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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the 39th edition of the journal which has once again been collated by your President, Mr Peter Dodd, acting as Editor, in the absence of a volunteer replacement. The school has kindly continued to print once again.

At the Annual General Meeting, the resignation of Mr A E Denton as Hon. Membership Secretary was accepted and recently Mr David Wilkes has agreed to fill the position. This will be endorsed at the next meeting and I am sure David’s enthusiastic approach will be most welcome.

Mr R Hill submitted his resignation to the Council because of other heavy commitments and this was accepted.

Our condolences have been sent to Council member Mr M F Cross following the sad loss of his wife.

The School Armistice Day Service was attended by your President and Chairman. The efficiency with which this moving ceremony was carried out was highly commendable. We were also invited in January to join parents and ‘friends of Calday’ to an afternoon tea party where we were entertained by the school choir and a very good student jazz band.

The Summer Buffet Evening this year will be held on Friday 26th July and an invitation form is enclosed. After the successful debut of the Caldy Choir last year, they have been invited to attend the forthcoming event. Please make a note of the date. An early acceptance would be appreciated.

I regret to report the deaths of members Mr M J Grant (1940 – 1950) and Messrs John Prince (staff in the late 50s), A Maxwell (1960s) and R (Bob) Smith (1950s). Obituaries are included in the later section of the Journal together with a recollection of the late Mr W P Rees by Mr Charles Elston.

Finally, I would like to thank the Officers and Members of the Council for their support and the School for their kind assistance.

S Hill
April 2013
UPDATE FROM MR MARK RODAWAY, HEADTEACHER

Calday became an Academy on 1st January 2013. Academy status has not affected the day-to-day running of the school but allows us:-

- Greater control and flexibility to direct funding to the specific requirements of Calday Grange Grammar School in order to achieve the very best for our students.
- Freedom to develop further a curriculum that meets the needs of students and improves opportunity.
- Freedom from Local Authority administration to reduce the burden of bureaucracy, allowing us to focus on learning and teaching.
- A financial year that aligns with the academic year, enabling consolidation of all the school’s contracts in line with the financial year.
- An opportunity to develop partnerships with other academies.
- More flexibility with staff pay and conditions and the freedom to increase rewards for staff. That the school is successful is a reflection of the fact that we have an outstanding workforce and the new academy will be able to use the freedoms to maintain that situation by rewarding staff and continuing to attract, retain and develop the best in the profession.

As an academy we also have the ability to bid directly for future capital funding to improve our facilities and we recently submitted a Capital Maintenance Bid to the Education Funding Agency for a Sports Hall. We have now received notification that unfortunately they were unable to prioritise Calday for capital funding in 2013. This is disappointing however, not unexpected given the data on historical funding statistics and the extremely tight timescale that we had in order to meet the deadline. The Education Funding Agency did suggest that the standard of bids has risen considerably in this round making it a challenge. They received bids for 2158 projects from 1364 academies, totalling over £1100m which was far in excess of the £325m allocation. Only 789 academies have been awarded funding at various levels. The academies capital maintenance fund report being nearly four times oversubscribed. We will continue to develop and submit bids for future funding.

Forthcoming events

OCU members are most welcome to attend the following events which will take place during the remainder of the Summer term. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Debbie Ellis on 0151 6252727 if you require any further details.

Tuesday 2nd July  Summer Concert (school hall)
Saturday 6th July  Summer Fete (school fields)

We are currently evaluating the possibility of arranging an Old Boys’ Reunion in the Autumn term. If you would be interested in attending, could we please ask you to register your interest by sending an email to oldboysreunion@calday.wirral.sch.uk or by contacting Mrs Ellis on 0151 6252727. We look forward to hearing from you.

We are also in the process of arranging a Late Summer Ball to fundraise for the school and would welcome contact from any Old Caldeians who may be willing to sponsor individual elements of the evening. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Debbie Ellis on 0151 6252727.

