



BRITISH KENDO ASSOCIATION

## **Events Officers report Jodobu AGM 2018**

The events last year:

### **Summer seminar 2017:**

A fantastic Jodo seminar in Birmingham led by Hopson Sensei, Vitalis Sensei and Buxton Sensei that covered Seitei, Koryu and Tanjo in depth. The training was spirited and in excellent humour. 35 took part across the 3 days with people coming from many parts of Europe and South America.

### **Ojika Koryu seminar 2017:**

A new event focusing on Koryu. An excellent first showing of 16 with a nice spread of grades. This event was added to the calendar at the initiative of Ojika dojo. It was coupled with an IT session which had to be reduced due to the new squad policy announced by Iaidobu in December 2016. A big thanks to Ojika dojo who donated the cost of the hall hire to the bu and provided a good income opportunity.

### **Darlington 2017:**

Slightly lower attendance this year than last.

The event was organised with the kind help of Lee Mountain of Budokan dojo who as ever has our kind thanks.

### **Tanjo & Refereeing Seminar 2017:**

This new 1 day event took place the day before the ill-fated Eishinkan Taikai (hereafter known as Snowmageddon 2017). 28 people took part with a fantastic contingent from across Europe who trained as though there was no tomorrow. Which the weather was happy to comply with. Everyone was warm and well fed though thanks to Alain Bangard's warming and very tasty food.

### **Kangeiko 2018:**

The event was very well attended with 32 members present compared to 23 in 2016.

Held at Kenmukan dojo all trained and enjoyed home baked cakes and some more of Alain Bangard's fine cooking. Unfortunately I missed this session – it turns out that go-karting is far more the dangerous of the two...

### **Spring seminar 2018:**

A poor attendance at this seminar - only 19 compared to 29 last year. As last year, the attendance had to travel to the iai venue on the Sunday afternoon. Although it was previously agreed that we would be holding a joint grading, this was prevented at the last minute. Unfortunately the Jodo venue was already booked to another group.

Kenmukan/Jinmukan Anniversary Event as a one off replacement of the West Midlands seminar: This event commemorated 30 years of Jinmukan dojo and 10 years of Kenmukan dojo. A lower attendance than in previous years – 15 attending, compared to 20 in 2016.

**The events for late 2018:**

The summer seminar organisation is being finalised. It is being organised at the Cambridge University Sports Centre for its excellent training facilities. As last year, we have invited Louis Vitalis sensei, Jodo 7th dan Kyoshi from the Netherlands. We will be training in Seitei Jodo, Omote and Chudan and also Tanjo. Online booking available now.

Mid-August will see the second edition of the Northern Koryu seminar, this time financed by the bu, and organised with the help of Ojika dojo. This one day seminar will be coupled with a one day Northern IT session. [Online booking available now.](#)

A two days Koryu seminar is now confirmed for the 13/14 October at the Bordesley Green Girl School Birmingham.

The Darlington seminar's dates now confirmed for the 10/11 November at the usual venue: The Education Village, Darlington.

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