



Gordon Jones Shihan writes:

I would like to thank every one for their uncompromising support of the UKA in 2007. It was a pivotal year for us all in many respects: the first year without Mr. Smith Shihan; the memories of last year's Summer School behind us and, for me, the first year as a Shihan. I believe it has been a successful year; the overall numbers in the organisation has increased slightly with 250 new members joining in 2007.

The UKA's relationship with Hombu Dojo is at an all time high. I revisited Hombu recently with 8 students and our reception from Doshu, the Shihan and the students was enthusiastic, warm and sincere.

Summer School has always been the focal point of the training year and we were fortunate to be able to welcome Kobayashi Shihan back to Harper Adams. The teaching was brilliant: Sensei seemed to have put the

execution of his technique into a higher gear! His teaching was clear and consistent following the direction of the previous visits to the UKA.

The strength, and conversely, the weakness of the UKA is that we have many talented teachers all with their own 'way' of aikido, giving the UKA a flavour and diversity not found anywhere else. That being the case, it is all our collective responsibility to work on the weaknesses that Sensei repeatedly highlighted. The Shido-in have some months yet to study this information and to pass it down to their students before Summer School 2008.

The principles that have made the UKA a success are simply an extension of how Mr. Smith Shihan led his life. Although he is no longer with us, the core values that sustain the organisation have not and will not change. But, like aikido it-

self, we must be flexible and responsive to the concerns and aspirations of its members while still reinforcing the qualities that we have inherited. In the coming weeks, the Management Committee and the Technical Committee will put forward to the membership a series of initiatives that have started out as ideas from students. The outlines of these proposals will include a revised constitution, a declaration of accountability and transparency, a dojo start up fund and clearer route for teaching qualifications.

The objectives for 2008 are clear:

- to continue to expand our relationship with Hombu and to follow the direction it has given us both in the mind-set and physical approach to training

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Deadline - 17th July 07

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Deadline - 17th Sept 07

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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!

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- to continue to work together in harmony to further the UKA as an organisation that recognises the true balance and value of aikido in our every day lives, and in so doing to give every member a voice and an opportunity to contribute to our success
- to offer an open door to individuals seeking to start aikido or existing groups looking to expand and further aikido opportunities
- finally, in the spirit of aikido, to explore avenues of cooperation with other organisations that may lead to the betterment of the UK aikido community.

Very best wishes for 2008

**Gordon Jones
Shihan, UKA**

General Notices

Kagami Biraki Promotions: Sugawara Shihan and Kobayashi Shihan

At this year's Kagami Biraki, Sugawara Shihan and Kobayashi Shihan were promoted to 7th Dan by Doshu, Ueshiba Moriteru.

The UKA warmly and sincerely congratulates them both!

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.

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**



Summer School 2008

16th - 23rd August at Harper Adams University College, Shropshire

We are delighted to welcome back **Sugawara Shihan** for this year's Summer School.

Booking details will shortly be sent to all members but there are no camping places left.

All enquiries to Sue Hayward, Summer School organiser 01952 403195 or at susan.hayward@sky.com)

- Pre booking for accommodation is essential
- All meals need to be pre-booked, at least by breakfast on the day the meal is required

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere on campus, including bedrooms.

Book early to secure your place!

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

Sugawara Shihan, 7th Dan, in Scotland, 15 & 16 March 2008

This will be the first visit of a Hombu Shihan to Scotland. The course is being hosted by Azami-kai, headed by Neil Blacknell, who many of you will know is our translator at Summer School.

More details available on the UKA website or from Neil Blacknell,
neilblacknell@hotmail.com

Keith Hayward, 40 years in Aikido 29th & 30th March 2008

In 2008 it is Keith's 40 years in Aikido. On 29th & 29th March, we are holding a course at Harper Adams in Newport to celebrate it.

Instruction will be taken by Mr. Jones and UKA Shido-in.

Booking would be advised.

Please contact Sue Hayward on 01952 403195 or at susan.hayward@sky.com.

Keith Hayward, 40 years in Aikido London Course 19th April 2008

For further information email drewjh_uk@yahoo.co.uk

Poster available soon

UKA House News



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

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

Date	Course	Times	Venue
March 9th	Grading	10.00am - 2.30pm	TBC
March 16th	Joint Course *	10.00am - 2.30pm	Course Poster
March 30th	Instructors Course	11 am - 1.30pm	DMU Dojo
May 18th	General Course	10.00am - 2.30pm	TBC
July 6th	Instructors Course	11 am - 1.30pm	DMU Dojo
September 17th	General Course	10.00am - 2.30pm	TBC
September 21st	Instructors Course	11 am - 1.30pm	DMU Dojo
November 16th	Grading Course	10.00am - 2.30pm	TBC
December 7th	Instructors Course	11 am - 1.30pm	DMU Dojo

*Joint Course with Sensei P Brown and Sensei M Smith

Melton Mowbray Aikido Club Courses

Date	Times	Instructor
April 20th - Grading Course	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Sensei P. Brown
August 31st	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Sensei P. Brown
November 2nd - Grading Course	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Sensei P. Brown

These events will be held at: **Brownlow School Limes Avenue Melton Mowbray**

Japanese Evening

Aikido Demonstration for the Diocese of Leicester Japan Link Committee

5th April

Venue: St. Anne's Church, Letchworth Road, Western Park, Leicester

Time: 7.00pm till 9.15pm