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British Cadet Rifle Team  
Canada Tour



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## Foreword



I congratulate the 2019 Athelings on being selected to represent your country as members of this honourable and prestigious cadet shooting team. I hope that you and your parents feel a sense of pride in your achievements.

You are continuing a tradition which began in 1910 and which reflects the strong relationship between the British and Canadian cadet organisations. Please have the grace to be good team members and to learn from our Canadian cousins; make new friends and embrace and enjoy a different culture.

I send the 2019 Athelings my very best wishes for a safe and successful visit.

**General the Lord Houghton of Richmond GCB CBE DL**

President, Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

3 June 2019





# BRADFIELD COLLEGE



Good Luck to all of the British Cadet Rifle Team 'The Athelings'  
on their tour of Canada, especially to Bradfield's Christina Cuming.  
From all at Bradfield College.

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## **BCRT ADULT STAFF**

### **Commandant - Squadron Leader Jonathan Pollard RAF Air Cadets**



I joined the Air Training Corps in 1982 when I was asked by a couple of school friends, who were cadet SNCOs, if I would come and help them out with adventure training. The thought of shooting never entered my head; it wasn't an activity I'd ever been exposed to as I was then a keen climber and hill-walker.

I progressed through to adult service and was commissioned into the RAFVR(T) in 1986. I still wasn't shooting orientated. In 1988 I took command of my first Squadron and then met a gentleman who became a massive influence in my life. My Squadron Warrant Officer was a former Duke of Wellington's Regiment Sergeant Major and he was a shooter. By way of gentle persuasion, thinly veiled threats and leading by example he beguiled me into the world of shooting. After a few range days I followed the siren song of gun fire and I was hooked.

I was persuaded to enrol on a range course and then a coaching course and then a ..... I think you know how this is going to turn out. Slowly but surely I found myself doing more shooting activities than adventure training activities. With the help of WO Wilkinson I had become an evangelistic shooter. I had seen the light.

I was hungry to learn more about this fantastic sport. Wilko introduced me to civilian shooting and soon I was a member of a local club and the proud owner of a couple of target rifles. I never really hit any great heights as a shooter but I did represent my county of Nottinghamshire and the RAF Reserves at small-bore.

I progressed in the ATC running sector shoots and became Wing team manager for teams at CISSAM and ISCRM. It was at ISCRM where I became hooked on full-bore target rifle shooting; I was mesmerised by the science of coaching. I greatly enjoyed the sportsmanship and the camaraderie; I had found my niche. Whilst Wing Shooting Officer I moved behind the firing line to become a Range Conducting Officer. I've now been RCOing ISCRM and Schools' meetings for around 6 years and more recently the Imperial.

I visited Canada for the first time in 1991 when I spent a couple of weeks in Alberta and visited just about every cadet unit in the province. I was mightily impressed by the ethos out there and the professionalism and friendliness of the cadet adults.

I shall be proud to be working alongside our Canadian friends; they have excellent cadet forces and dedicated staff. They will be worthy opponents and I look forward to us forging long-lasting friendships with our Canadian colleagues.

I dedicate this tour to my wife Julie who has been a shooting widow for the best part of our married life; thank you for letting me attend. And also to Warrant Officer John Wilkinson – Wilko – who started me off on my shooting career; sadly he is no longer with us.

### **Adjutant – Second Lieutenant Eilidh Clarke Dollar Academy CCF**



Shooting for Eilidh is something of a family affair. Before she even knew about the sport (at around six years old) her Dad had plans to get her and her brothers to come and experience the joy of Bisley. During her first trip in 2005 she shot for Dollar Academy, helping them to win 'The Ashburton' for the first time. What struck Eilidh during her first visit to Bisley was what a lovely group of people were involved in the sport. People who had toured together stayed in touch, and the Dollar caravan was always a hub of activity with people popping in for a tea or coffee as well as some helpful shooting advice. It did not take Eilidh long to realise that this was the sort of close-knit shooting family that she wanted to be a part of. Since then she has tried to get to Bisley every year to shoot alongside and against her two siblings.

