

THE GATEHOUSE NEWSLETTER

OXFORD'S DROP-IN CAFE

Winter 2017/18

Service news

The Gatehouse runners at the Oxford Half

Thanks to the intrepid Gatehouse runners who participated to the Oxford Half Marathon to fundraise for us: Kate, Ed and Chloe. We raised £2,406!

Christmas opening and closure dates

Please remember that the Gatehouse will be closed on Christmas Day. We wish everybody
A Merry Christmas!



Running a marathon? Selling your old books? Singing for the crowds?
Plan your event, fundraise for the Gatehouse. Your help makes a difference.

The Gatehouse presents
THE 2018 CALENDAR
With original artwork by the Gatehouse Art Group. Help us fundraising with this calendar! Donations £5.



Rotary for the Gatehouse
Oxford North Rotary Club's Christmas Sleigh event has raised over £1,000!

Christmas Lunch

The Oxford Food Bank kindly invites everyone to lunch on **Christmas Day** at **the King's Centre Osney, 12.30pm – 4.00pm.**

Call for volunteers

Want to make your spare time even more meaningful during this holiday season? Contact us to volunteer, we need your help.
admin@oxfordgatehouse.org

Call for donations of winter clothes

If you have spare pants, gloves, scarves, hats, please think about donating them to our guests to make their passage through winter less harsh.

Gift-wrap your donations with us on **20 December, 11am-3pm** at the Gatehouse.



The Arts

A tale of the streets

Deep inside a twisted mind
Darkness falls but cannot find
Peace nor calm, success nor favour
Forced to be on best behaviour

Damp and cold draw winter nights
Alcohol and barroom fights
Bloodied faces, narcotic traces
Scouring streets for sheltered places

Old and young, and black and white
Violence on the streets at night
All around, the students sing
I'm in a bag tied up with string

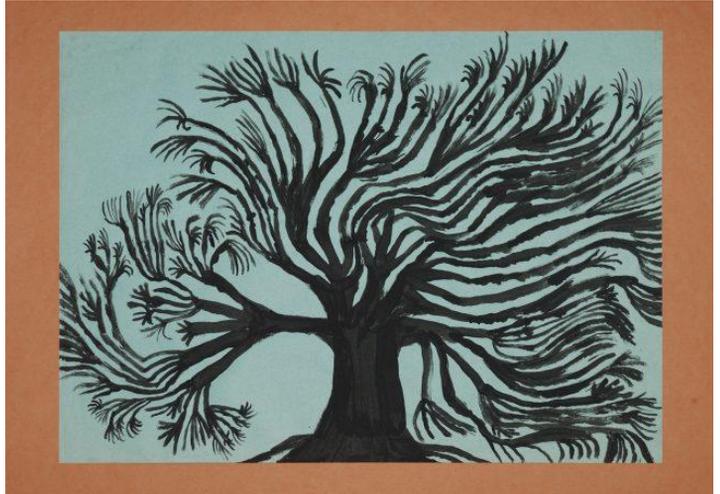
Concrete beds and cardboard boxes
Scavenging, like urban foxes
Waking bells ring hour by hour
Cleanliness, without a shower

Shabby clothing, dirty skin
Hide the human far within
Council staff, instead of cops
Paid to move us on from shops

Tents no more – We had eviction
Forced to town, and face conviction
The weakest faces – now no use
– many stories of abuse

Pitiful, destined to fail
Will no one listen to our tale?

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