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2nd Jan 1941

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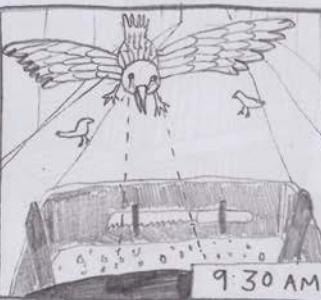
The Grangetown community saw a great loss on the evening of January 2nd 1941 when German planes dropped bombs destroying life and property all over town. This neighbourhood before this attack was full of life, a hub of activity with people living together in a shared wartime struggle. Neighbours helped each other, people waited in line, kids went to school, cinemas were active and people exhausted the best they could.

This Zine shows the moments of time leading to the bombing. An ordinary Thursday captured from extraordinary viewpoints.

HOLLYMAN'S HAT

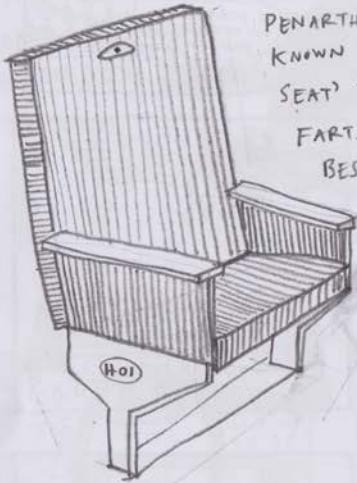
A DISTINCTIVE PART OF THE HEAD BAKERS ATTIRE
AT THE HOLLYMAN BAKERY.

THIS BOWLER HAT SEES
HOW THE BAKERY
BRINGS THE COMMUNITY
TOGETHER.



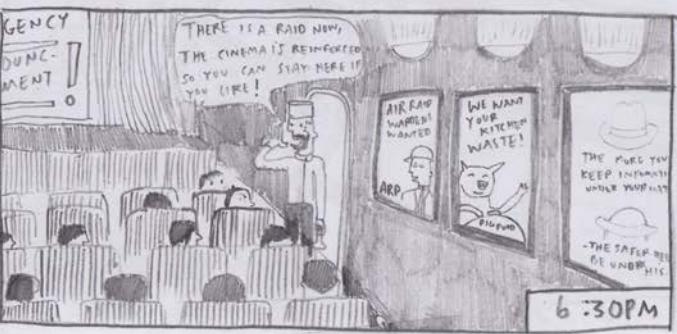
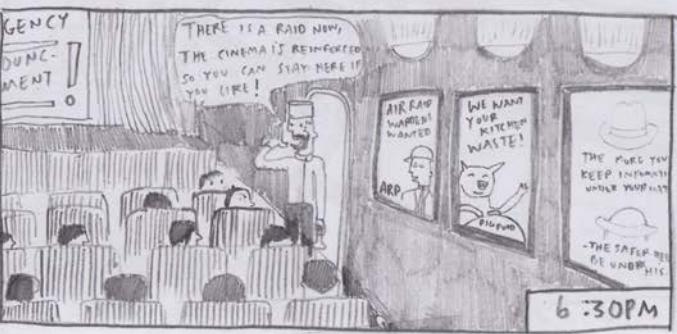
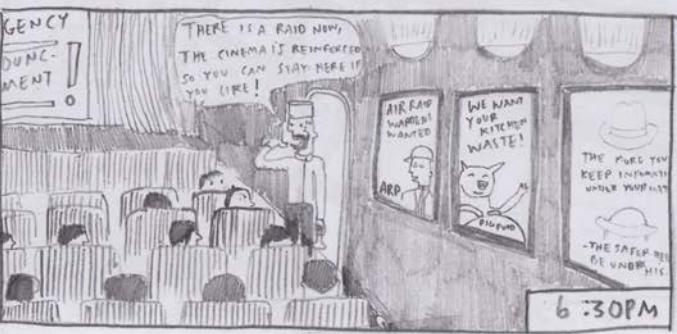
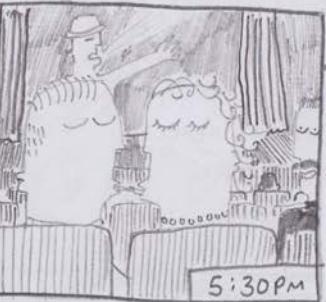
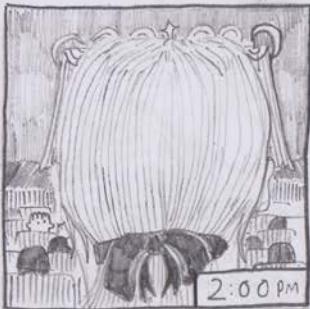
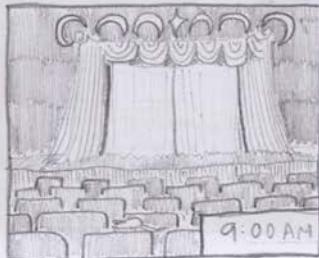
A CINEMA CHAIR

THIS BACK ROW CHAIR WITH UNRAVELLING STITCHES IN THE BUTT CREASE WAS ONE OF 511 SEATS IN THE NINIAN CINEMA ON PENARTH ROAD.