Eilidh's first cadet first tour was with the UK Cadet Rifle Team to the Channel Islands and led her to meet many of her peers who still shoot today. From then she went on to tour Australia with the Scotland Team under David Hossack. This was a fantastic tour where Eilidh grew her shooting family and made friends for life – even if they do live on the other side of the world. She was also lucky enough to learn from many of her Scottish counterparts and gain once in a lifetime experiences. She will never forget the teams visit to the breath-taking Sydney Opera house where she was lucky enough to enjoy a show. This was yet another example of the kindness in the



shooting community. With her student budget stretching thin Eilidh had decided not to buy a ticket but a fellow member of the team insisted upon paying for her so as to share one of their passions with her.

After meeting all the Athelings at Maple Taste she is confident in the team's ability. They are a fantastic group of cadets with great ability and lots of personality. Eilidh is happy in the knowledge that the 2019 Athelings will be forming another Shooting tour family and she is looking forward immensely to the tour to Canada.

### **Coach and armourer – Major Alwyn McLean Army Reserve**



Alwyn, formerly in the Regular Army and now an Army Reserve, shot service rifle for the British Army and won the Queen's medal in 1996. Alwyn has been a regular member of Great Britain touring teams and captained the winning Irish team in the National in 2002. He was fullbore coach for the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games team in Delhi 2010. As well as being able to provide support as the armourer and with the technical areas of shooting, he has much competition expertise to share with the team during the shooting phases of the tour.



## Proud to support the 2019 British Cadet Rifle Team (The Athelings)



We wish Gresham's pupils Benjamin Danzinger, Kira Kapustina, Toby Cubitt and all the team the best of luck.

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## BCRT TEAM LIST 2019

Commandant:	Sqn Ldr Jon Pollard	HQ RAF Air Cadets
Adjutant:	2Lt Eilidh Clarke	Dollar Academy CCF
Armourer:	Maj Alwyn McLean	Army Reserve
Firers:		

Daisy Armstrong	Sedbergh School CCF
Morgan Barnes	Beds & Herts ACF
Freddie Cade	Sedbergh School CCF
Samuel Cherry	RGS Guildford CCF
Christina Cuming	Bradfield College CCF
Benjamin Danziger	Gresham's School CCF
Ashton Doody	Dorset ACF
Oscar Farrell	Wellington College CCF
Olivia Hutt	Dollar Academy CCF
Finlay Johnston	Dollar Academy CCF
Toby Jones	Victoria College CCF
Stacey Josling	Surrey ACF
Kira Kapustina	Gresham's School CCF
Madeleine Luckyn-Malone	Epsom College CCF
Kezaya Nichols	Somerset ACF
Balazs Rigo	RGS Guildford CCF
Edward Robinson	Marlborough College CCF
Luke Taylor	2(NI) Bn ACF

### Non-travelling reserves:

George Bramwell	Shrewsbury School CCF
Callum Chen	Dollar Academy CCF
Toby Cubitt	Gresham's School CCF



# DOLLAR ACADEMY



Congratulations to Olivia Hutt, Finlay Johnston and Callum Chen (reserve) on their selection for the Athelings. Congratulations also to Eilidh Clarke 2Lt (FP) for her selection as Adjutant. We wish them and the whole team an enjoyable and successful trip to Canada.

Dollar Academy, located in a beautiful country town within easy reach of Scotland's major cities, is recognised as one of the UK's leading independent schools. The school is distinguished by its excellence in pastoral care, diverse co-curricular provision and outstanding classroom teaching.

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# Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting

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My name is Robert Bruce and I took over as General Secretary of the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting (CCRS) in November 2016. I was a career infantry officer in the British Army but have never been involved in target rifle shooting.

CCRS is a registered charity which was formed in 1969 from a number of cadet associations. The purpose of CCRS is to promote and encourage competition shooting across all 4 cadet youth movements in order to help young people to develop their characters including a sense of social responsibility. CCRS has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the UK Ministry of Defence to enable the charity to work in partnership with the cadet youth movements. The charity delivers a wide range of activities including: training coaches, running postal shoots and organising national competitions across all shooting disciplines. The culmination of UK cadet full-bore shooting takes place annually at Bisley; this is conducted over a 3 week period and involves around 1500 cadets from all 4 youth organisations.

