



SOUTHEND UNITED EX-PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

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WELCOME

Welcome to our tenth Newsletter - our last one having been issued in May - and this time we are not only reaching a wider audience with our ever-expanding SUEPA membership, but we are delighted to now also be sending this to the 1,200 + Shrimpers Trust members.

For those of you that are not aware, SUEPA, formed in January 2018, is part of the independent supporters group The Shrimpers Trust. The newly expanded distribution of this newsletter follows calls from a number of people (who we gave our ninth newsletter to as a 'taster') wanting to see it regularly - we were quite pleased with that reaction. This change will not impact on what we cover within it, which in effect is a catch up on everything SUEPA-related since our last publication. And Shrimpers Trust members will continue to receive their own separate newsletter.

So, explanation now out of the way, how are you all? The lockdown of course continues to ride a rocky uncertain path affecting people in so many different ways. For SUEPA it naturally brought a temporary halt to our match day events, with the last one being held back in March, but in all other areas SUEPA has been busier than ever, so now is a great time for a catch up.

Key perhaps has been the huge increase in our membership, with ever inventive ways being employed to track former Shrimpers down. Without fail when we do make contact with someone, in many cases where that person has not had a Southend United related contact for a very long time, the reaction we get is great and brings many old memories to the fore. So, in this our first double-digit publication, we focus on that and the methods our SUEPA detectives have been using. We have now also completed a few past team line-ups too, so if you like the odd stat or two you'll find a few mentioned in this read. The team that gave this little lot the run-around on the Roots Hall ice is now complete for starters!



As always, if anyone does know of a former Shrimper not yet part of SUEPA we would be thrilled to hear from you - just need to send us an email (suepassoc@gmail.com) and we will see what we can do. Go on, give it a go!

Anyway, in this Newsletter we cover:

- Membership update, focusing on who has joined since May;
- Statto time;
- Top ten targets;
- Fancy a podcast?
- The Southend United bookshelf;
- Working with the Professional Footballers Association;
- Our 'Quickfire Five' Q&A, this time with Steve Goodwin being under the SUEPA spotlight;
- The SUEPA Cares initiative;
- Giving a helping hand to Bobby King;

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- A sad farewell to Dickie Dowsett, Jim Fryatt and Buster Footman;
- How to keep up to date with SUEPA news, contacting your old team-mates and SUEPA;
- The full current SUEPA membership list.

As ever there is plenty to cover, so here goes

MEMBERSHIP

Since the last Newsletter we have added a further 33 to the SUEPA family to bring our total membership number up to 262, easily surpassing our year-end target of 250 ... which has now ambitiously been updated to 300!

Goalkeepers are often said to be a 'special breed' and we have had three more of them (Danny Gay, Rhys Evans and Martin Thomas) join to swell our shot-stopper ranks to 28. It's perhaps just as well then that we've also now had goalkeeping coach Lee Harrison join SUEPA after his recent departure from the club to help them all stay sharp!



It was good to catch up with Martin, with us on loan in February '83 for six games due to injuries to Mervyn Cawston and John Keeley. It was after seeing one of those games (a 1-0 win at Lincoln) that Arthur Cox signed him for Newcastle. Over 500 career apps (mostly Bristol Rovers, Birmingham City and the Geordies) and a Welsh cap, for many years now Martin has been an FA coach. He recalled Dave Smith travelling to Bristol Rovers to sign him up and remembered all of the names of the fellow Shrimpers he had played with (all of whom are in SUEPA). Martin it seems possibly knows everyone, also mentioning our recent fine run of new keepers including Dan Bentley and Ted Smith. Our lead to sign up Martin came from networking with the lovely folk at the Birmingham City Former Players Association. Hmmm, thanks mostly to a certain Mr Fry, there are a few more names we need to ask them about!

