

TAI CHI AND QIGONG UNION FOR GREAT BRITAIN

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TAI CHI CHUAN & INTERNAL ARTS JOURNAL

Issue 68

The next magazine should be landing on members' doorsteps shortly (post permitting!).

If your magazine does not arrive, please contact us enquiries@taichiunion.com

We are already compiling content for the next issue and look forward to receiving your submissions.

Email them to us editor@taichimag.org

NEW MAGAZINE PAGE FOR MEMBERS ONLY

The magazine is being restricted to members only in the new website.

Contact us:

Membership: treasurer@taichiunion.com

Website events & Instructor listings ONLY
webmaster@taichiunion.com

Other enquiries
enquiries@taichiunion.com

DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS!

At the well-received members meeting in November, we committed to providing a [new website](#) and we are pleased to officially launch the new site. We are planning yet more updates including an improved Instructor search for classes by geographic location. In response to a great idea from one of our members, we are also considering how best to support those searching for specific Internal Arts such as Baguazhang, Xing Yi Chuan and Qigong.

We committed to new benefits which you can see below as well as cutting costs including electronic certificates and renewals. All of these are in hand, and we hope to be able to update you in the next newsletter.

GERDA GEDDES FUND

Following the recent call for applications to the [Gerdes Geddes Fund](#) your board of directors are pleased to announce that the next recipient of this support will be Ray Pawlett. Ray intends to run a programme of classes under the **Bourne Learning Support Tai Chi Group** for individuals (and their families) with learning needs and cognitive difficulties.

Look out for an article in a forthcoming issue of the Tai Chi Chuan & Internal Arts magazine, from Ray, describing the good work that he is doing.

Check out his website – <https://www.ki-ways.com/>.

Gerda Geddes Fund information including application form can be [found here](#).

PROMOTING YOUR BOOKS AND DVDS

Our old shop only benefited those who could sell their goods themselves. This had declined to just a couple of people and, as a result, it was hardly used so we are pleased to announce our [new page promoting members books and DVDs](#) giving more opportunity to support our members.

We are very fortunate to have so many expert members writing books on Tai Chi and Internal Arts – some of them are free! [Check out the page](#) where you will also find the form if you wish to add your own items.

We may launch a shop at a later date. Send us your ideas of what you would like to see!



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CALLING FOR PHOTOS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

To refresh our website, improve social media and develop marketing material for our members, we need quality images.

There are photographers, both amateur and professional, within the TCUGB membership and we'd like to pull this together, so we can all support each other.

If you have photos you're willing to share, or are interested in being part of this project, please contact us for more details at

photography@taichiunion.com

ALL THE USUAL STUFF!

You will find all the usual web pages on the new site including:

- [Clothing](#) – buy our hoodies and extra t-shirts.
- [Back issues of the magazine](#) – available at very reduced rates!
- [Instructor Search](#) – add your classes to the site for free (Instructors only)
- [Event Listing](#) – add your one-off events to the site for free (Instructors only)
- [News](#), Information and much more!

ACCOUNTS

The 2022 statutory accounts are now available [on the website](#). It was a good financial year, and we were able to rebuild the members' funds after the losses of recent times. This enables us to invest in improvements for members such as the new website, benefits etc. We have also introduced tight financial controls including a clear budget and forecasting to avoid the same issues.

HELP WITH INSURANCE

As part of the Board's continuing commitment to improve members' benefits, we are currently reviewing the insurance products for members. We are negotiating with several providers to provide insurance covers that reflect the varying needs of our members such as cover for multiple martial arts, one-off events, clubs etc.

In the interim we would remind members that all insurers expect you to take steps to prevent accidents and incidents. These include class registers, Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaires (PAR-Q) and risk assessments of your venues / class locations etc. We are preparing templates to help you and hope to update you shortly. Details can be found on our [website](#)

WE NEED YOU

Do you have any sales experience? We are looking to generate advertising in the magazine and are offering commission if you are interested. Email us at enquiries@taichiunion.com

FINALLY

We hope the year is off to a good start for you all and we look forward to working with you all as we move forwards in 2023.

Board of Directors, TCUGB CIC

Your Membership Benefits

You can access all your benefits from the [new membership page](#). These include:

- Free event listing on our website and social media (*)
- Free class listing on our website (*)
- Members only forum
- Insurance (*)
- Free t-shirt
- All the latest news and information on our website

You can find out more about these on our [website](#) or contact us for more information: enquiries@taichiunion.com

(*) *Instructor Members Only*