CCRS is also responsible for 3 international teams which compete annually - the UK Cadet Rifle Team (U17) competes in the Channel Islands, the British Cadet Rifle Team (U18 and known as The Athelings) competes in Canada and the GB U19 Rifle Team competes in South Africa. These teams are the pinnacle of excellence to which cadets aspire and CCRS is honoured to be associated with all 3.

Upon leaving cadets young shooters are ideally prepared to advance their experiences by challenging for places in UK senior teams. It is worth noting, in that respect, that 25 of the 26 members of the 2019 GB (Long Range) Palma Rifle Team were former members of the cadet forces.

Turning now to the UK/Canada exchanges and the British Cadet Rifle Team U18 (The Athelings) in particular. The first exchange of cadet teams between UK and Canada took place in 1910, fostered by the Imperial Cadet Association, one of the forerunners of CCRS. The association was founded to create and maintain links between the cadet organisations in the mother country, dominions and colonies. In 1928 2 officers and 12 cadets took part in the annual meeting at Connaught and the format of the modern Athelings' tour was born.

The Chairman, and all members of CCRS, send their best wishes to the 2019 Athelings and wish them every success in their competitions at Connaught ranges.

Robert Bruce  
General Secretary



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Epsom College is proud to support its pupil  
Madeleine Luckyn-Malone.  
We wish her and all The Athelings the very best of luck.

## BCRT TOUR PROGRAMME

Ser	Date	Activity
1	6 Aug	1850 hrs local: flt AC 889 arrives Ottawa. Move to Connaught Cadet Training Centre
2	7 Aug	Connaught cadet camp and ranges - familiarisation
3	8-9 Aug	Adventurous activities: camping, canoeing, caving
4	10-11 Aug	Connaught: Canadian cadet C12 rifle – training including practice shoots
5	11(pm)	Cultural visits: parliament, war monument, Byward market
6	12-14 Aug	Connaught: compete in national cadet full-bore championships
7	15-16 Aug	Cultural visits: mall, mint, nuclear bunker
8	17-23 Aug	Connaught: compete in Dominion of Canada Rifle Association championships
9	24	Team admin
10	25-29 Aug	Visits: Niagara, Wonderland, Fort Henry
11	30 Aug	Visit outlet mall; flt AC 888 departs Ottawa 2235 hrs local
12	31 Aug	1025 hrs local: arrive LHR. Disperse from Derby Lodge by 1430 hrs





Victoria College would like to congratulate our CCF Cadet Toby Jones on his selection for the Athelings 2019 and we wish the entire team good shooting in Canada.

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## BCRT TEAM MEMBERS' PROFILES



### **Daisy Armstrong**

Daisy is currently in Year 11 and studying for her GCSEs at Sedbergh School. She has been shooting for three years and has attended two imperial meetings. Amongst her many accolades Daisy's proudest shooting moment to date was when she won the Alexandra in 2017, winning her tie shoot against John Underwood and Matt Miller! She has also represented Scotland in the Cadet international and is really looking forward to the tour to Canada. Daisy will also be celebrating her birthday whilst on tour – 29<sup>th</sup> August, feel free to send a present!



### **Morgan Barnes**

Morgan is 17 and is in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire 2<sup>nd</sup> Company Army Cadet Force. He has been shooting since 2015 and started full-bore in 2016. 2018 ISCRM proved to be a very successful year for Morgan coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NCFC 500yards and 300yards respectively. He also won the Bronze Cross for the three highest possible scores. Morgan has also visited Canada last summer when he completed the Canadian cadet phase 2 marksmanship course with three other Athelings. He is looking forward to returning and building on his success from last year.



### **Freddie Cade**

Freddie is from Sedbergh. He started shooting target rifle just over three years ago. After he started at school it became an enjoyable hobby; especially the full bore discipline. So far he has done three NRA Imperial meetings and many other competitions too. He is really looking forward to our Canada tour and to making some great friends whilst shooting abroad again.



