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# Doushikai Martial Arts

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*Please let us have any  
comments or  
suggestions regarding  
the running of your  
Club*

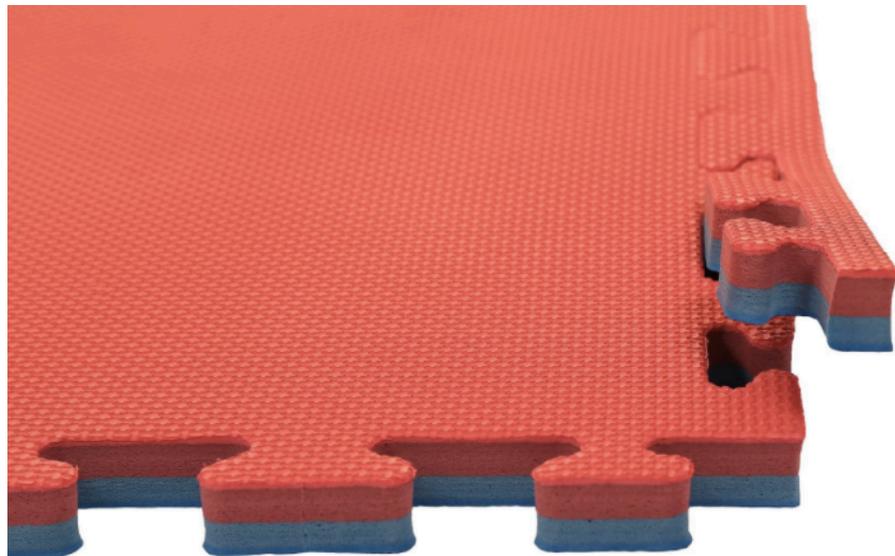
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Dear Club Member/Parent,

We have established a small Managing Committee consisting of the senior black belts to run the Club now Pam and Dave have moved to France. We have produced this news letter to let you know our plans and developments at the Club.

## **Dojo Mats**

We are pleased to announce that we have now acquired 16m<sup>2</sup> of 40mm martial arts mats. This will allow us to introduce throwing techniques for those students who are interested in learning this as well as make groundwork much more comfortable. Please be assured we will be teaching the students how to break fall and roll properly before they try any of these techniques.



## **Woodlands Park Community Centre Anniversary**

The Community Centre will have its 10 year anniversary on Sunday, August 27. We have been asked whether we would perform and demonstration at this event. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending. I anticipate this will be 20 to 30 minutes. It is actually a great training opportunity as it is yet another way to safely pressure test your technique which is extremely important. I will be coming up with some demonstration options for those who can attend so you can show off your skills!

## Membership and Fees

### Website

Phil has done a great job revamping the website. Please check out the link below if you have not already done so:

<http://www.doushikai.info/>

We are keen to use this a tool to expand the membership. If you have any friends or relatives who would like to come along please invite them.

### Membership

We are going to have a membership drive, particularly for the children's section of the Club so again if you know anyone who is interested please invite them along. We have a number of students who will shortly be leaving for university and we are conscious that if we do not expand the membership we will not be able to fund the hall or finance future equipment purchases.



### Fees

In order that we can manage the hall payment and finances directly now Pam and Dave have moved to France we have opened a new Club bank account. For those who pay by direct debit please could you change the bank details as follows:

Bank:	HSBC Maidenhead Branch
Account name:	Doushikai Martial Arts
Sort code:	40-31-05
Account number:	92175835

We will be running the Club as a not for profit so any surplus funds will be invested in new equipment or used in other ways to benefit all members.

Ian Christiansen has kindly offered to be Treasurer and will produce an annual income and expenditure account and statement of affairs that we will present to all members at an annual meeting.

## Gradings

We plan to hold another grading for juniors in September.

We also propose the following grading fees which will also allow us to fund equipment purchases.

Yellow Belt	£16	Purple	£28
Orange	£18	Purple + 1	£28
Red	£20	Brown	£30
Green	£22	Brown + 1	£32
Blue	£25	Brown + 2	£35
Blue + 1	£25	Black	£50



Congratulations to Connor Brown who was awarded his First Dan on Saturday, 17 June. An excellent and well deserved grading. We have a number of other students who are ready to test for both First Dan and Second Dan later in the year.

## Pam and Dave

Last but not least, we had a collective Skype call with Pam and Dave earlier this month and they send their love and best wishes. They are settling in well in France and we hope to get them over for a seminar and or grading later in the year.

## Feedback

If anyone has any feedback relating to the way the club is run and in particular the material we are teaching please let any of the instructors know. We are very receptive and flexible. Thank you for your continued support.