Student Success

Our students continue to excel and below are a few examples of their outstanding achievements:-

Good Schools Guide Awards - The school was awarded the following Good Schools Guide 2012 awards:-
- Best point score for girls taking Art & Design (Fine Art) at A Level
- Best point score for boys taking Russian at A Level
- Best point score for boys taking Law at A Level and
- Best point score for girls taking Law at AS Level
‘Talent Campus’
Oliver Bradley Baker, L6G1 was selected for the BFI Film Academy residential "Talent Campus" delivered by the National Film and Television School. This is an outstanding achievement as the Academy received 350 high quality applications and selected only 54 16 to 19 year olds based on their application forms, references and quality of the portfolio work they submitted.

Chris Salmon Poetry Extravaganza
Harry Young, Kristan Lacy and Emily Kearney who have all been awarded prizes in the Chris Salmon Poetry Extravaganza 2012. They were recently presented with their awards at an Awards Evening held in Bromborough.

HSBC Drama Competition
Geoffrey Morris, Daniel Lawson, Jack Cryer, John Kitchen, Isaac Hayes and Michael Thorne who recently competed in the Annual HSBC Drama Competition and took second prize. This is an outstanding achievement given the tough competition from the schools participating.

Codebreaking Competition
The University of Manchester has been running a national code breaking competition in memory of Alan Turing, the great cryptographer during WWII. Once a fortnight on a Monday the university would release a chapter to decipher and the quicker you deciphered the challenge, the more points you received. A total of 465 teams entered the competition. It was a very close race but the winners were three pupils from Calday! Adam Harland, Adi Adiga and Milo Noblet won the competition by one point!

National Magistrates’ Mock Trial Competition 2013
The Calday Year 9 mock trial team were narrowly pipped to victory in their round of this prestigious competition on Saturday 16th March at Crewe Magistrates’ Court, after two excellent performances in which they achieved an unlikely acquittal of their defendant! The students worked hard preparing for the event and their attitude on the day was superb attitude - they were excellent ambassadors for Calday. Several members of the court staff commented on how well-mannered and enthusiastic the team were, and also on the quality of their presentations. All received medals and certificates, and the team were awarded a trophy for their efforts. The team: Prosecution - Milo Noblet, Robert Love, Adam Harland, George Montgomery, Ben Hsuan. Defence - Aditya Adiga, Aditya Revat, Sam Callaghan (defendant), Ben Hamlett, James Burt. Magistrates: Sam Alsop, Alex Youngson and Harry Brown. Court reporters - Nathan Lee, Ben Acton, and Harry McNeill.

Youngest London Marathon Runner
Adam Monks, a student in the Upper Sixth, ran in the Virgin London Marathon on the 21st April, two days after his 18th birthday, making him the official 'youngest runner’. He appeared on BBC Breakfast News on Tuesday 16th April, live, alongside the oldest runner. Adam was running for Sports Aid who support young British athletes with Olympic and Paralympic goals.

CCF Trophy For Year Round Fundraising For The Poppy Appeal
Members of the CCF travelled to the Daresbury Park Hotel, Warrington for an award ceremony which was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire and 61 other Sections from the CCF, ATC, ACF, Sea Cadets and Fire Cadets. Our CCF was awarded a trophy and two certificates for being the TOP Section for year round fundraising for the Poppy Appeal. The trophy is now on display in the School Reception.
Sporting Achievements

- Double Table Tennis Success For Calday Students
  Our Table Tennis teams have played superbly in competitions recently and have won the following prestigious competitions:

  **Schools Games Key Stage 3 County Team Table Tennis Championship Finals**
  Year 7 students from Calday, Thom Jones, Matthew Morris, Jake Norton, Alex Robinson and George Walker, joined players aged 12 – 14 years from 14 schools all competing in the final of the Merseyside Schools Games Key Stage 3 County Competition which took place at Halton Stadium, Widnes, on Thursday 21st March 2013. The 4 Calday players won their heats before going on to win the overall team final, making them the Merseyside Key Stage 3 Team Champions for 2013.

- **Butterfly National School Team Championship Finals**
  In spite of the wintry weather conditions, teams from 20 counties fought their way through the snow to take part in the Butterfly National School Team Championship Finals organised by English Schools’ Table Tennis Association on 23rd March 2013.

