

MAY EVENTS AT THE BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE

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Autism and Sociability

Saturday 12 May / 2pm – 3.30pm / FREE

In this talk and Q & A session Caroline Hearst, a late diagnosed autistic woman, will examine how and why autistic people often struggle socially, and will suggest ways that autistic and non autistic people might better understand each other and communicate effectively. Expect an interesting and surprising exploration of an aspect of autism from an informed insider perspective. Caroline Hearst is the founder of *Autism Matters* and *AutAngel*.

Air Defence of the UK since 1940

Tuesday 15 May: 2pm / £4

Looking at the technology from the basic Radars of 1940 to the high-tech digital displays of today, this talk will explore how valuable Fighter Controllers are to maintaining the safety of the skies around our shores 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Talk led by Squadron leader Joe Marsden.

Dementia Awareness Week

Monday 21 May – Sunday 27 May 2018 / FREE

A range of organisations will be visiting and offering advice, support and free drop-in sessions for those who are affected by dementia or who just wish to find out more. Visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre to find out about the full programme of events.

Last Known Sighting

Tuesday 22 May: 7pm – 9.30pm / £7.50

In this fully interactive simulated CSI experience, discover how forensic techniques are used to put together clues from the evidence left behind. Using text messages, personal effects and witness statements, will you find your missing person in time? Led by Anna Chaussée, Dr Carolin Esser-Miles and Nicky Booth from the University of Winchester. *Bring a notebook and pencil*

Suitable for ages 14 – adult.

Foster and Adoption

Thursday 31 May: 4pm – 8.30pm / FREE

Could you foster or adopt? The Finding Homes for Hampshire Children's Team are hosting a free adoption and fostering information drop-in event between 5-8pm. Not only can they answer all your questions, they can help you take the next step along your journey. One of our foster carers will also be available to share their experiences.

Library-supported courses

DOTS: iPad Lending with training and support

Tuesdays 15 & 22 May: 9.30am – 12.30pm / FREE

DOTS (Digital Options Training Support) is for people who would benefit from acquiring basic digital skills on an iPad. Participants will be loaned an iPad for four weeks to use and practice on at home and will receive two training sessions plus support from the DOTS team

during the loan period.

To find out more details and check you would be eligible, please ask a member of Discovery Centre staff. Places MUST be booked in advance