



# Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association



## **BSANA SUMMER SPRUCE 2017**

*Saturday 9 September from 10am-2pm*

*Volunteers meet in front of The Oasis, 21 Baker Street*

We are delighted that Reading Borough Council have agreed to work with us again this year (at cost price) on what is our 5th annual Summer Spruce. Together we can help get rid of old mattresses and other rubbish from your front garden. See page 2 for details of how to notify us and what can and can't be collected.



The Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association's activities are supported by our generous grant from the People's Health Trust using money raised by HealthStrength Community Interest Company through The Health Lottery.

# Summer Spruce

*Have you got junk to get rid of?*



We are grateful for this cooperation with Reading Borough Council by which your neighbours in BSANA can take it away for you. To have your stuff collected on the day you **MUST** notify us in advance by :

- TEXTING or PHONING to Sam at 0755 7957 462, or
- EMAILING us at [SummerSpruce@bsana.org](mailto:SummerSpruce@bsana.org)

## What we can take includes:

- Mattresses
- Furniture
- Most electrical goods
- General broken and useless items

## What we can't take includes:

- Computer screens and Televisions
- Refrigerators and Freezers
- Large amounts of green waste
- General Household Waste



## Oxford Road Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

NAGs are volunteer working groups made up of local residents and representatives from the Police, Reading Borough Council and other organisations, such as local businesses, community groups, Neighbourhood Watch Groups, schools and other voluntary organisations. If you have a local issue, or just want to know what's happening, **join other BSANA residents attending these meetings.**

**Wednesday 20 September 2017 19:00 at The Oasis, 21 Baker Street, Reading**



## Residents are adopting their streets with new **RAYs** scheme

The new RAYS scheme (**Reading Adopt Your Street**) is a partnership between local residents to help keep our streets tidy. Reading Council will still do all the street cleaning it already does. In addition, it will now provide residents with bags, litter pickers, etc. as long as we agree to clean a street (or two) at least once a month. It's only a matter of picking up litter and popping it in the bags provided and then putting the bags into a council bin to be collected as normal.

In BSANA, we announced this in our last newsletter and people are already signing to clean a street. However there are still streets left and our aim is to have every street covered.

So, as you clean one street, someone else is cleaning every other street and the whole area looks pristine. If you would like to help and become part of the scheme, please email [cleanstreets@bsana.org](mailto:cleanstreets@bsana.org) and let us know which streets you would like to do. If you can give us a choice, in case someone else has agreed to do your first choice, that would be appreciated.

Remember, if streets are generally clean, that discourages others from dropping litter, so they tend to remain cleaner.

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EVENTS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



# EAT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

ARTISAN COMMUNITY FOOD FAIR

CELEBRATE GREAT FOOD FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2017  
9 TIL 12**

**THE OASIS  
BAKER STREET  
RG1 7XT**



## BSANA Running Club

In our continued interest in health and wellbeing, we are continuing in bringing you fitness. One of our beloved members, and committee member, is a long time running enthusiast. We are hoping to bring her expertise out into the streets by holding our own running club.

There are many running clubs in Reading, however, they can be a bit daunting due to their size. So we would like to arrange a smaller running club exclusively for BSANA members and friends. We have not set a date, as we would you to email us with the ideal time of day (Morning, evening, afternoon) and dates that would suit you.

If you are interested and would like to join, please email [running@bsana.org](mailto:running@bsana.org) to register your interest and what time of day and date would suit you. The time/date that most members can do will be the chosen time and date.

## The Positive Power of Graffiti Removal!

If you see graffiti, it is best to get it removed immediately! If you need a hand with removing it please get in touch with our CLEAN STREETS team by



# Jazz event at the Castle Tap

Owing to the success of the Jazz event at the Castle Tap, we are holding it again on the 11<sup>th</sup> August. The Jazz café event was originally thought as an idea in bringing our local back into the community. The jazz is performed by Amber and the professors who specialise not only in Jazz, but also swing and blues. We offer BSANA members a complimentary drink to enjoy the music. So come on down and enjoy the amazing sound produced by Amber and the Professors!!

# Games & Chat Nights

**Fridays 7pm**

**The Oasis**

**Baker St**

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.



A poster for a jazz event. The background is a large, dark silhouette of a piano keyboard. In the center, a woman with short dark hair is singing into a vintage microphone. To the right, there is a stylized illustration of a martini glass with a green olive and a red eye. The text 'Jazz Cafe' is written in large, elegant, light-colored letters. Below that, 'Amber & THE PROFESSORS' is written in a bold, yellow, stylized font. At the bottom, a black box contains the text 'FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 8-10 PM THE CASTLE TAP'. Below the black box, it says 'ONE FREE DRINK FOR BSANA RESIDENTS'.

## 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)

## FREE Front Garden Planter/ Window Box

Planters and window boxes are still in production — so if you want a FREE planter or window box contact

[greenstreets@bsana.org](mailto:greenstreets@bsana.org) to request one!



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