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# Page Three

Loads of lovelies behind bars on Kings Day this year: Café Zeepest was no exception with Cynthia, Ann and Crina looking glamorous.



Luna stuck with the regulation black attire behind the bar in H. Murray's, but some of those top-shelf bottles have an orange glow.



Nicole in Susie's Saloon is no stranger to Stun readers, but her colleague Tanja is making her debut on Page Three.



Nathalie was taking a break when I passed the Smoking Bull, but I still took a photo of her.

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# The Editor's Bit

We had two correct entries come in by email for last month's **Cover Competition** so **Steve Currie** and **Wolfling/Heidi** both get an **Honourable Mention** for knowing that the *Torentje* is located on the Amstel. Extra kudos to Wolfling for identifying it as part of the former head office of the Bendsdorp Chocolate Factory, not that I asked for so much detail.

For this month's **Cover Competition**, all I want to know is: Where is it? If you know, tell me! Contact details are on page two, or you can tell me in person if you meet me in a bar, but if that's the case, make sure I write it down because I can be a bit forgetful. The first person with the correct answer will get an *Honourable Mention* in this column next month.

The lack of trams on Rozengracht has made visits to Maloe Melo difficult, but nothing will stop me from seeing my old friend Jur, so for

now, I have to travel via Leidseplein to get there. It's going to take until February 2027 before trams 13 & 17 and the night buses are back to normal, so it looks like a long walk home (or a taxi) if I want to stay after midnight.

While I was out on Kings Day, I dropped into Café Corso to take a photo of the bar crew, but veterans Eric and Mario were tired after a long shift, so Mario took this one of me with Arend instead.



You've already seen a full page of Kings Day photos on Page Three and you can find even more on pages 10-13 & 19.

That's it for now; all of our usual stuff is here, apart from the crossword, so enjoy your May edition of the Amsterdam Stun.

*Andy*

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# Congratulations

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## In Memory of Hazel



I only heard that my old friend Haze had passed away after her funeral, otherwise I would have been there. Thirty years ago, my brother Bill asked Haze what she knew about my new girlfriend Elly. Her reply: she's lovely! My brother trusted Haze's judgement, and many happy years followed. I didn't see her so often after we moved away from BoLo, but there will always be a special place in my heart for Haze.

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Then you have the frightened tourists, eyes fogged with fear of the unknown, running as fast as they can past the horrid evil smiling uniformed tram monsters, fearing that they're going to snatch the soul out of their little McDonald's fed bodies and cast them down into the eternal flames of hell.

If you want to escape the ire and vengeful wrath of the evil creatures that drive the hell-bound trams, you might try smiling and wishing them a good day when you enter the tram, thereby saving yourself the torments and pain of eternal damnation.

If this is too difficult, it might make sense to arm yourself with crucifixes and holy water to splash in the face of the tram devils, thereby ensuring you a pleasant journey back to your cheap hotel at the edge of town.

For an additional burden, let us not forget the seating arrangements. The bright red chairs with the woven pictures of crippled old people and mothers burdened with papooses are reserved for guess who?

Yes! You got it!

Woe betide the smelly backpacker who would dare to sit in the *red chair*!

I've seen many an angry herd of little old ladies and babies leap on a rude tourist sitting in the *red chair*, snatch the clothes off the little rude creature and toss them naked into the streets, then sitting down comfortably in their well earned seats, slapping hands and cackling with glee!

Have a safe ride!

**Terry Mann**

# STUN

## Monday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Traditional Irish Session, *A warm welcome to everyone.*
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:00, **Zaal 100**, Goeie Zin Presents: *THE evening for singer/songwriters & semi-acoustic music. Check zaal100.nl for details.* €5
- 20:30, **Durty Nelly's**, Live Acoustic Music, *with Dave & friends*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jam Session, €4
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Bourbon Jam, *with Theo Mosquito (26th with Jacco)*
- 12th May 2025**
- 19:30, **Mulligans**, Set-Dance Ceili, *hosted by Koosje Schouten*
- 19th May 2025**
- 19:30, **Paleis vd Weemoed**, Monday Night Laughs! *Stand-up Comedy in English* €10
- 26th May 2025**
- 20:00, **Mulligans**, Beginner Session, *hosted by Mulligans and Fiachra Meek*

