



LIKE FATHER:
Lewis and Jeff Hampton are both journalists covering the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Games reunite father and son

By Max Towle

THE 2014 Commonwealth Games has reunited a Christchurch father with his London-based son.

Veteran TV3 reporter Jeff Hampton shared a beer with his son and fellow journalist Lewis Hampton on the first night of the Games.

Lewis, a Christchurch-raised CPIT graduate, is a London-based freelance radio journalist covering the Games for Radio Live.

Since that first beer in a Glasgow pub, the two have spoken on the phone almost every day, but have struggled to find time to meet up.

"It's pretty cool having him here, although to be honest you're so busy you don't really have much chance to catch up, even

though we're in the same hotel," said Jeff.

"I did hear from Lewis when he went to the wrong location to interview the gold medal winning cyclists, and was able to save his bacon and redirect him."

Jeff said he was not worried about his son upstaging him.

"Of course, the old dog always has to fight off the young puppy. Lewis always jokingly said his aim was to join TVNZ and scoop me on a story," he said.

"That isn't going to happen."

Jeff Hampton has covered four Olympic Games and three Commonwealth Games during his 30-year career.

He said Lewis chose a similar career path on his own.

"I never pushed the career idea on him as I think you need to find a job you enjoy and not just from family pressure."