Sometimes it's persistence that pays off. Shaun Goater is a regular 'Tweeter', and more than once we've responded to one of his thoughts to the world wide web by asking him to join SUEPA. With 47,000 followers (we can but dream – we were quite pleased recently to get beyond 1, 500 and that includes two taxi firms and three what might best be described as 'ladies of the night') we appreciate that responding to every message would be impossible. But we got there in the end, and loved Shaun's 'It would be a blast' response to our invite to him to return to Roots Hall (the scene of course of his last ever EFL match) as our match day guest when life eventually gets back to normal.

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Certainly ex-Shrimpers are spread far across the globe. Of late we've tracked down Steve Goodwin (Norway), Ian Riley (USA), Bilel Moshni (France, though now of course to be found at the much more exotic Grimsby), and Kevin Fallon (New Zealand, and currently part-time coach of the Cook Islands national team).

Our most recent recruit is Graham Franklin (with us in the late 1970's), who we tracked down with a little help first from a post on him in the Lowestoft Town Facebook Group, then SUEPA member John Linford (who we saw had commented on that post), and finally Graham's brother (who John put us in touch with). We mentioned to Graham that our last joiner before him had been his old team-mate Steve Goodwin, not knowing when we said it that Steve had been Graham's best man, that it was thanks to Graham that Steve ended up living in Norway, and that neither had been in contact with each other for 38 years, so it was lovely to put them back in touch. Graham proudly sent us a picture of his only goal for the Shrimpers, but what a spectacular one. Coming on as sub for Garry Nelson with just a few minutes left in a match up at Barnsley, and according to one fan account at the time (from the 20-strong away support present that day), in the last minute Graham ran 50 yards (leaving as the picture shows a couple of famous faces in his wake) to score the winner.



We've said many times that the ways in which players join SUEPA are varied – Paul Vickery came on board after we spotted that he was a Facebook friend of SUEPA member Dave Barnett, Mark Rawle and Paul Roberts joined after Steve Tilson put us in touch with them, Mario Walsh was contacted after we spotted that he ran a coaching school, Richard Cadette was tracked down thanks to some Falkirk supporters who had recently interviewed him, Kevin Johnson we noticed had been

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in contact earlier this year with fans of another one of his clubs Halifax Town so they put us in touch, Andy Polycarpou came in after an appeal we put out which led to a response from a friend (dad of current Southend centre half Harry Kypriano), and both Brian Ferguson and Charlie Williamson joined following a bit of networking with the Chesterfield Former Players Association.

Now, at the start of this newsletter we showed the Liverpool line up that appeared in the snow at Roots Hall back in January 1979 in front of just over 31,000. It seems unbelievable today to think that number could ever have squeezed into our crumbly old home, though back then 'health and safety' seemed to just consist of a man walking along the pitch perimeter with a megaphone shouting at folk.

Andy Polycarpou was desperately unlucky not to have made the team that night, but of those that did we've for some time been trying to track down the missing duo of Micky Stead and Steve Yates. We knew Micky was a cabbie but had mistakenly thought it was in Harlow - it turns out he lives in the town but drives a cab in London, and we eventually found him after asking the London Cab Drivers Club to tweet an appeal for us which they kindly did.



That left Steve Yates - from an internet search we found that he'd actually made a record in the lead up to the 2006 World Cup with a group of friends in Leicestershire called 'We're EngErLand' (it must have sold out as we've been unable to find a copy!). That led us to think that he could be living close to his birth place home so we joined the Measham Community Group on

Facebook, put out an appeal and within 30 minutes one of his daughters got in touch. So, we are now proud to report that the whole of the Southend United line-up at Roots Hall v Liverpool in January 1919 are SUEPA members:

Now, it's not possible to talk about everyone who has joined up lately, there have been so many and we want you to have the energy to read the rest of the items in this newsletter. So, just to say, and with equal warmth to all, we are so pleased to also now have on board, as joiners since May, Taylor Moore, Mark Tinkler, Rob Newman, Josh Wright, Sam Hart, Steve Phillips, Jermaine McGlashan, Gary Waddock, Scott Ashenden, Scott Spencer, Barry Silkman, Matt Jones, Dean Holness, Jack Midson and Bobby King. Each of you has a story to tell and it has been great finally catching up with each and every one of our former Shrimpers to bring them into the SUEPA family.

