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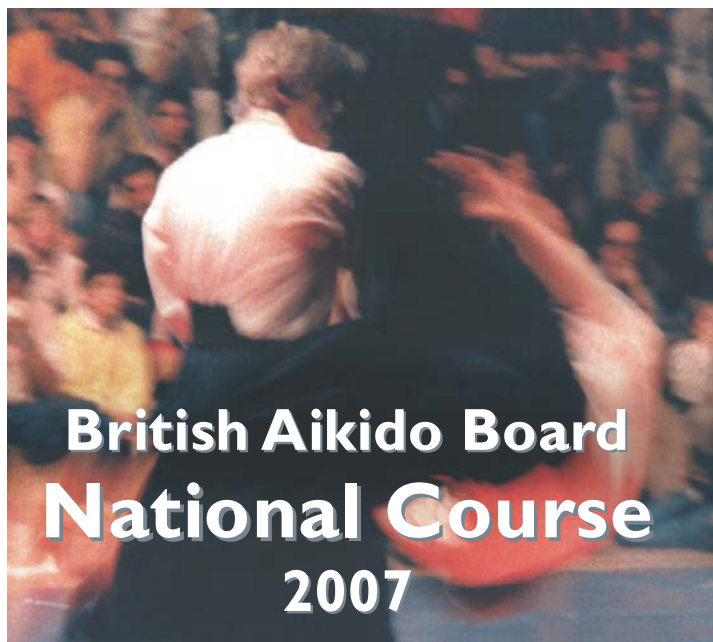
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Welcome to the BAB National Course 2007




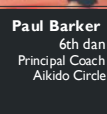
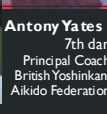
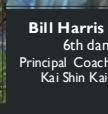
A ikidoka from all over the UK will be gathering together at the Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre in Buckinghamshire, for the annual British Aikido Board National Course. This course provides a unique opportunity to learn from some of the UK's top aikido instructors who will articulate some exciting and varied interpretations of aikido technique based on their many years of practice. This year the BAB will bring together Terry Bayliss, Don Morgan, Wasyl Kolesnikov, Tony Yates, Paul Barker and Bill Harris to deliver another action packed day.

This course provides a welcome opportunity to broaden one's experience of aikido practice and train with fellow aikidoka from the many different associations that make up the BAB community. Currently there are thirtyfour member associations with full voting rights, joined together in the BAB to form the only Sports England recognised governing body for the practice of aikido.

If you have been before or if this will be your first time, fill in the booking forms and get as many from your club to attend. We can guarantee an engaging and enjoyable day.



 Saturday 29th September 2007 at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre 9-30 am to 4-15 pm

 Terry Bayliss 7th dan Principal Coach Seijitsu Aikido Ryu	 Wasyl Kolesnikov 6th dan Principal Coach KSMBDA	 Don Morgan 5th dan a senior instructor of the British Aikido Federation
 Paul Barker 6th dan Principal Coach Aikido Circle	 Antony Yates 7th dan Principal Coach British Yoshinkan Aikido Federation	 Bill Harris 6th dan Principal Coach Kai Shin Kai

Kai Shin Kai signs historic agreement in Aosta, Italy

In March of 2007 a delegation from Kai Shin Kai in the United Kingdom visited Northern Italy to sign an historic agreement between the Kai Shin Kai and Centro Sportivo Libertas, the professional sports body of Italy (Libertas is a Latin word meaning freedom).

The agreement between Bill Harris, Chairman of the KSK and Mr Luigi Musacchia, President of Centro Sportiva Libertas, was signed at a civil ceremony in Verres, Aosta, in the presence of Bill Harris, the Vice-President of Libertas (representing Mr Musacchia) and other senior instructors from both Britain and the Kai Shin Kai's Italian affiliated clubs in the region.

This agreement is significant in Italy as it recognises the local clubs in Aosta as a part of an association dedicated to the growth of aikido as well as a part of a professional sports body. Libertas has a registered membership in excess of 6 million and is one of the largest sports organisations in Europe.

Another important aspect of the agreement is that Kai Shin Kai is recognised and promoted at an international level for its commitment to aikido and its continuation of standards of excellence.

Talks are already in progress for a return visit in the Autumn of 2007 for a joint instructional seminar and promotional event between the two organisations.

Pictured are the representatives from Kai Shin Kai and Libertas at the signing ceremony in Verres Town Hall, Aosta Valley.

Report by Bill Harris



50 Years of Aikido in the UK

In 2006 Seijitsu Aikido Ryu and friends celebrated the 50th anniversary of Aikido in the UK—report by Adam Hodgetts



Well after a lengthy period of waiting and planning the week end finally arrived. 9th & 10th September 2006 saw Seijitsu Aikido Ryu playing host to a course in celebrate of the 50th anniversary for Aikido being introduced in to the UK . I feel I must quantify this as a few readers may say that it was last year, does it really matter on the grand scheme of things, as it is after all a celebration the art of Aikido.

The whole idea of the course was to bring together as many martial artists from around the country, and especially those who are classed as "friends and family" to Seijitsu Aikido Ryu, and to then enjoy the training. Martial artists came down from Scotland, Yorkshire, Manchester and up from Brighton and the south. The furthest participant came from Portugal and South Africa. The "Icing on the Cake" of the whole week end was the donation made to the NSPCC of £1200 collected through the course fees and donations. Everyone who attended should feel proud of this.

