



Milton Keynes
Keihatsu Aikido Club
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A short history – *Who we are*

Milton Keynes Aikido Club was started around 1982 by Sensei (“Instructor/s” Alan Sanders and Roger Nye, and ran in that form for around 12 years. Some years later, Sensei Sanders dropped out through ill-health (Sensei Nye having ceased teaching some years earlier), leaving Marianne Crisp and Ray Munns in charge. These two later co-opted their fellow-student, Tim Welch, and all three were assisted by the guest-visits of Sensei Aubrey Smith of Northampton.

However, in Sensei Sanders’ absence, and because they were teaching on different nights, Ray and Tim initially trained with Sensei Bob Sherington and then Sensei Aubrey Smith, while Marianne began to train with Sensei Tom Moss.

This has gradually resulted in widening differences between teaching-styles and syllabi, although with no lessening of the spirit of harmony and mutual esteem between us – it’s the same Aikido mountain; it’s simply that we three are now walking different paths to the top.

So finally, to avoid confusing the students, we three Instructors, Marianne, Ray and Tim, decided in December 2000 to separate Milton Keynes Aikido Club into two independent groups, both still teaching Traditional Aikido, and both still upholding the principles of “the Way of Harmony.”

Marianne chose the name Milton Keynes Keihatsu Aikido Club, while Ray and Tim chose Milton Keynes Sei Shin Aikido Club. We remain good friends, and students of either club will of course be very welcome to train at the other.

Marianne Crisp, Coach
Milton Keynes Keihatsu Aikido Club
April 2001

Update, April 2002:

At the end of last year, Milton Keynes Sei Shin Aikido Club resigned from the Yama Arashi (UK) Association to pursue its further development within the Lancashire Aikikai. We wish them well in their new Association, and as before, will be happy to train with them at any time