As we grow, from a stats perspective SUEPA gets more and more interesting. Yes, on the surface think this might seem a bit 'nerdy', but secretly plenty we feel will quite like to know 'how many', 'who is left to find' etc.

Tracking down former Shrimpers to ask them to become members has mostly been quite random – there are around half a dozen who we call 'SUEPA Agents' who from time to time find a spare moment or two to 'go searching'. They might be sparked by a someone dropping a name in a conversation, seeing a tweet by a former player, or anything really.

What we have done though to help our searches of late has been quite a task but is proving very worthwhile - we now have a 'membership checker' spreadsheet which, season by season from 1955/56, shows who played, who has sadly passed away, and who is already in SUEPA. Those left are marked for action!

The spreadsheet has highlighted a few things we thought you might like to know:

- There are three seasons where every player still alive is now a SUEPA member – 1978/79, 1980/81 and 1981/82. What does this tell us? Is there is a certain age where folk like to reminisce? Were the squads back then particularly 'tight-knit'? Or maybe one of our SUEPA Agents is a 'Dave Smith era' stalker?!
- There are four further seasons (1977/78, 1979/80, 1982/83 and 1989/90) where we have just one or two players still to track down. Hmmm, there is certainly a pattern developing here!
- Maybe it is success driven too, there are just three of the 2005/06 League One championship squad who have not yet joined us.
- Certainly, as we get closer to the current day, membership levels are much lower, but that is to be expected as players are often still in the game and perhaps focusing on their current club as an understandable priority.
- Looking further back to the 1960's membership levels are quite good, aided by one of our SUEPA Agents being very keen on that era when he was watching the team home and away (at a time when few travelled away) and got to know many of the players quite well. There are nine of the 1963/64 squad and 13 of the 1969/70 squad in SUEPA, but tracking down the few left to find gets harder as many do not have the same internet coverage that more recent players do.

Anyway, having all of this information now at our finger-tips is certainly proving helpful, and if we can use it to help any of our members (e.g. do we know what happened to 'so and so?') just get in touch and we will see what we can do (without breaching confidentiality) to help.



In past newsletters we have put out requests for help to locate former Shrimpers, and many have been found and joined up.

So, going forward we thought we'd run a 'Top Ten Targets' feature where we list the names of former Shrimpers who we would like to get in touch with. Then, in our next newsletter, we will report on how successful we've been.

Certainly we would love to have every former Shrimper as a member, we honestly consider that no one person is deemed more important than the rest. Some of our best catch-ups with former players and the stories told have been with those who have only been at Roots Hall for a short while.

Our list below is in many ways quite a random one, but we've indicated against each name the reason for putting these names forward:

- **Micky Tuohy:** the only player from the 1979/80 squad not yet in SUEPA.
- **Kevan Hurst:** his name was mentioned to us the other day by someone who said that Kevan was one of their favourite players, so let's see if we can sign him up.
- **Lil Fuccillo:** his name was mentioned in a 1980's Football Facebook forum recently (yes, there is a forum for everything) but the last news we have seen is some six years old so we'd like to know if anyone has any more up to date news.
- **Duggie Price:** our leading scorer from the 1958/59 season. Rumour has it that he went to live in South Africa, but that is a big country and the SUEPA expenses budget is tight.
- **Ray J Smith:** with us from 1961 to 1967 and, of the players still alive is one of only two (the other being Duggie) in the all-time top 50 Southend United goalscorers' list who is not yet a SUEPA member (the other 27 are and we intend to do a feature on them in our next newsletter).
- **Peter Johnson:** our full back from the late 1980's making over 150 appearances for us, but his name is too commonly used to make searching for him easy!
- **John Cornwell:** a key part of our 1990/91 promotion winning team and searches via our friends at the Newcastle United former players group have so far drawn a blank.
- **Adam Federici:** his name came up in conversation the other day as a key loan player for us back in 2008. Now back in his native Australia? We are not sure.
- **Anthony Grant:** back in 2010 when a group of us were travelling to see Southend play at Shrewsbury, the song 'Blue' by Alison Moyet was played on the radio. "And we will be in Shrews-bury A late point and I'll be laughing" so the lyrics go. Running to script that day

