

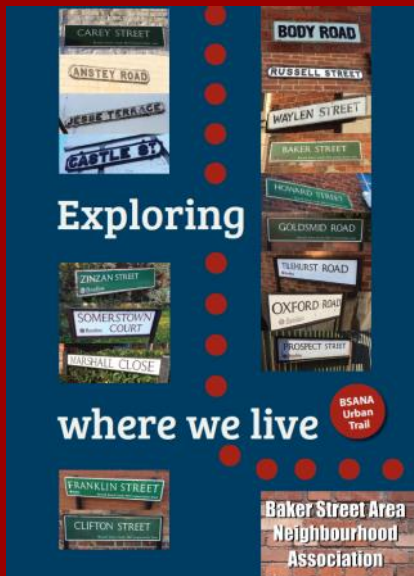


Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

BSANA Heritage Day 2017

Have a walkabout in the neighbourhood with our new book designed for children and adults to take a fun and insightful look: **Exploring Where We Live**

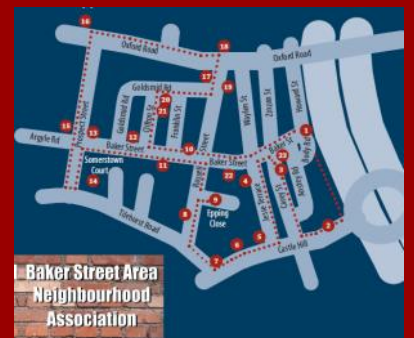
Meet from 2pm at the Oasis for a 2:30pm departure to get in with a group for an hour (and a bit) tour of our fascinating neighbourhood! Back for tea by 4pm, meet the book's author and have a chat and survey about the new first draft of the **Russell Street—Castle Hill Conservation Area Reappraisal**. See leaflet insert for details of the consultation on the reappraisal.



Did you know...

- where refugee Catholic priests escaped from the French Revolution?
- where jockeys for Reading's horse racing used to meet?
- where iron bars prevented children falling out of a nursery window?
- where a pioneer of photography had his studio in the 1840s?

You're about to discover a whole lot more about this part of Reading!
... from the fascinating history of many local buildings to the varied architectural styles of this neighbourhood.



Sunday 9th April 2017, from 2pm

Meet at the Oasis (corner of Baker Street and Carey Street)

Organised walk from 2:30pm

Tea and reappraisal chat at 4pm

RAYS - "Reading Adopt Your Street" is here!

RAYS is a fabulous new programme from Reading Borough Council. BSANA is recruiting participants in our neighbourhood in the upcoming months at most of our events. RAYS is all about adopting the care and litter-picking on your street for a minimum clean up of once a month. Help make your streets cleaner with your neighbours! The Council will provide us with litter picking equipment, plastic bags, gloves and high-vis jackets.

Anyone interested in participating in the RAYS programme please email cleanstreets@bsana.org. You can also email RAYS@reading.gov.uk or call (0118) 937 3534 .

Join our mailing list

We will keep you up to date about any upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer. Send your email address to contact@bsana.org

Spring Fling

a family fun
arts & crafts event

April 29 from 2-4:30

Chatham Place Green
(Oxford Road and the IDR)

Come and make some flowers for
your hair, or for your mum!
then have a dance around
a real Maypole along with us!

Sponsored by **BSANA** and **JELLY** -
get tickets and register at Eventbrite:

<https://bsanaspringfling.eventbrite.co.uk/>
Tickets are free!

with nibbles and treats from: **Nomad Bakery** by Pop-Up
Reading!



BSANA BBQ and AGM

We would like to cordially invite you to our annual AGM meeting, Tuesday the 23rd of May at the Reading Association for the Blind, Walford Hall, on Carey Street near Castle Hill at 6:30pm

To entice you this year we'll be having one of our fabulous (always halal) BBQ's along with the event! So – don't cook- bring the family along- and have a great evening catching up with the neighbours!

Grab your food from 6:30pm and at 7pm, there will be a brief business update, voting Committee members in, a quick version of our annual "State of the Neighbourhood Address." There will be a chance for you to voice your opinions - good or bad - about the neighbourhood and community events. Councillor Tony Page will be along to give us a quick update on "all things Reading" and field a question or two!

BSANA is generously funded by the People's Health Trust, but we need your ideas on how best to spend funds to benefit our community and coming together as neighbours. This is the perfect chance to weigh in on ideas you have to improve activities and events that make a difference to our community. Therefore, we cannot stress this enough, it is vital that we see you there! So, please come join us and help us continue to be the best neighbourhood association in Reading!

Last but not least! We would like to invite you in honouring our neighbour, Mayor Mohammed Ayub, for a year of outstanding service to the town.

