



## Gordon Jones Shihan writes:

### Formation of the Joint Aikikai Council-UK

Following a meeting on the 22 March 2009 between Mike Flynn of the British Birankai, Peter Gillard of the British Aikido Federation, David Yates representing the Scottish Aikido Federation, Terry Ezra of the Komyokan Aikido Association and myself, the formation of the new organisation in British Aikido was ratified. It was proposed by Mike Flynn and accepted by all that I take on the role of Chairman for the first 2 years.

The Joint Aikikai Council member organisations are all affiliated directly to Hombu Dojo and as such will endeavour to promote the acceptance of the Doshu and his representatives as the foremost authority in the teaching of traditional aikido with the United Kingdom aikido community.

The mission statement of the JAC reads as follows:

*To cooperate and work in harmony with other members of the group to promote the study of aikido within the United Kingdom, while maintaining complete independence from one another in technical, administrative and financial matters*

*To recognise the Doshu, his representatives and Hombu Dojo as the foremost authority for the dissemination of aikido worldwide.*

*To adhere to the regulations laid down by Hombu dojo in respect of Yudansha promotions and teaching qualifications.*

*To promote the principles and teaching of the Doshu and his representatives and to endeavour, through cooperation with the BAB, to encourage the acceptance of these principles to the wider aikido community within the UK,*

*To offer associated membership to UK aikido organisations who wish to pursue the principles laid down in the above.*

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### Newsletter Article Submission Deadlines

**August 09**  
Deadline - 17<sup>th</sup> July 09

**October 09**  
Deadline - 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 09

**December 09**  
Deadline - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 09

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## **Gordon Jones Shihan writes cont.**

### **Formation of the Joint Aikikai Council-UK**

After the many years of division and isolation put behind us, it is rewarding to have taken such a positive move forward in the unfolding history of aikido in the UK. It has given us all a solid platform of mutual respect and support which we can develop and pass onto the next generation of aikidoka.

The first tangible result of this association will be, of course, the visit in 2010 of the Doshu and Waka Sensei. We hope that as many students as possible will take advantage of the opportunity to take part in this event. JAC members will have until the 1<sup>st</sup> September to book their place before it is opened out to the general aikido population.

At the recent BAB meeting I joined Guy Needler and representatives of JAC to announce the formation of the Joint Aikikai Council. Although its formation will have no direct implications upon the BAB we felt it worthy of note particularly as we (JAC) have various considerations and initiatives to present to the Executive Committee in the future.

At this meeting I was seconded/volunteered to stand on the BAB executive committee for a 12 month period.

Once again I would like to thank all UKA members for their continued and unwavering support of our organisation.

**Gordon Jones Shihan**

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

This year, we will have a dojo off-campus as the sports hall at Harper Adams 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 in-door area for people to sit over lunchtime or between classes.

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

**Non-residents and day-visitors should note the following change: meals will only be available if booked and paid for by 1<sup>st</sup> July. It will not be possible to book meals after 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

All accommodation and camping must be booked and paid for before Summer School. Payments by installment are available. Deposits should have been paid by 1<sup>st</sup> February and the interim payment is due by 1<sup>st</sup> April. **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](mailto: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.

#### **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

## Job Vacancy

### Newsletter Publisher and Distributor

After some 13 years of working on the UKA Newsletter, I have decided to step down from my post as Newsletter Publisher and Distributor. If you would like to apply for the position then please send a letter of interest to the Newsletter Editor; Cath Davies [cath@shoshin.co.uk](mailto:cath@shoshin.co.uk)

For the role you will require or be confident to develop the following:

#### Job Description

- Committed time every two months to publish and distribute the newsletter
- Some design flair
- Ability to work with Desk Top Publishing or similar software
- Some knowledge of working with Websites and the confidence to learn how to manage a web site distribution list
- Some knowledge of Mail Merge
- Be able to produce small numbers of printed newsletters and mail them to members.
- Motivation to develop the newsletter and student email captures and process

#### Particulars:

**Hours:** 4 hours a month

**Pay:** The personal satisfaction of developing a high quality communication tool

**Andrew Humphreys**

**Retiring Newsletter Publisher and Distributor**

## Gordon Jones Shihan writes:

**4 weekends...17,500 miles..16 classes, in 4 countries for 350 students.**

It was a hectic, exhausting but immensely rewarding experience of which I have felt very privileged to have been part. My sincere thanks to the groups and the teachers who invited me and I only hope that they and their students enjoyed and benefited from the classes as much as I did.

Thanks as well to the students that accompanied me and in particular to Guy, Rebecca, Paul and Alan who had me tag along on their prearranged trip to Hong Kong.

**Belgrade** was the start. Philip Smith and I took a 3 day seminar with around a 100 students. As usual the training was committed and full of energy. This is the first event we have done since Serbia Aikikai received full Hombu recognition. I hope it will not be the last! Philip and I where invited to take the Sandan and Yondan tests. Our friends Lily and Alex, who have attended UKA Summer School, passed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan and 4th Dan respectively. Thanks to Sean and Adam for coming over to support us.