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Anthony popped up in the last minute to equalise for us, so the song was aired with gusto most of the way home. It would be nice to track Anthony down, and we promise not to sing to him. We said this list was a bit random.

- **Nathan Jones:** "You've been gone too long" (we are in singing mode, you'll need to have your Bananarama song book with you to appreciate that one). We know he's back at Luton so he'll be busy and our email we suspect is not on top of his 'must answer' list. So, if anyone knows Nathan, it would be nice to have some help to get back in touch with him.



If anyone can help us get in touch with any of the above we'd love to hear from you - see the end of this newsletter for our contact details.

FANCY A PODCAST?

Perhaps spurred on by the BBC continually plugging the Peter Crouch podcast and the impact of lockdown too, podcasts are becoming an increasingly popular way of, in effect, holding a 'talk show'.

People are also starting to become aware that SUEPA is growing fast and getting in touch to ask if we could see whether 'X, Y, or Z' would like to take part in their podcast. We would of course never disclose anyone's contact details without their permission, but if we feel that the request is reasonable, we are happy to pass it on and some of you will have received such requests already.

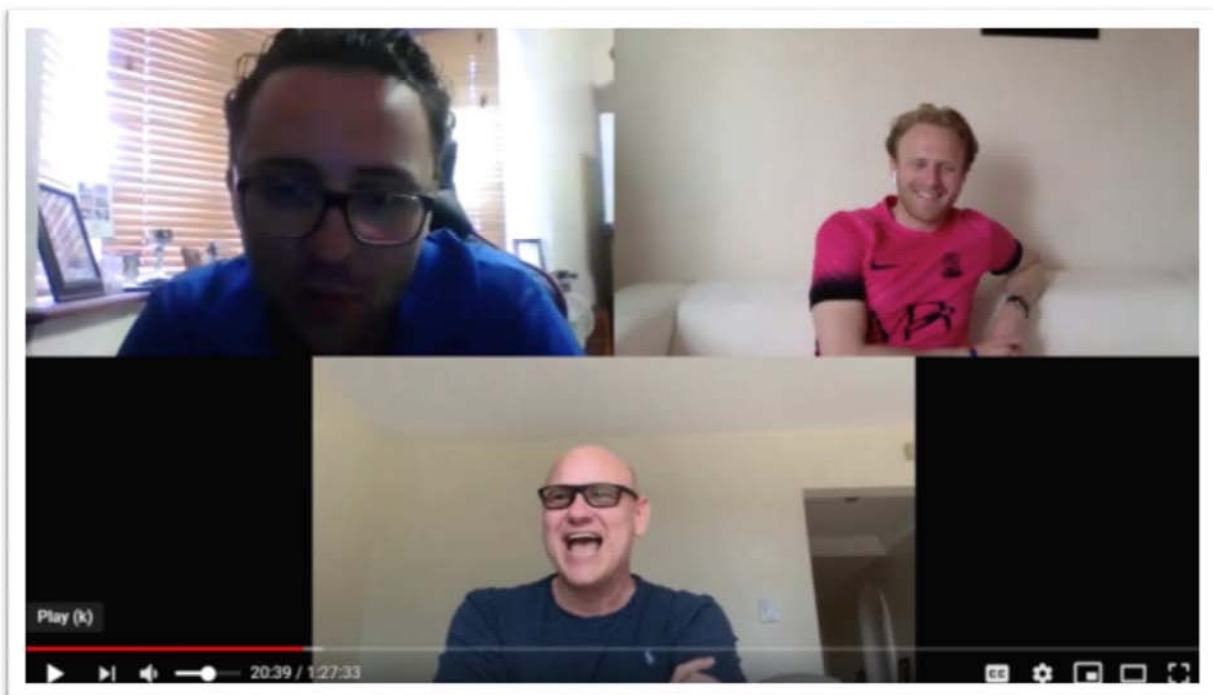


With the growth in this area we thought it might be useful if we highlighted who has been in touch with us to date:

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- **Always Us:** the concept of this one is a little different, looking across the whole football spectrum their angle is to speak to football folk who at one point in their career might have felt that the footballing gods were conspiring against them. Surely they won't find many candidates for a chat with us?!
- **Blazers For Goalposts:** cover a wide range of football topics, and following our assistance Tam Mkandawire will be having a podcast with them shortly.
- **The Custard Splat:** a Southend United fan podcast named after our infamous late '90's football shirt. They have conducted a number of really entertaining interviews to date including with SUEPA members Kevin Maher and Mark Phillips, and with help from us will be chatting to Scott Forbes soon.