  A packed Hinckley Leisure Centre witnessed quality table tennis from teams representing 29 schools competing in the eight age categories who had played their way through County, Zone and Regional rounds to reach this stage of the Championships now in its 47th year.

  In the Under 19 Boys’ event, two teams tied with five match points each (two victories and a draw) and two teams with one match point each (one draw and two losses), resulting in both 3rd/4th place and 1st/2nd place being determined on count back.

  First place went to Calday students Tom Hill, Josha Matthewman, Matt Clewett, Joe Pilkington and Adam Seymour who beat the opposition to claim the title of Under 19’s English Champions, the boys went one better than the team last year when they finished in second place. Further details can be found on the ESTTA website: [www.estta.org.uk](http://www.estta.org.uk)

- **U14 Hockey Success**
  The U14 Hockey Team played Birkenhead School in the Final of the Wirral Schools Competition in front of a good crowd. The start was delayed due to the icy conditions but once the game started Calday dominated the early exchanges. Ed Burns opened the scoring and this was soon followed by a second goal by the Captain Tom Thorne who reacted quickly to indecision in the Birkenhead defence. After half time the game followed the same pattern with Ben Williams scoring early on with a close range effort and the scoring was completed by Tom Thorne with a direct effort from a short corner. The final score Calday 4 Birkenhead 0

- **U14s Hockey Team At The North Finals**
  The U14 team went to Timperley Hockey Club to take part in the North of England Finals. The team beat Altrincham Grammar School 4 nil in the first game with goals from Harry Broadhurst 2, Tom Bickerstaffe and Tom Russell.

  In the second game Calday went down 2-1 with the goal by Tom Thorne to St Peters School in York. In the final game Calday returned to winning ways against Eggllescliffe School winning 3-2 with goals from Tom Thorne 2 and Mike Smith. Calday finished second in the tournament and now go to a play-off game to hopefully qualify for the National finals.

- **Basketball Finals Success**
  Our Year 7 and Year 10 teams were both victorious in the finals of the Wirral Schools Cup held at Woodchurch Leisure Centre. The Year 7 team playing in their first final had a very close encounter against Woodchurch with the lead changing on a number of occasions in the first half. However in the second half Calday built up a lead which they maintained until the final whistle. Calday finished the match five points ahead. The match was played in a good spirit and both teams enjoyed the match.
The Year 10 team beat Wirral GS by nine points in what for them was their first final. The majority of the team apart from one or two players only took up the game this school year and they should be proud of their efforts in beating Wirral GS. Again this was a close game in the middle part of the match with only one point in it but in the second half Calday started to dominate and finished up as comfortable winners.

It was a special moment for 2 sets of brothers, Joe and Sam Pilkington, Joe and Mark Hanna who appeared in the Year 7 and Year 10 Teams.

- **Year 8 Indoor Cricket Tournament**

  The Year 8 Cricket Team entered an indoor cricket tournament held at Woodchurch Leisure Centre attended by a number of schools with the winners going through to Cheshire Finals later on this Year. It was an exciting tournament with 3 schools eventually ending up joint top. Calday needed to win their last match to finish joint top. It went to the last ball and Alex Risk and Kieran King seeing the team home.

- **Double Success For Year 7 Football Team**

  The Year 7 footballers took part in a 7- a -side Tournament which was attended by 7 Schools from the Wirral. Calday came away unbeaten and without conceding a goal to win the Tournament. They now go forward to the Merseyside Finals which will take place at Finch Farm, the home of Everton FC Academy.

  They also attended Kirkby Sports College to take part in the Merseyside Schools 5- a -side finals. The format meant that each School played each other to find the winning school. By the time Calday came to their final game they had won every game. The team they played in the final game, Cardinal Heenan, had also won every game. In a tense match Calday came out on top with a converted penalty in the last minute of the game and qualified for the North West Finals.

- **Merseyside Athletics Competition**

  Our Year 8 students won the Merseyside athletics competition and have now qualified for the North Finals.

- **Hockey – Year 8**

  The Year 8 Hockey team has won the Merseyside Finals, finished 2nd in the North Finals and now go into a play off to qualify for the National Finals.

