



# Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association



**BSANA's**

W O N D E R F U L W I N T E R

**Lots of ideas for meeting neighbours**

## **BSANA turns five!**

Believe it or not, BSANA has been running for five years. From just a few events per year, there are now many events throughout each month and we are engaging with even more residents. We have a web site, a Facebook page, a community noticeboard, mailing list and regular newsletters are delivered to every house in our area.

**Thanks to everyone for helping to make BSANA a success.**

If you would like to get involved, just contact us (details on back page).

## **BSANA's Winter Wonderland Traditional Tea Dance**

*Come as you are (or wear a bit o' sparkle if you wish!)*

**& bring the family and neighbours along**

**for what promises to be a truly memorable event  
with a sparkly welcome drink  
and full traditional afternoon tea**

*....then feel free to take a spin on the floor with*

**Amber and the Professors**

**at the Castle Tap on Castle Hill from 2-5 p.m....**

**Sunday afternoon, 10 December**





# Red Bows on Our Old Gas Lampposts

BSANA-ville has 3 old vintage lampposts in our area, that a campaign is trying to save from removal and replacement with modern LED lampposts. Red Christmas bows have recently gone up on the 3 lampposts in our area. We have two lampposts on Goldsmid Road and one on Franklin Street. These lampposts were mostly all made by local Reading iron foundries and whilst most of ours in our Conservation Area have gone, we're all for supporting the campaign to save these beauties! There are others slightly further afield on Lorne Street, Argyle Road, Argyle Street and 8 of them on Brunswick Hill!

The campaign has documented a way to save at least the cast iron bases of these old posts even if they do have to be fitted with LED lamps for the future.

If you want to help keep this bit of our heritage, then go to [loveyourlamppost.wordpress.com](http://loveyourlamppost.wordpress.com) to find out more.

There you can go to the "what you can do to help" page to record your feelings about these lampposts and WHY you want them to STAY!

## The Giving Tree at the Castle Tap

From the 10th to the 22nd of December

We will be collecting items for the local foodbank and shelter  
If you would like to donate then please bring

Meals-in-a-can  
Instant Noodles  
Tinned meat, Tinned fish  
Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit  
Instant mashed potato  
Fruit juice (long life)

Breakfast cereals  
Tinned puddings  
Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Instant coffee/Tea bags  
Sugar (500g)  
Biscuits or Snack Bars



In association with Launchpad,  
Reading's Homeless Support Charity  
Registered in England and Wales  
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Registered Charity No. 279859





**THE BAKER STREET AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**INVITES YOU TO COME AND**

**KICK UP YOUR HEELS !!**

**WITH THE WONDERFUL**

**SILVER HEELS!**

*(they were so much fun, we're having them back!!!)*

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

**26 JANUARY**

**8-10 P.M.**

**THE CASTLE TAP**

**120 CASTLE STREET**



....first drink always free to BSANA residents



## **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)**

**Begging - Dog control - Drug activity - Litter  
Motorbike nuisance - Street drinking**

There will soon be a Reading Borough Council consultation about where the new "Public Space Protection Orders" (PSPOs) will be situated in Reading. The PSPOs replace the former "Designated Public Place Orders" (DPPOs), which were alcohol sales and street-drinking control areas. "Anti-Social Behaviour" (ASB) will be more thoroughly targeted as priorities within the new PSPOs. You can read the recent Council report on local ASB here:

[http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/7921/Item-13/pdf/Item\\_13.pdf](http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/7921/Item-13/pdf/Item_13.pdf)  
or ... <http://bit.ly/2BbBe83>

The news PSPO designations and the stepping up of targeting certain types of ASB by the Police and Reading Borough Council and is to be commended. Please be prepared to fill out this critical consultation when it becomes available.

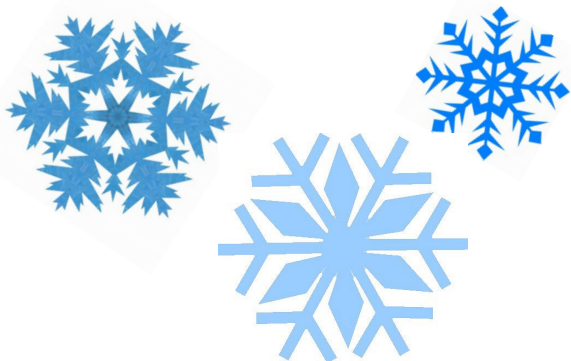
The Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association's activities are supported by our generous grant from the People's Health Trust using money raised by Health Strength Community Interest Company through The Health Lottery.



