

Junior Blues

NEWSLETTER – Issue 38 – July 2021

INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the latest **Junior Blues** newsletter and to the start of a new season in the Vanarama National League, where we find ourselves this season. It should be an exciting time, visiting many Clubs we've not been to before, and renewing old friendships with Clubs like Stockport, Torquay, Notts County, Wrexham and Yeovil who we've played many times in the past.

Phil Brown is still in charge as Manager at the Club and he's brought in a number of new players already, so it's a warm welcome to new goalkeeper, Steve Arnold; defender Josh Coulson; midfielders James Dunne and Abu Ogogo; strikers Rhys Murphy and Sam Dalby, and a big welcome back to midfielder Jack Bridge. We're also delighted to hear that Jason Demetriou, Shaun Hobson and Nathan Ralph are to remain with us too. We've said "goodbye" to goalkeeper **Mark Oxley**, who has joined Harrogate Town, to **Tim Dieng**, who has joined Exeter City and **Harry Lennon**, who has gone to Wrexham.

Our popular "**Meet the Blues Day**" is back this year, and will be taking place at Boots & Laces on Sunday, 15th August, starting at 10.30 am. There are activities going on all day, and you'll get the chance to meet the new players as well as old favourites.

Because of what has gone on over the last 18 months or so with Covid restrictions, we've decided that at **Meet the Blues Day**, we will be re-launching our **Junior Blues** scheme, and starting over with some new partners and offers for you all. Keep looking out for more information on this via the Club website and social media (or ask your parents or carers to) but you'll be able to sign up at **Meet the Blues Day** in person. Details, and an application form, are in this newsletter.

There's a competition included in the newsletter to win a mascot package, so have some fun with that.

We've got a great new kit from new suppliers, Makron, which is on sale now, and I am looking forward to seeing you at a match soon, can't wait to get back to being able to support our **Blues** at Roots Hall!

Enjoy your summer holidays!

See you all soon, Take care
Sammy



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NEW KIT

Introducing our new home and away kits for 2021/22..... featuring new shirt front sponsors, Trade Price Cars.

These shirts are supplied by Makron and are on sale NOW in the Club shop. They will also be available to buy at [Meet the Blues Day](#).



Home shirt – dark navy, with white detail



Away shirt – white with light blue detail

MEET THE NEW BLUES

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Goalkeeper, **Steve Arnold** joins from Northampton Town and is 6' 5" tall! Started his career at Norwich City and has played for Wycombe Wanderers, Shrewsbury, Stevenage Town, Dover Athletic and Forest Green Rovers.



Defender, **Josh Coulson** joins us from Leyton Orient, having previously spent 10 years at Cambridge Utd. He's won promotion to the EFL with both those clubs in the past.

Midfielder, **James Dunne** has most recently been at Barnet, but has had a number of clubs in the past, having begun his youth career at Wimbledon and Arsenal.



Midfielder, **Abu Ogogo** began his career alongside James Dunne, in the youth set ups at Wimbledon and Arsenal. He's also played for Barnet, Shrewsbury Town, Dagenham & Redbridge and Coventry City.

Midfielder, **Jack Bridge** is a Southend United Academy graduate, having been at the club from the age of 9 to 19, and making 7 appearances in the 1st team. He left to go to Northampton Town but is delighted to be back at his boyhood club.



Striker, **Rhys Murphy** is another who started out in the Wimbledon and Arsenal youth set ups. Unusually, he's played for both England and the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, and most recently, he's been at Yeovil where he's scored 29 goals in 59 appearances.

Striker, **Sam Dalby** is only 21 and joins Blues having previous been at Orient as a youngster. While having been signed by Watford and Leeds, Sam has spent time out on loan at Morecambe, Stockport and Woking.



MEET THE BLUES DAY & JUNIOR BLUES RE-LAUNCH

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Meet the Blues Day is back with us again this year, and taking place, as usual, at Boots & Laces. The fun starts at 10.30 am and there are lots of activities going on on the pitch, as well as a training session with the first team.

Running schedule of the day

10:30 am – Open to the public

11 am – First team training session

1:15 pm – Ladies training session (Main Pitch)

1:15 pm – Management Q&A session (location TBC on the day)

2:25 pm – Legends Walking Football game

There will be lots of stalls and side activities, plus inflatables to keep everyone entertained, and food and drink available including a Barbecue, ice-creams and Dough-Yos. Of course, you will also be able to get autographs from your favourite players and meet Sammy too!

We will be taking sign ups to our **Junior Blues** scheme at this event, at both the Shrimpers Trust tent and the Ticket Office tent. Come along and see us and make sure you are signed up!



Flyer and application form for the **Junior Blues** follow.....



BECOME A JUNIOR BLUE FOR JUST £10 A YEAR

JUNIOR BLUES BENEFITS

- NEW SOUTHEND UNITED GIFTS FOR THE 21/22 SEASON
- VIP INVITE TO MEET THE PLAYERS DAY
- BIRTHDAY & CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
- 10% DISCOUNT ON SUCET SOCCER SCHOOLS
- INVITE TO JUNIOR BLUES CHRISTMAS PARTY
- SHRIMPERS TRUST OFFER FREE TRAVEL TO ONE AWAY MATCH PER SEASON FOR ANY MEMBER
- 20% DISCOUNT ON A ROUND OF MINI GOLF, ANYTIME MON-THUR AT MR MULLIGANS (Use code 'JBLUE21' online, and parents must show Junior Blues card on entry)
- 10% OFF BIRTHDAY PARTIES BOOKED WITH MR MULLIGANS, BASILDON

Gifts can be collected from the Blues Box Office at Roots Hall Stadium, visit the club website for more information.

