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Birmingham International Tournament

23-24 April 2011

In Birmingham this Easter for the Birmingham International?

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FAST TRACK
Level 1
Coaching Course

Nottingham

2-3 Apr

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FAST TRACK
Level 1
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Norfolk

13-14 Apr

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Level 2
Coaching Course

Nottingham

25 Sept–20 Nov

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[Application Form](#)

DAVID TEASDALE APPOINTED CHAIR OF BRITISH FENCING

David Teasdale is to be the next chair of British Fencing. The current chair of both Business in Sport and Leisure (BISL) and Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG), Teasdale had been acting as a consultant for the sport.

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EUROPEAN CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

For results of the Great Britain team that participated in the 2011 European Cadet Championship please visit the British Fencing website.

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ACADEMY

BRITISH AND ENGLAND FENCING CLUB, COACH AND VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

This will be held at Loughborough University again on Saturday, 19 March. Full details are now application on the British Fencing website.

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GO/FENCE TUTOR COURSE

British Fencing are looking to train up tutors who will be able to deliver GO/FENCE training sessions to train teachers, leaders and multi-sport coaches to deliver GO/FENCE.

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 NATIONAL FENCING ACADEMY

Level 1 Foil Refereeing Course

National Academy SUNEE –
Newcastle University

Sunday 17th April 2011

Further information and an application form click [here](#).

A LOOK BACK AT THE ROAD WE'VE TRAVELLED

In mid-January I formally finished my part-time retained role with B&EF as coach development and schools fencing projects lead, thereby bringing an amazing 3.5 years to a sort of end. I say 'amazing' because I believe that I have been lucky to have been part of an unprecedented series of exciting opportunities for fencing in the community since 2007. And I say 'sort of' because I am still (in a voluntary capacity) an executive director of England Fencing with the same portfolio to oversee. I shall also continue my work for B&EF as a Lead Tutor and Coach Tutor as well as helping from time to time with one-off projects.

We have a well-documented and regulated Coach Development Scheme. Granted, there's still work to do, and that is because these things are never fixed or cast in stone – development is on-going. B&EF foundation and participation level coach education is a robust and rigorous offering. We fully expect our coach register to exceed the 400-mark very soon and the establishment of the National Academy gives us an impressive vehicle to progress coaches through their higher level coach development.

Our sub-coaching awards have proved a popular introduction to our sport for those in the leisure and education sectors. Our Fencing Activity Leader and Go-Fence Teacher programmes have introduced countless hundreds to the excitement and potential of fencing. The Change4Life programme will now add to this. To support all this we have built an enthusiastic team of tutors who can deliver these programmes.

On the school fencing front, we have a national framework for competition and we have exploited the soft form of the game with fantastic results – the immediacy and accessibility of 'plastic' provides an excellent introduction to fencing. We have developed Go-Fence training and tournaments that have become a regular and expected part of the schools fencing scene. We have built an impressive network with our external partners to the

FILTON COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

The Fencing Apprenticeship programme (AASE) at Filton College for Sixth Formers starts its second intake with two Open Days for anyone interested in seeing the facilities and talking to the academic staff about A-level options and BTECs. These Filton Open Days are from 4pm on Wednesday 16th March and 8th June. Please let David Kirby know, if you would like to attend, giving your contact details, weapon, DoB and A-level preferences. [Click here for more...](#)

extent that it has enabled us to weather the storm of the recent uncertainties and budgetary constraints outside of our control.

Many people have made a fantastic contribution to all this work and I have been privileged to work with them and learn from them. I thank them for their support during my time in post. The HQ team though small and beautifully formed is larger than it has ever been and professional sports management and administrative expertise has made a positive difference to what we do, how we do it and how we are viewed by those outside of our sport.

That we have travelled the road thus far and arrived at where we are now is a tribute to all who have been involved in that journey. Thank you, fellow-travellers!

Norman Randall

BRITISH FENCING NATIONAL FENCING ACADEMY

The first two regional delivery centres have now been properly established; in Birmingham led by Lynne Melia and in SUNEE (Sports Universities North East England) led by Beth Davidson. These are seen as the continuation of the excellent ideas and resources developed at last summer's residential training. A quick reminder that the regional delivery sessions are open for application by all fencers aged under-20; priority will be given to local fencers, but sessions are open to all members of British Fencing. There are information and application forms on the British fencing [website](#).

The next national delivery session of the National Academy will be on the 19th March at Loughborough University. Applications for this training day are open to all members of British Fencing born 94 – 97. Several fencers have been preselected for this training day and the list of names is on the information and application document as above.

Latest information is now also on the front pages of the Scottish Fencing & Welsh Fencing websites.

There are new resources, developed for the National Academy and available to all, on the British Fencing [website](#). All ambitious coaches and young fencers should make an effort to examine and understand the documents and video clips on this page. If anything is not clear please contact [Neil Brown](#).

BRITISH DISABLED FENCING ASSOCIATION NEWS

International Camp

For the first time the French brought over a wheelchair fencing squad to a joint training camp at Stoke Mandeville. The week-long programme was led by a team of four coaches: Laszlo Jakab, Jean Deleplancque, Hilary Sahota and Jamie Melia. Many other personal coaches came in during the week and fencers had the opportunity to look at their strength & conditioning programmes and receive soft tissue injury massage. A number of sparring sessions also took place as experienced able-bodied fencers came in each day and sharpened up their defensive skills! At the end of the week the 18 fencers competed with their preferred weapons. Simon Wilson won bronze in men's epee and Alan Sheriff silver in men's sabre. Medals were won in the all-British women's event, with Gabby Down winning gold in both epee and foil, Viv Mills silver in epee, Suzanna Rockett silver in foil and Olwyn Fitzgerald bronze in foil and epee. The British squad will travel to France in April to join the annual camp in Azureva, with possible plans for another French visit here in January 2012.

BDFa Wheelchair Fencing Weekends 2011

These weekends are open to wheelchair fencers of all standards. Over the last 6 months the numbers of fencers coming along has grown fantastically. Coaches working with wheelchair fencers are also welcome to these weekends, which are heavily subsidised by the BDFa. Put the dates in your diary now! For more information, please contact [Dawn Newbery](#) on 07787 944042. We look forward to seeing you there.



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