

Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

Volunteers
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7th Annual STREET PARTY
Sunday the 7th 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**
FIRE BRIGADE **BOUNCY CASTLE** **FACE PAINTING**

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July to September 2019

Volunteers Needed

We run lots of events, but for them to run better, we really need volunteers, both to help design and plan events and to attend and help with the events. If you want to help, you would be most welcome.

Street Party preparation (Saturday 6th July 2019, from 6pm, takes 1-2 hours)

- Put up bunting (2-3 people needed)
- Move items to Oasis and set up Oasis (3 people needed)
- Check street and alcove for any rubbish or items that shouldn't be there. Knocking on doors if cars in alcove.

Street party setup (Sunday 7th July, 10am-Noon – most activities take ½ to 1 hour)

- **Setup Manager:** Ensure things are being set up. Reduce people standing around to minimum. Encourage people to volunteer if role is needed.
- **Road closure:** closing the road at 10am, putting out barriers with road closed signs. 6 people needed
- **End of road monitor:** Standing/sitting at end of road for 1 hour to ensure cars don't enter, guide any vehicles that can come on, e.g. bouncy castle, guiding cars round, telling people about the event. 3 people each hour—one at each end.
- **Turning street into avenue:** Putting ivy on the barriers and fencing. Also green carpet to make area more "rural". 2 people for up to one hour.
- **Placing Tables:** Getting table trolley from Walford Hall and rolling it down Carey Street. Setting up the tables along the street according to the street plan. 2 people, but faster with more.
- **Placing chairs:** Taking all the chairs from the Oasis basement up the ramp and placing according to street plan. 3-4 people (or more will do it faster).
- **Banqueting roll:** Taping banqueting roll along the long table. 2 people
- **Food and Drinks Table:** Putting ice and water into urns. Plug hot water urn in. Set up plates, bowls, cups, tea, milk, sugar and cutlery. 1-2 people
- **Large Bouncy Castle:** Running mains from Oasis basement to site, helping bouncy castle people on arrival and ensuring area round is safe as it sets up. 1-2 people
- **Balloons:** Inflate balloons with helium, add ribbon and tie to back of chairs, fencing, etc. 1+ people. Can include kids if supervised.
- **Signage:** Ensure Alcohol Free area signs are put up according to street plan. Also any other signs
- **Swingball:** Set up swingball
- **Waste bins:** Popping up, putting bin liners in and putting out bins according to street plan. 1-2 people.
- **First Aider:** Must be qualified. Provide first aid should it be needed. Needs to be someone from 10am to 6pm. Could be done by people on shifts. Note: usually not needed.

Street Party (Sunday 7th July)

- **Site Manager:** Ensure things are being run. Reassign people (especially those doing boring jobs). Encourage people to volunteer if role is needed.
- **MC, From noon.** Making announcements. Main points are listed, but you can add your own atmosphere. Various times during the afternoon. 1 person
- **Distributing the quiz** at times between 1pm and 3pm. Encouraging participation. Collecting filled in quiz papers. 1-2 people
- **Marking the Quiz** going through quiz papers marking quiz with answer paper, finding winners. 1 person, but more fun with 2!
- **Supervising gates.** 3 gates so 3 people needed each hour, from noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm.

- **Helping with food and drink:** including checking hot and cold water and occasionally restocking barbecue. Keep an eye on beer. 1-2 people each hour from noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
- **Barbecue:** Cooking food, serving and chatting to people. 1 person/hour. Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
- **Supervising Bouncy Castle:** Ensuring kids or similar size are on bouncy castle. Keeping an eye on them (along with their parents). 1-2 people per hour. Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
- **Entertainment Manager:** Ensuring entertainment runs to schedule (1 person during afternoon). Also bring down swingball
- **Waste collection:** Scanning tables and street for litter. Replacing bin liners for bins that are full (or nearly full). 1 person for a few minutes during each hour. Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

Street Party breakdown (from 5pm)