### **Samuel Cherry**

Sam first started small-bore shooting in Form III with his school. After his first Imperial, in Form VI, he discovered his preference for full-bore shooting. Now in Lower Sixth, Sam is looking forward to meeting new people and representing Britain in his first International tour to Canada. Out with shooting Sam enjoys playing piano and debating.



### **Christina Cuming**

Christina is 16 and is currently studying at Bradfield College. She is in Lower Sixth, in her first year of the International Baccalaureate; studying English, Biology and Psychology as her Highers. She has been shooting for almost three years and went to the Channel Islands with the UKCRT last year. It is her birthday in Canada so she is expecting presents from everyone and a large cake!! She is thankful to be given a 'shot' at this tour and can't wait to meet everyone.



### **Benjamin Danziger**

Ben from Greshams is a passionate shooter from Norfolk. He first started shooting in Year 8 where he first shot at a CCF open day. He is now an avid full-bore shooter and is excited to shoot with the team abroad. Besides shooting Ben loves sailing and designing boats. Over the last couple of summers (after his time at Bisley) he has been restoring boats with his friends. He will miss his time on the water this year but proud to have been selected for the Athelings team.



### **Ashton Doody**

Ashton got into shooting after joining the cadets shooting .22 Long Rifle, Scorpion Air Rifle and the Cadet L98A2 GP Rifle. Ashton feels lucky at his break into target rifle shooting. One of the shooters from his county was booked onto a course but unable to attend and Ashton was asked if he would like to go. From that first week of training Ashton has gone on to love the sport, competing in multiple ISCRMS. Last year Ashton was placed sixth both at ISCRM and at the Cadet Imperial being beaten by two fellow Athelings. In 2018 Ashton visited Canada to complete the Canadian cadet phase 2 marksmanship course when he met a lot of the ACF Athelings for this year's tour. Ashton is studying Psychology, Chemistry and Biology at A level; he also enjoys riding motorcycles as well as building computers.



### **Oscar Farrell**

Oscar started shooting small-bore in Form III. Now in Lower Sixth, full-bore has become his preferred discipline, with multiple County Caps for Yorkshire. Off the firing point he enjoys (with the rest of Wellington) causing Nigel Ball a large amount of stress. Oscar is an avid musician, playing trumpet and multiple other instruments; he plans to pursue a career in the music industry.





### **Olivia Hutt**

Olivia is 16 and a member of the Dollar Academy CCF and rifle team. She's been shooting full-bore for over two years – although you may not be able to tell as wind graphs still confuse her! Although at the start of her small-bore career she was one of the last in her year to be awarded her .22 marksmanship, she has managed to go on to represent Scotland multiple times in various full-bore competitions including the Cadet International match. Last year she attended the Jersey Open Championships in August as part of the UKCRT and enjoyed the tour and the people she met. She is really looking forward to visiting Canada this year with the Athelings and is incredibly grateful to have been selected for the team.



### **Finlay Johnston**

Finlay attends Dollar Academy and has been shooting for three years. He initially started shooting small-bore on his very first CCF camp and has now progressed onto the full-bore rifle. He enjoys many aspects of shooting, for example meeting new people and learning a different fact about the sport almost every time he shoots. He is looking forward to Canada and discovering a different culture.



### **Toby Jones**

Toby is a shooter from Victoria College, Jersey. He has represented Jersey in various competitions and is hoping to continue doing this in the future. He is passionate about his two main sports shooting and sailing and proven himself to be a strong wind coach – probably due to the difficult Jersey ranges. He is very much looking forward to the experience of shooting in Canada.



### **Stacey Josling**

Stacey attends Woking College and studies Mathematics, Sociology and Psychology. Outside of shooting her other hobby is rock climbing which she also completes with Surrey ACF. Stacey attended the Canadian cadet phase 2 marksmanship course in 2018 and is looking forward to going back to Canada, meeting her friend who made the Canadian NRT and shooting the DCRA matches again.



