



Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

BSANA community issues **TALK** worth discussing

Inspired by that “more famous” talk series, BSANA has launched an exciting new series of talks fuelled by the interests of our community that should appeal to residents all over Reading.

Already, we have brought in experts that have addressed cultural offerings available to residents with Reading’s Fringe Festival, Reading on Thames Celebrations and the Museum of English Rural Life. Upcoming **BSANA TALK** events will address:

- Local issues with Matt Rodda, MP for Reading East.
- Life issues about death & dying with Councillor Rachel Eden, former lead councillor for Adult Social Services.
- Conservation issues regarding our own “At Risk” conservation area, with local councillors and local heritage experts.
- Loneliness and community integration with Rhiannon Stocking-Williams, Ready Friends coordinator at Reading Voluntary Action.

This is not only open to BSANA residents but to the wider community, so please bring along your friends. Do you have something you want us to talk about? Please contact us at bsanataalk@bsana.org

Artisan Food Fair — every month

EAT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

Celebrate great food from local producers

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

TheOasis

at the corner of Baker Street and Carey Street



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



Join your neighbours
Exciting new vendors
every month!

Last Saturday
of each month
9am to Noon

Upcoming dates
27th April 2019
25th May 2019
29th June 2019

funded
through



April to July 2019

TRIP TO DOBBIES Garden Centre

Friday 17th May at 10:30am

Meet at the BSANA noticeboard

Or contact dobbies@bsana.org

& we'll collect you

FREE for all BSANA residents

Ideal for everyone with green fingers!

SUMMER PLANTING SAT 18TH MAY

Join BSANA renewing the planters on the IDR
bridge with summer flowers.

All plants & equipment provided but feel free to bring your own.

Meet on the bridge at 10am



Determining Police Priorities with Q-Board

At our last Artisan Food Fair, BSANA residents participated in a “Q-Board” exercise along with Thames Valley Police. The Q-Board is a system that allows people to establishing priorities for policing in our area.

Peter Bowyer, chair of the Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum, said *“Thank you to all the BSANA residents who took the time to speak to our Neighbourhood policing team at the Oasis. It really helps when we can demonstrate to the police what's important to us as a community. I hope there will be more opportunities in the coming months. Meanwhile, if anyone has any specific concerns, please come along to the next Safer Neighbourhood Forum meeting where police and council representatives will be available.”*

Following from the input from local residents, Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum and BSANA representatives, local councillors and Thames Valley Police had a follow-up meeting to finalise the priorities residents had suggested for our area.

These priorities were finalised as:

- Drugs and drug-related crimes
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Working better together with the community to keep people safe



We continued to raise the difficulties of contacting the Police via the non-emergency number 101, which has suffered from excessive wait periods and lack of response over the last year. Until that situation is improved, we continue to advise people to report issues by emailing AbbeywithBattleNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. You are always advised to call in emergencies on 999.

BSANA has enjoyed a wonderful and productive association over the years with the Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum and you are encouraged to attend the meetings (below).

Oxford Road Safer Neighbourhood Forum

The forum is a group that discusses the issues affecting residents who live along or near the Oxford Road. 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.

Tuesday 4 June 7pm-9pm

The Oasis, Baker Street

Tuesday 2 July 7pm-9pm — Open meeting

The Salvation Army Centre, 522 Oxford Road



BSANA talks conservation



Panel discussion on the
impact of the
**Russell Street / Castle Hill
Conservation Area Reappraisal**

Panel discussion with:

- local Cllrs Page & Rowland,
- Mary Neale from Archway Heritage,
- CAAC,
- Civic Society representatives,
- and others

Tuesday 21 May 2019, 7pm
Salvation Army, Anstey Road

Please be sure to fill out the new
2019 Conservation Area Reappraisal survey at
<http://tinyurl.com/rsch2019>

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BSANA talks loneliness



Rhiannon Stocking-Williams,
Reading Voluntary Action's
Ready Friends Coordinator
introduces their wonderful new

Ready Friends Toolkit

offering practical advice on how
to take steps to interact
with our lonely neighbours and
be a critical friend for them.

Saturday 27 June 2019, 7 pm
Salvation Army, Anstey Road

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BSANA talks about death & dying



Thursday 16 May 2019
7:30pm start
Salvation Army, Anstey Road

Cllr Rachel Eden

(former Lead Cllr for Adult Social Services)

gives us the critical information and comfort we all need about support and resources available to each of us when facing this time in a family member or friend's life.

"...Rachel delivered this chat with the compassion and understanding I needed. A huge relief. I'd like others to know about what's available when they need it.."
-anonymous BSANA resident

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BSANA talks with our local MP



Come along to an extended
Artisan Food Fair
and meet your local MP.