- **Breakdown Manager:** Ensure things are being broken down correctly. Reduce people standing around to minimum. Encourage people to volunteer if role is needed. Call to open street.
- **End of road monitor:** Standing/sitting at end of road until road is clear and the call is given to open the road. 2 people
- **Oasis Basement:** Ensuring things passed down to basement are stored safely and tidily 1 person at top, 2 people below
- **Clearing greenery:** Collecting ivy and carpet for Oasis Basement
- **Collecting Tables:** Clearing banqueting roll and other litter. Putting tables onto table trolley and rolling back to Walford Hall. 2 people, but faster with more.
- **Collecting chairs:** Putting all chairs to top of Oasis ramp. 2+ people
- **Food and Drinks Table:** Collecting everything left on table. Food, drink, cutlery, etc. goes to Richard. Urns, etc. go to Oasis basement. Waste goes into Waste bags. Mains for urn needs unplugging & winding up and also goes to Richard. 1-2 people.
- **Litter and bins.** Finding any remaining litter on street and putting it into bags. Collecting up all bags for binning. Take to end of Anstey Road. Collect up bins, folding them up and putting them all in bag. 1-2 people
- **Large Bouncy Castle:** Check all clear. Turn off power. Unplug from Oasis. Wind up power reel and put in place for Richard. Help Bouncy Castle company reclaim their castle.
- **Balloons:** Reclaim any remaining balloons, release helium and put balloons in box for Oasis basement
- **Signage:** Collect all signage for Oasis basement
- **Road closure:** Wait for call from Breakdown Manager. Open road swiftly to pavement, cut cable ties and bring everything back to Oasis Basement

Artisan Food Fair (last Saturday of the month).

- **Setup (8am-9am):** Move tables round, set up main table, set up tea & coffee etc. 2 people
- **Waffle Maker:** Set up and serve waffles and drinks. 1 person per hour from 9am, 10am, 11am
- **Greeter:** To welcome people arriving, ask them to sign the attendance sheet, offer them newsletters, say what's happening, etc. 1 person per hour from 9am, 10am, 11am.
- **Breakdown:** Put away tea, coffee, waffle maker, etc. Put furniture back, Vacuum, Close curtains. Hand back to Carey. 2-3 people from noon.

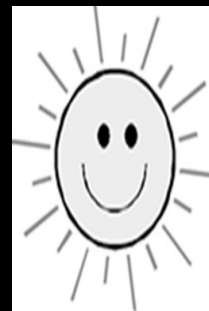
Meetings (random times, usually starting at 7pm).

- **Setup (6:30pm):** Set up main table, set up tea & coffee etc. 2 people
- **Greeter (7pm end of meeting):** Welcome people, ask them to sign the attendance sheet, 1 person
- **Breakdown:** Put away tea, coffee, furniture. 2 people

If you want any more information on volunteering, just contact volunteer@bsana.org

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.



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.

Contact us for gloves, litter pickers, etc.

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 name and email address to mailinglist@bsana.org

We will only use your email address for BSANA related emails and you can unsubscribe at any time.



BSANA Open Management Meeting

Tuesday 9th July 2019

Tuesday 10th September 2019

starting at 7pm - Salvation Army, Anstey Road

This is the 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.

Determining BSANA Priorities with Q-Board

The Q-Board is a system that allows people to establish priorities for a group in our area.

Following our successful event where the Thames Valley Police ran the exercise at our Artisan Food Fair (see last newsletter for details), we thought that this is a great idea and we should do it ourselves.

So we created a Q-Board and listed over 60 activities that BSANA does (for example Zumba) or could do (for example teaching skills) and, at our AGM, people came along and arranged the items in priority. Also some people had new ideas, and we had blank tiles that could be written on to add new activities to the mix.

The final results have been analysed, and the top priorities for BSANA from that meeting are:

- Street Party
- Meetings with Councillors
- Talks on local safety
- Input to local planning policy and applications

With these items next most important:

- Street cleans (RAYS)
- Big clean (twice a year)
- Artisan Food Fair
- Music and drinks
- Newsletter
- Meetings with our MP
- Volunteering

Thanks to everyone who helped gather the information, and we will do this again.



