



國際松濤館空手道連盟



Wrekin Shotokan Newsletter December 2009

Daizo course and Grading - Congratulations

To all those club members who attended the training sessions with Daizo Kanazawa on 11th November, and especially the juniors - it is quite daunting for everyone to train and grade with a leading Japanese instructor, but everyone performed exceptionally well and we as a club should be very proud of our standards - which the Instructors WILL ensure do not drop!!!

For the record, the following junior grades were achieved:

- 9th Kyu: James Wellings
- 8th Kyu (yellow belt): Jake Gill, Sophie Hurst, Cameron Stephenson, Olivia Tranter
- 7th Kyu (orange belt): Daniel Disney, Oliver Peart, Sebastian Toms
- 6th Kyu (green belt): Ben Lee, Tom Rowley
- 5th Kyu (blue belt): Jessica Peart.

The adults' session later in the evening enabled Daizo to show the very high technical ability achievable with long, hard training - and what a nice gentleman he is, at the seniors Club Meal afterwards. He told me he had started karate when he was 3 years old!!! I was able to spend some time over the next 4 days (in Blackpool and in Windsor) with Daizo, and also with my own longstanding sensei (since 1970), his father, *kancho Hirokazu Kanazawa*, who you all know as the World Chief Instructor for Shotokan karate. Kancho remembers his past visits to Wrekin and Lilleshall with fondness, and is looking forward to coming here *Wednesday 5th May next year*. Get training hard everyone - after Christmas!!!

Christmas Break

Last Saturday session will be on 12th December 2009

First January session will be on 9th January 2010

**There will be a few changes in the New Year -
watch this space and please check the website.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone ☺

PS. Have you checked the club website - More details + photos there - Harry is upgrading and maintaining it regularly - honest!!