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Traditional Aikido throughout the UK

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Gordon Jones Shihan writes:

I would like to wish all UKA members and their families a healthy, peaceful and successful New Year.

It was the second full year without Mr. Smith's guidance and it is a credit to all the members of the UKA that the organisation has moved forward and seemingly prospered in this time, with the unity of the organisation undiminished.

Summer School, it has to be said, was the most successful yet, with increased numbers from both UKA members and from visitors, in particular visitors from overseas. Your attendance and contribution is very much appreciated.

The AGM saw the introduction of a new constitution that clearly defines the role of the various positions and allows the general membership a voice in many aspects of the organisation.

In March, after an approach to the other Hombu affiliated organisations in the UK, we secured a commitment by Doshu to visit the UK early in 2010, as part of this decision the members of this group have agreed to find ways of working in harmony and exploring ways in which we can celebrate our common heritage. The web site for booking a place on this momentous event will be on line very soon.

The Technical Committee is considering various changes to the UKA course structure: the aims of these changes will be, firstly, to encourage more course participation by members and to maintain the numbers in the afternoon classes by discouraging the post-lunch exodus. Also, to dispense with the Shido-in rota and acknowledge the importance of recognising the potential senior teachers of the future.

So where is 2009 going to take the UKA? Aikido will not be immune from the problems caused by the economic downturn that is in facing us all.

We will have to work hard to prevent the membership numbers falling. Around 90% of new members come by way of introduction from existing members, so we all have a role to play in keeping UKA membership amongst the highest in the UK. There are many reasons why students stop training but I hope that financial restraints are not one of those: we would be failing the principles of aikido if we do not support each other in whatever way we can though difficult times.



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April 09
Deadline - 17th March 09

June 09
Deadline - 17th May 09

August 09
Deadline - 17th July 09

October 09
Deadline - 17th Sept 09

February 09
Deadline - 17th Jan 09

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Summer School 2009, 15th - 22nd August. Harper Adams University College

This year, we will have a dojo off-campus as the sports hall is being renovated over the summer months. We are fortunate to have the use of excellent facilities at Adams Grammar School (<http://www.adamsgs.org.uk>), just 8 minutes drive from the college and seconds away from Newport High Street. The dojo will be the same size as at Harper Adams; there are large changing rooms and an indoor area for people to sit over lunchtime or between classes.

Accommodation, breakfast, dinner, and use of the bar at night will all be at Harper Adams. A packed lunch will be provided for residents at Harper Adams and will be available to be purchased by non-residents.

Lifts will be available between the college and Adams Grammar School.

All accommodation and camping must be booked and paid for before Summer School. Payments by installment are available. All monies must be paid by 1st July 2009 or the booking will be cancelled.

Accommodation, meals and training prices are detailed below. Booking details will be sent out shortly but in the meantime, enquiries, requests to set up installment payment plans or to reserve a camping place or en-suite room may be made now directly to Sue Hayward, Summer School Organiser, susan.hayward@sky.com, 01952 403 195.

Summer School 2009 Prices

Accommodation:

En suite: £332.00 per week. £48.00 per night.

Single accommodation: £320.00 per week. £46 per night.

Training:

Training in full accommodation £50.00 per week. £10.00 daily.

Training only £90.00 per week. £16.00 daily.

Training (unwaged/ students) £80.00. £14.00 daily.

Meals:

Meals are available to non-residents at the following costs:

Breakfast: £6.00

Lunch: £5.00

Dinner: £7.50

Formal dinner:

Residents: £8.50

Non-residents: £15.00

Summer School 2008 DVDs

Summer School are now available. If you would like to purchase one please contact: Sue Hayward, susan.hayward@sky.com. If you paid for one at Summer School, please contact Sue on susan.hayward@sky.com to confirm your delivery address.

UKA Courses 2009

14th/15th March - **Winter School** | 14th June | 15th - 22nd August - **Summer School**
18th October

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Te Shin Kai

Chief Instructor – Keith Hayward Sensei 6th Dan so Hombu
Tel 01952 403195 | Email: susan.hayward@sky.com | www.teshinkai.org.uk

Class Schedules

Ken Mon Kan Oakengates Class Times

Monday & Thursday – 7.45 – 8.45pm Juniors 7.45 – 10.00pm Seniors

Friday - 8.00 – 10.00pm

First Friday of every month – Instructors Course – 8.00 – 10.00pm

Second Friday of every month – Weapons Class - 8.00 - 10.00pm

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Myo Shin Juku

Chief Instructor – Peter Brady Sensei 6th Dan so Hombu
Website <http://www.myoshinjuku.org.uk/>

Myo Shin Juku Course List 2009

Senior Instructor, Peter Brady, 6th Dan, Shido-in, Aikikai

To be held at the Langley Dojo :
(Small sports hall) Langley Secondary School, Kineton Green Road, Solihull, B92 7ER

Course times: 10.00am - 12.00pm / 12.30pm - 2.30pm

<i>Date</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Other Information</i>
15 th February	Weapons	All Welcome
26 th April	Senior Course	3rd Kyu and above
12th July	General Course	All Welcome
27th September	Weapons	All Welcome
15th November	Senior Course	3rd Kyu and above
13th December	General Course	All Welcome



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Ren Shin Kan Course List 2009

<i>Date</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
1st February	Teachers Course	Shido-in
7th February	First of the Month	Mike Smith
21st February	Weapons	Mike Smith
28th February	UKA Junior Course	UKA Shido-in
7th March	First of the Month	Mike Smith
7th - 8th March	Iaido Course	British Kendo Association

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21st March	Weapons	Mike Smith
4th April	First of the Month	Mike Smith
12th April	Teachers Course	Shidoïn
18th April	Weapons	Mike Smith
2nd May	First of the Month	Mike Smith
16th May	Weapons	Mike Smith
30th May	Lowestoft	Phil Smith
6th June	First of the Month	Mike Smith
20th June	Weapons	Mike Smith
27th June	UKA Junior Course	Shidoïn
4th July	First of the Month	Mike Smith
11th - 12th July	Iaido Nationals	BKA
18th July	Weapons	Mike Smith
19th July	Teachers Course	Shidoïn
1st August	First of the Month	Mike Smith
9th - 14th August	Iaido Summer School	BKA
19th August	UKA Junior Day	Shidoïn
5th September	First of the Month	Mike Smith
19th September	Weapons	Mike Smith
3rd October	First of the Month	Mike Smith
17th October	UKA Junior Course	Shidoïn
17th October	Weapons	Mike Smith
7th November	First of the Month	Mike Smith
21st November	Weapons	Mike Smith