KNOWN AS THE FAVOURABLE 'KISSY-SEAT' THAT SMELLED LEAST OF FARTS + SMOKE. IT HAD THE BEST VIEW OF THE CROWD'S SCREEN.

SIDE NOTE:
IN RECENT YEARS THIS CHAIR WAS RELOCATED VIA 3 RECLAMATION YARDS TO A CINEMA THEMED RESTAURANT IN BANGOR.



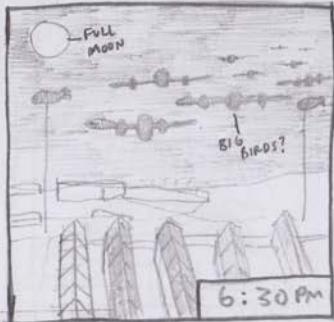
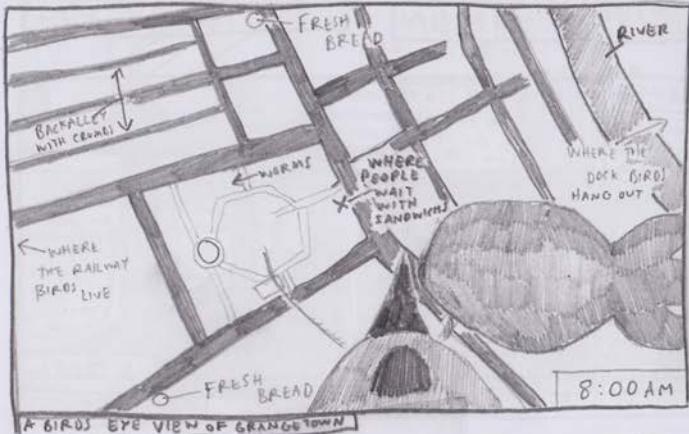
A GRANGETOWN PIGEON

THIS IS
EDDIE, HE'S
A GRANGETOWNNIE

THIS FEATHERED FRIEND
LOVES CRUMBS + WORMS +
POOPING ON FRESHLY
IRONED SHIRTS

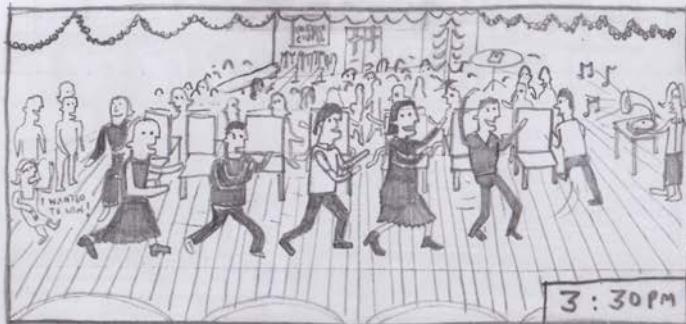
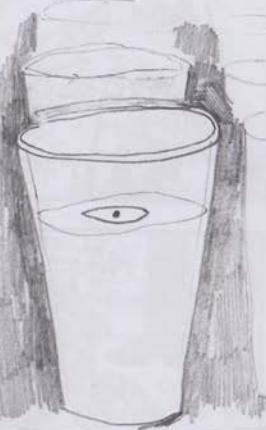
HE SEES FROM
ABOVE + BELOW
+ WHERE PEOPLE
DON'T LOOK.

SIDE NOTE:
HIS DESCENDANTS CURRENTLY
LIVE ABOVE TESCO AT THE END
OF CORPORATION ROAD.

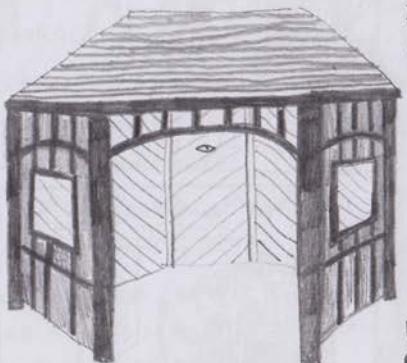


A GLASS OF MILK

POURED A LITTLE BEFORE
3PM ON 2/1/41 WITHIN
THE BASEMENT OF THE
EBENEZER CHAPEL, THIS FULL
GLASS OBSERVED A RARE
CELEBRATION IN THE DEPTH
OF WINTER/WAR.
SIDE NOTE: MADE WITH LOCAL
MILKY NUTRITIOUS WATER.



GRANGE GARDENS TRAM STOP



A MONUMENT SITUATED
IN THE CENTRE OF TOWN.
IT HAS A PERFECT VANTAGE
OVER THE COMINGS + GOINGS
OF THE PEOPLE OF
GRANGETOWN.