## Tuesday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **Cafe Havelaar**, Games Night, *Play Dungeons & Dragons or Magic: The Gathering against fellow nerds!*
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rock&Roll Jam Session, €4
- 13th May 2025**
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Goodfellas, *Funk/Reggae/R&B* €5
- 20th May 2025**
- 19:00, **Coco's Outback**, International Pub Quiz, *Entry price: €5, maximum 5 persons to a team. Great Prizes!*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Funky Tightrope ft. Dursun, *Funk/Soul/R&B* €5
- 27th May 2025**
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Funky Tightrope ft. Sonny Griffin, *Funk/Soul/R&B* €5

# GIG-LIST

## Wednesday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:00, **Mulligans**, Open Session, *with songs & tunes from our regular musicians and some surprising guests!*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Open Jam with Gianluca, *Funk, Pop, Rock* €4

### 14th May 2025

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Andrea De Luca, *Blues* €5

### 21st May 2025

- 20:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sam Ghezzi Blues Band, *Album release + DJ IR Vendermeulen* €10
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Stemin, *Kitano* €5

### 28th May 2025

- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jay's Garage, *Rock/Blues* €5

## Thursday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €4
- 22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get a FREE shot before singing and be in with a chance of winning a nice prize!*

### 15th May 2025

- 20:00, **Mulligans**, Fiachra & Gabriele, *blend of traditional Irish music with contemporary influences*
- 20:00, **De Buurvrouw**, Wheel of Wonders, *A Magical Gamble Like No Other!* €10
- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Gareth Evans Jones, *Acoustic Pop, Rock, Funk*
- 21:00, **Belushi's**, Jay's Garage, *Rock/Blues*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Adam James Band, *Rock/Pop/Soul/Reggae* €5

## Thursday

### 22nd May 2025

- 20:00, **Mulligans**, Loes van Schaijk & Honza Bartošek, *powerful vocal harmonies, and lyrics that linger*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Caracas Trio, *Pop/Latino*
- 21:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Night, *Private event, front bar open to all*
- 21:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, TV Moms (USA), Neuroot (NL) + Dunebender (NL), *Rock, Hardcore Punk, Doom/Stoner/Sludge Metal*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven de Geus, *Rock/Reggae* €5

### 29th May 2025

- 20:00, **De Buurvrouw**, Amsterdam Bar Magic, *enjoy an intimate evening of jaw-dropping close-up magic!* €15
- 21:00, **Belushi's**, Jay's Garage, *Rock/Blues*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Hats, *ft. Jesse Koch* €5



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## Friday

### Weekly

- 18:30, **Taparia**, Caracas Trio, *Latin Pop Rock*  
20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 2*  
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rock Night (bands tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €5

### 9th May 2025

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Brian Clifford, *Irish singer/songwriter, covers & originals*  
21:00, **Mulligans**, Karen Lee Andrews, *Australian Blues & Soul*  
21:45, **Rockclub The Cave**, Sidequest (NL) + Undead Rythems (NL), *Punk Rock, Hardcore Metal/Punk*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *t.b.a., see www.maloemelo.com*  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Wiseflower, *Soul/Rock/Blues* €7.50

### 16th May 2025

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Fiachra Meek, *Talented multi-instrumentalist*  
21:00, **Mulligans**, Kaspar Laval & Caroline Regan, *traditional Irish and contemporary*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam Beatclub, *Live: Dylan Kirk & Friends (UK) Boogie & Rock 'n Roll + ABC DJ's Asnavoura & IR. Vendermeulen* €10  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Andrea De Luca, *Blues* €7.50

### 23rd May 2025

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Fiachra Meek, *Talented multi-instrumentalist*  
21:00, **Mulligans**, The Enchanted Tree, *musical adventure*  
21:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Buscemi's Eyes (I), Question Mark (NL) + Those Left Standing (NL), *Hardcore/Punk/Rock, Skate punk, Hardcore*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Asian Riff, *Rock + Poprock* €7.50  
22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Thrashcan (NL), *Thrash Metal Covers*  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Wiseflower, *Soul/Rock/Blues* €7.50

