

Tickets should be booked in advance, available from the Discovery Centre, booking line 01256 478670 or online www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.

April

Main Events

Hidden Basingstoke Walk : Basingstoke Churches

Tuesday 2 April: 10.30am/ £5

Back by popular demand, Phil Howe and John Hopkins from Hidden Britain Tours will lead you on a walk through the town to explore parts that are often overlooked. Basingstoke has a wealth of church architecture, ranging from battle scarred ancient churches with mysterious medieval graffiti to the peculiar the Countess Of Huntingdon's Connexion to tin tabernacles. This gentle town walk examines the towns places of worship and explains at least some of the stories behind the stones.

Meet at the Information Desk in Basingstoke Discovery Centre and please dress for the weather.

Raising the Roof on the Vyne. A talk by Wilf Hardy

Monday 29 April: 2pm/£4

Come and discover how the future of our local National Trust property, The Vyne, was secured by a £5.4m project to replace its roofs.

Children's Events

Easter Holidays 8-22 April

Easter Treasure trail

8- 22 April Ages 2-8 £1.50

Follow this treasure trail based on Peter Rabbit and some of his friends from the 23-original tales by Beatrix Potters.

The Egg and the Easter Bunny Interactive Storytelling
Workshop

Monday 8 April: 1.30pm and 3pm/£3.75. Ages 2-6

Mrs ChitChat Chicken has asked the Easter Bunny to look after her egg, but when he falls asleep, the egg hatches and the new chick wanders off! Will the Easter Bunny find the chick before Mrs Chitchat Chicken returns?

Join Amanda from Merry-go-Round Storytelling for this fun

Easter themed story full of music and movement and lots of make-believe! Parents/carers to remain with their child during the session.

Design and Shake your Maraca!

Tuesday 9 April: 10.30am - 12 noon/ £1.50

Come along for this fun drop in session. Decorate a small wooden maraca with a spring or Easter design, then take it home to create musical fun. Suitable for children age 3+.

Drama4all workshops.

Wednesday 10 April, 10.30-11am and
11.15-11.45am/ £3. Ages 4-8

These half hour workshops are led by an experienced actor/drama teacher appearing in the role as Peter Pan. Using drama, dance and singing the children will be trained up as 'Mermaids and Pirates' and be taken on a thrilling voyage to Neverland where they rescue the treasure from Captain Hook, all whilst meeting some of J M Barrie's much-loved characters along the way. Parents/carers to remain with their child during the session.

Storytime for Under 5s and their parents/carers.

Friday 12 April: 10.30am – 11am/ Free

Come along for special Easter stories and colouring.

Quirks Animal Roadshow

Friday 12 April: 2pm/ £5

1-hour animal handling workshop. Come along to meet some quirky animals from around the world at the Quirks' Animal Roadshows workshop. You'll have the opportunity to stroke and hold the animals as well as discovering lots of interesting facts about where they come from, what they eat and what makes them unique.

For ages 4+

Children's Craft Activity

Saturday 13 April 10am – 12 noon. Free

Easter Craft and colouring fun.

Animal Drawing Workshop - dynamic endangered animals in charcoal.

Monday 15 April: 2pm/ £5 - For ages 7+

A children's workshop with local artist and teacher, Russell Bignold. Using charcoal, erasers and chalk to develop a high contrast drawing, you can expect to complete 2 sketches – an elephant and a tiger's head and learn a technique to achieve life-like charcoal sketches that you can apply to your own sketches.

All materials provided.

Spring Crafts

Tuesday 16 April: 10am – 12 noon/Free

Spring themed craft session, creating beautiful flowers from a variety of paper/card materials. A drop-in session for children of all ages.

Learning in Libraries at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Get More from your iPad – a one day course

Tuesday 2 April: 10am-4pm/ £30

This one-day course will help you get the most from your iPad, giving you a more in-depth knowledge of what you can do with it, including how to resolve problems.

