



Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

Lots of ideas
for meeting
neighbours

6th Annual STREET PARTY

Sunday the 1st of July, noon-5pm

Baker Street @ Carey Street



We would like to warmly invite BSANA residents and friends to our annual street party. We are hoping to bring the community together with live music, a bouncy castle, street games, and lots more entertainment for the whole family. We will be hosting a free BBQ and providing some snacks. As always we would like you to be the main stars of the show. Please bring a dish to share with your neighbours, a dish that represents you, or your culture, or just your favourite recipe.

LIVE MUSIC **FOOD AND DRINKS** **ZUMBA** **QUIZ**
STREET GAMES **BOUNCY CASTLE** **FACE PAINTING**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need people that can:

- haul big things
- hoe weeds
- pick up litter
- sweep

Or people that just generally want to enjoy spending a few hours with your neighbours to make the neighbourhood look better.

BSANA SUMMER SPRUCE 2018

Saturday 21 July from 10am-2pm

Volunteers meet in front of The Oasis, 21 Baker Street

We are delighted that Reading Borough Council has agreed to work with us again this year (at cost price) on what is our 5th annual Summer Spruce. We are grateful for this cooperation by which your neighbours in BSANA can take old large items away for you, BUT, to have your stuff collected on the day you MUST notify us in advance. See below for details of how to notify us and what can and can't be collected.

Have you got rubbish to get rid of?

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 BSANA's Community Liaison Officer Tania on 07380 297250 OR

EMAILING us at 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 Safer Neighbourhood Forum

The forum is a group that discusses the issues affecting residents who live along or near the Oxford Road. This group used to be called the Oxford Road NAG, but has changed to give it more emphasis on safety and police-related issues. However we still have councillors and other organisations who attend, so related issues can be discussed.

The focus of the meetings is on crime issues, such as drugs and anti-social behaviour. Anyone who lives or works in or near Oxford Road in Reading is welcome to come along to any meeting. The remaining meetings in 2018 are:

Wednesday 4th July 2018 @ 19:00: The Salvation Army Centre, 522 Oxford Road (opposite Brock Barracks).

Wednesday 12th September 2018 @ 19:00: The Oasis, 21 Baker St

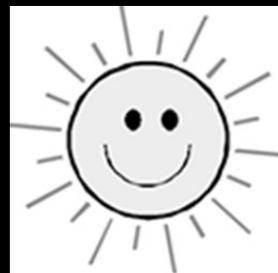
Wednesday 21st November 2018 @ 19:00: The Salvation Army Centre, 522 Oxford Road (opposite Brock Barracks).

In addition, we are looking at online discussion groups so issues can be discussed between meetings, including those who cannot attend a meeting. Everyone is welcome to get involved.

If you would like to be kept informed as to what's happening with the Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum, please fill in the form at <https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dens/d55e5741/>

Help our area shine with the **WAYS** scheme

The **Reading Adopt Your Street** scheme is a partnership between local residents volunteering to help keep our streets tidy. Reading Council will still do all the street cleaning it already does. In addition the Council now provides BSANA with gloves, litter pickers and bags as long as volunteers 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 litter bin to be collected as normal.



If you would like to help and become part of the scheme, please email 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.

Pick up gloves, litter pickers and bags at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or any Artisan Food Fair.

CLEAN STREETS

The Castle Neighbourhood Book Club



image from "I'd Rather be Reading" by Julia Rothman

Want someone to encourage you to finish
the books on your bedside table?

Need something new for the "To Be Read"
pile?

Just want to talk about books?

You are invited to join us for a relaxed evening in the **cosy back room of the Castle Tap** (120 Castle St).

We meet at **7.30pm on the second Monday of every month** to chat about how we have got on with our chosen books and to encourage each other. We will have copies of books to read and talk about at the following month's meeting available to borrow courtesy of Reading Borough Libraries and we encourage everyone coming along to suggest future books to read.

The group is informal, all abilities and literary tastes are welcome, tea and coffee will be on offer and you are encouraged to join in even if you haven't finished the selected book or if you just want to talk about what you are reading independently.

We will aim to publish book choices in advance here and by email to give people a chance to join in even if there is something they have missed. For more information please drop Cara / Katrina an email on books.castletap@gmail.com or speak to BSANA's Community Liaison Officer Tania on 07380 297250.

What we have been/will be reading

- April 9th – May 14th: *Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont* by Elizabeth Taylor (1971)
- May 14th – June 11th: *The Muse* by Jesse Burton (2016)
- June 11th – July 9th: *Half a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2006)
- July 9th – August 13th: *The World's Wife* by Carol Ann Duffy (1999)

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 events. Send your email address to contact@bsana.org



Conservation Streets

Can you remember when we had our own neighbourhood milkman?

Many thanks to local resident Alan Stevens for contributing these photos which show (above) members of the Gayler family, who lived at 35 Baker Street , standing in front of their Hillman Minx car parked alongside their house c.1958 and (below). Mr Gayler senior who was the local milkman and whom older residents may remember making daily deliveries with his own electric milk float seen here c.1970.



