



# Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

**BSANA Supper Club**



**Saturday 26 November, from 7:45 pm**  
£15 for a 7 course meal (BYOB)  
Tickets are limited, so get in touch  
with [supperclub@bsana.org](mailto:supperclub@bsana.org) to secure yours!

We very excited about this idea and tickets are already being bought up at a fast rate! We are starting a new Supper Club in the Baker Street Area and everyone is welcome to join!

The idea is simple. Every couple of months, our friends and neighbours Laura & Josep from Pop-up Reading will be designing a menu based on one resident's life experiences. We will be advised of the theme, but final dishes will remain secret, so you will discover flavours and your fellow neighbours at the same time.

To show us how it will work, Laura and Josep will start this off with a menu called 'Abruzzo to Veneto', which tells the story Laura's Italian roots. The event will be in a private home, so tickets are limited and advance ticket sales are imperative to receive location details! BYOB!

## **BSANA Festive Party**

Thursday, 15 December 2016

7-9 pm at the Oasis in Baker Street

*Join us for a great evening, with a quiz and raffle.*

*There will be lots of free food and (non alcoholic) drinks.*

## CONTAMINATION OF RED BINS OR BOXES

We've been advising you of upcoming changes to your rubbish and recycling collections which will be rolled out next February in the BSANA area. The Council will not pick up a red bin that has been contaminated going forward so it is very important to understand how to deal with this problem. We've spoken with the Council for guidance and this is what they advise:

***"If your red bin or box is contaminated it will not be emptied until the contaminants are removed. Place the contaminants inside your grey bin for the next collection."***

***To de-contaminate your bins you need to refer to the collection calendar you've received or a contamination sticker posted on your bins. Review the pictures of what can and cannot be recycled and go through your recycling waste removing the items that are not recyclable from the red bin. You can then present the decontaminated bin or box for the next regular recycling pick-up and you are back in business."***

***If at the end of this exercise you have too much recycling to fit in the red bin for the next collection you can present any excess recycling in cardboard boxes or a clear plastic bag next to your red bin or box."***



## LISTED BUILDING TRANSGRESSIONS

Did you know that you could likely incur a hefty fine and enforcement action if you remove a window, change down-pipes, mount a satellite dish or create a new room in your older home? Well if you are living in a listed property, this can be very much the case.

BSANA constantly promotes the fact that we are each residents of a very special place – the somewhat hidden “jewel” of the Russell Street/Castle Hill Conservation Area. Within this area some of the brightest gems are the roughly 75-100 listed buildings dotted throughout our streets. These properties form a wide array of many early to late Georgian properties- places of worship, retail properties and homes in both single and multiple occupancy that are of note for their history, beauty and age.

These properties have extra protection with strict rulings to protect them for everyone. Sadly, there have recently been a number of property modifications which have abused some of our finest local buildings. You can be the subject of enforcement and/or a hefty fine if you undertake anything beyond simple redecoration. We recommend you contact the Council with any questions before undertaking renovations. Find out more about your and/or your landlord's responsibilities at: [www.reading.gov.uk/conservationareas](http://www.reading.gov.uk/conservationareas)

Even if you live in an older un-listed building in the area, please think twice about renovations because once history is gone - it never come back. Please protect our heritage for the current and future residents of our neighbourhood.

# SAFE STREETS

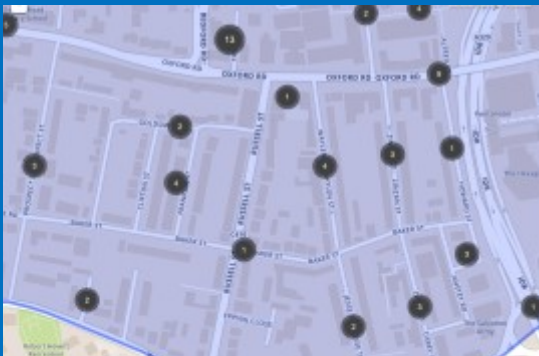
## CALLING 101

This is a sample map of our area from earlier this year issued by the Police and available on

[www.police.uk/thames-valley/N464](http://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N464)

Each number represents one call to 101 over a month period. As the Police cannot be everywhere, they use maps such as this to prioritise their staffing.

