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INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

So, season over and we didn't do too badly on the whole, however, sadly, the end of a season means it's time for some of our players to move on to face fresh challenges.

That means we have to say "goodbye" to some players who have been big favourites with all of you, namely, Michael Timlin and Anthony Wordsworth, plus Josh Wright, Jermaine McGlashan and Marc-Antoine Fortuné. We wish them all the best of luck with their new clubs.

We're delighted though, that our Junior Blues Ambassador, John White, has accepted a new deal to stay at the club for next season.



Save
the
Date

No doubt, there will be more news over the Summer and, when we meet the team at **Meet The Blues Day** on **29th July**, lots of new faces to greet. Talking of which, if you haven't done so already, do put Meet The Blues Day in your diaries or on your calendars. As usual, this will be at Boots & Laces, with lots of fun things to do plus the opportunity to meet the team. For a change this year, there will be a match between the under 18s and Brighton & Hove Albion's under 18s, so you can look out for the next Dru Yearwood, Elvis Bwomono or Harry Kyrianiou to come through the ranks!

We're also welcoming Luton Town, Accrington Stanley, Wycombe Wanderers and Coventry City from League 2 and Barnsley, Burton Albion and Sunderland from the Championship while saying farewell to Wigan Athletic, Blackburn Rovers, Rotherham, Bury, MK Dons, Northampton Town and Oldham Athletic

Enjoy your last half term of the year at school, have lots of fun and we'll see you all soon, however, before we go, we've got to say a big "thank you" to the Lansley family, and particularly Jess, for writing an article for this newsletter. Well done Jess, and good luck with all the fund-raising!

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Here we have **Junior Blues** member, **Alex Price**, presenting the Player of the Month award for March, to defender **Michael Turner**.

Dru Yearwood won the final Player of the Month award, for April, and was presented with his award at the Shrimpers Trust' End of Season Awards by **Junior Blues** member, **Oscar Field**.



Did you know that the **Shrimpers Trust** makes a donation of £50 to a charity of the choice of each of the winners of the Player of the Month awards?

This year, **Great Ormond Street Hospital**, **The Amy May Trust**, **Rotherham Hospice** and **Cancer Research** have all benefitted from donations as the charity of choice from all the winners this season.

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JUNIOR BLUES MEET THE PLAYERS DAY

Back on 10th April, 90 **Junior Blues** members got together with the players and management at Roots Hall, for another great and exclusive Meet the Players Day. This was the first one since Chris Powell had come in as manager, and he and Damien Mathews explained to everyone what training was involved and what to look for during the training sessions and matches. It was a great opportunity to watch and learn, and then to get the chance for autographs and photos before tucking into pizza in the Blues Lounge.



Here's Johnny White with **Junior Blues** member, **Callom Taylor** who was the lucky winner of a mascot package as drawn by John.

And here's **Junior Blues** member, **Stanley Clay**, with Anton Ferdinand, Michael Kightly and Mark Oxley.



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AWAY TRAVEL



Book a place by visiting the Trust website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp or call **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!

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

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 receives a special award at the end of the season. We’re delighted to announce that Callum Turp has won this year and he was presented with his award by Chris Powell at the Trust’s End of Season Awards. Well done Callum!



Final placings:

1st – Callum Turp, who travelled 6,652 miles

2nd – Kieron Smith, who travelled 4,904 miles

In 3rd – Liam Oliver, who travelled 1,754 miles

4th – Scott Doherty, who travelled 1,186 miles

And, in **5th – Shaun Laing**, who travelled 1,014 miles

Thank you to everyone who has travelled with the Trust this season, don’t forget you can claim one free travel per member per season

as part of your membership and a fixed price of £10 at all other times.

YOUR NEWS



We love this great picture of **Junior Blues** member, **Sapphire Peters**, who has just celebrated her 3rd birthday – have been meaning to post this one for a while! **Happy Birthday Sapphire!**

Hello, my name is **Jessica Lansley** and I am 11 years old. Sadly, in 2017 my Mummy (Carli) sadly passed away in her sleep. Before my Mummy passed away we were massive fans of Southend United. My Mummy and Daddy were part of the Shrimpers Trust, Ethan (my Brother) and me were part of the **Junior Blues**. (And still are a part of it.)

My favourite player is **Jason Demetriou** and,



cheekily, when we got to watch the players train I asked Jason if I could have his shirt at the end of the season!

When it came to the last game he came over and not just gave me his shirt but the shirt was signed! I was over the moon! Since my Mummy passed away we have got more involved with the club by asking if they would help out with my Mummy's charity - Carli Lansley Foundation, which they have.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all our Junior Blues who have had their birthdays recently:

16 – Harry Brown; Liam Oliver; Robert Clarke & Timothy Nyathi

15 – Katie Blogg; Faye Short; Dominic Woods & Scott Readings

14 – Carder Clements & Jacob Rozee

13 – Max Baker; Ashlin Brown; Millie Day; Callum Marimo; Tyler Moore & Joshua Wilson

12 – Niamh White; Harvey Wilson; Jamie French; Josh Hodder & Mia Moss-Bowler

11 – Ben Carter; Callum Turp; Jack Connor; Evan Freeman; Mae Mansfield & Williams Sanders

10 – Oliver Bowhay; Xavier Drake; Evan Hill; Daniel Poynter; Oliver Stanley; Callum Turner-Case; Ethan Lawson & Joseph Rozee

9 – Stanley Clay; Eli Collyer; Thomas Folwell; Nicholas Ingram; Oliver Milchard; Rio Connelly; Tallulah-Mae Czabanowycz; Declan Dear; Luca Dolphin & Thomas Duffy

8 – Charlie Cowley; Freddie O'Mahony; Sienna Robertson; Jacob Gurel; Thomas Hamilton; Harry Hruska; Charles Doulton; Harvey Moss-Bowler & Stanley Stubbs

7 – Jacob Bullard; Connor Harringley; George Chapman; Tabitha Collyer & Ryan Rose

6 – Max Flynn; Alexander Speedie; Sonny Walker & Harry Wing

4 – Thomas Richards

3 – Cassie Mae Hardiman; Sapphire Peters & Freddie Sloman

And, finally, 2 – Charlie Heath; Scarlett Hicklin; Sebastian Beedle; Harper Graham; Edie Guy & Isabelle Houghton