After a short chat –
you can ask any burning
question

Saturday 27 April 2019, 11:30 am
The Oasis, on the corner of Baker Street and Carey Street

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View from Howard Street c.1969 showing the IDR under construction. On t



the far right are houses along Body Road (photo: Doug Noyes)

Give blood locally

Giving blood saves lives. The blood you give is a lifeline in an emergency and for people who need long-term treatments.

Many people would not be alive today if donors had not generously given their blood.



We need over 6,000 blood donations every day to treat patients in need across England. Which is why there's always a need for people to give blood.

Find out who can give blood, and then book an appointment to give blood.

The give blood troop regularly visit our area, coming to the Salvation Army in Anstey Road on the following dates between 10:25am and 5pm on:

- Monday 13th May 2019
- Monday 24th June 2019
- Monday 8th July 2019

To book your appointment, or for more information go to www.blood.co.uk

Your Local Book Group

Try something new. How about sitting down and chatting about your book whilst making new friends at the same time?

We are a small group of book lovers who meet on the second Monday of the month at the Castle Tap, sometimes with cake, and talk about the book we have chosen. There is no pressure to turn up every month nor to have finished whichever book we are reading. So far this has included historical novels, poetry and murder mysteries as well as authors from near and far and we are always looking for new requests or suggestions.

Each month, we have a different book. Feel free to drop in and ask to borrow a copy or just turn up to a meeting and see what it is all about.

The upcoming meetings are at **7pm on Mondays:**

13th May 2019 ● 10th June 2019 ● 8th July 2019

The Castle Tap, 120 Castle Street, Reading, RG1 7RJ



image from "I'd Rather be"



Play Streets begins soon!

A BSANA mum is spearheading a new “Play Street” in the BSANA area, something we have wanted to do for years!

The Play Streets scheme through Reading Borough Council allows children the chance to play safely in their street while the street is blocked off from traffic. Play Streets offers you and your children the opportunity to get to know other families in the neighbourhood and make friends.

Our Play Street will be organised where we have our annual street party on Baker Street (in front of the Oasis).

Planned dates will be fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons over the summer and autumn term.

If you are interested in coming along with your child/children, please get in touch at playstreet@bsana.org

bouncy castle + **BBQ**
+ **LOTS OF FUN** + *games*
= **COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

SATURDAY 8 JUNE 12-3PM THE CAREY CENTRE, ANSTEY RD, RG1 7JR

The event itself will be free, there will be a suggested donation for the BBQ

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BSANA PRESENTS

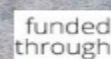
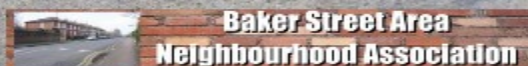


LIVE AT
**THE
CASTLE
TAP**

**SIMON
WILLIAMS**

The Castle Tap
120 Castle Street
Reading
RG1 7RJ

STARTS AT 8PM



BSANA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Tuesday the 11th of June 2019, starting at 7pm — Salvation Army, Anstey Road

At the AGM, we review what BSANA has done over the last year and plan for next year. We will tell you what we have done, together with a treasurer's report and a chance to ask questions.

Then there's a chance for you to get involved. Would you like to help shape our neighbourhood? Would you like to be on the committee? Would you like to help as chair, secretary or treasurer? This is your chance.

After the formal AGM, we have an activity where everyone can participate and help choose, out of everything BSANA does, what you feel should be important and what's less critical.

Food and drink will be provided and the event is free to attend for everyone. Come along and become part of our thriving neighbourhood association.



BSANA Open Management Meeting

Tuesday the 7th of May 2019, starting at 7pm - Salvation Army, Anstey Road

This is your chance to get involved with what BSANA is doing and plans for the future. Management meetings are open to everyone and even include free tea & coffee! Do come along.

Regular local events

Café at the Oasis

Tuesdays

1pm-4pm The Oasis, Baker Street

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, Castle Street

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

BSANA Meetup

Fridays

Noon-2pm, The Oasis, Baker Street

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

BSANA Music Night

A Friday every other month

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

Enjoy listening to local music talent. Complimentary drink to BSANA residents

BSANA Games & Chat Nights

Fridays

7pm-10pm, The Oasis, Baker Street

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

Artisan Food Fair

Last Saturday of every month

9am-Noon, The Oasis, Baker Street

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

BSANA Management Meeting

2nd Tuesday every other month

7pm-9pm, Salvation Army, Anstey Road

Become a member of the Management Committee or attend as an observer.

Board Games

Wednesdays

10:30-Noon, The Pavilion, Oxford Road

We play board games, chat and have a tea / coffee. Café also open.



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