**Liverpool.** I was very honoured to have had an invitation by the Komyokan Aikido Association to teach along side Terry Ezra Shihan 7<sup>th</sup> Dan, a man who I have admired and looked up to for 40 years. One of the highlights of the weekend was the chance to re-establish our friendship that had lain dormant for 30 odd years.

The KAA course was attended by 120 members from all over the country with just a few familiar faces! The standard was exceptional as would have been expected from students of Ezra Sensei, the organisation faultless, the hospitality wonderful and the welcome humbling. I hope this relationship continues to grow. Thank you to Zach, Adam and Sean for their support.

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## 4 weekends...17,500 miles..16 classes, in 4 countries for 350 students. continued

**Hong Kong** was an unforgettable experience! The mass of humanity, (7 million) the humidity, the wonderful food and the overwhelming friendship of the students. In particular the direct students of Cottier Shihan who made us all so welcome, their hospitality was just tremendous. We took classes every day in a different venue with largely different students but the enthusiasm was just as positive wherever we went. Congratulations to Guy for thoughtfully presenting memorabilia from Cottier Shihan to the dojos. Thank you to Paul, Guy, Rebecca and Alan for their friendship over what was an 'active' weekend.

**Strasbourg**, unfortunately travelled alone on this one but felt very much at home with Steve Magson and his students. The venue is wonderful, a superb dojo just metres away from the hotel, all in the foothills of the Alps! I shared the classes with Steve, 5 a day, but was rewarded with a great day of sightseeing, and pubs, of this beautiful historical city. Many thanks Steve and Sandrine for a wonderful weekend (and to Catherine who visited from Paris!)

**And next...**on June the 25th the beautiful seaside city of Thessaloniki beckons with its hot sunshine and warm sea. I am teaching a seminar there for 3 days, anybody wanting to come will be more than welcome.

## Gordon Jones Shihan Course List 2009

<i>Date</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
<b>26th June - 2nd July</b>	Thesalonica	Confirmed
<b>3rd October</b>	Birankai Winter Course Durham	Confirmed
<b>October / November</b>	Hombu Dojo	TBC

Anybody interested in accompanying Jones Shihan on any of these events should contact: Martin (07814 249 472, [martpenrose@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:martpenrose@blueyonder.co.uk)) or Zach on (07875 385 398, [zachfairbanks@hotmail.com](mailto:zachfairbanks@hotmail.com)).

## Winter School 2009 photos



**Photos by Piotr Strozik**

## Summer School 2008 DVDs

Summer School are now available. If you would like to purchase one please contact:

Sue Hayward, [susan.hayward@sky.com](mailto:susan.hayward@sky.com).

If you paid for one at Summer School, please contact Sue on [susan.hayward@sky.com](mailto:susan.hayward@sky.com) to confirm your delivery address.

## UKA Courses 2009

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

## Summers School AGM and Notices 2009

This years **AGM** will be held on Sunday evening of Summer School, 16th Aug at 7.30 pm.

The **General Secretary** positron is up for re-election. Nominations should be presented at the next technical committee which is on 5th August at Ren Shin Kan, 8.00pm.

Nominations for **Yudansha gradings** should also be presented at this technical committee meeting and no later. Late applications will be generally refused.

## House News



### Te Shin Kai

Chief Instructor – Keith Hayward Sensei 6<sup>th</sup> Dan so Hombu  
Tel 01952 403195 | Email: [susan.hayward@sky.com](mailto:susan.hayward@sky.com) | [www.teshinkai.org.uk](http://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



### Myo Shin Juku

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

### Myo Shin Juku Course List 2009

Senior Instructor, Peter Brady, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan, Shidoiin, 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

Date	Course	Other Information
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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## Kyu Shin Kan

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	General Course	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Melton Mowbray
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	Instructors Course	11.00am – 12.30pm	DMU Dojo
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	General Course	10.30am – 2.30pm	DMU Dojo
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	General Course	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Melton Mowbray
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	General Course	10.30am – 2.30pm	DMU Dojo
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Instructors Course	11.00am – 12.30pm	DMU Dojo

Instruction by Peter Brown Sensei

### Melton Mowbray Dojo:

Brownlow School  
Limes Avenue  
Melton Mowbray  
Leicestershire,  
LE13 1QL

### DMU Dojo:

John Sandford Sports Centre  
Western Boulevard  
Leicester  
LE3 5LX

### Other Events

#### Martial Arts Festival UK

#### **Aikido Demonstration & Exhibition**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Venue:** Parklands Leisure Centre, Oadby,  
Leicester.

**Time:** 10.00am till 6.00pm

For more information [www.maf-uk.co.uk](http://www.maf-uk.co.uk)



## Ren Shin Kan

Ren Shin Kan Martial Arts Centre. 227 Halesowen Road, Old Hill. West Midlands, B64 2LR  
Tel: 01384 569 286

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> June	UKA Junior Course	Shidojin
11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Iaido Nationals	BKA
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers Course	Shidojin
9 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Iaido Summer School	BKA
19 <sup>th</sup> August	UKA Junior Day	Shidojin
17 <sup>th</sup> October	UKA Junior Course	Shidojin
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Teachers Course	Shidojin
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Club Night	Junior Committee

**Also:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month: Mike Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (except August): Mike Smith, weapons