- **Rylee Doe:** young Rylee is a huge Shrimpers fan and is starting to make a name for himself as a top interviewer. Gary Waddock and Kevin Bond have appeared in two of his latest podcasts.
- **Shrimperstalks:** the founder of 'Shrimpers TV', Liam Clark, has been initiating podcasts with both current and former Shrimpers as well as sports presenter Colin Murray, to keep our fans entertained during lockdown.

We will no doubt see more podcast groups surface, and at some point we might consider hooking up with one or two to use exclusively. Perhaps something to assess is their longevity in this new area, those that stay the course will do so because they are good at what they do and so reach a wider audience. All that we've seen are doing it for the love of it, and all 'hang out' on Twitter – if you've got a spare moment why not check one or two out? We particularly liked the Custard Splat two-parter with Terry Alderton, great humour with a Shrimpers theme.



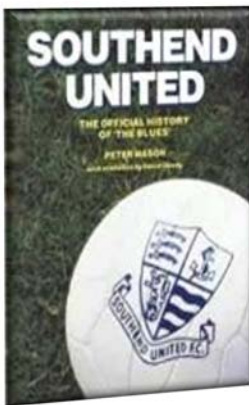
Anyway, if you receive a podcast request via us in the future you are perhaps now a little more forewarned!

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THE SOUTHEND UNITED BOOKSHELF

Ever fancied a read about the mighty Shrimpers and wondered what was out there? Go down to your local bookstore and the chances are that you are more likely to find a book by JR Hartley (if you don't know your Yellow Pages 1980's ads then that one might pass you by). However, there're more books that have been done than you might think.

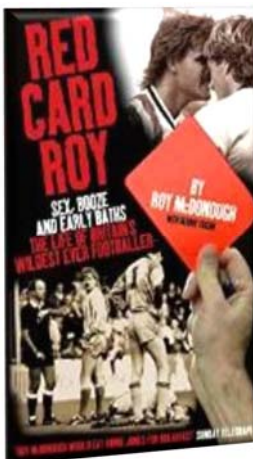
Books on Southend United, or at least with a loosely connected Shrimpers theme, come perhaps in four different categories.



First there are the historical bibles, charting in words and stats the progress of our club from its 1906 beginnings in the Blue Boar. Two essential reads here are on many Southend fans bookshelves, the excellent 'The Official History of the Blues' by Peter Mason published in 1993, and then 'A Century United' by Peter Miles and Dave Goody published in 2007. The two Peter's and Dave are all long-time Southend fans, and their attention to detail is commendable. Running SUEPA would be much more difficult without these weighty tomes.



