

neighbours agreed that they were so grateful for the quality of their roofs that they could forgive the eyecore that was Cameron's so they let it be.

The town carried on like this for many years and the neighbours often saw Cameron atop her roof fixing something and tying down something else but it never seemed to be properly repaired.

Eventually the neighbours had had enough and called a town meeting. The rest of the townfolk were reluctant to attend and embarrassed Cameron as she was such a valued tradesperson; no-one ever had any complaints and

everyone who met her said she was very kind, if a little quiet.

Eventually the time came for Cameron to answer to the complaints of her neighbours and, as graciously as she carried out her work, she stood at the front of the hall and spoke for the longest that anyone had heard.

"There are holes in my roof so the red squirrels can hide from cats and hawks. My edges are scraggly so the house martins, swifts, and swallows can shelter from the rain. The thatch is loose so the sparrows have somewhere to raise their young. The birds and squirrels use my house to thrive and in turn sing us awake

Many years ago there was a Thatcher called Cameron who was the best at her craft. She had the tightest nettings and the neatest ridges and was always in demand. The only roof not in tip-top-shape was her own.

Though her neighbours admired her work on their own houses, they did not appreciate Cameron's roof. It had emerging holes, scraggly edges, and loose thatch which might fly away with any strong wind. Cameron's

and eat the flies and beetles pestering our gardens. We need each other and if every roof was as tight and neat as I make all of yours the creatures would have nowhere to go."

The town heard this and all agreed that Cameron was right; it is better to have an ugly roof and happy creatures than a pristine but barren community. To this day the community are proud of Cameron's scraggly sanctuary roof.

Inspired by 'Thomas the Thatcher' from Dancing With Trees by Allison Galbraith & Alette J. Willis

The Conscientious Thatcher

Hailing from Scotland

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HOW TO FOLD & READ THIS ZINE



This zine is designed to be printed double sided on one sheet of A4.

Start by folding 8 equal rectangles, 2x4, so that all the folds bend happily both ways.

Fold along the middle short fold and cut from the centre, half way down so that you meet the next short folds.

Open this out all the way and bend the 2 end folds and 2 middle folds in the same direction so you are left with a square shaped space.

Squash this square so you have a cross then squash the cross so it folds together like a book with page 1 as the front page. Do the same from the other side to read the rest!

If your bonfire night vibe is well done for trying, hope you had a good one.

The US elected Trump, Israel continued genociding, the ICC issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu, the UK Parliament voted to progress legalising assisted dying, and one of my oldest friends got married in a massive Abbey. What a whirlwind.

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ECHOES IN OUR TIME

FOLKTALES & VERSE

A zine by Rowan Prescott Hedley



5B

Because they spent so much time outside
 Sometimes they'd get rained on but their clothes just dried
 I guess it wasn't as burny as it is now
 But she also told us they'd try to get sun burnt!
 They'd wear less clothes and stay out too long
 And some of them used oil to make the burn more strong
 We can't do that now, it would really hurt!
 Some things they did were really cool
 But I'm glad I only have to learn about them at school."

4B

ever go outside?
 They must have known that Or, were they just braver than us?
 Last week we learned about fruit, and I thought it was really scary.
 I was thinking about how lucky we are to even be here
 When people in the past were just eating whatever they came near
 No labels, strange shapes, sometimes out of the ground
 It's so good that we don't do that now
 My teacher told us that

3B

That these otherworldly creatures just roamed
 Mere metres away from people's own homes
 "That would be terrifying!
 Imagine hearing the creatures' noises
 After curfew, some of them flying around
 How would you ever be able to go to sleep
 With anything other than barren silence
 Of the universal streets?
 Imagine knowing something could land on you at any time!
 Why did older days people

2B

"Ta-wi-ta-wool!"
 Baad! Moool!"
 Aimee was learning the sounds of the past
 She loved learning in VR
 Everything was so much more vivid
 Though obviously not at all realistic
 She knew historians had tried their best
 But they couldn't possibly really have meant

ORIGINAL POEM
 The Past's a Different World

SPOTLIGHT

The ICC issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu! The Chief Prosecutor said this is simply equal application of clear international law towards leaders of Israel and Hamas. The warrants relate to actions since 7th Oct '23 and of the five, three are for Hamas leaders. All 3 have already been killed by Israel, so real equal application of the law would have been intervening decades ago, following 1947-8 and the Nakba.

It is also worth noting that there has been an arrest warrant out for Putin since March 2023.

6B

RECOMMENDATIONS

Bread and Roses (2023) - a documentary of life under the Taliban for 3 women in Afghanistan. Filmed almost entirely by the women themselves, it was brought to life by director Sahra Mani, Jennifer Lawrence, and Malala Yousafzai.

'Tavern' (2024) Patty Gurdy - Patty's second album is all I've been listening to for the last week. Stand outs are 'Brighter Days Come', 'I Am with You', 'Up to the Stars', and as a fellow seaside girlie 'Find me some Pretty Girls'.

7B

OTHER THOUGHTS & HELPFUL INFO



Local libraries: vital community spaces of knowledge and support. Use them when you can!

QueerAF: an online journalism network platforming queer creatives and changing media.



Jessamyn Stanley: fat, black, and accessible yoga - The Underbelly.



BreakThrough News: platforming poor, working-class communities and social justice movements.

Good Law Project: using law to make a fairer and greener UK.



Disability Rights UK: disabled collective who influence positive national change.



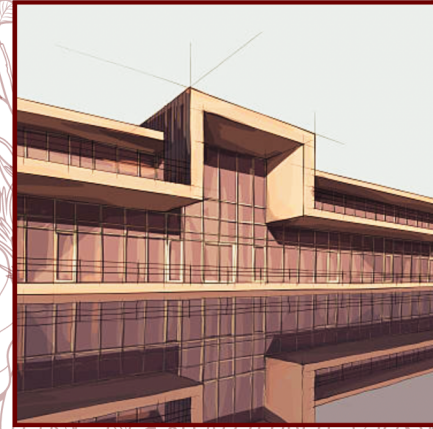
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 THE B - SIDE

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