



## Newsletter —June 2014

**Hi everyone!**

**So end of another season, and wasn't it exciting to be in the play-offs? Just a shame we couldn't win over the two games against Burton.**

Time for some goodbyes as some players leave us, so a sad "farewell" to local legend Freddy Eastwood, to heroic Mark Phillips, to Marc Laird, to Ryan Auger and Luke Chambers, and Bedsente Gomis. We wish them all well in their futures. And welcome so far to Myles Weston and to Ellis Brown.



Inside we have the story of the FA Cup competition winners' day at Wembley as matchday mascots, and the presentation of the Junior Blues' Player of the Year trophy. Have a great Summer—see you next season!



**Sammy & Elvis**

I know you were all as gutted as we were with how the season ended. However exciting the Play Offs are, it's never fun to lose. The lads and I will be looking to avoid having to go through that again and looking for automatic promotion next season. Have a great summer!



Everybody at the club, including the supporters, were gutted with the way the season finished but we know that we can come back stronger next season and use this experience positively! See you all at Meet the Blues day!



I'd like to thank all the Junior Blues who voted for me for their Player of the Year. It's a real privilege to be appreciated by all our young supporters. Hope you're all looking forward to the new season—up the Blues!



Have a great Summer everyone, we'll see you back at Roots Hall in August! UTB!

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# Southend United at Wembley?

Well, not quite. However, as we told you in the last newsletter, two lucky Junior Blues DID get to go to Wembley as their prize for winning a competition earlier in the year. Junior Blues members, along with youngsters from lots of other clubs across the country were asked to draw their favourite players. SUFC manager, Phil Brown, selected Matthew's drawing of Kevan Hurst and Jack's drawing of Dan Bentley from all the entries we received.

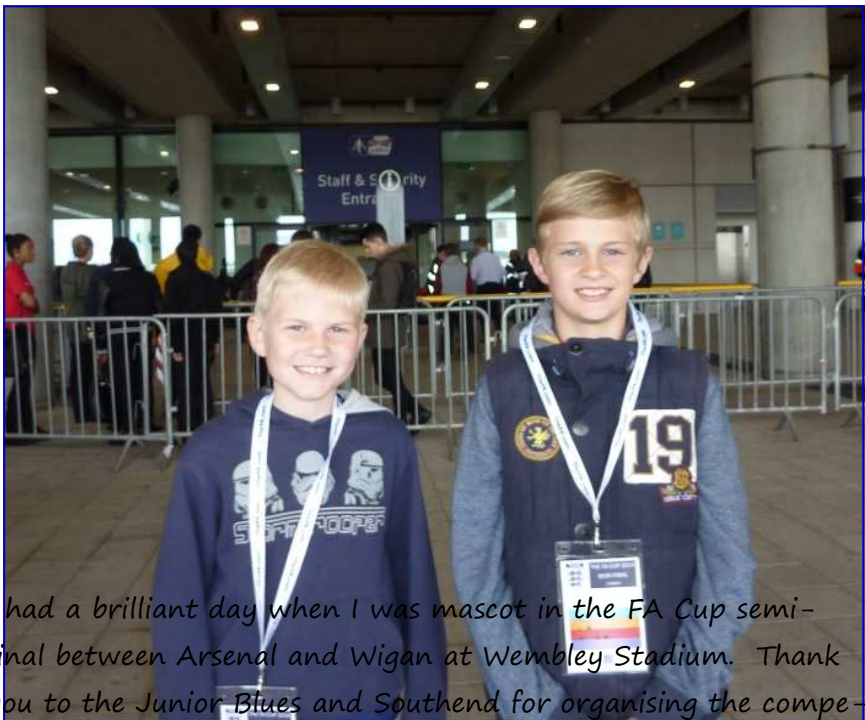
Jack Hayes and Matthew Bigwood, both aged 10, spent Saturday 12th April at Wembley for the FA Cup semi-final between Arsenal and Wigan, seeing the match end in a 1-1 draw and go to a penalty shoot out, which Arsenal won.

Both our boys were mascots for the Arsenal team, and, according to Matt's dad, Phil, the boys both had a day they would never forget, and were very well looked after. See the picture of them as mascots in the "Find the Difference" competition in this edition of the newsletter.

Well done to both boys, what an amazing experience!







