
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER AT EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY KENDO CLUB

With the semester coming to a close, the Edinburgh University Kendo Club has been busy welcoming and training a new batch of beginners, while older members of the club have been preparing for the end of year tournament “the Northern Open.” With our busy year ending with the annual Christmas Dinner.

Team Building during November



On the 18th of November, EUKC organised a team building event for Sempai and beginners at an escape room. The group was split into two teams, made up of a mix of Sempai and beginners, to go head to head against each other.

Both teams finished in time however, it was a very close competition!

Beginners Update

The beginners this year already have their Shinai which they have maintained themselves so are safe to use during practice. Currently, they are waiting for their order of Gi and Hakama to arrive so that they can practice in the traditional kendo attire. During the next semester, they will move onto wearing full armour.



Christmas Dinner

At the end of the first semester, EUKC had its annual Christmas dinner which this year took place on the 3rd of December at the Tigerlily Restaurant on George Street. A full formal event with a three-course meal making a nice change from the armour members usually wear. Also during the dinner, members of EUKC had a Secret Santa gift exchange— with members randomly assigned— which went very well. With delicious food and beautiful people, the Christmas dinner went very well!



Northern Open Tournament

This year the Northern Open was on the 9/10th of December in Newcastle. This tournament had a two-day set-up, with the first day being a team only competition. The second-day having grading and the actual Northern Open individual tournament. This

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competition is not only open to university clubs through out the UK but also older and more experienced members of the UK Kendo community, with ex-members of the UK national kendo team participating. The EUKC had three teams, although no medals were won since the tournament is not the usual university competition set up, it was however an excellent experience to learn from more experienced players. Members of the club were able to fight against members with 7 years or more of kendo experience. During the second day, eight members of the club took part in the tournament, although some members got quite far no medals were won. The tournament has been a good learning experience since members of the club could fight against members who are more experienced and not from the normal university teams the club usually plays against. As a whole for the club as everyone has walked away with things they would like to improve on and techniques to work on during the next semester.

