





INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone

So, that's it, another season over and time to enjoy the Summer ahead! Changes ahead at the mighty Blues as we look likely to be losing Junior Blues' favourites, Dany Bentley and Jack Payne as they both move on to new challenges elsewhere. We wish them both well and thank them both for all they have achieved while with the Club and for all their support of Junior Blues.

We'd like to wish those players who are leaving, Gary Deegan, Luke Prosser, Cian Bolger, Kevan Hurst, Myles Weston, Noel Hunt and Jamar Loza, the very best of luck wherever their careers take them next. We'll also be welcoming new players into the Club during the next few months and can look forward to meeting everyone at MEET THE BLUES DAY, which has been confirmed as Sunday, 24th July – so, put the date in your diaries!

If you're off on holiday then don't forget to send us a photo of yourself wearing your Southend United shirt and we'll include a selection of pics in the next newsletter. You can send this to us at juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk – we'd love to see your photos!

Have a great Summer, and, if you've got SATs then Good Luck with those – see you all in July, when we'll have some news about a Junior Blues re-launch!

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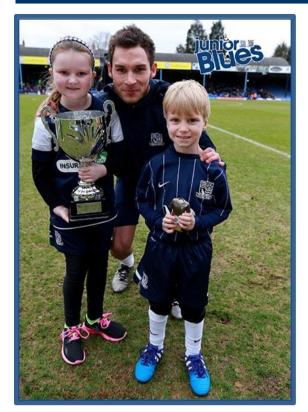
Sammy and Elvis







PLAYER OF THE MONTH



February's award was presented to winner **Will Atkinson** by **Junior Blues** members **Lauren** and **Will Manley**







Junior Blues member, Jessica Lansley presented the final award, for April to Ryan Leonard at the recent End of Season Awards

Well done to all the winners of the monthly awards this year, cheques for £50 will be sent to each of their nominated charities for their wins by The Shrimpers Trust.





JUNIOR BLUES PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2015/16

This year's Shrimpers Trust End of Season Awards took place in The Shrimpers Bar on Tuesday, 3rd May. As usual, this event was attended by all the Youth Team and the majority of the First Team, and the management teams. The evening was hosted by former Blues striker, David Crown.

It was a memorable evening because one player dominated the entire evening. It was no surprise that Jack Payne had caught everyone's eye this season with his performances, and Jack became the first player in the history of the Trust's Awards to scoop all three top prizes – Player of the Year, Junior Blues' Player of the Year and Goal of the Season, for his solo strike against Sheffield United, at home at the end of March.

Jack was the runaway winner of the Junior Blues' Player of the Year and, out of all the nominations we received, **Junior Blues** member **Ollie Nicks** was selected to present the trophy, with **Junior Blues** member **Jessica Lansley** picked to present the final Player of the Month award, for April to Ryan Leonard.

Well done Jack!







MEET THE BLUES DAY

MEET THE BLUES DAY will be held on Sunday, 24th July this year, at Boots and Laces Training Ground, as usual, on Eastern Avenue (near Waitrose).

We hope to be able to invite our members to take part in things as we did last season – remember the kit launch?



And some of you had the chance to have your photograph with the team and the Play Off trophy?

Please look out for announcements on the Club's official website at www.southendunited.co.uk and on

social media about what treats are in store for our Junior Blues at this year's event. ask your parents to follow the accounts below and to make sure we have a <u>VALID</u> email address for you as we sometimes have only a short time in which to get information to members for a chance to win the opportunity to take part in things like those above.



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TOP TRAVELLER

With the season now over, we are delighted to say that the winner of the **Junior Blues TOP TRAVELLER AWARD** for 2015/16 is **Callum Turp**, who has travelled an amazing 4,560 miles this season! Well done Callum, that's an incredible amount of support on the road, you'll be receiving your award as soon as possible. Honourable mention too, to runner up, Reuben Fuente, with a very impressive 3,502 miles. Don't forget **all Junior Blues** are entitled to one free away trip on Shrimpers Trust coaches each season.

The overall final positions were as follows:

1st - Callum Turp, travelled 4,560 miles
2nd - Reuben Fuente, travelled 3,502 miles
3rd - Brendan Taylor, travelled 760 miles

4th – Kyle Overall, travelled 646 And a trio of 5th placed members, all travelling 500 miles – Declan Dear, Scott Doherty and Tim Nyathi

Here's a photo of Callum with Assistant Manager, Graham Coughlan from the Trust's End of Season Awards night







EASTER WITH THE BLUES 31st March – Marsh Farm









We were pleased to see so many of you come over and spend the day at Marsh Farm, and were delighted that some of the players came over, some bringing their own families with them. We had a great day out, lovely and warm weather, and lots of opportunities for photos!

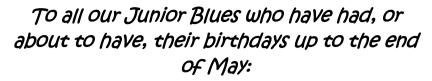
Anyone want to guess what happened to Noel Hunt's ice-cream?!







HAPPY BIRTHDAY



16 - George Huckfield & Brendan Taylor

14 - Robert Clarke & Harry Brown

13 - Faye Short; Katie Blogg → Scott Readings

12 - Jacob Rozee & Carder Clements

11 – Ashlin Brown; Millie Day; Joshua Wilson; Callum Marimo & Tyler Moore

10 - Josh Hodder; Niamh White; Harvey Wilson → Callum Turp

9 – Mia Moss-Bowler; Ben Carter; Evan Freeman → Jack Connor

8 – Joseph Rozee; Daniel Poynter; Oliver Bowhay; Oliver Stanley & Ethan Lawson

7 - Thomas Folwell; Oliver Milchard; Declan Dear & Thomas Duffy

6 – Harry Hruska; Stanley Stubbs; Charlie Cowley; Harvey Moss-Bowler & Thomas Hamilton

And, finally, Harry Wing, who is 4 years old

Happy Birthday everyone!