M R Rodaway
Headteacher
I read in the Autumn 2012 journal William Paton Rees’s obituary and the question why Paton House had been “abolished”. I can explain the reason and it occurred in the mid 1990’s...

I was Chairman of the School Governors at the time and we were involved in obtaining Grant Maintained Status which would change our funding from the Local Authority to Central Government. The Board of Governors would also have greater control in the management of the School. It was decided that a review of the Pastoral Care for pupils should take place and one of the recommendations in the final report was to reduce the number of Houses from four to three. Realising to pupils past and present loyalty to their House is only one step below that of loyalty to the School I considered it was appropriate for the Chairman of Governors to make the recommendation to the Board on which three Houses should remain.

My first decision was to retain both Glegg and Bennett Houses. Glegg was named after William Glegg the founder of the School in 1636 and Bennett after Thomas Bennett who further endowed the School in 1676. The School still has close contact with the William Glegg Foundation and The Bennett Trust which continue to use their endowments to benefit both the School and its pupils.

This left Hollowell and Paton Houses. Hollowell was named after the Reverend William Hollowell who was Headmaster from 1891 to 1920. Under Hallowell’s guidance a struggling Grammar School with 29 pupils developed into a firmly established School and by the end of his tenure numbers had increased to 283 and a tradition for good scholarship and fine sportsmanship had been established. He can also be credited in forming the forerunner of the Old Caldeian Union in 1901. C.F.Elias in his obituary to Holloway said his memorial was the School—built upon the sure foundation of his own good workmanship, something greater than himself, a living entity, a temple of humanity.

Paton House was named after Sir Alfred Paton, Chairman of Governors during the headship of R.T.B. Glasspool. Paton was not a former pupil of Calday but through the enthusiasm of Glasspool, who brought rugby to the School, he acquired land at Thurcaston on which an Old Caldeians Rugby Club could play. The first games were played in the season of 1923/24 and sports continue to be played to this day on the same land known as Paton Field.

My decision was to retain Hollowell as the third House name because the Rev. Hollowell left a legacy of a school thriving under his leadership and the start of the history of modern Calday.

Paton will still be remembered by the name of the land on which Caldy Sports Club stands.
NEWS OF FORMER PUPILS

Ian KELLY (1980s) described in the Times as ‘an actor with an exuberant personality and an urge to tell entertaining stories’ has written a new book ‘Mr Foote’s other leg’ published by Picador. Ian is listed as having appeared at the Times Literacy Festival in Cheltenham on 10th October. He recently lectured in Heswall on his previous book ‘Casanova’.

John DORE (1920s) was proprietor of Burnetts Garage, Hoylake. His sons:-

John DICKINSON (1992 – 1999) having studied Physics at Imperial College London is now a self-employed violinist.

THOMAS DICKINSON (1995 – 2002) having studied at Lancaster University is now a Music teacher.

John WATTs (1960s) has now retired from a career in the Computer Aided Design field, first related to architecture and then Just-in-time manufacturing. He has recently met JOHN MAWDSLEY (1960s) who is a distinguished hydrologist and has been living in the USA for the past few years and with JOHN LAIRD (1960s) who became a local authority architect and has retired to Devon.

John WILSON stage name John BOWE is playing Judec Turpin in Sweeney Todd at the Adelphi Theatre in London. Mike Cross, his play producer at school, saw the production and thought that John Bowe’s performance was outstanding.

Andrew KEEDWELL (1969 – 76) is now lecturing and teaching English in Kabul, Afghanistan.

N.H.S GILL (1960s) is still a primary school teacher on Merseyside. He reports that his brother Dr Barrie GILL (1965 – 1972) who was an England Schoolboy Hockey International in 1972 and captained the Hockey U.A.U in 1975 is now Professor of Electronics & Electrical Engineering at Nottingham University.

Jack GARDINER (1950s) in an email from Vancouver, Canada informs us that David SPIERS (1957 – 63) has started a new job as C.E.O of the Pacific Oral Health Centre, a brand new UBC related teaching facility with 26 chairs and a 90 seat lecture room and that Douglas JENKINS (1959-62) became a doctor and world renowned (I believe) expert on whooping cough – he has ‘whooping cough’ website.

