

# WA 和 UNITY



**2017 BS Daienshu at Douai Abbey  
28<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Led by Masashi Minagawa and Ula Chambers**

When we think of unity, we imagine completeness, or a being joined in harmonious whole. Unity is “being” together, at one. The kanji character “Wa” means harmony, unity, friendship, and peace—it’s the opposite of being divided. The unification of self with others, nature and heaven is at the heart of Shintaido philosophy and this ideal flows seamlessly through all the familiar forms. We know through our own experience and looking at the world, that the state of Wa is not so easy to achieve, yet it is more important than ever to strive for an understanding of that which connects all things.

At the Daienshu we gather together in friendship to create our space of “wa” enjoying the beauty of nature in the open green spaces around Douai Abbey. You are warmly invited to explore and experience, through keiko, the meaning of Unity.

*Ula Chambers*

The event begins in the afternoon of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and finishes after lunch on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

**Cost:** £250.00 for BS & ESC members  
£280.00 for non BS members  
Inclusive of all meals, accommodation and keiko.

Additional generous discounts are available for **early bird registration** (by 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017.)

Please see the attached registration form for details.

Exams will be offered in Shintaido, bojutsu and karate up to Assistant or 1 kyu level. Final registration deadline for the event and for all exams is: **18<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

To register for this event please use the attached form and email it to: [nagakocooper22@outlook.com](mailto:nagakocooper22@outlook.com)  
Alternatively post your registration form along with your cheque (made out to British Shintaido) to:  
Nagako Cooper, 9 Rosecroft, Arundel Mill Lane, Stroud, GL5 2BS

**If you have any questions please call Terry 07946 338161 or Nagako 07906 586674.**