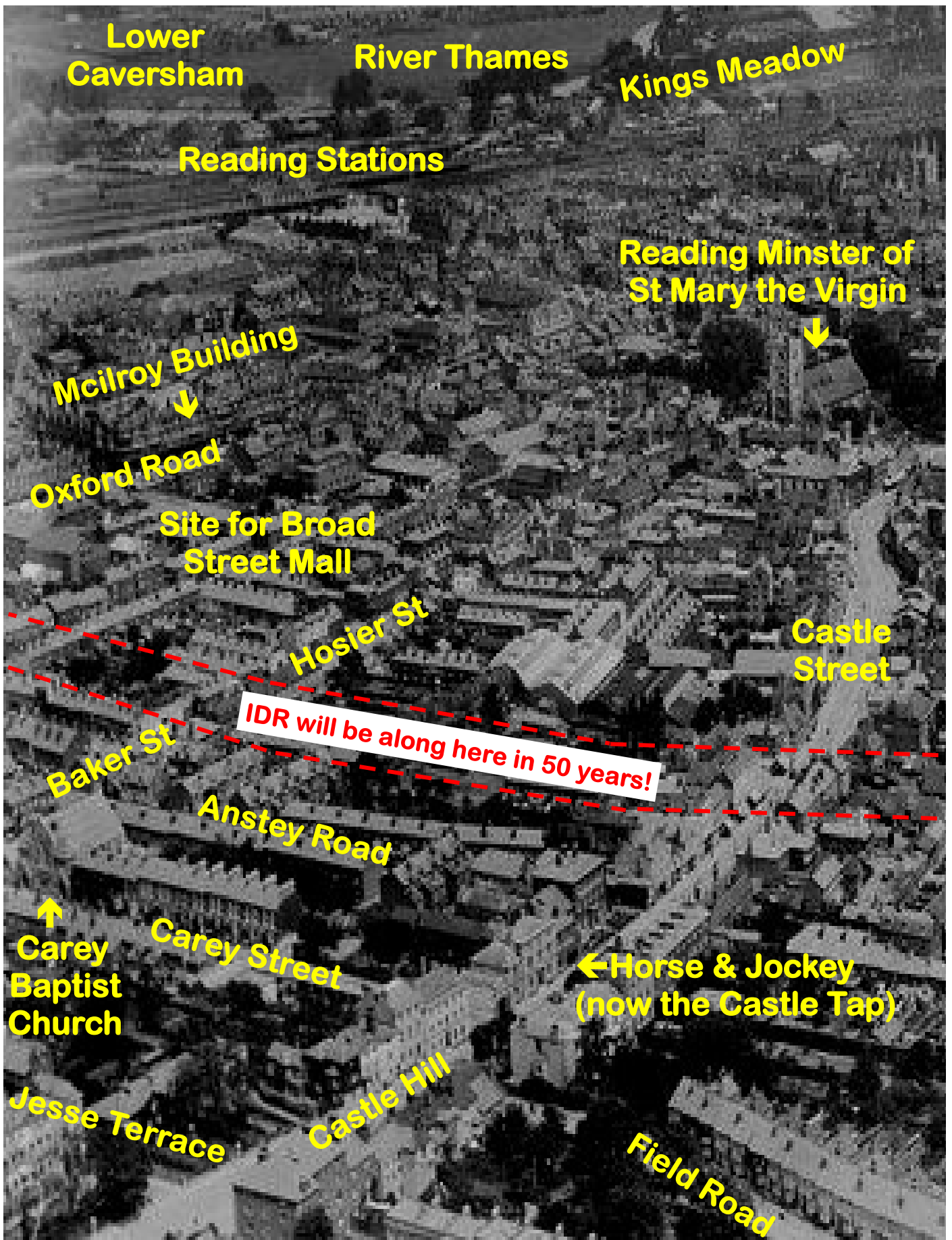
At the start, with all the activity tiles ready to be placed.