Are you motivated to do more? Be a committee member, or help run an event or two? Please drop a note to committee@bsana.org prior to the meeting as we have positions available and are looking for a Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Green Streets Committee Chair and a Community Liaison Officer! Come along and make a difference!

The meeting is open to anyone within the BSANA area.

Tuesday, 23rd May 2017

Reading Association for the Blind, Walford Hall, on Carey Street near Castle Hill

Time: 6:30-9:00pm



FREE Front Garden Planter/Window Box

We are in production on window boxes and planters this spring - so if you still want a FREE window box or planter— contact greenstreets@bsana.org to request one!

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH

 **The Oasis**
a meeting place in your community



EAT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

ARTISAN COMMUNITY FOOD FAIR

CELEBRATE GREAT FOOD FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS

DELICIOUS JAMS,
FUDGE & CONFECTIONERY,
AMERICAN PANCAKES,
BREAD & BAKES AND MORE

**SATURDAY 6TH
MAY 2017
9 TIL 12**

**THE OASIS
BAKER STREET
RG1 7XT**



Artisan Community Food Fair

Warning, delicious food ahead!

Here at BSANA we are pleased to announce our next Artisan food fair coming up! As announced, this is now happily a regular BSANA event. The next event will be on **Saturday 6th May** from **9am—12pm**. Treats will include free tea and coffee. Fresh bread from the Nomad Bakery, delicious homemade chutneys & jams and fudge galore! And more! And if that isn't enough, grab a pancake stack from Hack the Stack Pancake stand. You will definitely not be disappointed!



The Positive Power of Graffiti Removal!

Of the many successes BSANA has had - a few battles seem never to be won ... But here is a great win that will make **everyone** smile!

BSANA successfully removed the graffiti from five locations as part of our recent "Reading Rescue Goes Graffiti Busting" event!

Our Graffiti Removal Crew worked along Zinzan Street and Carey Street with our new graffiti removing kit. Since, we have begun to see a tidying of properties happening. Here's hoping even more neighbours and landlords will be inspired!

If you see graffiti, it needs to be removed immediately! If you need a hand with removing it, we are ready to go! Please get in touch with our Clean Streets team by emailing cleanstreets@bsana.org



Tai Chi: Body and Brain Yoga

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Thrilled that our new Tai Chi classes are starting this coming **Thursday 13 April** from 2-3pm! Classes will be every other week and the first dates will be: **April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25 and June 8 & 22.**

Body & Brain Yoga and Ki Gong is rooted in Korean Taoist tradition which develops the full potential of the brain, eliminates stress, and revitalises the body. Through physical training we release deep tensions, strengthen and detox the body, and develop flexibility. This allows our bodies and minds to become happy, healthy and peaceful. The classes are focussed in Yoga, Ki Gong, Meditation and Vibration and combine East Asian healing and energy philosophies.

These classes are for young and old, the able and the not so able. The aim is not to become super fit, or to gain the perfect physique but to simply focus on what is really important: your health.

We are hoping to host these classes on a long-term basis, but we'll need a good attendance to keep them running. So get excited and bring a friend!

For BSANA residents, we are reducing the £8 per class to just £3! Be quick and register by emailing BSANA at taichi@bsana.org

Location: Reading Association for the Blind, Walford Hall,
Carey Street, Reading, RG1 7JS

Clothing: comfortable, come as you are!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tesco tokens!



From now to the end of April: be sure and use your Tesco tokens to **vote for our local Reading Association for the Blind ...** in their bid to create beautiful mosaic tiles for the front of Walford Hall as part of the Walford Hall Makeover Scheme!

Games & Chat

- Wednesdays 10am—12pm
The Pavilion, Oxford Road
- Fridays 12pm—2pm
The Oasis, Baker Street
- Fridays 7pm—10pm
The Oasis, Baker Street

Come along, play games and have a chat about local issues. We have games that are fun & easy to learn. Tea, coffee & nibbles available.



Oxford Road Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

The NAG is composed of volunteers and interested residents looking to make a difference in their community. At meetings we meet with Police, local Councillors and Council Officers to discuss your local issues. Join other BSANA residents already attending these meetings.

- **Wednesday 29th March 2017**, 7pm at The Salvation Army Centre, 522 Oxford Road (opposite Brock Barracks).
- **Tuesday 2nd May 2017**, 7pm at The Oasis, Baker Street.



Calling all green fingers! BSANA IDR Bridge Planting

The planters on the bridge are seen by lots of people and greatly appreciated. Meet here to put in plants for the summer to brighten them up the bridge. All welcome. If you have them, bring a trowel and wear gloves, but you are welcome even if you don't have them.

Sunday 28th May 2017, 10am – 12:30pm



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