappointed that he didn't appear in the last Stun, so when I saw him in Molly Malone's, I took a photo of him with Hayley.



Two weeks later, still whining, so here he is again, outside Café Oporto with Lara.  
(Only joking! Everybody loves Doda!)



Lee might be one of the biggest and loudest regulars in Café Oporto, but this his first time in the Stun, unlike Jen, Lizzie, Jack and Janice.



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# THE BARS

Tommy and Pat were enjoying their usual Wednesday afternoon refreshment when Jory turned up for his penultimate shift in Coco's Outback. See page 13 for Jory's leaving party.



Bumped into Jim at the Spuistraat Festival, watching No Smoke, who will be playing in Maloe Melo on Saturday 16th July.



We don't have enough dogs in the Stun, so here's Ro in H. Murray's with Steven, who we usually see in Molly's, with his daughter Amy.



Huib was in Excalibur when I dropped in on a Sunday evening; seems like a good enough reason for a photo!

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# A Night of Art & Music

Willy held a night of art and music in Cafe Havelaar where legendary Italian artist Galo created an immersive experience and the tunes were provided by DJ Rescue (Dandy Warhols). Even Willy's mum Christine was there!



# Jory's New Adventure

Jory has left Coco's Outback to start up a new venture in Nijmegen, but before leaving town, he had a drink or two with his friends and colleagues, past and present.

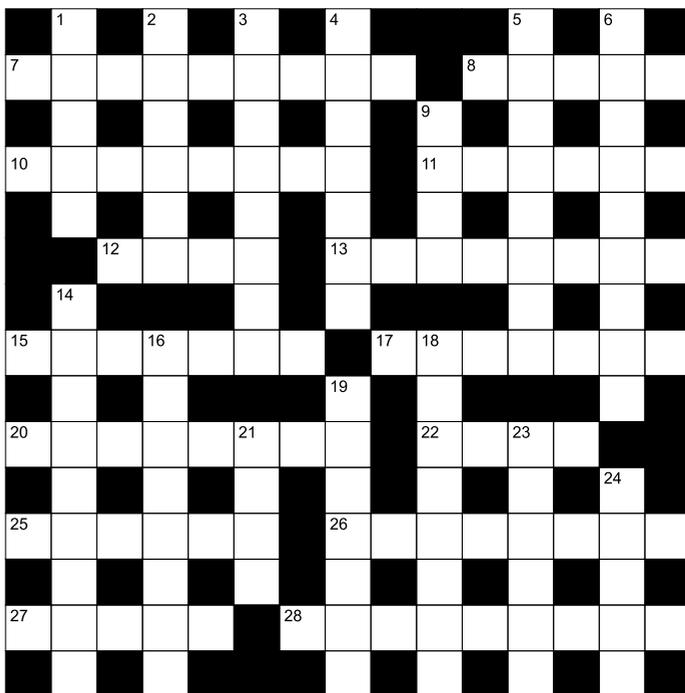


# Stun Crossword

Compiled by Martyn Hardy

## Across

7. Reckless speed not good, judge concludes (9)
8. Arranged to be given food around nine (5)
10. It's clear fame isn't haphazard (8)
11. Prisoner first meant to reform (6)
12. Enthusiasm for some bronze statue (4)
13. It's obvious vessel is to capsize (8)
15. Directions for out of the way holiday location (7)
17. Being economical, resort to telephone (7)
20. Hypnotize one's way in (8)
22. Middle Eastern ruler has trouble with hothead (4)
25. Most of the people in old country (6)
26. Two pals mad about one in East London (8)
27. Character found in Disney World (5)
28. Make sure a race isn't fixed (9)



## Down

1. One may get this if one is brave enough to interfere, we're told (5)
2. Writer happy with kid going back east (6)
3. Stopped a socialist taking in others (8)
4. It's not a bad position (7)
5. Read Time Out on circle line (8)
6. Causing annoyance to Pete's crazy gang (9)
9. Drop blazer (4)
14. Simultaneously being apt to save money and to spend (9)
16. Domestic staff rev Stan's convertible (8)
18. Graduate gets a long time for parts of text (8)
19. Commotion caused by English politician in trial (7)
21. Demand someone educated in this (4)
23. Fool embracing fixed benefits (6)
24. Bird to snatch with it (5)

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Answers on page 17

# JOKES

While riding my Harley, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head. Dazed and confused, I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of the road, when a shiny new convertible pulled up, with a very beautiful woman behind the wheel, who asked, "Are you okay?"

As I looked up, I noticed she was wearing a low-cut blouse with cleavage to die for... "I'm okay, I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home, so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

"That's nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife will like me doing that!"

"Oh, come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more scrapes and then treat them properly."

Well, she was really pretty and very persuasive. Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, and then repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place, which was just few miles away and, after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better, but I know my wife is going to be really upset, so I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile. "Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still in the ditch, I guess!"

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A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this Father?"

The father responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and

pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially.

They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order.

Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son... "Go get your Mother."

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The Pope was having a shower. Although he's very strict about celibacy, he occasionally felt he needed to exercise the papal wrist, and this happened to be one of those occasions. Just as he reached the Papal climax, he saw a photographer taking a picture of the Holy semen flying through the air. "Hold on a minute!" said the Pope, "You can't do that - you'll destroy the reputation of the Church!"

