

英国北西部日英協会

Japan Society North West

Presents

Steve Smith

Of The Northern Token Society

Tsuji Giri - Cutting at the Crossroads

Saturday 2 June 2007 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

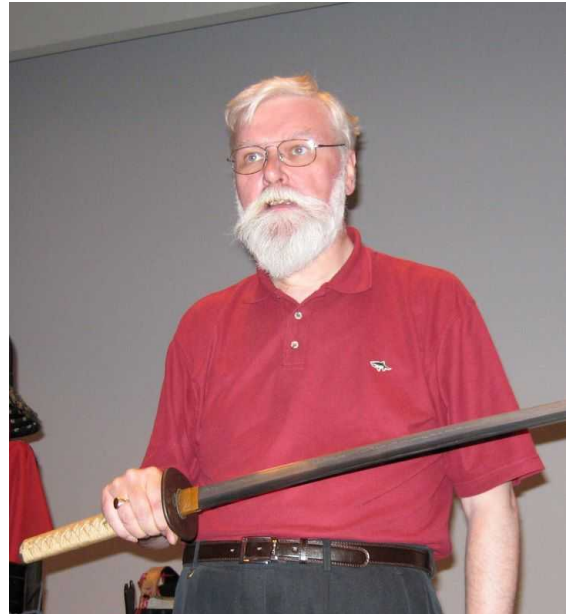
辻斬り

The real background to the illegal (and highly anti-social) practice of testing the efficiency of swords on passers-by in Japan of the 17th century and later.

And a factual explanation of the entirely legal variation on this theme known as Tameshigiri - official Cutting tests carried out by Government authorised testers on the execution grounds of Edo during the Tokugawa Shogunate.

A plea for help...

The government is proposing to introduce a ban on "samurai swords". Steve Smith is requesting our support in opposing this ban. Steve says: "If you go to our website www.northerntokensociety.co.uk you will find, on the front page, a link to the Home Office Consultation Document, which can be downloaded as a PDF document. Then, also on the front page, there is a link to a copy of our official society reply to that document which can be used as a guide to forming individual replies from each person responding. It is of course absolutely vital for the continued protection of the true Japanese sword in the UK that we get as many people as possible supporting our stance: it is now a numbers game where every interested party will have the chance to put their opinion, and we can be sure that many people ignorant of the cultural value of the Japanese sword will press for a total ban, irrespective of the damage that would do to individuals and collections across the country. This is a fight we must win for the greatest cultural symbol of Japan not to disappear from the art and knowledge base of the United Kingdom." **Note: The closing date for responses to this consultation is 28 May 2007.**



Annual General Meeting

Steve's talk will be followed by questions, tea & coffee, and finally our AGM.

It is important for the continuing success of the Society to have a good turn out at this event. It should provide a good opportunity to meet as many members as possible. We need to know how many members will be attending, so please email Nigel at events@jsnw.org.uk or complete and return the reply slip.

This Society is run by its members. The participation of Members is vital. If you could spare a little time and would be prepared to put your name forward for nomination to the Committee, please let us know.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction.
2. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising
3. Officers' Reports
4. Audited Accounts for the Year 2006-2007
5. Nominations to the Committee
6. Election of Committee Members
7. Any Other Business

Venue: Padgate Community Centre Extension,
Station Road South, Padgate, Warrington WA2 0QS

Go to <http://maps.google.co.uk/maps> and enter WA2 0QS



PADGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE is accessible by Padgate Train station which is less than 4 minutes walk away.

If you are travelling by car it can be reached from the M62 via junction 11 (to avoid Warrington Centre) along the A574.

It can also be reached from the M6 via junction 21 (round the Grange roundabouts up to the A574).

It has a car park that can take 50 cars and is unlikely to get full.

If you're unsure how to get there, or if you need a lift, get in touch with Nigel on 01925 728448 or email:

events@jsnw.org.uk

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REPLY SLIP:

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Please send this slip to Nigel Cordon, 65 Kintore Drive, Great Sankey, Warrington, Cheshire WA5 3NP to arrive by Friday 1st June.

Name: will / will not

Name: will / will not

be attending "Tsuji Giri - Cutting at the Crossroads" and the Society's AGM.

Name: is / is not

Name: is / is not

willing to be nominated for the Committee of the Japan Society North West.

If you would like a lift to Padgate, please tick the box:

and give us your phone number:

