

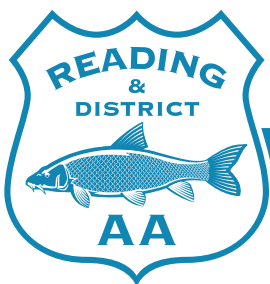
# RDAА BETTER FISHING ACADEMY



We are pleased to announce the launch of the **Reading & District Angling Association Better Fishing Academy** which aims to introduce new people to the joys of angling and help existing anglers develop their skills and catch more and bigger fish.

We are bringing together the great work of the RDAА coaching team and our popular series of angling tips and tuition with a new **Improve Your Fishing Skills** project for young and new anglers and people returning to our sport. From this April we will be running regular sessions across our waters to give newcomers and less experienced anglers an opportunity to try different styles of fishing with expert guidance from senior club members who are familiar with the venues and the methods that are needed to catch there. Whether it's learning about lure or bait fishing for pike and perch, catching roach and dace on the stick float and waggler, bream and tench on the feeder or targeting some of the specimen chub, barbel and carp that swim in our waters, our new programme will help you become a more successful angler.

All our sessions are free to RDAА members but non-members are welcome too on payment of an occasional small charge.  
Tackle and bait will be provided.



## BETTER FISHING ACADEMY

[www.RDAА.co.uk](http://www.RDAА.co.uk)



# IMPROVE YOUR FISHING SKILLS



Each session will have a designated supervisor and three 'angling mentors' who will demonstrate appropriate angling methods to the venue and target species with a maximum of three 'students' at a time. You will have an opportunity to fish with their tackle under supervision. At the end of the session you are welcome to stay on and fish with your own tackle and bait and put into practice what you have learnt.

The following sessions are now confirmed and bookings are open for a maximum of 10 places.

Free to RDAA members - £10 for non-members including guest ticket for the day.

To book in for the Improve Your Fishing Skills sessions please email **Steve** at [betterfishingacademyrdaa@gmail.com](mailto:betterfishingacademyrdaa@gmail.com)

Float fishing for Carp at Willmott's

Lure fishing on canal at Froxfield

Specimen Tench at Farnham Flint

Specimen Carp at Cottage Lane

Waggler fishing on Flint & Brownlee

Stick float fishing on the Kennet at Ufton

Barbel fishing on the Kennet at Upper Benyons

Feeder, Whip & Waggler fishing on the Thames at Wallingford

Pike fishing at Farnham Flint

Sat 13th April

10am - 2pm

Sun 28th April

8am - 12pm

Sat 11th May

7am - 11am

Weds 22nd May

5pm - 9pm

Sat 27th July

8am - 12pm

Sat 17th August

8am - 12pm

Weds 28th Aug

5pm - 9pm

Sat 14th Sept

9am - 1pm

Sat 19th Oct

8am - 12pm

## SOME OF THE RDAA ANGLING MENTORS



RDAA Better Fishing Co-ordinator **Steve Reed** with a Loddon Chub.



Kennet specialist **Mick Dedman** with a fine roach. Mick has kindly volunteered to pass on his float fishing tips.



Big barbel specialist **Kevin Hargreaves** will be sharing some of his secrets.



Long time specimen hunter **Malcolm Morris** will be helping students who want to target big tench on our gravel pits.



**Scott Elvin** knows more than most how to tempt the big carp that live in our Cottage Lane lakes.



**Mariusz Dudek** and the guys from **Polish Anglers Association** will be showing how to catch pike & perch on lures.

### SAFEGUARDING

All our coaches and angling mentors will be fully accredited and cleared to work with young people and all events risk assessed in advance. Young children must be accompanied and parental consent must be provided for youngsters under 16yrs.

HELPING YOU TO GET MORE FROM YOUR FISHING



# FISHING BASICS WORKSHOPS

We kick off next month with the first of two Fishing Basics classroom workshops at the Bradfield Cricket Club pavilion in Heath Rd, Bradfield Southend, Reading RG7 6HD

On Saturday **17th February**  
and **Saturday 23rd March 2024**  
from **10am-3pm**.

These are aimed at newcomers to angling of any age but will be useful for anyone wishing to improve their technical knowledge.

The workshops will be run by the RDAA coaching team and include rig making, float selection, shotting patterns, essential fishing knots, tackle for waggler and stick float fishing, feeder fishing set ups and casting techniques out on the cricket field.

To book for the workshops please email:  
[rdaacoachingteam@gmail.com](mailto:rdaacoachingteam@gmail.com)



## COACHING SESSIONS

The coaching team are running four 90 minute sessions per day on Callows Pool at Farnham Flint, Cottage Lane, Pingewood, RG30 3UW based around the Angling Trust Get Fishing awards with certificates for those pupils reaching the required standard. Five students per session.

The 2024 dates are as follows:

**Sat 13th April, Sat 4th May 2024, Sat 25th May,  
Sat 22nd June, Sat 13th July.**

Times:

**9.30 - 11.00, 11.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 2.30, 2.30 - 4.00**

Please provide all names and ages (if under 16yrs) and specify your preferred time slots.

More dates to be announced in due course including the summer holiday programme.

To book for the coaching sessions please email: [rdaacoachingteam@gmail.com](mailto:rdaacoachingteam@gmail.com)



# ANGLING VIDEO TIPS & TUITION

All our videos can be found on our You Tube channel here: [youtube.com/@RDA](https://www.youtube.com/@RDA)



## They include:

Specimen tench tactics, pike fishing and handling, winter chub tips, bread punch fishing, carp rigs, watercraft, lure fishing and much more. We will be adding more helpful videos as the season progresses.



## CREATING LIFELONG ANGLERS

RDA member **Alex Davey** (17yrs) with a fabulous personal best Thames chub of 6lbs 9ozs caught following some great coaching by some of the club's top river specialists.

*"I just love it how the successful and more experienced RDA members are happy to show us how to become better anglers. The new 'Improve Your Fishing Skills' sessions are such a great idea and will help us all put more great fish like this on the bank."*