KARATE CLUB 2016/2017

St Andrew’s oldest Martial Arts club is still reaching new heights! Success at SSS, a great turnout at BUCS and another successful grading under our belts.

Our AGM took place in March, and we’ve assembled our new committee for the 2017.18 academic year:
President - Scott McNicol
Captain - Fraser Birnie
Secretary - Claire Marr
Treasurer - Brendan Mackay
Social Secretary - Anna Breian Tskhovrebova
Health & Safety Officer - Rachael O'Donovan
Ordinary Member - Lucy Bidgood
BUCS & SSS -
We attended both BU CS in February and SSS in March of this year. In BU CS, 7 of us journeyed down to Sheffield to compete in 3 of the 4 categories - Individual Kata, Individual Kumite and Team Kata. Though we made it through several rounds against some challenging opponents, we didn’t make it to the medal table this BU CS. We’re proud of our efforts though, and against some worthy adversaries! SSS saw an entrance to the medal table, however, with Scott picking up Bronze in the Novice Kata section!

Gradings:
11 of our members successfully graded this semester, so congratulations to everyone on their new belts:

- Andrew Chalmers - Brown & 2 White Stripes
- Fiona Cooke - Brown & 2 White Stripes
- Scott McNicol - Purple & White
- Anna Tskhovrebova - Purple & White
- Lucy Bidgood - Purple
- Nina Thomsen - Green
- Luba Sirikina - Green
- Laura Molnar - Yellow
- Daisy Selzer - Yellow
- Claire Marr - Yellow
- Jodie Pollard - Orange

Socials:
Our Social Secretary Anna has been organising several excellent socials, my personal favourite being the Sensei Q&A - a chance to have a blether about old stories, the art itself and anything else besides! We’ve also had a board games night, and several other pub socials to unwind after a hard training session.
This coming year:

2017 should be a very exciting year for the club, with our new club website currently under construction, and new training plans being laid out for student-led sessions, and club hoodies finally coming to fruition. A special mention should be made for one of our club regulars, Mr Andrew Chalmers who will be graduating this year and will be leaving the club. It’s been a pleasure, and we wish you luck!