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Summer finally arrived this week and the British public suddenly became all sun boiled, stuck in traffic jams on irascible family outings.

It's great to be on holiday isn't it? Either you're on one long staycation trying to avoid the Prime Minister and his spawn or you've gone abroad and are facing down two week's quarantine house arrest wherever you're traveling from. Even The Social Gathering's gnostic travel bureau doesn't seem to be able help. Having gone into a dream state hibernation, it looks like stuck in their heads, lost in a period of super contemplation. We did managed one quick moment of deep, nostalgic time travel with the first extract from Madeleine Swift's phenomenal book *The Camp*. A glorious invocation of holiday's past, it managed to lift the weirdness funk of this strange old summer for a few hours.

Apologies if the next week or two is a bit stop-start on the site and with this news letter – we're packing for all weathers and variously braving the elements in a tent on the south coast or on a promenade in the north west. Or, sat around a swimming pool in Essex like something out of *Sexy Beast*, proving you can get all sun boiled and irascible in your own back yard if you try hard enough.



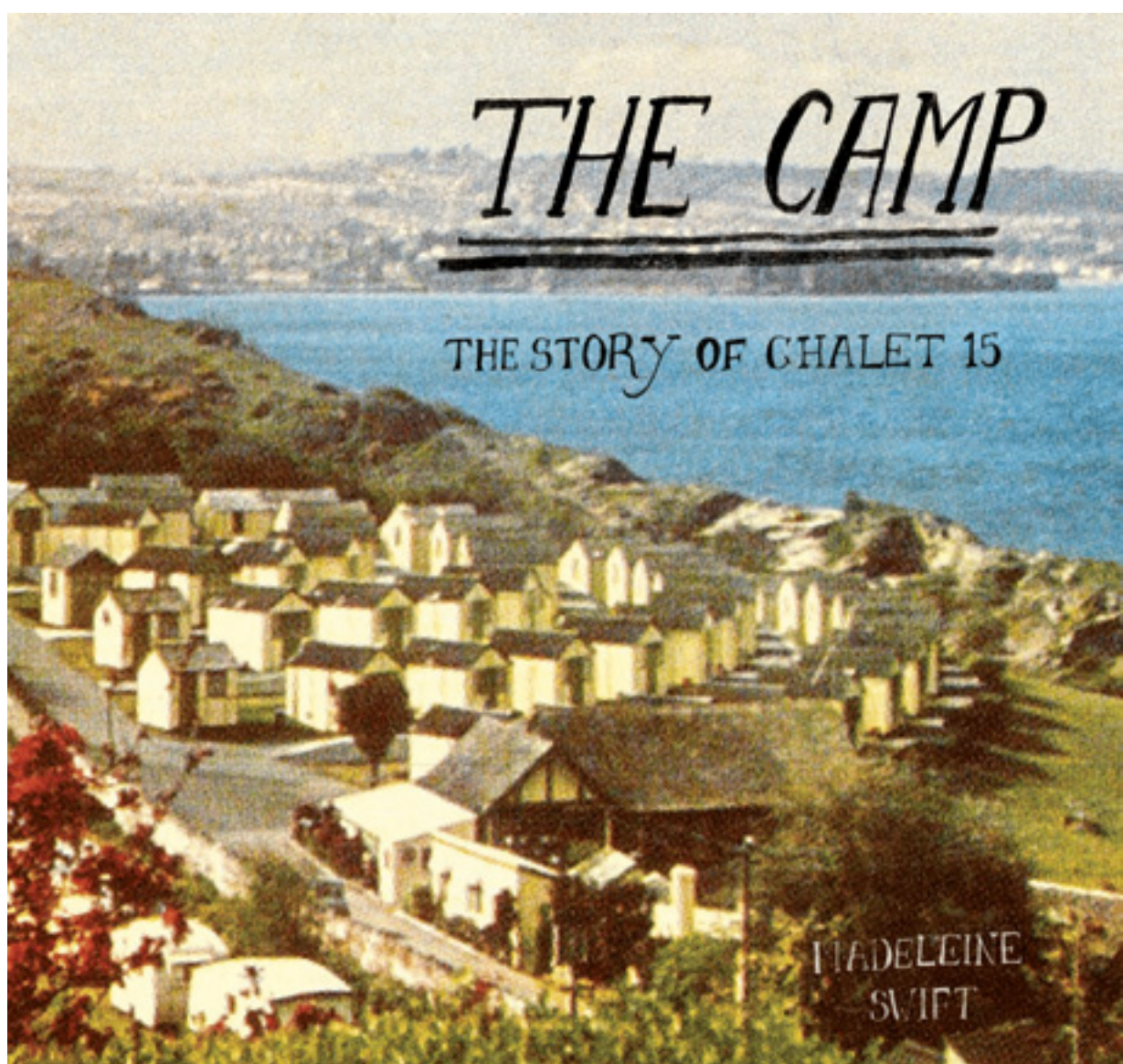
HELP OUT THE HEBDEN BRIDGE TRADES CLUB!