### **Kira Kapustina**

Kira is 18 years old and is a pupil at Greshams School. She is the small-bore captain of the rifle club and enjoys helping others. She is very passionate about shooting and if she had to choose between full-bore and small-bore, she would choose full-bore! She is really excited about travelling to Canada to compete but also to experience and explore its culture.



### **Madeleine Luckyn-Malone**

Maddie, from Epsom College, started shooting small-bore when she was nine years old. She shot for England against Scotland at her Prep School and is excited at representing her country abroad in Canada. Maddie loved meeting everyone at the Maple Taste weekend, making her even more excited for the tour. Maddie currently lives in Kenya and loves travelling. Her proudest full-bore moment to date was beating Parag Patel in the Corporation shoot at the Imperial last year.



### **Kezaya Nichols**

Kez started shooting at the early age of 12, found out she had a talent and has carried on with it ever since. She currently attends a military preparation course in Taunton to prepare her for her career as a combat medic, which she will join in September. She attended the Canadian cadet phase 2 marksmanship course in 2018 and was placed first overall. She looks forward to returning to Canada and to seeing her friends on the Canadian cadet team.



### **Balazs Rigo**

Balazs began shooting small-bore in Form III at RGS Guildford on the No.8s, eventually moving onto full-bore. In Form IV he came second in the Cadet Imperial allowing him to qualify for the UKCRT which kick-started his TR shooting, culminating in the 2018 Jersey tour. Balazs hopes to take what he learns as an Atheling back to his school so that they too can improve and give a strong Ashburton performance. Outside of shooting he enjoys working on computers and electronics with his goal being to study Aeronautical Engineering at University.



### **Edward Robinson**

Ed is from Marlborough College and has been shooting since Form III. In 2018 he shot the NRA Imperial and progressed as far as Queen's 2<sup>nd</sup> stage. Ed is an active member of the school rifle team and has trained with the GB target sprint squad. He is studying maths, physics, computer science and philosophy at A level.



### **Luke Taylor**

Luke has been a cadet with the 2<sup>nd</sup> (NI) Bn for four years. In his first and second year he was selected to shoot in the Cadet Imperial; he attended the Canadian cadet phase 2 marksmanship course in 2018 and competed in the DCRA. Luke feels privileged to be an Atheling and is really looking forward to the Canada experience.

## **Non-travelling Reserves**



### **George Bramwell**

George is currently at Shrewsbury School studying Physics, Mathematics and Geography. He really enjoys rowing and is currently competing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VIII. George lives in the Lake District and loves mountain biking and sailing – as well as shooting! He definitely prefers full-bore shooting over small-bore. George was on the UKCRT team in 2018 and is looking forward to his next tour with the Athelings' team.



### **Callum Chen**

Callum started shooting in Form II at Dollar Academy. In Form III he was introduced to full-bore shooting and the next year he shot his first full NRA Imperial meeting. Callum is currently an Athelings reserve and is looking forward to the summer full-bore season.



**Toby Cubitt**

Toby attends Gresham's School and has been shooting for four years. He started in prep school when he joined the rifle club after previous experience with air pistols. When he moved up to the senior school he instantly became an enthusiastic small-bore and full-bore shot. Toby loves the experience of Bisley and is looking forward to this summer's shooting.



## DORSET ARMY CADET FORCE



Dorset Army Cadet Force  
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Ashton Doody  
and all of the  
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(The Athelings)  
for their  
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on the 2019 Athelings Tour in Canada**







# The British Cadet Rifle Team

## The Athelings 2019



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Freddie Cade Sedburgh School CCF	Toby Jones Victoria College CCF	George Bramwell Shrewsbury School CCF	Finlay Johnston Dollar Academy CCF	Benjamin Danziger Gresham's School CCF	Ashton Doody Dunnet ACF	Callum Chen Dollar Academy CCF	Luke Taylor 2ND IR ACF
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Maddeline Luckyn-Malone Epson College CCF	Kerayn Nichols Somerset ACF	Second Lieutenant Ellidh Clarke Adjutant	Squadron Leader Jonathan Pollard Commandant	Major Alwyn McLean Armstrong and Cough	Kira Kapustina Gresham's School CCF	Daisy Armstrong Sedburgh School CCF	