

PETER HILL 7th Dan

- Born in Barnstaple, Devon, England 20th September 1959.
- Started Karate at the age of 11 in Barnstaple, Devon August 1971, one month before his 12th birthday.
- 1971 -76 trained Shotokan (JKA) under local instructors, taking early Kyu grade examinations with K.Enoeda Sensei, H.Tomita Sensei & A.Sherry Sensei.
- Changed to Wado-Ryu in 1977 as a brown belt and first met Takamizawa Sensei in 1978.
- Entered the famous Temple Karate Centre, Birmingham in 1981 as a private student to Takamizawa Sensei.
- After four previous attempts between 1978 and 1981 in front of Takamizawa Sensei and the grading panel of the Tera Karate Kai he passed 1st Kyu in 1983.
- Passed 1st Dan in 1984 at the first attempt under Takamizawa Sensei and the grading panel of the Tera Karate Kai which included his sempai former World, European and British All-Style Champion Eugene Codrington 8th Dan.
- In 1984 with guidance and encouragement from Takamizawa Sensei and his family, he established the Devon Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Kai.
- Awarded 2nd Dan in 1986 by Takamizawa Sensei and became a full time professional Karate-ka.
- Awarded 3rd Dan in 1987 by Takamizawa Sensei, the quickest promotion from 1st – 3rd Dan that Takamizawa Sensei ever awarded. It was further endorsed and recognized by the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Academy and the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Renmei, Japan in 1989.
- In 1989, he first met and started to study deeply with M.Shiomitsu 9th Dan Hanshi through the encouragement and advice from his teacher T.Takamizawa 7th Dan Kyoshi.
- Passed 4th Dan in 1994 at the first attempt, having taken a technical examination with the late H.Ohtsuka II 10th Dan Saiko Shihan and a panel of senior Japanese Sensei which included both Shiomitsu Sensei and Takamizawa Sensei.
- Awarded 5th Dan in 2001 by M.Shiomitsu 9th Dan Hanshi and endorsed by the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Renmei, Japan.
- Awarded 6th Dan in 2007 by M.Shiomitsu 9th Dan Hanshi and endorsed by the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Renmei, Japan.
- Invited with Arthur Meek 8th Dan Renshi to demonstrate alongside H.Otsuka III and a selected group from the Wado-Ryu headquarters at the All-Japan Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Championships held in the famous Tokyo Budokan in 2016.
- Awarded 7th Dan in 2017 by M.Shiomitsu 9th Dan Hanshi and endorsed by the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Renmei, Japan.
- Trained over fifty people to various levels of Dan Grade, including two to 5th Dan, three to 4th Dan and five to 3rd Dan.
- Taught or demonstrated in various countries including Japan, Italy, Holland, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany and throughout the United Kingdom including many official and major summer and winter courses.
- Delegated international instructor and member of the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Academy Dan Grade panel, appointed personally by the chief instructor in Europe for authentic Wado-Ryu Karate-Do M.Shiomitsu 9th Dan Hanshi.
- Senior instructor to the Devon Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Kai (www.devonwadoryu.co.uk) with his own private dojo the “Ken Shu Kan” in Great Torrington, Devon, which acts as the hombu dojo for three established dojo in Devon.