PADDY PUTS ON A PAGEANT AT PAYANGAN BALI HHHII SATURDAY MARCH 19

The equinox is upon us and the seasons change. The Frog Hawks have headed off west and north, last heard screeching farewell the morning altor NIGHTJAR'S MAD MARCH HARE RUN ON 5th. Twice last week I noted steady drift of fluffy stratus north west which evaporated by lunch time; then by mid-afternoon sky leaden and lowering and pissing down. Relative humidity high, and hot hot.

And so to PADDY'S PAGEANT way up in the hills, thro winding undulating lanes bordered by plantation and paddy (all sorts), stark black range of the 'trompong' from Watu Karu to Agung revealed on all sides. How will they all get here? But they did.

Fantastic turnout for Paddy or PROST? Both it would seem. We now have RED pilsener and BLUE lager on top: which do you prefer? It was the green of MUSTAPHA SHITE'S floppy hat, however, which brought me up short. I'd forgotten all about PADDY - we all know of course that the Saint's Day is March 17th - tell you what, TAFFY and GEORGY PORGY and ANDY PANDY will have a hard act to follow. Beautiful purple shirts - we've never had a purple shirt before - emblazoned with brilliant green mandala of mad Gadhelic March hare and BHHH2 on front, and on back BARNACLE BALLS - I mean who else? - GAYLICK - been on a mystical journey - GET LOST and LIMPET. But what about MONKEY BALLS? He was there. Too late said he to be accredited. Well, I do it now. And thankee most kindlily for IRISH STEW begorrah, containing inter alia two types of neep, and plaited palm scoops a nice touch.

What about the run then, eh? I heard again FUCKING EXCELLENT, BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL BUT A BIT SLITHERY. Well what do you expect? Whose codden muddy bum do you prefer? Makes a change from suburban Eanes and derelict links innit?

And welcome back PHEELTHY PHROGGE who, ignoring doctor's orders, per formed at least seven down-downs, all most deservedly, and pronounced the best Irish jokes. Clever FROG. Variations of Rouget de Lisle's MARSEILLAISE sung in his honour. Attend the S&M MAN next week.