## Friday

### 30th May 2025

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ramiro,  
21:00, **Mulligans**, Boxin The Vox, *local duo; traditional Irish songs & tunes, pop and originals*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *t.b.a., see www.maloemelo.com*  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jaxswing, *Funk/Soul/Swing/Electro Pop* €7.50  
23:00, **Coco's Outback**, 80s/90s/00s Party, *Back to the good old days with all your favourite tunes!*

## Saturday

### Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 2*  
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rock Night (bands tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €5

### 10th May 2025

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ramiro,  
21:00, **Mulligans**, Josh Healy, *classic Irish folk and pop songs from the 1960s to the present day*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dolby, *Stones cover band* €5  
22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Jo/C/DC (NL), *Heavy Covers*  
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Aymar Torres, *Singer-Songwriter from Aruba* €7.50  
17th May 2025  
21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer*



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## Saturday

17th May 2025

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Kaspar Laval & Caroline Regan, *traditional Irish and contemporary*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Brentsleng + The Pheromones, *Rock* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jacco Hendrik, *Classic Rock* €7.50

24th May 2025

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Brian Clifford, *Irish singer/songwriter, covers & originals*
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Paul Niehaus IV, *Folk/Americana/singer-songwriter*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, La Banda Fantastica, *Cumbia, Latin + DJ Rengo E Star* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Soul Survivors, *new young band from Amsterdam with a free spirit and a wild heart* €7.50

31st May 2025

- 21:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Recipe, *Live: The Witch Doctors + DJ Rico de Wroker + Bopper* €7.50
- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Niall McGuigan, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Nick Gusman, *American/roots/country*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Live music t.b.a., *Check bourbonstreet.nl* €7.50

## Sunday

Weekly

- 19:00, **Mulligans**, Traditional Irish Session,
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €4

11th May 2025

- 16:30, **Checkpoint Charlie**, Ironic Curtain Comedy Club, *Meet the world and laugh about it.*
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Clandestinos Trio,
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Pray & The Akelas, €5

18th May 2025

- 20:00, **De Nieuwe Anita**, Nutty Anita's Sunday Special, *with headliners Ciara Murphy and Weina Ma* €12
- 21:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Heretic (BR) + Schlongest (NL), *Oriental Metal, Stonerpunk*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jay's Garage, *Rock/Blues* €5

25th May 2025

- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Sunday R&B Session, *Together with the greatest musicians of these genres, you'll get a chance to sing some of your favourite songs.* €5

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# BEHIND

Dimitry and Skip, back in black, behind the bar in Excalibur.



Anne was wearing orange, Vratislav and Pat stuck with black, behind the bar in Batavia.



Still in Excalibur, with Zad doing his own thing, but is that an orange stripe on his sleeve?



Fionn and Oisín with an orange hat, behind the bar in Molly Malone's.

We haven't had a photo from Hotel Old Quarter in ages, so even though there's no orange, here are James, Anne and Louisa.



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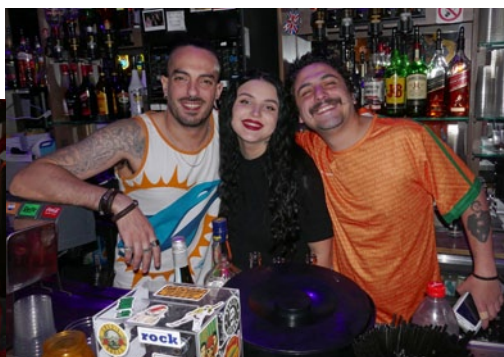


# KINGS DAY BARS

We've got a lot more orange behind bars on this page, kicking off with Esther and Casper in Hotel Internationaal.



In Susie's Saloon, Tanja, Emil and Steve made up part of the Kings Day crew.



Ian, Tanya and Bruno in Rock Planet



Noa, Paddy and Tisa in the Blarney Stone



Last stop of the night, with Marco, Katie, Eileen and Andrea in Café Schumich.