Next come the factual books charting a specific period in our club's history. Peter Miles has penned a number of these, including a history of the club in the 1990's and one covering our non-league days up to 1920. We also have the excellent 'Once Upon A Time In Malta' by Shrimpers Trust Chairman Paul Fitzgerald which charts our 1955 tour of the Mediterranean isle. The Trust have a number of these books still available signed by tour member Dickie Dowsett. 'Who Put the ball in the Bury Net?' by Mark Wellington is also worthy of a mention - we all know the answer to that one and Mark's book tells the story of the 1990/91 season right up to Benji's strike at Gigg Lane.



The third category are player autobiographies. We covered Derek Spence's recent book 'From the Troubles To The Tower' in our last Newsletter, but did you know that fellow SUEPA members Shaun Goater, Barry Fry and of course Red Card Roy have also put pen to paper? We can vouch for each as being great reads.

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Lastly comes the 'fan stories' category. Ever since Nick Hornby wrote 'Fever Pitch' in 1992 many a football supporter has had a go at writing their own tale of football watching experiences. There are two with a Shrimper theme that we know of - Bob Sill's anarchic 'You Can't Always Get What You Want' and Andy Leeder's 'Roots To The 92' (well, we had to mention that one didn't we - all royalty profits from its sales, now nearing 1,500, are currently paid to the charity The Carli Lansley Foundation).

Many of the above books can be found on Amazon or eBay, but if you don't have any luck or just want to know more about them just let us know and we'll see what we can do to help.

WORKING WITH THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS ASSOCIATION

We mentioned in our last newsletter that we had been talking to the PFA about the possibility of them creating a national network of former player groups. This was always going to be a slow burn, there are a lot of hoops to go through for something like this, even more so in current circumstances. However, we are pleased to report that things since May have moved a very firm step forward.

To recap, we believe that former player groups can be a win-win for all concerned, namely the clubs involved, the fans and of course former players themselves. Much of what such a group is about also dovetails neatly with the PFA's own player-care work. We have seen this for ourselves first-hand when back in March 2019 a PFA representative drove 100 miles to pick up Dave Cusack to bring him down to our 'Smithy's Army Day' event and then take him back home. That was just wonderful.

We've undertaken some research, and around 40 EFL/National League clubs it seems have former player groups. It might be more but quite often it seems some of the larger clubs keep such things within their own operation (unlike SUEPA which is managed by supporters) and most of them are very difficult (ok, often impossible!) to communicate with. If we could not only have all clubs operating a former club but also make them open to sharing ideas and helping trace former players then this could have countless benefits.

The desire it seems for this is out there – what SUEPA is up to is followed by and admired by many now and we've recently had requests from fan groups at both Leyton Orient and Falkirk to offer advice on how to set a group up.

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So, where are we now? Well, former Baggie and PFA Education Executive Paul Raven is championing our proposals and, working in conjunction with Derek Spence and the Blackpool FC Former Players Association, a briefing document has now been submitted to Paul to take forward within his organisation. Both Derek and ourselves have had long chats with Paul and he buys in to what we are looking for, so that is a huge plus.

Hopefully by the time of our next Newsletter we will have more steps forward on this to update you on.



QUICKFIRE 5!

This time we are delighted to have Steve Goodwin respond to our usual five questions.

Over to you Steve

1. Who had the biggest influence on your playing career at Roots Hall and why?

First and foremost, Arthur Rowley for signing me and giving me the chance to play first team football.

2. Who was the biggest character you played with and why did they stand out?

John Burridge. After my cartilage injury he'd come and pick me up at night-time, take me to a gym in town, and put me through an extra training session. Fantastic person.

3. Who would you say was the best player you saw in a Southend shirt during your time at the club and what made them so special?

I'd say from our promotion season, Frankie Banks.



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4. Can you tell us any funny stories from your playing days either whilst at Southend or elsewhere?

