

WAKEFIELD TOMIKI AIKIDO CLUB NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2012

Highlights of 2011

The first major event of the year was the Senior Kyu Grade Championships held on 5th February. The team managed to walk away with 2 medals. Simon Hilton took 2nd place in the tanto event for 3rd Kyu and below. Kay Cox managed to gain third place in the senior kyu (1st-2nd) open kata event.

The Junior National Championships were held on the 19th March. A small team secured Gold and Silver medals in the Open Kata event, these along with 3 further Silver medals in the Under 16s category proved good enough to win the under 16s team trophy. The Under 14s Team also won Silver in two events and Bronze in Basic Kata. Despite their best efforts no medals were won in the lower age groups.

For the Junior Northern Open Championships on 2nd July, the club entered an 11 strong team which performed strongly with the majority of team members managing to reach at least one event final. The finals resulted in 5 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze medal placings spread over the age categories. Peter Derega was noticed by the judges who awarded him best individual performance in the under 14 age group.

In July, Luke Fountain and Brandon Murphy were confirmed to have secured places in the BAA National Youth Team to represent Great Britain in three separate events at the 9th International Aikido Tournament taking place at Brunel University, London between 11th – 14th August 2011.

Their best performance came in the open kata where they belied their youthful inexperience to defeat a senior 2nd dan black belt opponent in the second round with a unanimous 5 flag judges decision. This win secured them a place in the last 16 before they bowed out to a more experienced Japanese duo.

In December, the 2011 Harmony of youth award was presented to Robbie Watson. His excellent conduct throughout the year and his willingness to help and support other members of the club were both highlighted during the presentation.

Junior Grading Results

The junior section were graded on Friday 9 December, it was a busy session with 20 members on the mat.

In giving his feedback, Adrian Tipling (5th Dan black belt), reported that standards had been good, everyone passed. However Technique Number 7 (UDE GAESHI) of the Basic Kata had been consistently performed on the wrong leg by all grades and members should ensure that all techniques are properly finished.

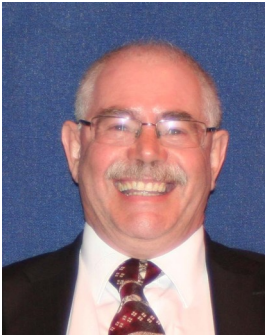
Well Done Everyone

Name	Old Grade	New Grade
Charlotte Fountain	Brown+1	Brown+2
Brandon Murphy	Blue+3	Brown+1
Sean Mahoney	Blue+2	Blue+3
Morgan Murphy	Blue	Blue+3
Cameron West	Green+1	Green+3
Jennifer Willis	Green+1	Green+3
Gleb Butylov	Green	Green+2
Robbie Watson	Green	Green+2
Wiktoria Mirga	Orange	Orange+3
Darak Sivicki	Yellow+1	Yellow+3
Peter Derega	White+1	Yellow
Dylan Robertson	White	Yellow
Korneliusz Bedynski	Red+3	Yellow
Lewis Graves	Red+2	White+1
Thomas Batley	Red	White
Maya Brzostowska	Red	White
Malwina Wroblewska	Red	Red+3
Maccy Boniecki	Red	Red+3
Szymon Boniecki	Red	Red+2
David Wieslan	Red	Red+2

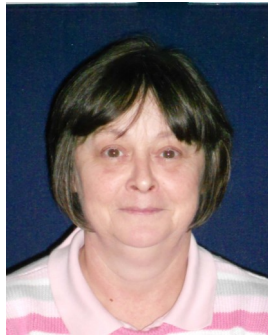
Management Executive



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Dojo Etiquette

Proper observance of etiquette is as much a part of your training as is learning techniques. Here are a few of the rules please take them seriously.

1. When entering or leaving the dojo, make a standing bow. You should also bow when entering or leaving the mat.
2. Be on time for class. If you do happen to arrive late, you should wait, formally seated beside the mat, until the instructor signals permission for you to join the class. Perform a formal seated bow as you get on the mat.
3. The proper way to sit on the mat is in seiza (Kneeling). If you have a knee injury, you may sit cross-legged, but never sit with legs outstretched.
4. If you should have to leave the mat or dojo for any reason during class, approach the instructor and ask permission.
5. Please keep talking during class to a minimum. What conversation there is should be restricted to one topic -- Aikido.

Rules for Observing Class

1. Please talk quietly so not to disturb the class especially when the instructor is demonstrating or lecturing.
2. Please put mobiles on silent and take any call outside the training room.
3. Taking photos or video footage is prohibited without the express permission of the instructor.

Events for 2012

Sunday 22 January

BAA Squad Training, Wolverhampton.

Sunday 5 February

Senior Kyu Grade Championships, Dartford.

Sunday 26 February

National Dan Grading, Sheffield.

Saturday 3 March

Junior Northern Area Championships, Bradford.

Sunday 25 March

Senior National Championships, Sheffield.

Sunday 22 April

BAA Squad Training, Loughborough.