



Newsletter – September 2013

Welcome to the very first newsletter for the new and improved Junior Blues! We're very excited about it all and hope you'll enjoy looking through your membership packs and taking up some of the great offers that are there for you all to use.

We'll be having lots of great events and competitions for you, and just to start off, there's a competition in this newsletter on pages 8/9 to win a signed SUFC football! Just get your maths heads on and have a go at it, then send your entry in. One lucky winner will be drawn to receive the football.

We also had a draw from our Junior Blues members the other day for 4 lucky youngsters to go down to Roots Hall to take part in the official team photo shoot—they had a great time!

The Junior Blues **"Meet the Players Day"** will be held during October half term, we'll probably both be popping along—please keep an eye on the website for up to date information.

In the meantime, our friend Kay, of the Shrimpers Trust, will be happy to answer any questions you have so email her if you need to at juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk Keep supporting the Blues and spreading the word amongst your friends! UTB!

Sammy

Elvis



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A few words from Phil Brown

Hello Junior Blues, it's Phil Brown here!

Firstly I'd like to say thank you very much for signing up to the Junior Blues and showing your support for Southend United. You've been brilliant at the first three home games of the season and I'm sure you'll be shouting from the stands throughout the season.

When I was told about the Junior Blues and what was available to anyone that signs up – I wanted to join myself! There's loads of places to grab discount which is great. If I was signed up, I'd probably always be at Laser Combat.

There's going to be a chance at the Meet the Players Day, exclusive to the Junior Blues to get all your Southend United goodies signed by the lads. I'll hopefully be there as well and we'll get the date confirmed as soon as we can for you all.

I'm sure we're going to have a very successful season and it's great that you're going to be playing such a big part in that.

Enjoy the season, can't wait to meet you all.

Phil Brown

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...and from the skipper

Hi Junior Blues, it's John White, Southend United's club captain. It's great to have you all on board as members of our excellent Junior Blues.

We're hopefully going to excite you when we're playing this year on the pitch, and there is certainly lots of exciting stuff going on for Junior Blues members. The players and I are all looking forward to meeting you at the Meet the Blues Day that will be coming up and of course, we'll see you all at the Christmas Party.

Being a Junior Blue is a great way to meet the players and we'll be doing as much as we can to see you as often as possible throughout the season.

It was great to have four Junior Blues come down to our Team Photo last Wednesday. I know the club are working hard to make sure there's lots of chances for you to win exclusive prizes throughout the season so make sure you keep your eyes peeled for more competitions!

I hope you enjoy the season and enjoy being a Junior Blues member!

John White



Spotlight on.....Daniel Wolfendale

This is 13 year old Junior Blues member Daniel Wolfendale, with SUFC manager Phil Brown. Daniel's been a staunch Southend supporter since 2004, and has travelled to over 60 different grounds in support of the Blues, with his dad, Steve, on both the Trust and TravelZone coaches. Unfortunately, Daniel, who attends King Edward Grammar School in Chelmsford, was unable to go to one of the biggest games in our history last season - that JPT final at Wembley, due to quite serious illness.

He'd been lucky enough to win lunch at the training ground with Ryan Leonard on the Wednesday before the Wembley final, as part of TravelZone's sponsorship of Ryan. That evening, Daniel was taken ill, with what was thought to be a stomach bug. While the rest of us were all at Wembley, Daniel was at Basildon hospital, having not responded to the anti-biotics. A week later, on 15th April, and another course of tablets down the line, Daniel was admitted to hospital with a burst appendix, complicated by the fact an abscess had grown which was attacking his bowel and intestines. Daniel went through a 2 ½ hour operation and had two blood transfusions. 3 days later, he was transferred to the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel for a 4 hour operation, and then kept under sedation for 3 days to allow his body time to recover.

Daniel ended up staying in hospital for 30 days all told, leaving hospital eventually on 15th May, weighing just 30 kilos. He was off school for a total of 3 months, and then returned part time, for the final month or so of the school year. It had been hoped Daniel, whose favourite player is Barry Corr, would have been well enough to present the Junior Shrimpers' Player of the Year Award at the end of last season, to make up a bit for having missed out on Wembley, however, he was still in hospital.

For that reason, we are all delighted that Daniel is now well enough to pick up supporting his beloved Blues again, having already been on the long trips to Hartlepool and Chesterfield, and we're especially pleased that Daniel will be presenting the first Player of the Month award this season on 7th September. Hopefully well on the road to recovery now, best wishes Daniel, from everyone at Southend United FC and the Shrimpers Trust.



Player of the Month

Each month, we select one of our Junior members to present the Player of the Month trophy, and at the end of the season, to present the Junior Blues' Player of the Year. To be in with a chance, please ensure we always have your up to date contact details!

Here are some photos from last season:



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MEET THE PLAYERS DAY

Exclusive to Junior Blues members only

This will be taking place during October half term and is **YOUR** opportunity to get all your stuff signed and have photos with your favourite Blues.

It's expected that you'll have the chance to watch a training session and who knows, you might even get asked to join in!

Keep your eyes on the Junior Blues website for up to the minute information regarding this exciting event!



CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH THE PLAYERS

Exclusively for all Junior Blues members

Details for the Junior Blues' Christmas Party with the players are being finalised as we go to print with this newsletter.

Information to follow—please watch the website.



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A few words from Trust Chairman, Paul FitzGerald

Welcome to the very first edition of the Junior Blues' newsletters. The Trust are delighted to be working closely with the football club to ensure our younger fans receive the best possible attention, and of course, goodies!