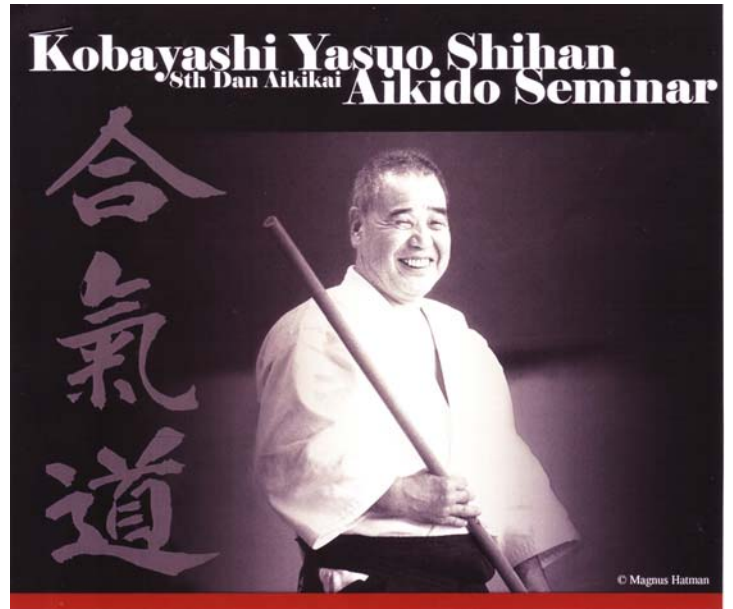
I will have to make my apologies now as I did not get the opportunity to train with everyone or be taught by all the instructors. However those classes that I did join in with lived up to my

expectations; from the very energetic but soft style of the Brighton boys, where everyone left the mat sweating. One comment made to me from a Yorkshire gentleman was "I'm a few pounds lighter now" has he towelled down his forehead. To the slightly slower (due to the complexity) and more precise teachings of Shihan Keith Morgan, who coined the phrase "Break One Get One Free"! There were a number of students with red faces after that one. All the classes that I did join in with had something to offer all students regardless of grade.

For those who made it to the meal at Star City on the Saturday night, a good time was had by all. There was plenty of food and falling down water being consumed. For those who couldn't make it or who fell asleep, you missed a good feast. I also believe that there were several people who decided that the excitement of Star City was not enough. The lure of Birmingham 's night life, namely Broad Street was a temptation that could not be resisted. I must say the people involved did put on a brave face for the morning after sessions.

To commemorate the weekend everyone who attended received a free t-shirt and some treasured techniques to take back to their Dojo.





Kobayashi in the UK

From the 18th to the 21st October the Tenchi-kan Dojo will be hosting a course conducted by Yasuo Kobayashi Shihan, 8th Dan Aikikai, at Bath University. The course is open to everyone, regardless of style or association providing you can present a valid insurance certificate at registration. So make sure your association membership is up to date and you have a BAB slip! More details can be found at www.tenchikandojo.com, or email info@tenchikandojo.com

This will be the first time Yasuo Kobayashi sensei has taught in the UK and a chance to practice with one of the few remaining “third generation” (1946–1955) students of O Sensei.

Shihan Kobayashi started his aikido career in 1954 whilst at Meiji University. He entered the Hombu dojo in 1955 as an uchi-deshi. As an uchi-deshi of the Hombu dojo, Kobayashi was instructed by both his seniors and by Morihei Ueshiba O Sensei and his son, the second Doshu, Kisshomaru Ueshiba sensei.

Kobayashi sensei continued to train at the Hombu until 1969 when he established his first dojo in Kodaira, Tokyo. He continued to teach at the Hombu until 1972 when he opened his second dojo in Tokorozawa. At that point he decided to devote his time to his own Kobayashi Dojos. Kobayashi sensei has now some 200 affiliated dojos in Japan under his guidance and is responsible for the aikido clubs at Meiji University, Saitama and the Tokyo Economics University.

In 1987, Kobayashi Dojos received an award for excellence as an organisation from the Nihon Budo Kyogikai and in 1988 he was awarded a medal by the Brazilian government. His organisation has blossomed with Kobayashi Dojos spanning the world. Fifteen countries, including Taiwan, Finland, Sweden, Canada, USA, Brazil, Argentina and now the United Kingdom have dojos affiliated to Kobayashi sensei’s organisation.

Slough Centre Aikido Club opens new Tatsumaki Dojo



The derelict building on its way to transformation

When David Timms became ill and sadly died several years ago, his son William took over the running of the Slough Centre Aikido Club, which was established over 40 years ago. To run a permanently matted dojo is very desirable, and it became a determination of William's to achieve just that.

He got together with one of his senior instructors, Ken Kidston, and together they drew up a plan of action. Sponsorship was an option, but no-one was willing to take the risk, however they eventually approached Slough Estates, who own most of the Slough Trading Estate, and were offered a derelict building. They soon realised its potential, so with a lot of enthusiasm and goodwill from the other members of the club, they started to make the building presentable. After a couple of weeks, vandals trashed the building overnight, smashing hand basins, toilets and stealing all the copper piping and electrical cabling, undeterred William and Ken started again and after months and long hours of hard work, they have turned the derelict building into a Martial Arts Centre and named it Tatsumaki Dojo. Incidentally, the name *Tatsumaki* in Japanese means tornado.

Tatsumaki Dojo has three dojos, three treatment rooms and a shop and viewing area, and although it has only been open for a few weeks, already interest has been shown. Karate, Kick Boxing and Escrima hire two of the dojos, and a homeopathic practitioner holds a treatment session once a month. Palates classes are also held weekly.

The dojo downstairs, which is used by the Slough Centre Aikido Club, is to be dedicated to the memory of David Timms.

William and Ken have run 2 successful courses teaching Aikido to children from disadvantaged backgrounds, and have gained funding for this from the local council. They are now planning to introduce new classes throughout the day for business people in the area

For further information about the Taksumaki Dojo and treatment centre, and details of training times:

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Report by Shirley Timms



Above and below— the finished aikido dojo at Tatsumaki is dedicated to the memory of David Timms



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