If you know that crime or ASB is happening on your street- but there are low numbers reported, it shows one thing—you aren't calling and the Police may assume everything is okay on your street — and that you don't have any issues. So, if you want the police's attention, take the time to call!



# GREEN STREETS



Thanks to those who turned out to plant the IDR planters for the winter. We can't wait for the daffodils in the spring!!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New ideas and other offers of help are very welcome! Email us at [contact@bsana.org](mailto:contact@bsana.org)

# CLEAN STREETS

## RATS ... A CHECK UP

While the rats have never entirely left us, BSANA and the Council have been pleased to note that after last years work with Thames Water and a door knocking campaign to try to get people to rat-proof their properties better. This summer has been much better.

We have had a few isolated reports of rats appearing in the area this time further west of Waylen Street along Baker Street and Russell Street. Have the rats moved? Is this a major problem? Please let us know so we can work with the Council to investigate. The Council no longer has a dedicated pest control officer. If you have a rat problem, see the Council's website at [www.reading.gov.uk/pests](http://www.reading.gov.uk/pests) which will encourage you to engage with their nominated pest control company, SDK to arrange an appointment.

We urge caution in dealing with rats on your own- and using non- professional services. Rats have become highly resistant to many of the poisons commonly available on the market- and in fact, by using poisons incorrectly, you can actually be inviting the pests to your home- as the rats are immune and consider many of the lesser poisons now as food!

Please contact us with your issues by writing to [cleanstreets@bsana.org](mailto:cleanstreets@bsana.org). Also, we have on hand leaflets from the Council on how best to protect your home and property from rats- All you have to do is ask- and we'll pop a leaflet through your door!



## FREE FRONT GARDEN PLANTER/WINDOW BOX

We are in production on window boxes and planters this winter- so if you still want a FREE window box or planter- contact [greenstreets@bsana.org](mailto:greenstreets@bsana.org) to request one!

## CAROL SINGING

Friday 16 Dec ember, 7pm at The Oasis

It's that time of year again! Each year BSANA joins up with Carey Baptist Church to sing our favourite holiday tunes around the neighbourhood. We will meet at the Oasis to receive our candles and songbooks and set off to sing. We've then been invited to the Oasis annual Christmas party afterwards if you wish to join in. Carolling is always fun - and we look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Lantern Making Workshop  
for Light Up Reading Parade

Saturday 19th November  
10am to 12pm

Join jelly artists in a family workshop for BSANA residents to create your own lantern for a very special parade with Santa taking place in Reading Town centre on Sat 3rd December

Refreshments during the workshop provided by Pop-Up Reading

Book here:

[www.bsanalightupreading.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.bsanalightupreading.eventbrite.co.uk)

Or contact [emma@jelly.org.uk](mailto:emma@jelly.org.uk)

Using the code: [bsanalanterns](#)



## 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](mailto:contact@bsana.org)



Email  
[contact@bsana.org](mailto:contact@bsana.org)

Web site  
[www.bsana.org](http://www.bsana.org)

## FESTIVE TREATS BAKING CLASS



Saturday, 3 December 2016

1-5pm at The Oasis in Baker Street

Surprise your loved ones this festive season with some sweet delicacies from Sweden made by you! A baking class where you will learn about and taste Swedish pastries. You will go home with some recipes and your own pastries. All levels welcome!

The class will be for free, but there will be limited tickets available, so you need to book your place.

Email [cooking@bsana.org](mailto:cooking@bsana.org) to book.

## GAMES & CHAT NIGHTS

Fridays 7pm at The Oasis, Baker Street

The Oasis has a games library with many of your favourites. The games are easy to learn, and there's always someone there to show you how to play. Free tea & coffee provided and there's a chance to chat about what's happening locally.

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