When I was player/coach for a team called Vind IL we had a week in England at a training centre just outside of Ipswich. Some of the lads wanted to go into town and they asked me if I could go with them. So, I ordered a taxi to take us to the town centre, I sit in the front with the driver and the three other lads sit in the back. I'm talking to the lads in the back in Norwegian, then I had a conversation with the taxi driver. After about five minutes the taxi driver looked at me and said "You speak good English don't you!"

5. What did you do after hanging up your playing boots and do you ever get back to Roots Hall to see a game?

When we came over to Norway, at the end of December 1980, Gjøvik Lyn FK had a job lined up for me with Adidas Norge A/S. I worked there for 22 years. In 1994 I had six weeks off from my normal job and worked for Kodak under the winter OL in Lillehammer - that was an amazing experience.

In 2003 I had a knee replacement operation, first here in Gjøvik. It didn't go too well and after a year it loosened so I needed another operation, this time at Oslo Rikshospital. That was the end of my working career. Unfortunately, I have never been back to Roots Hall to see a game, though I did visit Roots Hall in around 1993 together with my wife and two daughters just to show the girls where I played. That was the last time I was in Southend.

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THE SUEPA CARES INITIATIVE

Our growing media presence has led to increasing interaction with fans, and we were delighted back in May to hear from Southend fan Andrew Hayes who sings at a care home in Great Yarmouth.

It was there that he had got chatting to resident Michael who he couldn't help noticing was also a Shrimpers fan as he was proudly displaying a Southend United club badge on his walking frame. They got chatting about days gone by back in the 1980's when Michael was a Roots Hall regular, which then led to Andrew having the idea of getting in touch with us to see whether it might be possible to send something to Michael to help cheer him up in these difficult lockdown days.



We knew just the man for that! Within a week Michael was happily reading a personal message from Derek Spence contained in a copy of Spanner's recent autobiography, which Michael was thrilled to receive.

Now, although Derek still has quite a pile of his books in his garage to shift we couldn't expect him to start giving them out to everyone, but it did spark the idea of seeing if there were other Shrimper fans out there in care homes who might at least appreciate receiving a call or a message from a Southend United player they used to watch. So in June we launched our 'SUEPA Cares' initiative. Michael, supported by the wonderful staff at his care home, was delighted to act as the 'poster boy' for this.

It is fair to say that to date, despite advertising this on our social media channels, that this initiative has yet to take off, but we will see how things go and possibly seek some wider publicity for it as winter approaches. In response to an email to our SUEPA members at the time it was great to receive back replies offering support, including for instance from Anton Otulakowski who has worked in the voluntary sector now for over 20 years and said he would be pleased to offer his help on this.

GIVING A HELPING HAND TO BOBBY KING

We also received a message recently from a lady called Vicky who, faced with a much quieter period for her business during lockdown, has launched a gardening business. One of her very first clients was Shrimper's full back Bobby King, now aged 78, who made 81 appearances (scoring two goals) for us in the mid 1960's.



Bobby is a carer for his wife Kathleen who is now confined to a wheelchair, and if that was not enough of a challenge Bobby himself has only recently come out of hospital and has mobility restrictions in his recovery period. Vicky says that both have remained eternally cheerful during lockdown but, being confined to their house they are unable to properly enjoy their small garden which requires some renovation. Vicky, who together with her partner Ian who is a lifelong Shrimper, wondered whether we knew of any builder that might be able to devote a little time to help construct a retaining wall to hold back a muddy bank.

After a little thought we viewed that we could possibly do a little better than that and so, using SUEPA media channels and the wonderful fan chat forum Shrimperzone, put out an appeal for help and donations. We were not disappointed. Not only did someone come forward to kindly offer their building skills help free of charge, but the generosity of Southend fans

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came to the fore and £655 was raised to help pay for the materials and some planting.

