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Shamrock da house

To be sure, St Paddy's Day is going to get messy, **Andrew Taylor** writes.

ST Patrick's Day promises more craic than you can poke a stick in so find your nearest Irish boozer, grab yourself a Guinness and shout out "Sláinte!" to the man who helped rid the Emerald Isle of snakes.

Durty Nelly's Bar and Print Room Restaurant

Plying its trade since the 1850s, this Paddo bar offers Paddy's Day punters an Irish breakfast from 9am with Irish coffee, Guinness or, for the health conscious, tea. Later, you can join Nelly in a knees-up with Irish dancers, while avoiding dehydration with more Guinness. Once you've downed four pints you can score a T-shirt, perfect for Dublin's balmy summer nights. Irish-born chef Damien Grimes will also be dishing up a three-course Irish menu in the Print Room restaurant.

Durty Nelly's Bar and Print Room Restaurant, 9-11 Glenmore Road, Paddington. Phone (02) 9360 4467 or see www.durtynellyssydney.com.au.

Cock'n'Bull

The Junkyard's famous Irish pub, the Cock'n'Bull, flings open its door at 8am for a traditional Irish breakfast of eggs, beans, bacon, sausage and white pud. Fifteen dollars also scores you a Paddy's Day T-shirt and a drink. Live Irish music will be played throughout the day, culminating at 8pm with, surprise, surprise, a U2 cover band. Traditional Irish pastimes such as hair and face painting will also be on offer and, apparently, punters may even get to meet St Patrick himself - no mean feat considering he's been dead for more than 1500 years. *Cock'n'Bull, 89 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction. Phone (02) 9389 3004 or see www.cocknbull.com.au.*

Redoak Boutique Beer Cafe

Wash the dust down your gutter this Paddy's Day with a pint of Irish Red Ale or Irish Stout. Redoak's master brewer, David Hollyoak, has



SMILING IRISH EYES: Sláinte! Raise a glass on Paddy's Day. Picture: STEFAN MOORE

concocted two award-winning brews, served up from 9am with their Irish breakfast, that will have your head swimming in the Irish Sea by midday. Hollyoak says his ale has a rich red-amber colour with a caramel malt sweetness and medium body with a fruity aroma. "The Oatmeal Stout will fill your mouth with a creamy malt flavour followed by a strong roasted bitterness on the finish," he says. Redoak also has a policy of using beer in as many of its dishes as possible - so stock up on the Berocca, Sunday's going to be rough.

Redoak Boutique Beer Cafe, 201 Clarence Street, Sydney. Phone (02) 9262 3303 or see www.redoak.com.au.



YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR HAT ON: Get a group together and head to the Cock'n'Bull.



DAUNTING PROSPECT: A shout of stout. Picture: ANDREW TAYLOR

P. J. O'Brien's

P.J.'s is the place to hobnob with Irish celebs. In past years, *Australian Idol* winner Damien Leith, Irish rugby player Tadh Kennelly, the casts of *Big Brother* and *Neighbours* and Sydney Swans footy players have drunk the pub dry on St Patrick's Day. Along with the traditional heart-stopping Irish breakfast from 8am, P.J.'s will screen live the final match of the Six Nations rugby tournament between Ireland and Italy from 12.30pm. The match is being played at Croagh Park, which normally only hosts hurling and Gaelic football matches, and was the scene of the 1914 Bloody Sunday massacre. *P. J. O'Brien's, 57 King Street, Sydney. Phone (02) 9290 1811 or see www.pjobriens.com.au.*