*I had a brilliant day when I was mascot in the FA Cup semi-final between Arsenal and Wigan at Wembley Stadium. Thank you to the Junior Blues and Southend for organising the competition.*

*My favourite part was walking out with the Arsenal team into the electric atmosphere of the stadium. I did manage to get Southend to Wembley though because I wore my Blues kit on the pitch during rehearsals! It was fantastic and a day I will never forget.*

*Thank you!*

*Matthew, aged 10 (on the right above)*

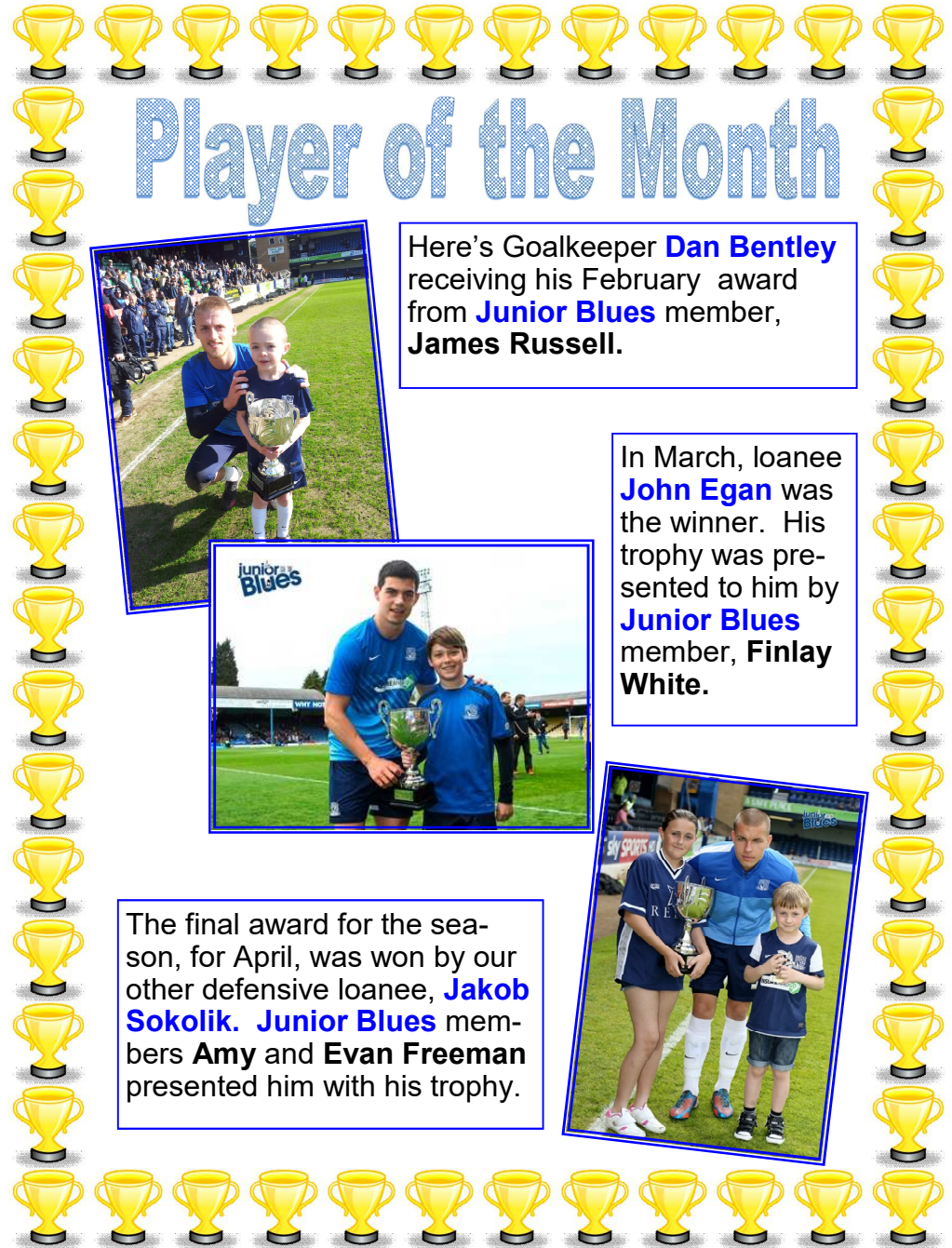
## Spot the Difference!!!



