

Many moons ago in the misty past of Cratloe's rolling country side there lived a buxom lady, tall in stature, but shapely and appealing to all. She was known simply as Durty Nelly; a name that puzzled all who had the good fortune to be granted her welcome but soon became apparent...

Times were difficult in Ireland but one could say that Durty Nelly was wily and always found a way to make ends meet. She was keeper of the toll-bridge over the river Owengarney which flowed outside her window on its way to join the Shannon. All visitors who sought to cross the bridge would have to pay their dues to Nelly – those who could not pay in cash paid in kind with the presentation of a chicken, a few eggs, a piece of home-cured bacon or anything else they had to offer at the time.

Durty Nelly was a woman of considerable charm, known to the virile men of the day, from Galway to Cork, Dublin to Limerick. Durty Nelly's hospitality to the many travellers coming across the bridge gained her a place in many a man's fond memories, handed down through the centuries.

Durty Nelly was also renowned for her little shebeen – a special corner of the house overlooking the river where she kept a jar of whiskey; the 'good stuff' on hand to warm the bellies of the tired and exhausted journeymen. There came an unfortunate night when one of those travellers, a rogue from Kilrush, crept in during the night and stole poor Nelly's savings, all the gold coins she had collected at the bridge.

The following evening she went to bed broken-hearted and after a night of fitful sleep awoke with a start. Occupying her mind was a clear impression of a new recipe for whiskey. She set to work straight away, filling four of her best earthen jars from her distillery in the woods. As she laboured over the concoction she became more and more convinced that there was magic to this brew.

Only a short time later she came across an old Irish Wolfhound, on his last legs outside her front door. He was weak and feeble and was not long for this world. Reluctantly, Durty Nelly poured a drop of the poteen from one of the urns and carefully rubbed it into the dog's muscles. She left the dog to rest and took her place on the curved wall where she waited daily for the tolls. In the heat of the midday sun, she started to doze off. A few hours later, she was disturbed from her slumber by a warm wet feeling in her palm – with a shock she realized it was the Wolfhound, licking her hand. He raced across the bridge exuberantly, showing no sign of his previous malaise. This extraordinary afternoon had not gone unnoticed by Nelly's neighbours in Bunratty and news quickly spread that Durty Nelly had a special potion – one which would bring the gift of new life.

And so they came in droves from all over the country seeking "the cure" for that lame horse; the sick bainimh; the slow-ing greyhound or the muscle-bound athlete. Each visitor left with a renewed vigour, cured of all ills. The Little House by the bridge grew with the increased trade and became a landmark in Munster for the high quality of its refreshment in food and drink.

One day a young woman from Rineanna (now Shannon International Airport) came to see Durty Nelly with a broken heart. She was married for three years but sadly remained childless. She confessed to Nelly that she believed it was because her husband lacked any warmth in his attentions. She wanted to try the cure on him, to see if he too could be brought 'back to life' within their marriage. From the first sip of the smooth liquid, the woman's husband was a changed man. His wife could never complain of his powers as a loving husband. His virility thrilled her and resulted in the birth of 3 sons and 2 daughters within six years and she even retained her beauty in body and charm.

News of the miracle brew spread far and wide across Ireland and Durty Nelly's 'cure' had found a place on the shelves of her hostelry as the drink to cure all ills – with a tot of the powerful drink, men became virile and strong, thrilling their women and gaining triumph in all battles.

Durty Nelly had discovered one of Ireland's best-loved secret brews, famed for its purity, strength and health-giving powers; poteen.

Times have changed and poteen is no longer a legal drink in Ireland. Because of its unusual power and danger if consumed to excess, it had to be 'officially' outlawed. To this day it is distilled among the hills and valleys of the land. It continues to relieve pain and restore new life – there are many champion hurlers, footballers, athletes, and even racehorses whose rubdown is well-laced with poteen.

Starters

Pub Cut Fries

Sea salt, malt vinegar aioli

6

French Onion Dip

Caramelized onion, roasted artichokes, sour cream, parmesan cheese, baguette & naan crisps

12

Calamari

Lemon aioli, sriracha

11

Nelly's Nachos

1/2 lbs cheese blend, jalapenos, red & green onion, bell peppers, fresh salsa, sour cream

14

Chicken | 3 Guacamole | 2

Breaded Wings

House pickles and buttermilk ranch dressing, Choose: Buffalo, BBQ, Honey garlic, Frank's, Mango sweet & sour

12

Chicken Tenders

House pickles and buttermilk ranch dressing, Choose: Buffalo, BBQ, Honey garlic, Frank's, Mango sweet & sour

11 | add fries 2.5

Big Effin Nachos

Our famous nachos, bigger with a full pound of cheese!