Now, Bobby and his wife knew nothing of this until the afternoon of Monday 3rd August when Vicky introduced SUEPA Organiser Andy Leeder and Mr Southend United himself Frankie Banks to give them the good news. The two Rayleigh residents were both delighted, and Frank also presented Bobby with a Southend United top which he promptly and proudly put on. Frank had made his Southend first team debut in a 3-3 draw at Layer Road back on October 7th 1963 and Bobby was in the team that day, so a good few memories were re-lived over a cup of tea.

Work to make Bobby and Kathleen's back garden a more useable space is due to take place shortly and we will show you a picture of the work in our next newsletter.

FAREWELL TO SHRIMPERS DICKIE DOWSETT, JIM FRYATT & BUSTER FOOTMAN

We have been saddened to learn since our last newsletter of the passing of three former Shrimpers who are SUEPA members.

At aged 88 **Dickie Dowsett** was one of our oldest members and passed away peacefully in a care home back on 19 April 2020. It was only last year that we caught up with Dickie at his home in Bournemouth where he had lived for over 50 years (he had worked as commercial manager for the Cherries who he had also played for), reliving memories of his brief but notable spell with us back in 1955 when Dickie was one of the goal scorers in the first ever league match at Roots Hall.



Our former physio **Buster Footman** passed away aged 81 after a short illness on 17 May 2020. Buster, whose son Ricky was on Southend United's books and together they became our first SUEPA father and son members, was at Roots Hall in the mid 80's before moving to Bristol City to take on a similar role. Buster was made of hard stuff, the former Royal Marine being famous for standing on the sidelines wearing only a t-shirt for a top whatever the weather. Buster was known too for his charity work, and we understand was actively being considered for an OBE at the time of his death.



Jim Fryatt passed away at his home in Las Vegas at the age of 79 on 5 June 2020. Big Jim had a nomadic footballing life, playing for 11 different clubs and notching nearly 200 career goals including on 25 April 1964 setting a record of four seconds for the fastest Football League goal ever scored (for Bradford Park Avenue against Tranmere Rovers). He had joined Park Avenue from Southend, scoring 25 times in his 64 appearances as a Shrimper. Jim ended his footballing career in the USA where he ultimately settled, working in casinos and as a golf course mechanic.



We pass on our sincere condolences to the families of Dickie, Buster and Jim.

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FOLLOWING AND CONTACTING SUEPA

We will continue to issue regular Newsletters - our usual aim is to issue them quarterly so expect another SUEPA Newsletter just before Christmas.

We do have a SUEPA Twitter page (currently 1,581 followers) and a SUEPA Facebook page (currently 1,029 followers) on which we post up details of new joiners and any other news, so if you wish to see what is happening on a more frequent basis please do 'follow' us:

On Twitter: [@SUEPAssoc](https://twitter.com/SUEPAssoc)

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/SUEPAssoc

You can then use either of these social media outlets to send us a private message, or you can contact us via email as follows:

Email address: suepassoc@gmail.com

Alternatively, we can be reached by post at SUEPA c/o The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 9FD

And, as a reminder, any SUEPA ex-player/coaching staff member can ask to get in touch with any of their former team-mates in SUEPA by just asking us to pass on a message. We cannot disclose contact details without permission, but are always happy to pass on a message to ask them to contact you, something we have done to help re-unite a number of former Shrimpers already.

THE FULL SUEPA SQUAD TO-DATE

GOALKEEPERS

Terry Alderton, Cameron Belford, Daniel Bentley, Derek Bellotti, John Burridge, Mel Capleton, Mervyn Cawston, Steve Collis, Rhys Evans, Darryl Flahavan, Neil Freeman, Danny Gay, Peter Goy, Bart Griemink, Tony Hafford, Peter Heathcote, Ian Joyce, John Keeley, Alan Meyer, Steve Mildenhall, Jon O'Brien, Sean Rafter, Simon Royce, Paul Sansome, Neville Southall, Jim Stannard. Martin Thomas and Ray White.

DEFENDERS

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