Chris HEGG (left 1986) after his degree in History at St Peters, Oxford, has had varying jobs and is presently Clerk to the Board of Governors at Liverpool Community College, and living in Hoylake.

Phil DALE-JONES (1940s) advises that he and Joan have had a ‘granny house’ built next to the main residence in the hills near Perth, Australia and that they have just moved into their new home with the help of their daughter and son-in-law. He is still very interested in rugby, bemoaning the Aussies defeat by France but recovering with their victory over Wales.
HONOURS BOARD

Andrew BADDELEY (1992 – 1999) is continuing as a full time athlete, sponsored by an American firm and is moving up to the 5000 metres.

Professor Alan MAYNARD (1960s) is a member of the UK Drug Policy Commission, an independent advisory committee that has recommended decriminalising the possession of formal amounts of controlled drugs. He is described in the newspaper report as a specialist in Health Economics (October 2012).

Professor Sir David WEATHERALL F.R.S. (1943 – 1950) writes that in 2010 he won the Lasker Award which is the highest award that the USA gives for medical research and in 1011 he won jointly the Karl Londsteiner Memorial Award from the American Blood Bank Association, again for medical research. He sends his best wishes to Steve Hill with whom he played cricket in the late 1940s. He is the Regus Professor of Medicine Emeritus at Oxford University and his HQ is the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital there.

Andrew TUCKER (left 1974) was in the national final of ‘Only Connect’ a fiendish quiz programme on BBC 4 on 17th December. His team, ‘The Draughtsmen or the beerdrinkers’ came second beaten by ‘The Scribes’. He was introduced in this programme as the founder of the Azerbaijan Cricket team (he had been our ambassador to that country in his earlier career).

Andy McCLUSKEY (1970 – 1977) singer, songwriter and bass-player wrote in the G2 section of the Guardian newspaper (08/01/13) of how he with Paul Humphreys, formed Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark in 1978 and wrote Enula Gay, a song selling 5 million copies across Europe. OMD goes on tour to Canada on 5th April. Their new album is called English Electra. They perform at the Liverpool Empire on 14th May. (From Wirral Globe – February 2013)

His Honour Judge John ROBERTS (1959 – 1966) has announced his retirement from the bench. Following his first class degree from Trinity College Cambridge, he was appointed a recorder in 1988 and a circuit judge in 1993. He worked in Bolton and Manchester, moving to Liverpool in 2003. As a liaison judge to Wigan, he was authorised to sit at the Central Criminal Court in London, a notable honour. A keen sportsman, he was a past Captain of Heswall Golf Club. (with thanks to Wirral news)

Andy W MAXWELL (left 1968) England XV centre three-quarter died on 30th January – see ‘Those departed’.

Robert (Bobbie) CRUNCHLEY (1980s) has been appointed as the coach of the England Men’s Hockey XI to lead the team in the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016.
THOSE DEPARTED

A W MAXWELL (1962 – 1968) died in York on 30th January 2013. An outstanding rugby player at school he naturally then joined the Old Caldeians R.F.C. which in 1970 had its most successful year in history. Andy was a member of the Old Caldeians seven-a-side Team that won the Daily Telegraph National Old Boys Seven Tournament, beating several famous schools in the process.

He was a most gifted centre three-quarter who with his brother Stuart helped the Old Caldeians to win the Cheshire Cup in 1971. Since the Old Caldeians were not then classed as a first rate club he had moved to New Brighton RFC and then to Yorkshire – Headingly RFC. From here he was selected for the England XV to play in Australia. He was to donate his first England shirt to Caldy RFC where it still has pride of place in the clubhouse. He played seven matches for England from 1975 – 1978 under the captaincy of Billy Beaumont but was severely injured against France in 1978 which ended his international career.

His funeral was attended by his brother Stuart, Mike Metcalfe, Mick Moore and Mike Young, all members of the 1970 Old Caldeians team that won the National Sevens Competition. Other Calday stalwarts attending were Pete Owen, John Wylie and Phil Wylie.

