



The newsletter for the United Kingdom Aikikai
Traditional Aikido throughout the UK

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Gordon Jones Shihan writes:

It is hard to believe that it is almost 12 months since Summer School 2006 and the passing of William Smith Shihan. It was a Summer School that was unforgettable for all the wrong reasons but it was remarkable that the week was completed at all given the circumstances. Its 'success' due entirely to the steadfastness of the members on campus and the genuine feeling of mutual support felt by all of us that knew him.

This year saw Mr Cottier promoted to 7th Dan by Hombu Dojo. This is a first for any Briton. He was also the first British person to be awarded official Shihan Status (master teacher) in the early 90's. It's not hard to see why he should receive this accolade when you consider that he first went to Hombu in 1964 and spent the following 15 years there; 5 of those under the tutelage of O Sensei himself. He knows personally the great majority of the masters who have visited the UK over the years and is held in very high esteem by them.

- *The UKA has purchased a bench, with a suitable inscription plaque, that will*

be sited on that day in the gardens of Harper Adams.

- *Philip Smith will display some of the personal memorabilia that Mr Smith had collected over the years.*

- *A board will be placed by this display for people to attach messages or old pictures that may be of interest to other members.*

- *A time on the mat when students can say a few words*

- *Floral tribute and a photograph of Mr Smith on the kamiza*

- *at the formal dinner that evening no doubt there will be further acknowledgments of his life and work in aikido.*

As the organisation moves forward into 2008, we can take comfort in the fact that the predictions of disharmony within the UKA following his death have been unfounded. Courses have been well attended, the membership has increased, and the growing relationship with Hombu Dojo has never been more positive.

I hope that the Summer school of 2007 will give members the

opportunity of demonstrating their support by attending for the full week, if this is not possible then at least a day. If every member attended just for one day the numbers on the mat would double.

The accounts for Summer School 2006 will be available to members from their House Shido in on campus this year. In general terms, though, the costs for the UKA to host this event amounted to £20,500 with receipts amounting to £19,500. There is no 'mark up' on the accommodation; Summer School is funded from training fees alone. It is not the intention of the UKA to make a profit from Summer School: even accepting a year on year loss to give as many members as possible the opportunity to experience the training and social gathering that is the UKA Summer School

Hope to see you there.

**Gordon Jones
Shihan, UKA**



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October 07
Deadline - 17th Sept 07

December 07
Deadline - 17th Nov 07

The Newsletter is now available online at: www.ukaonline.org.uk .If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter and receive updates on information and courses to do with the UKA then email webmaster@ukaonline.co.uk. The new look web site also has lots of other information on and about the UKA and Aikido. Lots will be happening to the online facilities the UKA will be offering its members over the next year, so let us keep you informed. Subscribe to the email newsletter and alerts today!

General Notices



Developments in UKA Communications

Dear Member,

Over the last few months there have been exciting changes in the way the UKA communicates to its members. The development has been within the website and the level of email communication which is now made.

Following this edition on the Newsletter the following changes will take place: the Newsletter and its content will only be mailed out to those members who request it. This change has come about due to increasing costs and a recognition of the environmental impact of printing. A form has been included in within this edition. If you want to receive a Newsletter via the post then please fill in the form and return it to the stated address. If not, then please reuse / recycle the form!

At present we have some 300 people receiving postal newsletters. 1 tree makes 16.67 reams of copy paper or 8,333.3 sheets. If an additional 300 people are collecting over the web (and not printing it out!), that's saving about 1/5th of a tree per edition.

This may not seem a lot, but as an organisation we can help to reduce unnecessary usage of resource and reduce our own carbon footprint. If you are an instructor or club official, please ensure that current and future members are made aware that they can collect the Newsletter online and that they should send their email and details: newsletter@ukaonline.org.uk

Thank you,

UKA Communications Team

Change of Address Notifications

Please note that notifications of change of address should be sent to Allan Roberts, General Secretary, in the form of a new (and signed) membership form. This is the only way, legally, that we can accept notifications.

BAB Course – 29 September 2007

Please note the change of date for the BAB Course (previously advertised as 22 September). It will be held at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, Marlow, Buckinghamshire. More information will be sent out by the BAB during the next couple of months.

