



Less than 200 days to the Commonwealth Games

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Less than **Seven Months** to the Opening Ceremony

“Your goal should be just out of reach, but not out of sight”.

Hapus Flwyddyn Newydd, Happy New Year

November/December was when traditionally we have our “slack period” in shooting competitions, during this month our core part of the Glasgow 2014 shooting team was announced on the 17th December.

Shooting was the second WCG team to be announced following Lawn Bowls earlier in Dec.

Wales Commonwealth Games Shooting Team Press release:

The latest team selected to compete for Wales at next year’s Commonwealth Games has been announced today. Shooting have named the athletes that will head to Glasgow in July, two Olympians, two Commonwealth medalist, two married couples and a set of twins all feature in the squad.

Arguably two of the most experienced members of the team, husband and wife pair Elena and Malcolm Allen have a number of international competitions under their belts, including five Commonwealth Games, the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympics, World Championships, where Elena won bronze in 2002, and Commonwealth Shooting Championships that saw the duo crowned champions in 2010.

Twin sisters Jenny and Sian Corish are no strangers to the Commonwealth Game having competed in Melbourne 2006 and Delhi 2010. Other Games’ veterans in the team are Melbourne Commonwealth Champion, Gold medalist David Phelps from Cardiff, 38 year-old Gareth Morris and Rhys Price from Usk, along with married couple Mike and Sarah Wixey who have previously competed at four and one Commonwealth Games respectively, and Sarah at the 2002 Athens Olympic Games.

First timers in the team are 20 year-old Mike Bamsey, who recently won three medals for Team GB at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in 2013, Katie Cowell from Wrexham and Chris Watson from Tetbury, Jonathan Davies from Neath Port Talbot and 19 year-old Coral Kennerley from Aberystwyth another medalist from the Australian Youth Olympic Festival.

Shooting Team Manager of the WTSE, John Dallimore, said:

“We’re sending a really strong team to the Games next year; a team that work hard and are all striving to fulfill their potential.

The balance of age, experience and youth in the team is just right, the first timers have some great role models to learn from and we’re hopeful of having successful games”.

Chris Jenkins, CEO of CGCW, said:

“It’s great to see a mixture of experienced and new faces in the shooting team. The last few games have seen shooters contribute to the overall medal tally and with the talent selected in this squad we’re hopeful they’ll be continue that run of success”.

“We’re fast approaching 200 days to go until the Games now and it’s fantastic to see the team gradually starting to build. ”During the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, shooters will be competing in clay target, full bore, pistol and small bore events all at Barry Buddon Shooting Centre, a dedicated satellite venue”.



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Key facts

- The team includes two married couples and a set of twins
- 14 shooters have been selected to compete at Glasgow 2014
- Coral Kennerley is the youngest member of the squad at just 19 years-old
- A combine total of 17 appearances have been made at previous Commonwealth Games from just seven members of the squad.



See more at: <http://teamwales.co.uk/category/news/#sthash.xMwRbXrH.dpuf>

- The Commonwealth Games is the only multi-sport event where Wales competes in its own right.
- Swimmer Valerie Davies, from Cardiff, who struck two silvers in the 1930 Games in Hamilton, Canada, won Wales' first Commonwealth medals.
- Weightlifter David Morgan is Wales' most successful Games' athlete, his haul of nine gold and six silver medals collected over six tournaments.
- Cardiff hosted the Games in 1958, when it was called the Empire Games.
- Wales recorded its highest position in the medals table (11th) at the Manchester Games of 2002, winning six gold, 13 silver and 12 bronze.

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Wales sent a strong team of athletes to Luxembourg nearly all made finals, also some medals. (Five individual medals, one rifle and one pistol team medal)

- Air Rifle. Sian & Jenny Corish, Hannah Davies, Mike Bamsey. Coach R Riddett.
- Air Pistol. Coral Kennerley, Shawnee Bournier, Alan Green, Coach S Pengelly.

ISSF GBR representations 2013

During 2013, there were a total of 11 Welsh athletes representing GBR at major competitions Six shotgun and Five smallbore/airgun with a total of 45 starts (full list can be supplied).

Expected GBR selections early 2014

European Airgun Championships Moscow March

Rifle Mike Bamsey, Jenny Corish, Hannah Davies. Coach A Nimmo

Pistol Coral Kennerley Coach manager S. Pengelly

Fort Benning World Cup March/April

Rifle Mike Bamsey, Pistol C Kennerley Coach S. Pengelly

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Trap Mike Wixey, Jon Davies, Sarah Wixey, Katie Cowell

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Fullbore GBR representations 2013

There were two NRA touring teams to the West Indies and Canada; we had seven Welsh athletes competing with notable success. High-light was Henrik Golaszewski winning the Canadian Presidents prize, also in July Gaz Morris and Chris Watson completed the "big six" representing GB last year. "Big six" is representing GB at the top six GB matches during the year. It should be noted in the 120 year history that only about 25 FB shooters have completed this fete, only previous Welsh FB shooter was The Lord Swansea in the 1960's who many know was the first Welsh shooting medallist at the Empire Games Jamaica 1966

BBC Sports Personality of the year

During December, Coral Kennerley was invited to attend the Wales Sports Personality of the Year hosted in Cardiff.

CSF(ED) now has a new website



<http://www.csfed.org/>

Stewart Watterson Hon sec, has started putting results etc. of past CSF(ED)'s

If anyone has any information to include please contact Stewart

REMINDER Please

CSF(ED) 2016

Wales will look at possible hosting 2016 Commonwealth shooting Federation Championships (European Division) after consultations with the WTSP and relevant associations.

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