Find the 11 differences in these two pictures of our Junior Blues prize winners, Matt Bigwood and Jack Hayes, being mascots in the FA Cup Semi-final. Matt is in front of Lukas Podolski and Jack is in front of Yaya Sanogo. Be warned—some are a bit tricky!



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11



# Player of the Month



Here's Goalkeeper **Dan Bentley** receiving his February award from **Junior Blues** member, **James Russell**.



In March, loanee **John Egan** was the winner. His trophy was presented to him by **Junior Blues** member, **Finlay White**.



The final award for the season, for April, was won by our other defensive loanee, **Jakob Sokolik**. **Junior Blues** members **Amy** and **Evan Freeman** presented him with his trophy.

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# Player of the Year

Out of all the votes received, we randomly chose one person to come along to the Shrimpers' Trust's End of Season Award Night last month, to present the trophy.

Lucky **Junior Blues** member **Stanley Clayton** was selected to present the trophy to the player you voted for as YOUR winner....

**Daniel Bentley**  
Well done Dan!



# Junior Blues Top Traveller

The Junior Blues' Top Traveller for 2013/14 is.....

**Scott Doherty**, who travelled 5,520 miles  
2nd place—**Lucca Craig**, 3,090  
3rd place—**Dan Beckwith**, 1,080  
4th place—**Kyle Overall**, 946  
5th place—**Louis Chapman**, 928

**Well done all of you!**

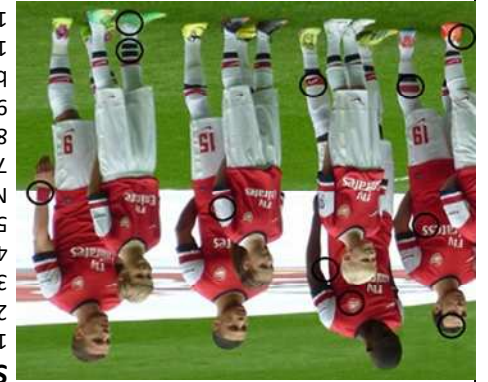
## MEET THE BLUES DAY

This year will be on Sunday, 27th July at Boots and Laces from 11 a.m.



**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE...**

1. Cazoria's spikier hair missing
2. Cazoria extra 5 in "Emirates"
3. Cazoria sock missing Nike swoosh
4. Cazoria right foot missing
- 5&6. Sanogo's Arsenal emblem and Nike swoosh on sock upside down
7. Logo on banner missing
8. Girl mascot missing logo on arm
9. Podolski wrist band missing emblem
10. Matt's sock extra black band
11. Matt's boot missing orange bit





# And it's over to you...

Here's our newest and youngest **Junior Blues** member, **Maxwell Royal**, who was born on 13th March. His daddy used to be on the books at Arsenal but **Maxwell** is going to grow up supporting **Southend United** thanks to his proud Grandad!



And here is **Junior Blues** member, **Benjamin Houghton** on a recent trip to Barcelona and wearing his **Southend United** top on a visit to Barca's Nou Camp stadium.

Great stuff Benjamin!

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Club Blue members who have had birthdays since the last newsletter:

Shawn Coe, Adam Topley, Joe Payne, Jordan Groom, Dan Beckwith & Edward Lynch—16;  
Selina Wiseman, Matthew cook, Rhion Taylor, Phillip Spooner & Callum Cockell—15;  
Brendan Taylor & Ben Clark—14;  
Ben Maynard, George Huckfield & Lottie Heard—13;  
Liam Oliver, Kieron Smith & Robert Clarke—12

And to Little Shrimpers who've had birthdays since too:

Faye Short, Emma Webb & Katie Blogg—11;  
Jacob Rozee, Emma Stanley & Carder Clements—10;  
Ashlin Brown, Harry Hayes, Charlie MacKenzie, Mille Day & Joshua Wilson—9;  
Mia Moss-Bowler, Josh Hodder, Harry Smith, Niamh White & Harvey Emms—8;  
Nathan Smith & Ben Carter—7;  
Joseph Rozee, Archie Daley & Max Malone—6  
Thomas Folwell, Megan Holman, George Smith & Sam Nubert—5

And finally, Harry Hruska—4

**Hope you all had great birthdays!**

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