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Insulating effect of the thatch roof.

Because we're under thatch here when it rains you don't hear it, it's very, very quiet and so if I do hear rain hitting the windows I know there is a gale going on, because most of the windows are tucked up under the thatch - it must be going pretty well horizontal to actually hit the glass, so that's when you pull the duvet up.

So it's pretty cosy here?

It is, you don't hear rain, even though the road is just out the back there. I mean you can tell sometimes by the change of tone with the cars with water on the road, but generally you actually have to look, and because the sun doesn't stream through most of the windows it is literally a case of sticking your head out to see what the weather's doing outside; it's very, very quiet in that sense, yes. I mean when you think you've got up to two and a half plus feet of thatch above you, it's a very efficient insulator.