



Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

Lots of ideas to meeting neighbours inside....don't miss the Jazz Cafe on Saturday the 16th of March (see back page)

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and look forward to seeing you at our events. As we do not have a venue of our own, we make use of community spaces around the neighbourhood, some of which are managed by religious organisations, charities and local businesses. BSANA is a non-religious organisation and ALL our events are open to ALL residents.

As ever, we are looking for volunteers to help host our various events. If you have any talents (e.g. cooking, crafts, history) and would like to share these with your neighbours please get in touch. We are always open to new ideas for events. You might like to help with one of our neighbourhood clean-up events [page 5]. Plans are also afoot to start a book club [page 6]. We even have free tickets for local residents to swim at the historic Thames Lido [page 7]. We are also looking for a new Treasurer [page 6].

EAT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

Celebrate great food from local producers

The Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association hosts The Artisan Community Food Fair at



at the corner of Baker Street and Carey Street

Sat 24th February
Sat 31st March
Sat 28th April



Last Saturday of every month
From 9 until noon
Free coffee, tea and waffles



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.



YOU CAN NOW RECYCLE MORE THAN EVER FROM HOME



WE'VE INCREASED THE RANGE OF ITEMS THAT GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN



NEW

CLEAR PLASTIC FOOD TRAYS
like those used for cakes, meat or punnet containers



NEW

ICE CREAM AND MARGARINE TUBS



NEW

YOGHURT, CREAM, SOUP AND SNACK POTS



NEW

CARTONS such as milk, soup or juice

NO LIDS PLEASE



NEW

COSMETICS POTS AND TUBS

NO LIDS PLEASE



NEW

CLEAN FOIL AND FOIL TRAYS such as those from takeaways



PLASTIC BOTTLES e.g. for milk, mineral water, lemonade, shampoo, fabric conditioner

NO LIDS PLEASE



TINS, CANS AND AEROSOLS e.g. soup and beans tins, drinks cans, deodorants, air fresheners



PAPER e.g. newspaper, magazines, flyers, junk mail



CARDBOARD e.g. card food packaging, toilet paper inner cardboard, packaging

Please rinse out all non-paper and card items.
Squash them to give you more room in your recycling.
Place all items loose in your bin. Do not put them in plastic bag.



THESE ITEMS GO TO THE RECYCLING CENTRES
AT LONGSHOT LANE AND SMALLMEAD



GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

GLASS BANKS



TEXTILES, TOYS AND GARDEN FURNITURE
these can be re-used if in good-enough condition

RECYCLING CENTRE



METAL CUTLERY AND COOKWARE
such as forks, knives, pots and saucepans

RECYCLING CENTRE



PLASTIC OIL OR PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

RECYCLING CENTRE

THESE ITEMS GO IN THE RUBBISH



PLASTIC BAGS, INCLUDING BIN BAGS



FOOD WASTE



PLASTIC FILM OR WRAPPING
such as cling film or bubble wrap



FOOD WRAPPERS
like those used for sweets and crisp packets



BLACK PLASTIC POTS, TUBS AND TRAYS



POUCHES
used for pet food



NAPPIES, INCONTINENCE AND SANITARY PRODUCTS



KITCHEN TOWELS, TISSUES AND WET WIPES
including baby wipes and cleaning wipes



PLANT POTS



POLYSTYRENE
e.g. packing chips

March 2018

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

			1 Lifespring Church Café 12 Lunch club (11:30-2pm)	2 Oasis Lunch (12-2pm) Reading Rescue (10:30am), meet back of Tilehurst Road Tesco. Games & Chat at the Oasis (7-10pm)	3 Reading Rescue (10:30am), meet at the BSANA notice- board on Baker Street	4
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Come and take Tea...With the MP!

21 April from 12:30- 3pm

at **The Oasis** (corner of Baker Street & Carey Street)

**BSANA is hosting this
opportunity for you
to have a chat with
Reading East's
new MP, Matt Rodda
(Matt is expected from 1- 2:30)**

**We're bringing the
fancy teas to celebrate
National Tea Day!**

**Feel free to bring along
a cake to share!**



BSANA

Clean up our neighbourhood

READING

RESCUE

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 March

This time around we are “RESCUING” on Friday and Saturday! We’ll have gloves, hi-vis vests and litter pickers for you – but we need YOUR help!