"This is my lottery win," said the photographer, "I'll be financially secure for life with these photos!"

So, the Pope offered to buy the camera from the photographer, and after much negotiation, they eventually settled on a figure of \$2,000,000.

The Pope clothed himself and headed off to destroy the images on the camera. Along the vast Vatican hallways, he bumped into his personal housekeeper. Being a bit of a photography buff, she noticed the camera and said, "That looks like a really expensive digital SLR camera, how much did it cost you?"

Not being one to lie, the Pope replied, "Two million Dollars."

"TWO MILLION Dollars!" replied the housekeeper, "they must have seen you coming!"

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

After many years of writing this monthly scribe, I think most of you will know all about my love of football, but is the beautiful game becoming a little less beautiful?

The sad truth is that football is not what it was when I started falling in love with the sport as a kid, and these days the landscape has changed completely. Players are obviously faster and fitter than ever before, and watching Premier League football is still very much a delight to behold. The quality of football throughout the world has improved enormously but the game itself has evolved into much more of a big money concept than a sport, and that is why more and more of us are becoming disenfranchised from the game we all once loved so dearly. Is there an end to this greed that is choking the life out of one of the endearing sports around?

Football's modern origins began in England in 1863. Rugby football, as it was once known, and association football, were once considered to be the same thing, until they went their separate ways and the Football Association was the first official governing body for the sport.

The first known ball game which involved kicking took place in China in the 2nd century

BC. The game as we know it today has come a very long way since but not always for the right reasons. The announcement of the European Super League in April 2021 received widespread opposition from the football establishment and the six Premier League clubs involved in this proposal quickly withdrew - once they got wind of what their supporters thought of the idea!

Interestingly, Real Madrid and Barcelona did not pull out of this bold scheme, and if it ever raises its ugly head again, then expect these clubs to be as eager as ever to re-ignite this proposal. In general, Spanish supporters embraced the idea, but of course, La Liga is not the Premier League, and that is probably why.

The Super League debacle reminded us all that modern day football is all about a very extreme form of capitalism. A litany of football clubs have gone out of business over the last two decades, and yet, the rich clubs keep getting richer at the expense of the small fish in the big football pond. We have football owners who are more interested in their profit and loss accounts than what is happening on the field and many of them show little or no interest in the sport - other than how much revenue they can accrue.

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Ginormous take-overs by rich oligarchs, public investment funds and oil-rich Arab Royalty have tried to money launder their way into the beautiful game and it is becoming increasingly ugly as a result of this.

How on earth the Premier League can give a green light to murderous Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman beggars belief! A statement from the Premier League read: "Following the completion of the Premier League's Owners and Directors Test, the club has been sold to the consortium with immediate effect. All parties have agreed the settlement is necessary to end the long uncertainty for fans over the club's ownership."

The Directors Test was presumably based on the 305 million quid that changed hands at the time. This buy out was by anybody's standards clearly obscene and yet, in the modern football era, money certainly talks!

The Super League was all about a dozen of Europe's richest clubs making a run for it. All they saw were pound signs and how many bucks they could make by breaking away from the mundane domestic league campaigns. They almost got away with daylight robbery, and because of the current health of the game, they will inevitably try again.

Football needs to take a long hard look in the mirror. It needs to change urgently - otherwise, the game that we have loved for so long will finally lose its appeal on the world stage. The beautiful game is on life support.

**Frank Weston**

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# Premier Predictions League 2022/2023

It won't be long before the start of the next English Premier League season, which means it's time for another **Amsterdam Stun Premier Predictions League** competition! I'm glad to say that our friends at **Coco's Outback** are once again sponsoring our competition and have donated €60 in food & drink vouchers for the lucky winner(s).

In the past, we've always printed an entry form in the July edition of the Stun, but it's been years since anybody sent a written entry in because it's much easier online, so for this season, I decided we'd go paperless...

This is where I should have given you the link to the online entry form, but since my internet provider XS4All got swallowed up by KPN, the form I've been using since 2016 no longer works. I don't know how long it will take me to fix this problem, but as soon as it is, it will be announced in our Facebook Group (see below) and at Beingfrankonfootball.com.

In the meantime, if anybody can help me by writing a PHP script to email me the results of a list sorted using CSS, I'll be eternally grateful. My contact details are on page 2.

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## Crossword Answers

Across: 7 Desperate, 8 Fixed, 10 Manifest, 11 Inmate, 12 Zest, 13 Overture, 15 Seaside, 17 Sparring, 20 Entrance, 22 Shah, 25 Thrace, 26 Plaistow, 27 Pluto, 28 Ascertain.  
 Down: 1 Medal, 2 Uppdike, 3 Arrested, 4 Station, 5 Diameter, 6 Pestering, 9 Fire, 14 Meanwhile, 16 Servants, 18 Passages, 19 Tempest, 21 Need, 23 Assets, 24 Robin.

# One Night in...

Molly Malone's, where there was a good crowd in to see the Barfly Cowboys, who let members of the audience play their instruments when they'd finished, although nobody took on the double bass.





# 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)

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