The Trades Club holds a special place in our heart. They are truly excellent at what they do, they do it for all the right reasons and they are VERY good people. They're in a bit of trouble due to COVID-19, [so please do dig deep and support their crowdfunder here if you can](#)

THE CAMP - THE STORY OF CHALET 15

MADELEINE SWIFT

'I was born into a family of farmers and in my early years lived on the family farm with my brother and four cousins. It was idyllic. When I was seven me and my brother had to leave the farm, and so began a difficult year.'



The Camp by **Madeleine Swift** is a gorgeous love letter to old school summer holidays; those wondrous, super-sweet weeks where nothing mattered beyond you and your hastily assembled gang. And, specifically, it's a paean to a place, a piece of nostalgic time travel back to a time before everything was gentrified, trendified and gastrofied. We're running a series of extracts from Madeleine's book over the summer - [Read the first here](#)

THE WASTED TIMES TV GUIDE

LEWIS JAMIESON



'There has always been something irresistible to me about the late 60's / early 70's American period. The chaos, the colour, the threat of insurrection and revolution, the culture clash, all feed into an imagined idea of being truly alive. The contrast with my current day to day is profound.'

[Check out the latest picks](#) from our resident TV expert Mr **Lewis Jamieson**, including *Mrs American*, *Lawless* and *The Plot Against America*