Junior Blues Partners:



Junior Blues

BECOME A JUNIOR BLUES MEMBER!

MEMBER BENEFITS:

CHILD FIRST NAME:

CHILD LAST NAME:

FULL ADDRESS OF THE CHILD:

POSTCODE:

BOY GIRL DOB:

- Regular Newsletter
- Birthday card or message
- Christmas card
- Chances to be part of the 'Fly the Flag' team as the two teams walk out on a home matchday*
- Opportunities to attend Junior Blues events
- Discounted travel with the Shrimpers Trust
- Discounts at our Junior Blues partners
- SUFC discounts where applicable

*When National League guidance allows

EMAIL:

PARENT EMAIL: CHILD EMAIL:

PHONE:

PARENT NO. CHILD NO.

FAVOURITE PLAYER(S):

WOULD YOU PREFER A BIRTHDAY CARD OR VIDEO MESSAGE FROM A BLUES PLAYER?

CARD VIDEO MESSAGE

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BEING A FLAG BEARER BEFORE A SOUTHEND UNITED HOME GAME?

YES NO



AMOUNT DUE: £10- PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO:

JUNIOR BLUES, SOUTHEND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB, ROOTS HALL STADIUM, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX, SS2 8NQ

Southend United FC & Junior Blues partners will from time to time send you offers and promotions via email. If you want to receive this info tick this box:

I give my consent for my child to feature in any promotional material the club uses:

For more information: 08444 770077

tickets@southend-united.co.uk | www.southendunited.co.uk/juniorblues

COMPETITION – TO WIN A MASCOT PACKAGE

To win a mascot package, simply identify the Vanarama National League mascots and return your entry to sammytheshrimp@southend-united.co.uk with your name, age and contact number.



AWAY TRAVEL

The **Shrimpers Trust** will, once again, be offering the **OFFICIAL SOUTHEND UNITED** coach travel to all away games this season.



Book a place by visiting the Trust website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp or call **Lesley Hicks** on 07892 905338. Online bookings now require payment to be made at the time of booking.

For the forthcoming season, **Junior Blues** will once again be entitled to one free travel per season to their first league game, on the official travel coaches organised by the Shrimpers Trust, as long as they are with an accompanying adult. Please call the travel phone if booking and claiming the **Junior Blues** free travel offer.

Under 16s must be accompanied and travel for the fantastic bargain price of just £10 at other times!

A full set of Away Travel Terms and Conditions can be found at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

Due to limited numbers of away tickets for matches this season, we strongly advise that tickets must be bought in advance of your travel booking.



KINGS LYNN TOWN

Saturday, 21st August 2021

Adult, Student & OAP Members - £ 20.00

Non-members - £ 25.00

Under 16s & Junior Blues - £ 10.00

ROOTS HALL	09:30
THE ELMS	09:40
HADLEIGH CHURCH	09:45
TARPOTS CORNER	09:55
THE WATERMILL	10:10
FORTUNE OF WAR	10:15



WEALDSTONE FC

Monday, 30th August 2021

Adult, Student & OAP Members - £ 15.00

Non-members - £ 20.00

Under 16s & Junior Blues - £ 10.00

ROOTS HALL	10:45
THE ELMS	10:55
HADLEIGH CHURCH	11:00
TARPOTS CORNER	11:10
THE WATERMILL	11:25
FORTUNE OF WAR	11:30

The Trust will once again be running the “**Top Traveller**” award for the **Junior Blue** who travels the most miles on the Trust coaches. A league table will be available after the first 4 or 5 away games.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO....

Happy Birthday to the following Junior Blues who have had their birthdays in June, July & August

16 – Katie Cooke; Ryan Fox; Harry Goodier; Harry Hayes; Daniel Milchard; Callum Pope; Harry Restall & Oliver Smith

15 – Harvey Bexon; Oliver Blogg; Reuben Boxcer; Isaac Burgess; Jack Buttifant; Finley Collyer; Henry Goddard; Archie Hardy; Oliver Holiday; Matthew Huggins; Ryan Long; George McAlister; Jack Nubbert; Olivia Posnack; James Russell; Harry Smith & Finlay Terry

14 – Finlay Barney; Josh Graham; Niamh Parks; Daniel Rodriguez; Nathan Smith & Ryan Twiddell

13 – Eva Askew; Harrison Bessant; Louis Campbell; Ellis Cross; Harrison Doherty; Evan Edwards; Liam Guinea; Max Malone; Ryan Roberts; Joey Smith; Thomas Turp & Chloe Wilkins

12 – Freddie Blackburn; Lewis Buffin; Nathaniel Copping; Oliver Cornish; Henry Crawford; Harry England; Ben Fentiman; Reece Fox; Zach Graham; Oliver Jeeves; Lily Jones; Nathan Jones; Daniel McKenna; Jack Reilly; George Smith; Charley Stephenson; Benjamin Trott & Callum Willis

11 – Lenny Bowen; Kian Fincher; Owen Harrington; Ethan Lansley & Fynn Parks

10 – Mason Atkin; Lexi Clarke; James Phillips & Finley Wright

9 – Dexter Cozins; Millie Gurel; William Thomas & Jack Tomlin

8 – Asa Keane; Amelia Pope; Laura Walton & Ruby Yates

7 – Seb Acklam; Jack Gunn & Woody Tomlin

5 – Kien Hitchman

And finally, to Sam Cutbill

Happy Birthday to all of you!