We, and the football club, are very pleased to have you all on board. We think this is going to be something special, something, in fact, we can all be proud of. We have tried very hard to appeal to all age groups, by splitting Junior Blues into two age groups—Little Shrimpers, for those up to the age of 11, and Club Blue for those 11—16 year olds.

You don't have to do anything when you reach your 11th birthday, we'll just move your membership over automatically.

We really hope that you enjoy your membership and will encourage others to join—it's definitely a case of the more the merrier...and we hope that when the time comes (as it has for my own 16 year old son) that you will join our senior (adult) section. For the last two years of your Junior membership, we'll be sending you copies of the Shrimpers Trust newsletter as well as the Junior Blues so you can see the kind of thing we get involved in, and hopefully, it'll be something you will choose to support.

In the meantime, please advise us as soon as possible of any contact detail changes—phone, address or email—by contacting my Shrimpers Trust colleague, Kay, at juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk so we can continue to keep you in touch with all things Southend United! Up the Blues!



This month's competition for our 11+ members gives you the chance to enter a prize draw to win a signed Southend United FC football. All you have to do is work out the answers to the player "sums" below, and either email a copy of your answers to me at juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk or drop a printed copy into the Shrimpers Trust stand in the Shrimpers Bar on matchdays or at Reception for the attention of Tom Biggs. Entry closes Saturday 28th September, one winner to be drawn.

You need to use the player squad numbers (link to club profiles <http://www.southendunited.co.uk/team/player-profile/>) to calculate the answers to the following sums, and you need to give your answers by using the correct player names! For instance—**Eastwood** (7) + **Laird** (4) = **Straker** (11)

1. Adam Thompson - Jack Payne =
2. (Julian Bennett + Jack Payne) / John White =
3. (Ben Coker x Barry Corr) / Barry Corr =
4. (Craig Reid / Ben Coker) + (Conor Clifford / John White) =
5. (Julian Bennett + Dan Bentley) / Marc Laird =
6. (Seedy Njie x Ben Coker) / Mark Phillips =
7. (Will Atkinson / Luke Prosser) x Michael Timlin =
8. (Mitchell Pinnock - Conor Clifford) x (John White + Paul Smith) =
9. (Kevan Hurst / Freddy Eastwood) x (Michael Timlin + Marc Laird) =
10. (Anthony Straker x Marc Laird) - (Seedy Njie + Freddy Eastwood) =





This month's competition for our under 11s gives you the chance to enter a prize draw to win a signed Southend United FC football. All you have to do is work out the answers to the player "sums" below, and either email a copy of your answers to me at juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk or drop a printed copy into the Shrimpers Trust stand in the Shrimpers Bar on match-days or at Reception for the attention of Tom Biggs. Entry closes Saturday 28th September, one winner to be drawn.



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1. **Kevan Hurst + Mark Phillips** =
2. **Ryan Leonard - Michael Timlin** =
3. **John White x Luke Prosser** =
4. **Seedy Njie - Anthony Straker** =
5. **Ryan Auger / Marc Laird** =
6. **Dan Bentley - Craig Reid** =
7. **Conor Clifford + John White** =
8. **Ben Coker x Freddy Eastwood** =
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Away Travel

Book a place by visiting the Trust website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp or call Clare Brooks on 07892 905338. Junior Blues are entitled to one free travel per season, with an accompanying adult, to a league game of their choice. Under 16s must be accompanied and travel for the fantastic bargain price of just £10! A full set of Away Travel Terms and Conditions can be found at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk



Bury—21/9/13

Adult , Concessions & Student Members—£23
Non-Members—£26
 ROOTS HALL—08:00
 THE ELMS—08:10
 HADLEIGH CHURCH—08:15
 TARPOTS CORNER—08:25
 THE WATERMILL—08:40
 FORTUNE OF WAR—08:50



Oxford—5/10/13

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Junior Blues Top Traveller

Each season, we run a competition based on miles travelled by our Juniors, with the top 5 being shown in each newsletter. At the end of the season, the Junior travelling the furthest wins a rather special prize, so watch this space to see our top 5 travellers each newsletter.

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Smile, please!

Four very lucky Junior Blues were randomly selected from amongst all our members to take part in the official team photo when it was taken very recently.

Sean Wall and Samuel Clements, both 14, 12 year old Matthew Pointer and Stanley Jeeves, aged 7 spent the morning at Roots Hall on 28th August, meeting all the players and having pictures with them all, before sitting in on the whole team photo.

They had a great time and Matthew, whose favourite player is Dan Bentley, said: "It was a great experience to be a part of the Southend United squad photo today, all of the players and staff were really friendly. I didn't realise how big some of the players are—especially Dan, he is massive!"



Here's Sean, Stanley, Matthew and Samuel with Phil Brown. More photos available on the Juniors website.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following Junior Blues
Club Blue members

Connor Wilson and Ben Henderson (15),
Daniel Wolfendale, Sean Wall, Rachel Smith, Luke Edwards and Samuel Clements (14),
Ben Clark, Henry Hinton and Joseph Dobinson (13),
Lottie Heard, Matthew Pointer and Ben Maynard (12)
Daniel March and Kieron Smith (11)

Little Shrimpers

Emma Stanley (9)
Oliver Smith, Finlay White, Harry Restall and Harry Hayes (8)
Matthew Huggins, Jamie Powell, Harry Smith, Ryan Long, James Russell and Finlay Terry (7)
Nathan Smith and Oliver Holiday (6)
and finally, Max Malone (5)

Hope you've all had fab birthdays and a fab summer too!

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