Peter GREEN (German teacher 1957 – 65) died aged 83 on 21st February in York. Part of the strong language department at Calday under the Headmaster, Eric Hawkins, he followed his Headmaster to York University where he had a distinguished career.

John PRINCE (1952 – 59) and Physics teacher (1965 – 2002) died aged 68 in Dubai in February. After his degree in Physics and Maths at Liverpool University, he taught at Alsop High School and then at Calday until his retirement. A talented pianist, he will be remembered for his virtuoso performance for his House in the House Music Festival. He was church organist at West Kirby U.R.C. and played for St Pauls, Rock Ferry and West Kirby opera societies. At school he founded an Astronomical Society. He was Captain of the 1st West Kirby Boys Brigade Company. His car with the number plate JP64 was always painted green. He restored and drove a vintage Crossville bus which took our Boys Brigade, Women’s Institute members and was displayed at vintage displays in the Northwest.

Mike GRANT (1931 – 2011) at Calday 1940 – 1950

Mike came to Calday at the age of 8 when there was a junior school and left in 1950 to continue his education at Liverpool University School of Art. Whilst at Calday he played for the Rugby 1st 15 and Hockey 1st 11 and went on to play for the Old Caldeians 1st XV when he left Calday.

He continued his education at Liverpool University gaining a 1st class degree in Art and after serving 2 years national service in the Royal Artillery he started working for Kendal-Milne, the well know Manchester Department store, where he was Display Manager. Here he first met his future wife, Sylvia. Subsequently he was promoted to Head of Design for the group and transferred to Harrods in London. Living in London he played rugby for Rosslyn Park RFC with other old Caldeians Rod Johnstone and Ian McKinlay.
He finally ended his career working for the Government, arranging exhibitions abroad to aid British exports. This involved visiting countries such as Australia and South America. On retirement Mike and Sylvia moved to Slapton in South Devon where Mike involved himself with his favourite pastimes of sketching, bowls and darts.

Robert (Bob) SMITH (1950s) died on 13th March. Bob played rugby at Calday School and was in the record breaking 2nd year team that scored 888 points in 20 games. After leaving school he joined the Old boys and quickly became an established 1st XV player. In 1968 he joined New Brighton and was selected for Cheshire who he represented for a number of seasons. He always kept involved with Caldy and played in the 1970-71 Cup winning side and he is the third member of the team to die after Lyndon Templeton and more recently, Andrew Maxwell. After he stepped down from New Brighton’s 1st XV he returned to Caldy to finish his playing career with the vet’s team. Bob was an outstanding second row who always played the game to the full but never forgot to enjoy the game both on and off the pitch. He was well known in West Kirby and Hoylake firstly working with his father in the two garages and then solely in West Kirby next to the old Tudor cinema. He will be sadly missed by the rugby community, his friends and family.

(R Flashman)

William PATON REES

I would like to add some personal recollections to the comprehensive obituary of William Paton Rees by Peter Constable which appeared in the last edition.

His parents and mine were friends and neighbours and I cannot recall a time when I did not know him and his three sisters. He was much the same age as my brother Bill and they started together at CGGS in September 1922 at the age of 8 in the Preparatory Department which then existed. They had previously spent 3 years in the Kindergarten Department of the then recently opened West Kirby Girls High (now Grammar) School.

Because of the age difference it was not until Pay was in his last year at Calday and Captain of both Rugby and Cricket and had joined the Badminton Club to which I already belonged to that I got to know him well. From that time onwards we kept in touch with each other although there were times particularly during World War 2 when lengthy periods went by without us actually meeting.

Pay was keen on most ball games and more than useful performer at most of them. Because of his genial nature it was a pleasure to play with him – but he was a keen and wily competitor and it was better to be his partner rather than opponent, although he was, of course, a gracious loser when this occurred.

Apart from his successful professional career and his sporting activities, Pay had a number of other interests and two of these I shared with him – a love of classical music and of good (but not too expensive) wines. He was particularly fond of opera, especially when performed by The Welsh National Opera of which he was a keen supporter.

He was a very welcoming and generous host and he is greatly missed by all who knew him.

(Charles Elston – 1920/1930s)