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Better Fishing Academy - 2025 Programme

Following on from the success of our excellent coaching programme and the Better Fishing Academy fishing clinics we are planning some indoor winter 'teach-ins' that focus on different aspects of our sport ahead of the main programme below. As you can see there will be a full programme of fishing clinics and booking details will be announced shortly here and on our Facebook page.

BFA Fishing Clinics

We are repeating most of last year's fishing clinics covering the majority of fishing techniques necessary to enjoy success on our waters. Each session will be led by experienced tutors and are aimed at existing anglers wishing to improve their fishing skills and knowledge. We would encourage newcomers to angling to attend one of our excellent coaching sessions. Our aim is to provide a complete pathway into all aspects of coarse fishing which will hopefully help people become lifelong anglers.

Provisional Dates

| Session | Month | Day | Date | Time |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Float fishing for Carp at Willmotts | April | Saturday | 12/04/2025 | 10:00 - 14:00 |
| Lure fishing on canal at Froxfield | April | Saturday | 26/04/2025 | 8:00 - 12:00 |
| Specimen Tench at Flint | May | Saturday | 10/05/2025 | 7:00 - 11:00 |
| Specimen Carp at Cottage Lane | May | Wednesday | 21/05/2025 | 17:00 - 21:00 |
| Stick float fishing on the Kennet | August | Saturday | 09/08/2025 | 08:00 - 12:00 |
| Barbel fishing on the Kennet | August | Wednesday | 20/08/2025 | 17:00 - 21:00 |
| Feeder, Bolo, Whip & Waggler fishing on the Thames | September | Saturday | 13/09/2025 | 09:00 - 13:00 |
| Pike fishing on Flint | October | Saturday | 18/10/2025 | 08:00 - 12:00 |

Winter Teach-Ins

Pike Rigs and Traces - February 12

On Wednesday 12th February there will be a session focusing on Pike Fishing, and specifically on pike rigs. This will be a practical session with instruction on how to make a variety of pike rigs with an emphasis on fish safety.

When: 7pm Wednesday 12th February 2025
Where: Farnham Flint Hut, Cottage Lane, RG30 3UW

Those attending will be able to have a go at making up rigs that they can take away and use in their own fishing.

Line, Knots and Shoting Patterns - March 18

If you want to hook and land more fish then there's nothing more important than presenting your bait correctly using the right line with the right knots. Come and learn from two top RDAA anglers - Lewis Read (Product Development Manager for Gardner and now Thinking Anglers) and Mike Dalziel (Drennan sponsored match angler and RiverFest finalist)

The session is primarily aimed at the general angler who would benefit from gaining a better understanding of the best lines to use in different situations and the knots needed to give you the best chance of landing your target fish. In addition we will cover the basics of shoting patterns and bait presentation to help you get more bites.

When: 7pm Tuesday 18th March 2025
Where: Farnham Flint Hut, Cottage Lane, RG30 3UW

Everyone will have an opportunity to tie up their own rigs and all equipment is provided.

Carp Rigs with Gaz Fareham - March 26

Want to learn about rigs to outwit specimen carp? Come and hear from one of the best.

Gaz has been Carp fishing for 35 years and in that time has fished some of the most noted Carp venues, including most of our very own lakes. He has, in recent years, ventured to Europe whilst making and featuring in various films about his exploits.

Whilst Gaz is noted for his Big Carp fishing, he's a lot more rounded than people think, he likes nothing more than trotting a stick down his local river in search of Roach and Grayling or targeting specimen Perch, amongst other things. Angling success has always followed his efforts, whatever the quarry, catching some of this country's most sort after fish.

As an ex-teacher, successful author and artist, his obsessional attention to detail starts at the 'business end'....his rigs!

When: 7pm Wednesday 26th March 2025
Where: Farnham Flint Hut, Cottage Lane, RG30 3UW

Everyone will have an opportunity to tie up their own rigs and all equipment is provided.

Booking info:

To book your place on any of these sessions please email Steve at betterfishingacademyrdaa@gmail.com. There will be a limit of 10 places. Juniors will need to be accompanied by an adult. Free to RDAA members.

These are all indoor sessions with hot drinks provided!