## **Join our mailing list**

We are really eager to bump up our mailing list and we'd appreciate you giving us your email address. It is the best way to keep informed of upcoming volunteer opportunities and future events. We won't spam you—and we keep our mails to a minimum. Send your email address to [contact@bsana.org](mailto:contact@bsana.org)





## Games & Chat Nights

**Fridays 7pm, 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.



**Café 12**  
**Lunch Club**  
 (over 60s)  
**Every Thursday**  
**11.30 - 2pm**  
**Two course lunch with tea or coffee**  
**£4.00**  
 LifeSpring Church, The Pavilion

## Friday Lunch at the Oasis

**Noon-2pm, The Oasis, Baker Street**

Always something good for a great lunch in a sociable atmosphere. You never know who you might run into...

## Tuesday Café at the Oasis

**1pm to 4pm, The Oasis, Baker Street**

Stop by for a delicious cake and tea and a chat with your neighbours. Cakes from 50p. Always homemade.

**Café 12**  
**Games Morning**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**10am-12pm**  
 at The Pavilion  
 143-145 Oxford Rd, RG1 7UY  
 Free tea, coffee and biscuits  
[www.lifespringchurch.org.uk](http://www.lifespringchurch.org.uk)

# December 2017

**Mon**

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**Sun**

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|   |                          |                                  |   | 1<br><b>Blind Association Christmas Fair (10:30-1pm)</b><br>Oasis Lunch (12-2pm) Oasis Games & chat (7-10pm) | 2  | 3  |
| 4<br><b>Book Launch at The Castle Tap (from 7:30)</b> | 5<br>Oasis Café (1-4pm)  | 6<br>Lifespring Games (10-Noon)  | 7<br>Lifespring Lunch club (11:30-2pm)  | 8<br>Oasis Lunch (12-2pm) Games & Chat night at the Oasis (7-10pm)   | 9  | 10<br><b>BSANA's Winter Wonderland Tea Dance at The Castle Tap (2-5pm)</b> |
| 11  | 12<br>Oasis Café (1-4pm) | 13<br>Lifespring Games (10-Noon) | 14<br>Lifespring Lunch club (11:30-2pm) | 15<br>Oasis Lunch (12-2pm) <b>Oasis Caroling (7:30pm)</b> Games & Chat night at the Oasis (7-10pm)           | 16 | 17   |
| 18  | 19<br>Oasis Café (1-4pm) | 20<br>Lifespring Games (10-Noon) | 21<br>Lifespring Lunch club (11:30-2pm) | 22<br>Oasis Lunch (12-2pm) Games & Chat night at the Oasis (7-10pm)  | 23 | 24   |
| 25  | 26                       | 27                               | 28                                      | 29   | 30 | 31   |





**KEEP CALM  
IT'S  
NEARLY  
CHRISTMAS!**

READING ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND  
Walford Hall, Carey Street, Reading RG1 7JS  
Telephone 0118 957 2960 Email: [funder1@raftb.org](mailto:funder1@raftb.org)

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
2017  
10.30am - 1.00pm

Come along to buy your Christmas gifts and  
treats and support the work of  
Reading Association for the Blind.  
Christmas Refreshments available  
throughout the morning



You are invited to the launch of  
**Whispers of Better Things**  
Green Belts to National Trust:  
How the Hill family changed our world  
by Duncan Mackay, pub. Two Rivers Press

Monday 4 December at 7.30pm  
Castle Tap, 120 Castle Street  
<http://thecastletap.co.uk>

With a short talk by the author at 8pm  
followed by book signings and sales  
Complimentary mulled wine and nibbles

Hosted by Two Rivers Press  
and Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association  
(BSANA)

# January 2018

| Mon | Tue                         | Wed                                     | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   | Sun |
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| 1   | 2                           | 3                                       | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9<br>Oasis Café<br>(1-4pm)  | 10<br>Lifespring<br>Games (10-<br>Noon) | 11<br>Lifespring<br>Lunch club<br>(11:30-2pm) | 12<br>Oasis Lunch (12-2pm)<br>Games & Chat night at the<br>Oasis (7-10pm)  | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16<br>Oasis Café<br>(1-4pm) | 17<br>Lifespring<br>Games (10-<br>Noon) | 18<br>Lifespring<br>Lunch club<br>(11:30-2pm) | 19<br>Oasis Lunch (12-2pm)<br>Games & Chat night at the<br>Oasis (7-10pm)  | 20<br>Sushi Cooking<br>Class at the Oasis<br>(1-3:30pm)         | 21  |
| 22  | 23<br>Oasis Café<br>(1-4pm) | 24<br>Lifespring<br>Games (10-<br>Noon) | 25<br>Lifespring<br>Lunch club<br>(11:30-2pm) | 26<br>Oasis Lunch (12-2pm)<br>Burns Night at the Oasis<br>(7-10pm)<br>Silver Heels at the Castle<br>Tap (8-10pm) | 27<br>Artisan Communi-<br>ty Food Fair at the<br>Oasis (9-12am) | 28  |
| 29  | 30<br>Oasis Café<br>(1-4pm) | 31<br>Lifespring<br>Games (10-<br>Noon) |   |  |   |     |



## Seeking a BSANA Community Liaison Officer

- We are looking for someone with community skills, a can-do attitude and enthusiasm for our area.
- Contact us at [job@bsana.org](mailto:job@bsana.org) if you have any questions and we will arrange to speak with you.

