





INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Some BIG news for Junior Blues in this newsletter....firstly, we're absolutely delighted to announce that we've got another EXCLUSIVE "Meet the Players Day" at Roots Hall, this time to give you all the chance to see our new manager, Chris Powell, taking training. This will be taking place in the Easter holidays, on Tuesday, 10th April. More information inside this newsletter.

Secondly, inside this newsletter is YOUR opportunity to vote for the Junior Blues' Player of the Year, to be announced at the Shrimpers Trust Awards Night on Tuesday, 1st May (date to be confirmed), PLUS, one of those voting will be selected, at random, to come along and present the award!

We're beginning to think about what to offer for renewing members going forward, and for new members joining up – if you have any thoughts on that why not drop us a line? We always like to hear from our members.

We've had Junior Blues members waving flags at the start of games for much of this season and need to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who has taken part, in what have been quite difficult circumstances at times – if it wasn't the weather against us, then the sprinklers decided to give us a bit of a shower! We've done this for the last time this season but will be looking to continue to offer Junior Blues members the chance to "fly the flag" again next season so do, please, look out for the opportunity to do so. We were thrilled to have an "all girl" line up on a dreadful day weather-wise so, hopefully, we'll get the chance to do that again next season.

Let's continue getting behind the team for the rest of the season!

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Here we have our very own Junior Blues Ambassador, Johnny White, receiving the Player of the Month award for January, from Junior Blues member Louis Campbell. John is accompanied here by his own son, Jacob.





Here, Jason Demetriou is receiving the February Player of the Month award from Junior Blues member, Samuel Philpott.

To be in with the chance of presenting an award next season, just get involved in something with the **Junior Blues**. The person presenting the award is usually someone who has entered a competition, "flown the flag" or generally got involved.

JUNIOR BLUES MEET THE PLAYERS DAY - REVISITED!

We're looking to repeat the success of the earlier MTPD by giving our **Junior Blues** the chance to book in for an opportunity to watch new manager, Chris Powell, take a training session.

This will be taking place in the Easter holidays, on Tuesday, 10th April at Roots Hall, and you will have the opportunity to meet the players, take photos and get autographs. We will also be providing pizza and nuggets for lunch for members. Start time to be confirmed – please watch social media for info.

Although there is no cost to attend, please note, to gauge the right amount of food, we would appreciate it it you would book via the juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk email address.









PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Every year the Shrimpers Trust host an "End of Season Awards" Evening.

The Junior Blues have a trophy for their Player of the Year and one lucky member will be selected from those voting, to present the award at this special evening. Last year, this was won by Simon Cox, and the award was presented by Junior Blues member Ben Mahoney.

To be in with a chance of presenting the award, simply cast your vote using the form below, and hand it in at the Shrimpers Trust stand in the Shrimpers Bar before the MK Dons game or you can also post your vote to Junior Blues POTY, The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830,



Southend on Sea, SS1 9FD or email your vote to juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk to be received no later than midnight on *Friday*, 20th April 2018.

This year the Awards are to be held in the Shrimpers Bar at Roots Hall on Tuesday 1st May, with the doors opening at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start (*date subject to confirmation*).

All the SUFC 1st Team Players and Management will be coming as will Ricky Duncan and his Youth Team Squad and as a member of the **Junior Blues** you are more than welcome to attend the evening. We do, however, ask that parents accompanying, who are not Trust members, make a small donation to the Trust.

Please note, that this is not a suitable evening for under 8s.

<i>Please make your vote count</i> ! ★
My Name:
Membership Number:
Email address/phone no. to be contacted on if selected to present the award:
My vote for the Junior Blues' Player of the Year goes to:

AWAY TRAVEL



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

For the forthcoming season, Junior Blues will once again be entitled to one free travel per season to a league game of their choice, on the official travel coaches organised by the

Shrimpers Trust, as long as they are with an accompanying adult.

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

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



BLACKBURN ROVERS

Saturday, 7th April 2018 Adult, Student & OAP Members - £ 30,00 Junior Blues - £ 10.00 Non Members - £ 35.00 ROOTS HALL 07,45 THE ELMS HADLEIGH CHURCH 08.00

TARPOTS CORNER THE WATERMILL 0 08.20 FORTUNE OF WAR

Saturday, 14th April 2018 Adult, Student & OAP Members - £ 15.00 Junior Blues - £ 10.00 Non Members - £ 20.00 ROOTS HALL 10.00 THE ELMS 10 10 HADLEIGH CHURCH 10 15 TARPOTS CORNER 10.25 THE WATERMILL 10.40

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FORTUNE OF WAR

TOP TRAVELLER

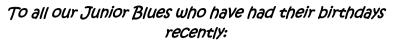
We run a "Top Traveller" award for both adult members of the Trust and for the Junior Blues.

The Junior Blue who travels the most miles with the Trust will receive a special award at the end of the season. With just a few games left, the figures for the top 5 from this year's Junior Blues competition are as follows:

> 1st - Callum Turp, who has travelled 5,472 miles In 2nd place – **Kieron Smith**, who has travelled 3,406 miles In 3rd – Liam Oliver, who has travelled 1,220 miles 4th – Scott Doherty, who has travelled 1,186 miles And, in 5th – **Shaun Laing**, who has travelled 798 miles

Well done everyone, and thank you for travelling with the Trust!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



16 - Louis Burman → Nathan Miller 15 - Jack Turrell

- 14 Emily Blunden; James Cockell; Reuben Fuente; Daniel Scott & Shane Sargent
 - 13 Ronnie Coote; Joseph Gray; Harry Lawson; Charlie MacKenzie; Hayden Shearer; Henry Stearman & Taylor Westley
 - 12 Obiechina Chebe; Luke Evans; Taylor Knighton-Brooks; Kaitlin Mullis; Harley Stokes & Freya Ward
- 11 Ash Collins; Daniel Finn; Aaron Harris; Harry Jones; Jake Lepage; Kian McCarthy; Ben Morgan; Lochlain Murray; Harry Short & Jack Walmsley
- 10 Archie Adlington; Zach Brown; Jake Chapman; Lewis Fay; David Fitzgerald; Noah Hammond; Amelia Hawkins; James Hruska; Alan Kirkland; Henry Murrell; Alfie Pond; Liam Radley; Corey Rayner; Ole Richards; Oliver Soussana; Maisie Squibb & Louie West