On Friday, meet at 10:30am back of Tesco’s car park on Tilehurst Road to clear out a whole load of rubbish! Dirty work - but great fun!

On Saturday, we’ll meet at 10:30am at the Community Board on Baker Street (near Zinzan Street) to hit the streets for an old-fashioned litter bust along our streets. Packed lunches for all your efforts will be handed out. Please let us know if you are coming on Saturday by contacting clean@bsana.org - so we can make sure we’ve got a lunch box for you.

April 2018

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2	3 Oasis Café (1-4pm)	4 Lifespring Church Café 12 Games Morning (10-Noon)	5 Lifespring Church Café 12 Lunch club (11:30-2pm) Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at the Oasis 7pm	6 Oasis Lunch (12-2pm) Games & Chat at the Oasis (7-10pm)	7	8
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Seeking a Treasurer

Do you have bookkeeping skills and enthusiasm for our area?
If so, we would like to hear from you.

Location: Central Reading. Ideally lives, works or has an interest in the Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association (BSANA) area. It has the boundaries of Castle Hill, Tilehurst Road, Prospect Street, Oxford Road and the Inner Distribution Road (IDR).

Role: The Treasurer is a member of the Management Committee and has primary responsibility for BSANA's finances, ensuring that funds are spent appropriately and in accordance with existing defined processes, and that the organisation does not overspend. It is a volunteer role, i.e. not paid.

Any questions? Contact us at treasurer@bsana.org.

How to Apply: Send a letter outlining your experience and motivation to the BSANA Secretary, richard@bsana.org. Applications should be in by Saturday 31st of March 2018.

Friday Lunch

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

1-4pm

The Oasis, Baker Street

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

BSANA Book Club

A book club is being planned and discussed at a meeting at the Castle Tap on Monday 26th February. For more information, email bookclub@bsana.org

Become a BSANA volunteer!

BSANA has been running neighbourhood events for five years. We need volunteers to:

- Become our Treasurer (see above)
- Make and serve coffee, tea and waffles at the Artisan Food Fair
- Welcome people at the door at our events
- Help organize or run our street party
- Help with neighbourhood clean-ups
- Join the Management Committee
- Deliver newsletters

If you are interested, get in touch (see back page)



Annual street party

Sunday the 1st of July

We have started making plans for our biggest event of the year. It will be held on the first Sunday of July. Please get in touch if you would like to help with the planning or volunteering on the day.

Meet your neighbours at the Thames Lido

Fancy a swim at Reading's recently restored riverside lido? The swimming pool is on the site of a former Edwardian women's bath on King's Meadow in Napier Road. We thought that living in a Conservation Area, many BSANA residents might have an interest in seeing the inside of one of Reading's many historic sites.



We will be offering free tickets to BSANA residents over 18 who want to go swimming as part of a group of 2-4 residents. No need to find someone to go with as we will facilitate that and arrange payment. Email swim@bsana.org, phone or write to us if you want to be contacted about available slots.

Neighbourhood Watch

We have been encouraged by the number of people that have expressed an interest in establishing Neighbourhood Watches in the BSANA area. Local Councillor Tony Page and Stan Gilmour, Superintendent of Reading Thames Valley Police (TVP) are committed to seeing this happen.



BSANA & the Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum (formerly NAG) are very eager to encourage residents to participate. We will meet on Thursday 5th April at 7pm at the Oasis to formalise street groups, and set up a path forward. Even if you've not been involved before, we'd really like you to join us. Contact safestreets@bsana.org if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 and coffee provided and there's a chance to chat about what's happening locally.



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

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

Jazz Cafe
Amber & THE PROFESSORS
FRIDAY 16 MARCH
8-10PM
THE CASTLE TAP
ONE FREE DRINK FOR BSANA RESIDENTS

Recognise this location?

Have you been a resident long enough to remember Trinity House when it was Jarvis's petrol station and car showrooms? Now forlorn & awaiting demolition, Trinity House still stands in Oxford Road, next to the parish church from which it takes its name.

Lovegroves, the undertakers, occupied these premises for many decades. More recently, Trinity House has been a branch shop of Richer Sounds.



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



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