**Location** Central Reading. Ideally lives, works or has an interest in the BSANA area.

**Role** Primarily to liaise with local residents and related organisations (e.g. businesses, faith groups, Reading Borough Council and Thames Valley Police), and to drive an events and activities programme.

**Time** This is a part-time role, currently 7 hours per week. The exact times worked are generally flexible and under the control of the post-holder.

**Salary** The living wage with pay rising as the living wage rises.

**Qualifications** You will need to be able to work as a self-employed contractor. There are no formal qualifications for the role, but we are looking for someone with links into the community, and the ability to empathise and support residents as well as to interact with other organisations.

**Typical activities** Meeting local residents and understanding what BSANA can do to help create a sense of community. Planning and attending events, with a team.

**Role duration and the future** At the start, there will be a chance to meet with the outgoing community liaison officer and you will get additional support as you get acquainted with the role. The role is initially probationary for 3 months and then until 15 July 2019, which is the length of our grant

**Application** Please send in your CV and a cover letter to the BSANA Secretary, [richard@bsana.org](mailto:richard@bsana.org). Submissions should be in by Sunday evening 25th of February 2017.

## Community Safety Survey

Please fill out this very important Reading Borough Council survey before 16 December at:  
<http://bit.ly/2z9TZqK>

This is the former Neighbourhood Action Group “NAG survey” perhaps familiar to you from before which asks residents their views about issues to help identify priorities across Reading and in individual areas. This survey will in turn advise local Safer Neighbourhood Forums and the Police and Council to find out what issues residents consider to be their highest priority issues at present: such as crime and disorder, litter, parking and anti-social behaviour etc. Priorities will then be set accordingly.

Your input is therefore very critical. It takes no more than 5-10 minutes, and your input can make a huge impact on how this neighbourhood is prioritised.



# EAT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

ARTISAN COMMUNITY FOOD FAIR

**THE OASIS**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

**BAKER STREET, RG1 7XT**

**9 TIL 12**

CELEBRATE GREAT FOOD FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS



... other local producers and breakfast nibbles!

## Annual Carolling Event

**Friday 15th December 7:30pm**

**Meet at the Oasis**



## Neighbourhood Watch

We had a very successful first meeting to form a Neighbourhood Watch. Liz Herbert from Thames Valley Police briefed us on how to form a group and answered our questions.



The area covered will be in the BSANA area, from Russell Street to the IDR.

We are considering one large Neighbourhood Watch area, with each street having its own person or people to act as a contact.

If you would like to be involved, just email [watch@bsana.org](mailto:watch@bsana.org) It doesn't involve patrolling the streets, just reporting anything you see or hear. Also there's occasional emails which you can receive (if you want them) that keeps you updated on Neighbourhood Watch news. Your name will not be public and no one will know who on your street is in the Neighbourhood Watch.

To note, there is already an on-going Neighbourhood Watch in the BSANA area west of Russell Street (email [watch@bsana.org](mailto:watch@bsana.org) for more information).



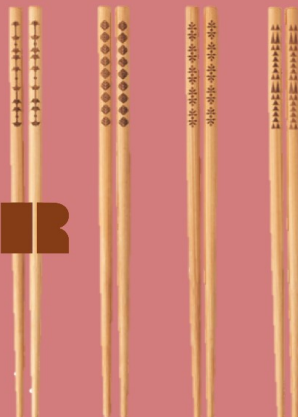
## Do you recognise this location?

William Henry Fox Talbot invented a process for creating reasonably light-fast and permanent photographs that was the first made available to the public. He lived and worked in Baker Street (there's even a plaque to identify his house). The pictures above show the backs of the houses from 55 Baker Street on the left (his Studio) to 33-35 on the far right, with Fox Talbot himself (shown on the far right of the left picture). You can still recognise the backs of these houses and the rooflines today. Fox Talbot created the first mass-produced book that contained actual photographs, "*The Pencil of Nature*", which was published while he was living in Reading.

The photographs were taken in 1846.



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in-house  
**MASTER  
SUSHI  
CHEF!!**



Always wanted to learn how to make **sushi...**  
...but you wouldn't know where to start?

**COME ON ALONG** and find out all about  
the mysteries of making sushi!

**SATURDAY 20th January**  
from 1-3:30 p.m.  
at the Oasis  
(corner of Baker Street and Carey Street)

just bring yourself!...supplies included!

You must confirm by Wednesday the 17th to  
[sushi@bsana.org](mailto:sushi@bsana.org)



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