



Ken Cottier Shihan – UKA National course Sunday 24th June 2007

The UKA have invited Ken Cottier Shihan to take a couple of hours at the forthcoming national course at Ren Shin Kan Headquarters Dojo. Many of you who are reading this either will already have met him personally or have seen Mr Cottier on courses in past years. He is a senior teacher of The British Aikido federation and also an old friend of the UKA.



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.

Mr Cottier was responsible for introducing Aikido to Hong

Kong where he has also taught the police force and where he spends a great deal of his time nowadays. He is also credited with bringing the art to South Africa, with whom he still retains contact. A quietly confident but unassuming man, Mr Cottier draws on a wealth of experience when he teaches and has the student transfixed with occasional references to Shihan like Arikawa, Okumura, Osawa and Yamaguchi – names that most of us have only read about in aikido books. He is a master storyteller with one of those voices you could listen to forever. He has many recollections of incidents with the

elite of the aikido world and this makes him wonderful company.

On behalf of the UKA I would like to congratulate Mr Cottier on achieving this rank and, in recognition of this, have asked him to share his knowledge with us on this day.

For those interested in chatting with Ken, a Chinese meal has been arranged for the Saturday evening before (23rd June) in central Birmingham.

For details please contact Richard Hughes on 07779-222251 or rich Hughes@yahoo.com

**Peter Brady
Shido-in - UKA**



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August 07
Deadline - 17th July 07

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



Congratulations to Neil & Kelly.....

On the birth of their son on 21st April, Logan Magnier-Mould.

He was 8 lbs and delivered in just 3 hours!

One of Neil's students, who's identity can't be revealed for their own safety, said, "Neil is so made up with his new son that we were even allowed 10 minutes off our training session to make a fuss of him.....unheard off at Staines dojo!"



Coaching Information

For sometime now I have received comments regarding the lack of coaching courses. The British Aikido Board (BAB) will only put on a coaching course when they know there is sufficient demand.

The procedure is that anyone requiring a coaching award should complete the application form (available from your House Registrar or can be downloaded from <http://www.bab.org.uk/downloads/downloads.html> and send it to me. I send the forms to Grev Cooke (BAB Course Administration Officer) who will hold on to the forms until there are sufficient numbers to make a course viable.

Associations can undertake putting on a course at their own risk of covering costs. They should contact Grev Cooke (024 7673 2132 or grev.cooke@ntlworld.com) should they wish to put on a course. Grev will assist in this and to help with the numbers will contact anyone that he knows of needing a course.

Dave Lenton Coach Liaison Officer, UKA
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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 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.

More details will be available nearer the time but please put the date in your diaries.

Cath Davies

Kobayashi Yasuo Shihan 8th Dan Aikikai

18th - 21st October 2007

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UKA House News



Ren Shin Kan

Ren Shin Kan Martial Arts Centre, 227 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, West Midlands.
Tel: 01384 569286 | Website <http://www.renshinkan.co.uk/>

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



Miyoshin Juku

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

Date	Course	Times	Venue
10th June	Instructors	10.00am – 12.00pm / 12.30pm – 2.30pm	The Langley Dojo
8th July	Weapons	10.00am - 1.00pm	Land Rover
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

| July 8th | 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