Just after 11am, and most of the tiles have been placed.



The year is 1920 and this view looks North-east across the Town Centre towards Reading Stations (GWR and SR) and the River Thames beyond. Reading bridge is absent because construction was not started until 1922.



Above, we have identified some of the landmarks - see what others you can spot.

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 8th July 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019
- Monday 9th September 2019
- Monday 23rd September 2019



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 from 7:30pm on Mondays:

- 8th July 2019
- 12th August 2019
- 9th September 2019

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

The book for Monday 8th July is Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons.



image from "I'd Rather be"



BAKER STREET

PLAY STREET 3-6 PM

Tuesday June 18th 2019

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Tuesday 16th July 2019

.....Hopefully every other Tuesday
until October!

**BAKER STREET - OPPOSITE THE
OASIS WILL BE CLOSED TO
TRAFFIC FOR FREE PLAY.**

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED AT ALL
TIMES.

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Weekly Prospect *parkrun*



Prospect *parkrun* volunteers with the past Mayor of Reading

- What?** A free, weekly, timed event in West Reading, organised by local volunteers.
- When?** 9am every Saturday morning
- Where?** Your local parkrun is at Prospect Park. We meet alongside the footpath between the main car park and Bath Road.
- Who?** Everyone! You can run or walk. Don't worry about coming last, you will never be last, we have an official 'tail-walker' at every event.
- More info:** The parkrun is completely free. Just visit the website www.parkrun.com to register and print out your barcode. Arrive at least 10 minutes before 9 for your first event so you can hear the race briefing. (You can participate without a barcode, but your time won't be recorded.)
- Still unsure?** Come and meet us any Saturday. Talk to the friendly volunteers (in yellow Hi Vis parkrun tops).

Conservation Area Boundary Review Meeting

Tuesday 2nd July at 7pm in the Salvation Army in Anstey Road

This is another chance to participate in the discussion about the boundary for the Russell Street / Castle Hill conservation Area, which covers our area. There are plans to extend the area. What are your thoughts? How does it affect you and the area? This is aimed at those who could not make the previous meeting, though all are welcome.

Please go to bsana.org web site to view the draft reappraisal and also to fill out the survey, even if you're not going to the meeting.

Any questions, just email conservationstreets@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

The Oasis
at the corner of Baker Street and Carey Street

Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association *Last Saturday of every month*
From 9 until noon
Free coffee, tea and waffles

BENCH REST

Join your neighbours
Exciting new vendors
every month!

Last Saturday,
9am to Noon

Upcoming dates

29th June 2019

27th July 2019

31st August 2019

(July-August, we're
across the road, behind
BSANA noticeboard)

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 2nd July 7pm-9pm — Open meeting
The Salvation Army Centre, 522 Oxford Road

Wednesday 18th September 7pm-9pm
The Oasis, Baker Street



Regular local events

Closed August

Café at the Oasis

Tuesdays

1pm—4pm

Drinks and lunch available for purchase

The Castle Neighbourhood Book Club

2nd Monday of every month

7pm at the Castle Tap

Different book each month

Closed August

BSANA Meetup

Fridays

Noon—2pm

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

BSANA Music Night

A Friday every other month

7pm—10pm, Castle Tap, Castle Hill
Listen to local performers and bands.
Free first drink for BSANA residents

Closed August

BSANA Games & Chat Nights

Fridays

Chance to chat, play pool or chess and socialize in a safe environment
7pm—10pm. Free soft drinks

New venue July-August

Artisan Food Fair

Last Saturday of every month

9am-Noon, Local produce for sale
Jul-Aug: By BSANA Noticeboard, Baker St
Sep: The Oasis, Baker Street

BSANA Management Meeting

2nd Tuesday every other month

7pm, Salvation Army, Anstey Road
A chance to see how BSANA works, and to get involved in the planning

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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