If you know more, or can verify any details, we'd be interested to hear from you! Old family photographs such as this can provide a fascinating glimpse of what our neighbourhood looked like in the past.



Can you help?

The Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association is keen to gather a collection of historic photos of the area and we hope that people will come forward to conservationstreets@bsana.org with other neighbourhood pictures that we might publish in this newsletter or copy for our collection.

Interested in discovering a whole lot more about our neighbourhood?

Enjoy a walk around the neighbourhood with BSANA's *Exploring Where We Live!* It is a book designed for children and adults to take a fun and insightful tour of our neighbourhood. It provides details of the fascinating history of many local buildings and the varied architectural styles of this neighbourhood.

Pick up a free copy at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or any Artisan Food Fair.



Exploring



where we live



**Baker Street Area
Neighbourhood
Association**

Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday the 25th July 2018 - 7pm
Reading Association for the Blind, Walford Hall, Carey St

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Councillor's comments
3. Apologies for absence
4. Approval of last year's AGM minutes
5. Chairman's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Officers
8. Appointment of Trustees
9. Pitch your idea for monthly event
10. Any other business
11. Close of AGM

Enjoy a nice evening
meal with your
neighbours before
the meeting starts —
food served from
6:30pm



BSANA MUSIC NIGHT at the CASTLE TAP

Easy listening, acoustic guitar

Friday night

13 July - 8-10 p.m.

The Castle Tap

120 Castle Street

First drink always free to
BSANA RESIDENTS

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 emailing cleanstreets@bsana.org

Please help if you can!



EAT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

Celebrate great food from local producers

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

No fairs in July
and August

The Oasis

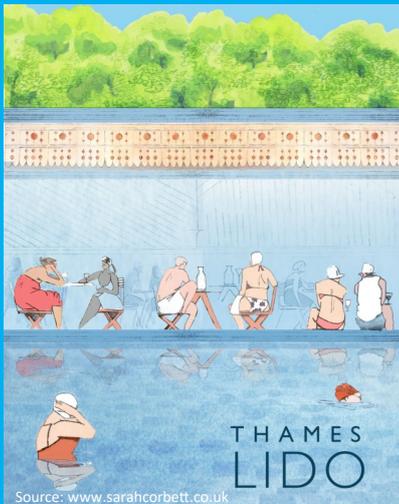
at the corner of Baker Street and Carey Street



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



Meet your neighbours at the Thames Lido



Fancy a swim at Reading's recently restored lido?

The swimming pool is on the site of the former riverside Edwardian women's bath. 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 are offering free tickets to BSANA residents over the age of 18 who want to go swimming as part of a group of four residents. No need to find someone to go with as we will facilitate that and arrange payment.

Please email (swim@bsana.org) or phone BSANA's Community Liaison Officer Tania on 07380 297250. phone us if you want to be contacted about available slots during one of the Lido's non-member swimming sessions.

Become a BSANA volunteer!

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

- Help set up for our street party
- Help with neighbourhood clean ups
- Join the Management Committee
- Make and serve coffee, tea and waffles at the Artisan Food Fairs
- Welcome people at the door at events



**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

BSANA Meetup
Fridays, 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...



**Café
12**

Lunch Club
(over 60s)
**Every Thursday
11.30 - 2pm**

**Two course lunch
with tea or coffee**

£4.00

LifeSpring Church, The Pavilion

Tuesday Café at the Oasis
1-4pm
The Oasis, Baker Street

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

BSANA Games & Chat Nights
Fridays 7-10pm @ 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.





READING ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND
Walford Hall, Carey Street, Reading RG1 7JS
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SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY 27th July 2018

10.30am - 1.00pm

Come along to enjoy our Summer Fair and
support the work of Reading Association for
the Blind (entry free)



BSANA's weekly and monthly events

We would like to add lots of new events to the list. Please get in touch with suggestions for the kinds of events you would like us to host. Please email us at events@bsana.org or speak to BSANA's Community Liaison Officer Tania on 07380 297250.

Café at the Oasis

Tuesdays
except in July & August

1-4pm, The Oasis, 21 Baker St

Stop by for a delicious cake and tea & a chat with your neighbours.

The Castle Neighbourhood Book Club

2nd Monday of every month

7:30pm, The Castle Tap, 120 Castle Street

Relaxed evening chatting about the book we chose to read and discuss.

BSANA Meetup

Fridays
except in July & August

Noon-2pm, The Oasis, 21 Baker St

Always something good for a great lunch in a sociable atmosphere.

BSANA Music Night

A Friday or Saturday each month

8-10pm, The Castle Tap, 120 Castle Street

Enjoy listening to local music talent. First drink always free to BSANA residents. Join our mailing list to make sure you receive alerts.

BSANA Games & Chat Nights

Fridays

7-10pm, The Oasis, 21 Baker St

Free tea & coffee provided & there's a chance to chat about what's happening locally.

Artisan Food Fair

Last Saturday of every month
except in July and August

9am-Noon, The Oasis, 21 Baker St

Local products and produce for sale. Free tea, coffee & waffles provided.

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.

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