

# East Antrim Karate students impress top examiner

THE NI region of the British Isles Karate Association hosted a prestigious event on April 11 and 12.

A Black Belt grading on Friday night and an intensive four hour training session on Saturday made up the event.

Local Larne men Bobby Rea and Joe

Smyth, both third dan black belts were the organisers of the event.

Both Bobby and Joe run the East Antrim section of the NI Region of BIKA. Karl Platten second dan black belt assists in the running of the section.

Paul Chadwick from Blackpool, who is a sixth dan black belt was the guest instructor and examiner. He is one of the the chief instruction of BIKA.

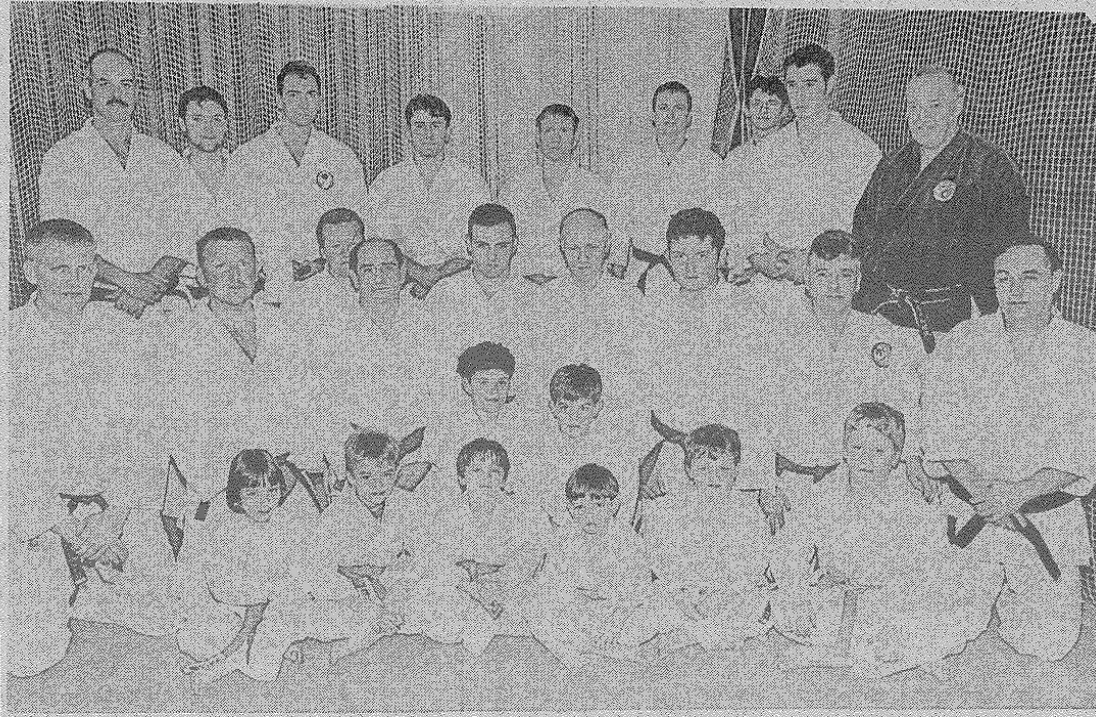
After an intensive physical and technical examination which lasted for two hours four people were awarded the

coveted black belt. They were Frank Healy, Gary McAlister, David McClean and Peter McFaul.

Rodney McConnell was awarded second Kyu brown belt and Jim Maybrey fourth Kyu purple belt.

Paul Chadwick stated that the standard was very high and quite impressive. In fact as high as he had seen in Europe.

The East Antrim region will be starting beginner classes in the near future.



Members of Larne Area Karate Club with British Isles chief instructor Paul Chadwick. 16377



*British Isles Karate Association Chief Instructor Paul Chadwick pictured during his visit to Larne Karate Club on Saturday. JC1610*



*Gary McAllister, David McClean, Peter McFaul and Frank Healy from Larne Karate Club who have all recently received their black belts. JC1611*