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# ROUND THE BARS

The city was packed on Kings Day, but if you avoided the Jordaan, it was manageable. I stuck to my usual haunts around CS, the RLD and Dam, where I saw a lot of old friends, both local and visitors from overseas.



# ON KINGS DAY



# MORE ROUNDS

Kim, Franklin and Shandon were taking a break during the Jam Session in Maloe Melo.



Thursday night in Bourbon Street, with Laura and Bartel behind the bar.

Jedie plays darts for the Cave now, so I had to get a photo of him with Aram the Cavelord.



Pasquale was working when I dropped in the Cave, so I had to take a photo.

Hidee, Leila, Dave, Til, Emmy, Bas, behind the bar in the Poolbar, Extra-Large!



# JOKES

A couple were on their honeymoon, lying in bed, about ready to consummate their marriage, when the new bride says to the husband: "I have a confession to make, I'm not a virgin."

The husband replies. "That's no big thing in this day and age."

The wife continues. "Yeah, I've been with one other guy."

"Oh yeah? Who was the guy?"

"Tiger Woods."

"Tiger Woods, the golfer? "Well he's rich, famous and handsome. I can see why you went to bed with him."

The husband and wife then make passionate love. When they get done, the husband gets up and walks to the telephone.

"What are you doing?" Says the wife.

The husband says. "I'm hungry, I was going to call room service and get some food."

"Tiger wouldn't do that."

"Oh yeah? What would Tiger do?"

"He'd come back to bed and do it a second time." The husband puts down the phone and goes back to bed to make love with his wife a second time. When they finish, he gets up and goes over to the phone.

"What are you doing?" She says.

The husband says. "I'm still hungry so I was going to get room service to get some food."

"Tiger wouldn't do that."

"Oh yeah? What would Tiger do?"

"He'd come back to bed and do it one more time." The guy slams down the phone and goes back to bed and makes love to his wife one more time. When they finish he's tired and beat. He drags himself over to the phone and starts to dial.

The wife asks. "Are you calling room service?" "No! I'm calling Tiger Woods to find out what's par for this hole."

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Sad news from the Nestlé factory today; a worker was crushed beneath a load of chocolate that fell off a storage rack. He called for help repeatedly, but every time he shouted "The Milky Bars are on me," his colleagues cheered.

A middle-aged couple had two beautiful daughters but always talked about having a son. They decided to try one last time for the son they always wanted.

The wife got pregnant and delivered a healthy baby boy. The joyful father rushed to the nursery to see his new son.

He was horrified at the ugliest child he had ever seen. He told his wife: "There's no way I can be the father of this baby. Look at the two beautiful daughters I fathered! Have you been fooling around behind my back?"

The wife smiled sweetly and replied: "No, not this time!"

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I was having sex with my friend's wife, when the phone rang. I heard it was her husband and quickly started to get dressed. She told me not to worry; he was out drinking with me!

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My wife said I make love like a painter. I said, "What, like Da Vinci; smooth strokes, attention to detail and the result is a masterpiece?"

She said, "No, like the council; rush the job, leave a mess and I have to finish it myself!"

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I just saw a bloke going up a hill with a shopping trolley full of horseshoes, four-leaf clovers and rabbits feet. I thought: "He's pushing his luck."



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# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Liverpool made it 20 top flight league titles in their illustrious history, and drew level with Manchester United as well. The Reds thumped Tottenham Hotspur 5-1 at Anfield to seal the Premier League trophy, and just to prove this was a collective team performance, five different players were on the score sheet, if we include that own goal from Udogie, as the visitors fell to another very heavy defeat.

The only down side was from their neighbours, who seemed intent on ruining the party by buying 10,000 Everton flares, only to label them as red, and sell them to Liverpool supporters!

The Premier League bridesmaids may well be Arsenal again and for the third time of asking! Arteta might now regret not buying another striker in the January transfer window because in the end, this was to cost them dear. They are still in the Champions League but having lost at home narrowly to PSG, it is unlikely they will still be when this goes to print. Then they will fully focus on the league.

In theory, of course, Manchester City could clinch runners-up spot, but I am not convinced that this will happen. The Citizens

are assured of Champions League football and they might be inclined to bed some more younger players into their team. Arsenal do not have that luxury so they are more vulnerable in this respect. Who gets second spot could still go right to the wire.