26

Chicken | 5 Chilli Beef 4 Guacamole | 2

Panko Onion Rings

Panko crusted with curry mayo

10

Sweet Potato Fries

Sea salt, curry mayo

9

House made Pretzel

Jalapeno beer cheese fondue, Guinness & oktoberfest mustards

7

Smoked Turkey Wings

Maple Bourbon Glaze, House pickles

12

Blarney Chips

Waffle fries, cheese, jalapenos, bell peppers, red and green onions, bacon and ranch

15

PEI Mussels

Garlic, white wine, onions, toasted focaccia bread

11

Bruschetta Flatbread

Tomatoes, basil, garlic, mozzarella, red & green onion

11

Cheese & Bacon Potato Skins

Hand cut spuds, cheese blend, bacon, green onion, jalapenos, sour cream

14

Charcuterie Board

Duck Rilette, Prosciutto, Guinness cheddar, Urban blue cheese, onion marmalade, house pickled veg, bagel crisps

18

Welcome Home

Burgers & Sandwiches

<p>Pub Burger Grass fed local beef, Irish Cheddar, lettuce, smoked tomato relish, pickle, burger sauce 13 add bacon 2.5</p> <p>Chicken Wrap Marinated chicken breasts, curry mayo, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, goat cheese, flour tortilla 13</p> <p>Lamb Burger Roasted red peppers, kalamta olives, lettuce, red onion, cucumber yogurt sauce, goat cheese 15</p> <p>Nelly's Club Marinated chicken breast, garlic aioli, bacon, lettuce, tomato, mozzarella, on toasted focaccia 15</p>	<p>The Reuben Shaved Montreal smoked meat, pickles, sauerkraut, melted swiss, Thousand island dressing on marble rye 15</p> <p>Smoke Burger Grass fed local beef, whiskey bbq sauce, smoked cheddar, thick cut bacon, crispy onions, burger sauce, lettuce, pickle 14</p> <p>Veggie Nut Burger Lettuce, pickle, tomato, sriracha mayo, smoked tomato relish 13</p>
---	---

Burgers & Sandwiches are served with fries.
Substitute tossed greens, basmati rice.
Upgrade to Caesar salad, roasted vegetables or roasted potatoes 2.50
Sweet potato fries, Arugula salad, Bacon Potato Leek soup, Beet & Goat cheese salad 3.00

Entrees

Fish & Chips
Beer battered local haddock, pub cut fries, creamy coleslaw & tartar sauce 15

Rum Glazed Atlantic Salmon
Sailor Jerry's glaze, roasted red potatoes and roasted root vegetables 19

Pan Fried Haddock
Basmati rice, roasted root vegetables, lemon brown butter 16

Guinness Braised Lamb Shank
Slow cooked Lamb, champ potatoes & roasted root vegetables, demi 19

Bangers & Mash
House made bratwurst, Guinness mustard, champ potatoes, roasted vegetables, caramelized onion, demi 16

10oz Strip Loin
Char broiled grass fed local beef, pub cut fries, garlic aioli, sauteed onions & mushrooms, beef demi 24

Irish Poutine
Gnocchi, Quebec cheese curds, pulled lamb, crème fraiche, beef demi 14

Maritime Fish Cakes
Haddock & Salmon potato cakes, lemon aioli, smoked tomato relish, house salad & house greens 14

Irish Lamb Stew
Tender lamb leg, root vegetables, rich lamb broth, Guinness brown bread 17

Shepherd's Pie
Grass fed NS beef, peas, corn, golden champ potatoes, house salad 15

Pub Style Chicken Curry
Mild butter chicken curry, cucumber yogurt sauce, grilled naan, rice or fries 15

Soups & Salads

<p>Beet & Goat Cheese Local greens, maple walnuts & mulled wine vinaigrette 12</p> <p>Cobb Salad Grilled chicken, blue cheese, tomato, bacon, egg & yogurt chive dressing 13</p> <p>Arugula Salad Sesame cashews, goat cheese, ginger-lime dressing, dried berries & wonton crisps 13</p>	<p>Caesar Salad creamy garlic dressing, bacon, croutons, parmesan 12</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Nelly's Seafood Chowder Shrimp, scallop, haddock, potatoes with Guinness brown bread 14 cup 8</p> </div> <p>Bacon Potato Leek Soup Bacon lardons, potato crisps, chives, Guinness brown bread 10 cup 6</p>
--	--

*'Laughter
is
brightest
where food
is
best'*

- Irish Proverb