THE MIRACLE OF ST. OVE

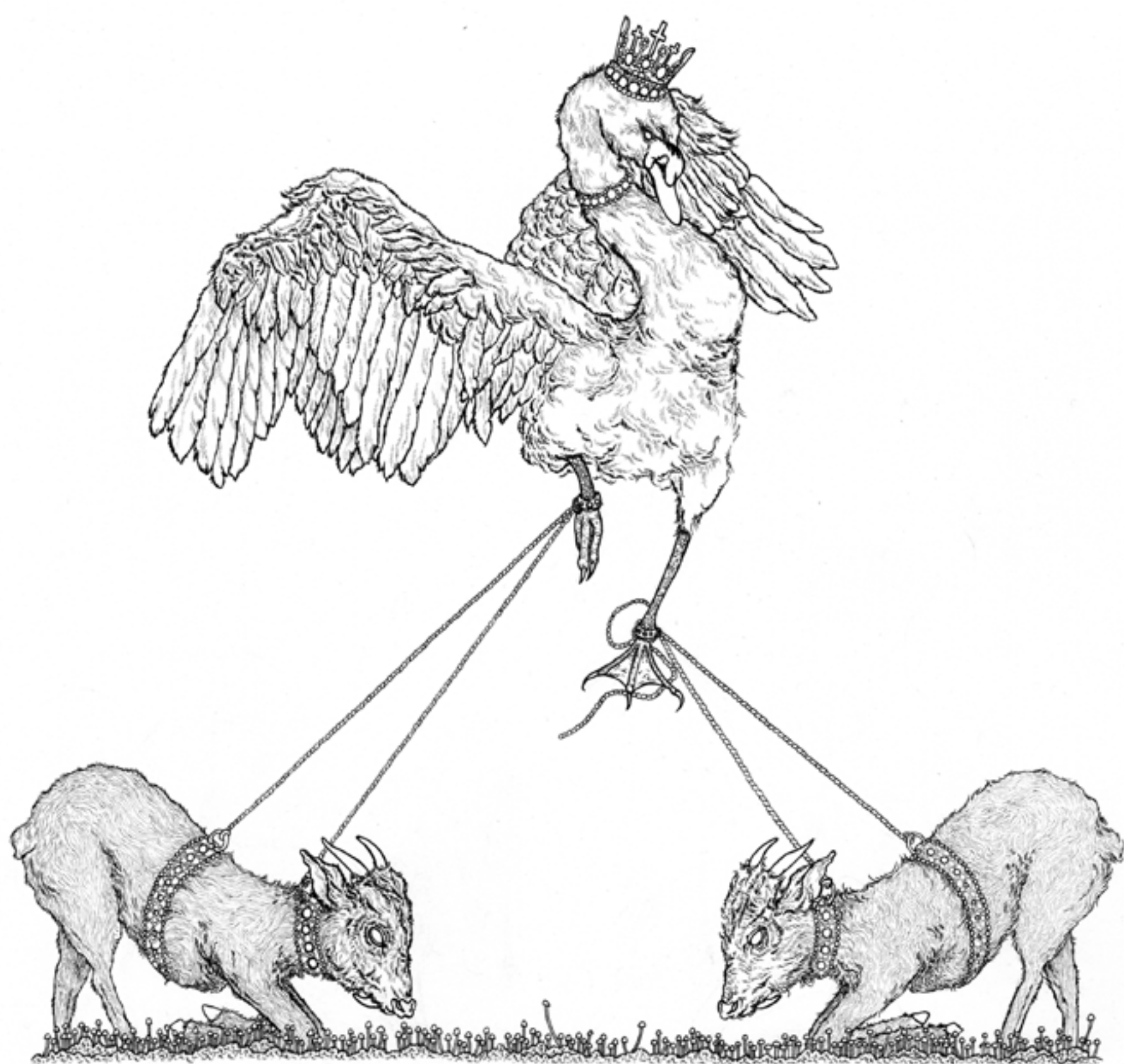
ADAM KILLIP

Artwork by JESS WHITE

'I think it was around this point that we first started trying to convince Cooper to record his songs. But there was always something better to do. Like the night he was locked out and slept in a foxes den.'

How St. Ove became a band: [Read more here,](#)
[and download their track See You Later](#)

– all proceeds will go to St. Mungo's, who are working round the clock right now to get vulnerable homeless people into safe accommodation



THE SILENCE OF THE CANS

KARL HYDE

'A low slung hot black car overtakes on a blind bend beneath the old oak that will one day drop its rotten bones on the road, and only the slow will survive.'

Our latest adventure rambling with Underworld's **Karl Hyde**
[Read it here](#)



COMING SOON: MONOLITHIC UNDERTOW

HARRY SWORD



This week White Rabbit and The Social Gathering were proud to announce the upcoming publication of *MONOLOTHIC UNDERTOW*, the first book from the brilliant **Harry Sword**

A colossal history of ‘the drone’ as it manifests itself in music, ritual and the universe, *Monolithic Undertow* explores the power an audio carrier vessel capable of evoking womb like warmth or cavernous dread alike.

It's out in February 2021 and [available to pre-order now](#), but you can [read an extract on the site](#).

Harry also put together an incredible playlist for our afterwork drinks on Thursday. [Have a listen and embrace the drone!](#)

THIS WEEK HAS BEEN POWERED ON BY...

Time Cow - *Travels* / Paper Lantern pub lunch / Cold water from the fridge / *The Morning Show* / Dougie Poole - *Los Angeles* / *American Pastoral* - Philip Roth / Raspberries / Evening stroll through HS2 land with Will Burns as guide / Kings Head court yard in Aylesbury / The St. One album / Browsing in my favourite second hand bookshop again / Deck Life with Sophie Green / *Summer's Cauldron* - XTC / meeting up at the Tiny Rebel brewery in Newport / gin hand sanitiser / Eddie Chacon's Pleasure, Joy and Happiness / Inspired by Jara / Briiiiiitiish Poooooork / *The Lonely Sea* / Goblins



Tiny Rebel



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