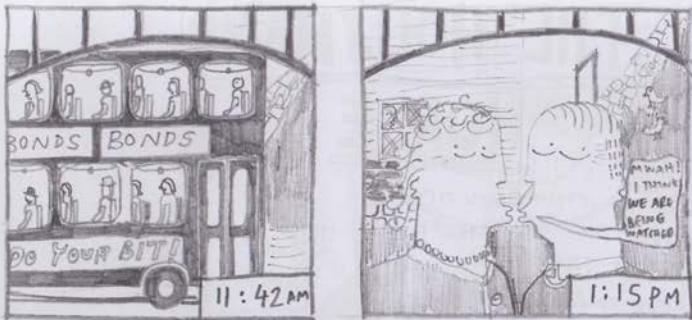
THIS STOP STILL EXISTS.
IT'S A HANDY PLACE TO
HIDE FROM WEIRDOS +
RAIN, EVEN IF IT DOES
SMELL LIKE PEE.



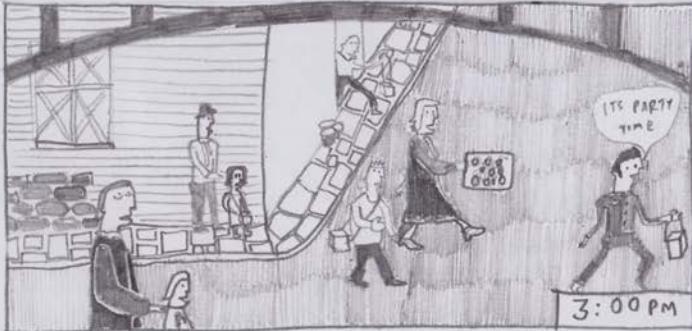
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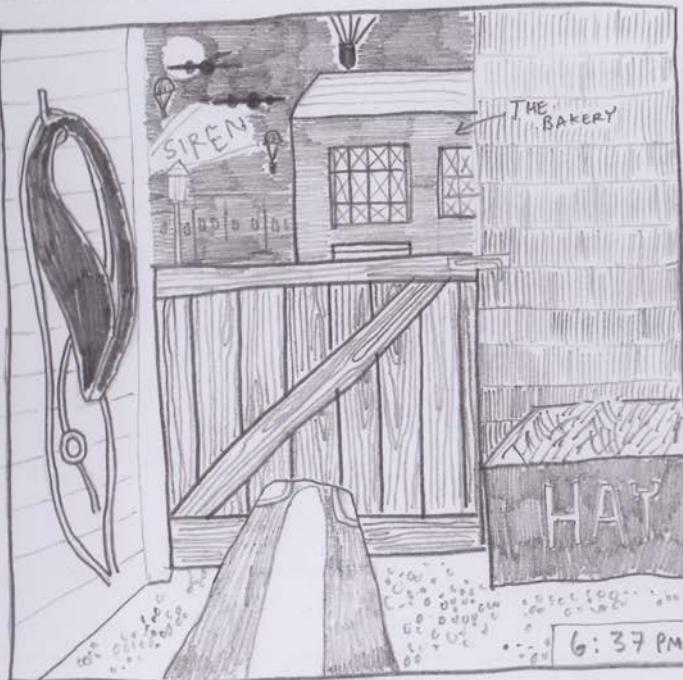
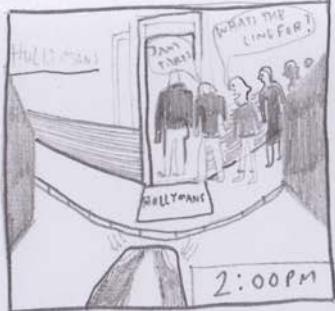
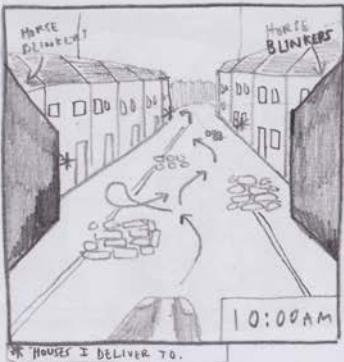


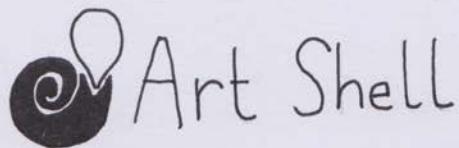
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THE HOLLYMAN'S HORSE

ONE OF TWO BEAUTIFUL STEEDS THAT THE BAKERY USED TO TRANSPORT BREAD TO PEOPLES HOUSES, THIS HORSE SURVIVED THE BOMBING BY THE SKIN OF THEIR TEETH!

SIDE NOTE:
THEY LIKE PETTS ON THE NOSE, APPLES AND THE SMELL OF BURNT BREAD AT 5AM.





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The moments before the
1941 January 2nd bombing
on Grangetown, Cardiff.

From the viewpoint of a trashed,
pigeon, bowler hat, cinema
chair, horse & a glass of milk.
This zine contains facts but also
fabricated information to fill the
historic gaps.

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Alec Stevens 2021.