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**Bisley meeting:** CI cadets brilliantly beat the home nation squads

# School cadets continue to show seniors the way

## RIFLE SHOOTING

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GUERNSEY'S contribution to a remarkable win in the Cadet International was only a foretaste of what was to come at the start of Bisley's main Imperial Meeting on Saturday.

Four Elizabeth College cadets were members of the Channel Islands team which beat England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland for the third year running.

What is remarkable is that the CI selects only from two schools, Elizabeth and Victoria College, Jersey, while the other nationals make their selection from more than 60 UK schools.

Two days after that match had brought the cadet meeting to a close, Seb Robinson, 17, added to the glory of Guernsey's young marksmen when he beat all his senior colleagues at 600 yards in the Alexandra, just missing a tie shoot for first place by a single central 'V' bulls-eye – a total of 50.8v ex 50.10v.

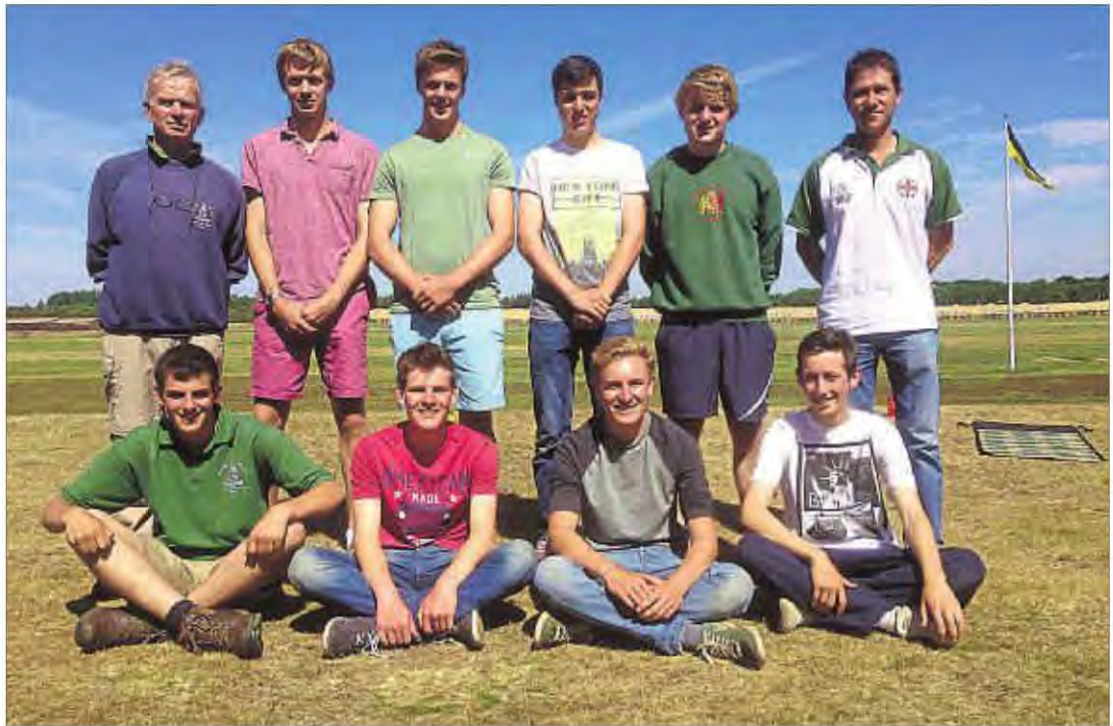
If that was not confirmation enough that there is a new generation of young Guernsey rifle-shots in the offing, Charlie Brewin, firing in his first Imperial, scored 49.4 in both the Alexandra and the Duke of Cambridge at 900 yards; Phin Barber 50.5 in the Hutton at 900 yards and Ed Lawrence 50.8 in the Century at 500 yards.

That's after just two days of a meeting which continues for the rest of the week with the Queen's Prize final on Saturday.

Guernsey's full-bore captain, Peter Jory, has great hopes for this present clutch of youngsters, who he said 'are destined to be the stars of the future'.

The island's rifle-shooting development officer, Rick Le Page, agrees.

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**Triumphant CI cadet squad and coaches:** The Guernsey boys are standing flanked by Richard Benest on the left and Peter Jory on the far right. Left to right: Benest, Matt Le Maitre, Phin Barber, Seb Robinson, Ed Lawrence and Jory. (9578917)

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Not that the established high-flying rifle-shots aren't also

doing well. Nick Mace placed fifth in the four-shoot Tucker aggregate. Mike Creber scored 50.6 in the Donegall at 300 yards, Peter

Jory 50.4 in the Century at 500 and 75.11v ex 75.15v in the Daily Mail, just two 'V' bullseyes off a tie-shoot for first place.

The likes of the Jory brothers and Nick Mace, all Commonwealth Games shots just in their forties, need have no fears about age in relation to rifle-shooting success – not yet, anyway.

Nobody has done the sums but the guess is that the average age of Queen's Prize winners

is around 45. Guernsey's Charles Trotter was a winner at 52, Billy Priaux was in his twenties.

Fifty years is the age range of the Guernsey contingent at Bisley this year, from Mike Martel, at 76, downwards.

Exactly forty years on from Charles Trotter's magnificent Queen's victory, it is high time for another Guernsey win ... and it does not matter how old or young they are.