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## Blast from the Past

Taken at Sensei Peter Suzuki's dojo circa 1976. Otsuka Sensei is performing the take down but there are at least two of Aiwakai's senior instructors in this picture. Do you know who they are? Were you there? If so, get in touch!



Thank you to Yuji Suzuki for allowing us to reproduce this picture. Their club website, [www.suzukikarateschool.co.uk](http://www.suzukikarateschool.co.uk) is currently under reconstruction and will be a great site once launched.

Published in 1988 (and edited by established martial artists Frank Johnson,) in the October edition of the martial arts magazine Wado World (No. 4 Vol. 1) we find two gems that include current Aiwakai members.



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The first shows the Leeds Team, led by Keith Walker (now a Senior Aiwakai Instructor) having won the Male Senior Team Kumite in the 1988 Wado-Ryu Cup Karate Championships. Keith also won a silver medal in the Male Black Belt Individual Kumite category and Mark Gallagher (also in the photo) took bronze in the Male Brown Belt Individual Kumite. Shocking moustaches gents! Who are the others in this picture? Are you there? If so, contact us!

Also in this edition of Wado World is an advert showing the hierarchy of the United Kingdom Karate-Do Wado-Kai (U.K.K.W.) as it was 20 years ago. More than 40 years since the U.K.K.W. was formed, the founding senior instructors remain at the forefront of Wado training, development and teaching today. Few associations can claim to have a former senior U.K.K.W. instructor leading them.



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## UNITED KINGDOM KARATE-DO WADO-KAI

The U.K.K.W. is the only Wado-Ryu Karate Organisation in Britain to be recognised by Japan's Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Federation.

Its chief instructor is Prof. T. Suzuki 8th Dan Hanshi who is one of the world's highest authorities on Karate.

Prof. T. Suzuki 8th Dan Hanshi and M. Shiomitsu 7th Dan Kyoshi introduced Wado-Ryu Karate to Britain in the early 1960's and are therefore responsible for ALL the Wado-Ryu practised in Britain today.

On the 1st January 1968 the U.K.K.W. (then the U.K.K.F.) was born. Its aim and ideals include the fostering and development of authentic Wado-Ryu Karate on Traditional lines. To achieve this the U.K.K.W. has a team of highly qualified instructors:

Prof. T. Suzuki 8th Dan Hanshi  
M. Shiomitsu 7th Dan Kyoshi  
K. Sakagami 6th Dan Sensei  
F. Sugawara 5th Dan Sensei  
G. Grimes 5th Dan Sensei  
W. Vincent 5th Dan Sensei  
A. Heap 4th Dan Sensei  
W. Bishop 4th Dan Sensei  
D. Allsop 4th Dan Sensei  
P. May 4th Dan Sensei  
N. Quilliam 4th Dan Sensei  
and many other 3rd Dans.



These instructors are available to conduct training courses and grading examinations at any of the U.K.K.W. affiliated Clubs ensuring that a high and uniform standard is maintained throughout the country.

Other benefits available to U.K.K.W. Clubs and individuals include:

- ★ Monthly newsletters sent to every club and available to every student.
- ★ Individual personal insurance cover.
- ★ One million pounds public liability insurance for club and premises.

The following subsidised courses:

- ★ Training courses held in each geographical region.
- ★ Kata training.
- ★ Competition training.
- ★ Referee / Judges.
- ★ Instructors.
- ★ First Aid.

And the following subsidised competitions:

- ★ 3 Major National Club and Individual Competitions.
- ★ 3 major International Competitions.
- ★ Regional events.

With this pedigree U.K.K.W. will continue to be the only authentic Wado-Ryu Karate organisation in Britain.

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Today the U.K.K.W. is led by D. Allsop 7<sup>th</sup> Dan under the umbrella of T. Suzuki's W.I.K.F. In Aiwakai we have Sensei K. Sakagami and Sensei P. May. With many 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dan being handed out like parking tickets there are very few who can be as confident as these men, and those studying under them, of their lineage and authenticity of their wado karate 'apprenticeships'.