



# NEWSLETTER

January 2025

## **Happy New Year!**

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready and raring to go. This year is a special one for the club, not least being the 60th anniversary of our formation by the late John Goodwin. With a newly qualified coach and qualified coaches joining the team, a host of successes in gradings and competitions, hosting our first official BJA course, we have a lot of achievements to celebrate along with an imminent move of premises (details will be shared once this is confirmed and volunteers needed to help move equipment please!) this will be an exciting year for our WSJC community.

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Inaugural meeting of Wrekin Star Community Interest Company**

Date: 5pm–6pm Sunday 26th January 2025

Venue: WSJC Market Approach, Wellington

All are welcome to attend.

Please see the WSJC WhatsApp notice on Sunday 12th January for full details.

## **60th Anniversary & Annual Presentation Evening**

Date: 7pm to 11pm Saturday 8th March 2025

Venue: Little Wenlock Village Hall, Malthouse Bank, Little Wenlock. TF6 5BN

Further details to follow. We hope to see you all there—please let Rebecca know if you will be attending.

*Could all outstanding trophies please be returned now.*

## **Session Fees**

With effect from 1st April 2025 pay as you go session fees will increase by 50p per session for juniors and seniors to: £5.50 and £6.50 respectively.

Our ethos is to make judo accessible and affordable for all so every effort is made to keep the cost of sessions as low as feasibly possible given the continued rise in running costs.

Payments by standing order will remain the same for at least 6 months.

We do not want fees to be a barrier to attendance so should anyone find this an issue we can offer concessions—please speak to either Mandy or the senior coaches.

## **Annual Membership Fees**

Annual membership is now due for renewal £10 for juniors and £15 for seniors

## **BJA Kanji Referee Assistant and Nage-no-kata Course**

Date: Sunday 9th February 9:30am—12pm / 12:30pm—5pm

Venue: Wrekin Star Judo Club—Market Approach

See Dave or Gareth for further details

Coach: Keith Merrick—7th Dan Level 4 Coach

For details see the following link: <https://www.britishjudo.org.uk/event/kanji-referee-assistant-and-nage-no-kata-at-telford-9-february-2025/>

## **Competitions**

25.01.25 Midland area Open - Walsall

26.01.25 U8 Portland JC Festival & 8-14 Mini Mon - Nottingham

01.02.25 National Dan Grading - High Wycombe Judo centre

08.02.25 National Adaptive Training Day 2025 - Walsall

09.02.25 Nottingham Cadet & Senior Open

16.02.25 Liverpool open

01.03.25 Female Fighters Festival- location TBC

01.03.25 Boys Green & Under - Samurai

02.03.25 Girls Green & Under & Ladies Blue & Under - Samurai

02.03.25 Midland area Dan Grading - Burton on Trent

22.03.25 Coventry Mini Mon

23.03.25 Senior & Masters Men Kyu Grades Open - Samurai

29.03.25 British Veteran Open - London

10.05.25 Boys Orange & Under Minimon - Samurai

11.05.25 Girls Orange & Under Minimon & Senior Kyu grades - Samurai

21.06.25 Dan Grading for Men & Women - Samurai

For entries to any competitions, please express your interest by writing yours or your child's name on the individual competition lists on the Notice Board—Rebecca will liaise with the senior coaches regarding yours or your child's suitability for entry. We do not advise entry to competitions until this has been discussed. To enable coaches attendance at competitions, please try to give us at least a month's notice.

*The Newsletter is also available to view online on the club website.*