At the bottom, it is already established that the three promoted teams from the Championship have all gone back down again. Life in the elite league was all a bit too much for Southampton, Leicester City and Ipswich Town. This is the second season in a row that this has happened so I think it is something that the football authorities need to address. The clubs that are relegated have an

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unfair advantage on the rest, thanks to those parachute payments, and this creates a yo-yo effect. Leeds United won the Championship with 100 points this term, and runners up Burnley rejoined the Premier League on exactly the same number of points. Sheffield United, Sunderland, Coventry and Bristol City will battle it out for that other elite league berth via the play-offs!

You have to feel a tad sorry for Luton Town. They were relegated from the top flight last season, and on the final day of this season they were relegated again, losing 5-3 to West Bromwich Albion in the last game in the second tier of English football.

As for my predictions, I am sorry folks, but I have failed miserably. I suppose I reduced my chances of success by thinking that my favourite team, the Tractor Boys, would finish 13th. They were the best of the rest that went down but found life in the Premier League far too taxing.

Here in the Netherlands, it is a two-horse race again but this was not looking likely a few weeks ago when it looked as if Ajax would run away with the title. Since my last column, the Amsterdam club's form seems to have deserted them a little, and PSV Eindhoven are now just 4 points behind them with three games to play.

In the rest of Europe, the winners are often a bit more clear cut. Glasgow Celtic won the Scottish Premier League by a landslide and you don't need me to tell who the runners up were! Barcelona are likely to lift La Liga, but it is a close run thing between Benfica and Sporting Lisbon in Portugal and in Italy between Napoli and Inter Milan.

So then, as the race heats up for this season's Premier Prediction League winner, I wonder how you are all doing. Better than me I would hope!

*Frank*

# PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League table looked on Monday 5th May 2025. Check the Stun website for the latest stand.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Polly	5	3	18
2nd	Ken Passey	4	5	17
2nd	Best Chief Engineer	4	5	17
4th	Paulo van Melsen	4	4	16
5th	Eric Donald	3	6	15
5th	Jay Wright	3	6	15
5th	Chris Rudkin	3	6	15
5th	Trish Steele	3	6	15
9th	Frank Zondervan	3	5	14
9th	Robert Pendleton	3	5	14
11th	Jim Scrimgeour	3	4	13
12th	Lee Findley	3	3	12
12th	Paul Tandy	3	3	12
12th	Willie Wood	3	3	12
12th	Shaun McCarthy	3	3	12
16th	Sid Raghava	2	6	12
16th	John Raftery	2	6	12
16th	Philip Rook	2	6	12
19th	Alan Dempsey	1	8	11
10th	Bart L	1	8	11
21st	John Marsden	3	1	10
22nd	Ally MacDougall	2	4	10
23rd	Adam Burton	1	7	10
24th	Dave Wright	1	6	9
24th	Thomas Freiermuth	1	6	9
26th	Chris Mundell	1	5	8
27th	Stephen Spencer	1	4	7
27th	Ann-Marie Stopforth	1	4	7
29th	Katie Wright	0	7	7
30th	Callum Ross Dickie	2	0	6
31st	Steven Erisman	1	3	6
32nd	Josie Gladden	1	2	5
33rd	Stuart Davidson	0	5	5
34th	Jeffrey Schuffelen	0	4	4
35th	Jude Noonan	0	3	3
35th	Frank Weston	0	3	3
37th	Philip Justice	0	1	1

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# IN THE BACK



It's the Coco's Outback crew: Teana, Klara, Andrea, Adam, Gytis, Roman, Erin and Bane



Remco, Bobby, Muriel, Brian, Steven, Daan and Gareth gathered in Molly Malone's to remember their good friend "Rugby John" Joy.



Steven, Gareth and Ziggy, at the bar in Molly Malone's, sad but still smiling.



I didn't write down the name of this American couple who were in the Backstage Bar on Kings Day, but that's the landlord Steven and his brother Karl in the background.



And finally: Joop and Brian outside De Blauwe Druif, one of the closest bars to Stun HQ, so it was my first stop on Kings Day.

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