

## **Caldy Rugby Newsletter**

## "Our Centenary Season, The Championship, Premiership Rugby Cup, Cotton Traders Premier League & Cheshire Cup"

News update from Mark Loughran, Chairman of Caldy RFC

It's Rugby World Cup 2023 this September, but more importantly it's our Caldy RFC Centenary Season 2023-24 and we will be competing in The Championship, the first ever Premiership Cup competition, the Cotton Traders Premier League & the Cheshire Cup at the very peak of our success in the last 100 years.

As Gary Devaney said in his report to the AGM "The current success is based on the hard work and culture of so many who have played in the past, and those senior members who have set standards that have passed down to our current players."

I am proud to be your Chairman in our Centenary Season and be able to work for a Club which has given me so much. I will continue the work of others in making our club the top amateur club in the Country. I will support our Director of Rugby, Gareth Davies, and our Head Coach, Matt Cairns, in maintaining the Club's culture and aiming to better the tremendous performances of last season. Not forgetting our sensational 2nd XV unbeaten again and our hope is to get our 2nd XV more competitive games.

### Senior Rugby Fixtures 2023/24

At last the RFU have sorted out the fixtures for The Championship and at the beginning of the season in the Premiership Cup versus Leicester Tigers, Newcastle Falcons and a home game against Sale Sharks. What a prospect!

Full fixture lists for the season are available on our website – <a href="https://caldyrugbyclub.com/fixtures-results/">https://caldyrugbyclub.com/fixtures-results/</a>

#### Senior Rugby Pre-season fixtures coming up soon

Saturday 19 August - away at Heywood Road	Sale FC v Caldy	ko 3.00pm
Thursday 24 August - away at Memorial Ground	Wirral v Caldy	ko TBC
Saturday 26 August - away at Park Lane	Sedgley Park Tigers v Caldy	ko 2.30pm
Wednesday 30 August - away at Memorial Ground	Wirral u23 v Caldy u23	ko TBC
Friday 1 September - home at Paton Field	Caldy v RGC	ko 6.45pm

#### Senior Rugby Cup & League fixtures to start our Centenary Season 2023/24

Cheshire Cup round 1 draw, date & venue to be confirmed

Saturday 2 September - home at Paton Field

Saturday 9 September - away at Welford Road	Leicester Tigers v Caldy	ko 3.00pm	
Our hosts are arranging a 'Caldy Takeover Day' to	celebrate our first game at W	elford Road including	
experiences such as Match Day Coaching, Flag Shaking, Guard of Honour & other activities			

Caldy 2 v Blackburn 2

ko 3.00pm

Saturday 9 September - away at Anselmians	Anselmians 2 v Caldy 2	ko 3.00pm
Saturday 16 September - home at Paton Field	Caldy v Ampthill	ko 3.00pm
Saturday 16 September - home at Paton Field	Caldy 2 v Lymm 2	ko TBC
Saturday 23 September - away at Bedford	Bedford Blues v Caldy	ko 3.00pm
Saturday 23 September - away at Fylde	Fylde Hawks 2 v Caldy 2	ko 3.00pm
Saturday 30 September - home at Paton Field	Caldy v Sale Sharks	ko 3.00pm
Saturday 30 September - home at Paton Field	Caldy 2 v Macclesfield 2	ko 12 noon



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### Senior Membership Subscriptions, Season Tickets & Matchday Tickets

We need your Senior Membership Subscriptions now to pay for the coming season's many preparations. Please renew your Senior Membership and get your digital Season Tickets online via the club website.

The season ticket price for 2023/24 has increased to £120 so Senior Membership / Season Ticket prices :

- 1. Senior Adult Season Ticket only £120
- 2. **Senior Consolidated Membership / Season Ticket "Early Bird"** £160 ( paid before 30th Sept ) Senior Consolidated Membership / Season Ticket paid after 30th Sept £176
- 3. Junior Season Ticket only £60 ( aged between 16-18 years )
- 4. Senior Rugby Membership only £90
- 5. **Senior Rugby Country Membership only £60** ( available if you live 50 miles away from the club )

All the above are now available via our website - <a href="https://caldyrugbyclub.com/buy-tickets-membership/">https://caldyrugbyclub.com/buy-tickets-membership/</a>

If you need any help buying your digital membership / season ticket - James Smethurst will be available at the clubhouse on Saturday 12 August from 9.00am until 5.00pm

Please note Community Memberships will be also available via our website from 1<sup>st</sup> August onwards.

### **Donate to Caldy Sports Field Trust**

Playing in The Championship led to us incurring far more costs than we could otherwise have expected. Work is continuing on The Bank but we still need to raise about £30k via the Caldy Sports Field Trust to repair the pitches, repair the damaged marquee and to finish the terracing off.

Please help us get ready for next season by donating to: Caldy Sports Field Trust

Sort code: 40 – 29 – 08 Account no: 74052870

All contributions will be very much appreciated.

### **Become a Sponsor**

We continue to look to increase sponsorship for this season and have sponsorship opportunities available. For further details please contact:

Jonathan Kemp <u>jonathan@aev.co.uk</u> or Leonie <u>leoniewright@btinternet.com</u>

Why not join the Business Club – great speakers, like - minded people to network with and all part of the Caldy Family – for details please go to our website – <a href="https://caldyrugbyclub.com/business-club/">https://caldyrugbyclub.com/business-club/</a>

### Volunteers work party weekend, Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 August

We need volunteers to come along anytime between 9am – 5pm over the weekend of Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August to help spruce up the clubhouse & prepare the grounds in readiness for the coming rugby season.

Head grounds man, Phil Wylie, has suggested a list of jobs to be tackled over the weekend including painting the pitch side barrier posts, painting the fencing, finish the banks, cutting logs & pallets, gravelling paths, repairs to clubhouse roof, barge boards, gutters & downpipes, cutting back gorse & trees, external painting to the timber fascias & internal painting to toilets etc... etc...

Refreshments & food will be made available at the club on both days so look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes and enjoy our Centenary Season

Mark Loughran, Chairman, Caldy RFC