Dave Lenton
UKA Coach Liaison Officer

Articles for Scribe

It's been great to have so many articles sent in recently – thanks to everyone who's taken the time to write about a foreign trip; a course or to write an article about an aspect of aikido.

May I ask you all to consider the length of the article you're sending. I've had a few articles recently that have been 3 pages long: this will nearly always be too long to included without some fairly major editing. Ideally, articles should be a maximum of 2 pages.

Many thanks and keep sending them in!

Cath Davies
Editor

New Email Address

New email address for Summer School Bookings and Enquiries:

susan.hayward@sky.com



Presentation of Yudansha Certificates at Summer School

Please could the following people contact me either at Summer School or before if they wish to be presented with their yudansha certificate:

Karl Gibbons | Richard Green | Andrew Moseley-Packer | Matthew Mumford | Kevin Newall | Cedric Rameaux
 | Michael Powell | Sean Taylor | Mark Lewis | Michael Magnier | Gary O'Neill | Matthew Rhoden | David Mee |
 Andrew Dennis | Penelope Maycock

Allan Roberts - allanpatroberts@yahoo.co.uk

Caption Competition!

Summer School is hard work.....

Would anyone like to suggest a caption?

Captions should be sent to the Editor



Ren Shin Kan? Ai Ren Juku? Myo Shin Juku? Kyu Shin Kan? – what do they mean?

All the above are names of UKA dojo or Houses and there are many more. Why did you choose the name? Who gave it that name and why? Does the name affect the ethos or teaching at the dojo? What does it mean to you to train at a dojo with that name?

Why not write in and tell us about your dojo's name?

Courses

Aikido course with Cath Davies , Fiona Blyth and Mary Fuller , 22nd & 23rd September 2007

This is an advance notice of the above course to be held at Ren Bu Kan Dojo, Kings Heath, Birmingham . Some of you will remember Mary from when she taught here a couple of years ago. Mary and Fiona Blyth are both senior students of Kanai Sensei.

Further details at www.ukaonline.org.uk

Or Click [Here](#)

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18th - 21st October 2007

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UKA House News



Ren Shin Kan
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Date	Course	Date	Course
21 st October 2007	UKA Course	11 th November 2007	RSK Teachers Course
3 rd November 2007	Junior Grading	19 th December 2007	Junior Xmas Night



Miyo Shin Juku
Chief Instructor – Peter Brady Sensei 6th Dan so Hombu
Website <http://www.miyoshin-juku.freereserve.co.uk/>

Date	Course	Times	Venue
5th August	General	10.00am – 12.00pm / 12.30pm – 2.30pm	The Langley Dojo
9th September	Weapons	10.00am - 1.00pm	Land Rover
7th October	Instructors	10.00am – 12.00pm / 12.30pm – 2.30pm	The Langley Dojo
11th November	Weapons	10.00am - 1.00pm	Land Rover
9 th December	General	10.00am – 12.00pm / 12.30pm – 2.30pm	The Langley Dojo



Te Shin Kai
Chief Instructor – Keith Hayward Sensei 6th Dan so Hombu
Tel 01952 403195 | Email: Keith_hayward@blueyonder.co.uk

Class Schedules

Ken Mon Kan Oakengates Class Times

Monday & Thursday – 7.45 – 8.45pm Juniors **7.45 – 10.00pm Seniors**
Friday 8.30 – 10.00pm
First Friday of every month – Instructors Course – 8.00 – 10.00pm
Second Friday of every month – Weapons Class



Kyu Shin Kan
Chief Instructor – Peter Brown Sensei 5th Dan so Hombu
Website <http://www.kyushinkan.com/>

Projected Course Dates at Kyu Shin Kan for 2007

Instructors Courses

September 9th | December 9th
Instruction by Sensei P Brown

All courses to take place at the DMU Dojo from 11am till 1.30pm

General Courses

November 25th

Dojo: TBC | Time: 10am till 2.30pm
Instruction by Sensei P Brown & guest Instructors

All Kyu Shin Kan Instructors to attend a minimum of two of the above courses