

In the spotlight...

Charlie Brewin

Athelings inclusion is a 'real achievement'



Elizabeth College pupil Charlie Brewin has been shooting for the past two years.

(Picture by Adrian Miller, 12868297)

CHARLIE BREWIN is still a relative novice when it comes to shooting, but his fast rise through the sport has culminated in a spot on the Athelings team this summer.

The Athelings are the British Cadet Rifle Team and they tour Canada on an annual basis, with two of their 18-man team this year from Guernsey.

Brewin's fellow Elizabeth College student Seb Robinson joins him on the team for the month-long tour, which has now been in place for more than 100 years.

For Brewin, it is a remarkably quick progression in rifle shooting because, at the age of 16, he will be younger than the vast majority of his team-mates in Canada.

He did not begin shooting until he

Still a relative newcomer to competitive shooting, sixteen-year-old Charlie Brewin belied his inexperience to become part of the British Cadet Rifle 'Athelings' team. **Matt Lihou** reports

was 14 when he began in Year 10 at school, but in little more than two years has already turned in some superb performances. Impressing at the famous Imperial Meeting at Bisley was one of the main factors behind his inclusion for the Athelings.

However, Brewin admits that the inclusion still came as something of a surprise. 'I am delighted to have been

chosen, but it is something I still wasn't really expecting because I haven't been shooting for as long as most of the others and am younger,' he said.

'But hopefully I can go over there and prove that I deserve my place, do well and help the team, as well as enjoying the experience.'

'Bisley is also important for me this year because I did well there last year on my first attempt and I

want to prove that it wasn't a one-off when I go this year.'

Elizabeth College's head of shooting Scott Benest – himself a former Atheling – said getting selected was a huge achievement for Brewin.

'Earning a spot on the team is a real achievement because there are so many areas that the selectors look at before naming a team each year,' he said.

'Obviously the scores are a big part, but there are many other areas, such as making sure everyone included is a good team player and will fit into the dynamic well.'

'It is the highest level you can shoot at as a cadet in the UK and you are shooting against the best cadets from Canada, South Africa and Australia.'

CHARLIE BREWIN

Age: 16

Sport: Rifle shooting

Team: Elizabeth College

Notable achievements:

Selected for the British Cadet

Rifle Team – the Athelings