

INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to another jam-packed newsletter! I'm currently writing this from my sick bed after having an operation on my back, so, when you see "Sammy" at the next few matches, it won't be me, but my cousin who has kindly agreed to step in and pretend to be me – don't let on or I might get in trouble!!!

Inside this newsletter is information about an Easter exclusive event for **Junior Blues** members – a return to the Kursaal for a game of ten pin bowling with some of the players. If you are interested in coming along, please make sure you read the information inside.



I also need to let you know about a charity match coming up at Roots Hall, on Monday, 20th May, kick off at 7.30 p.m. This is being organised by the Echo's Chris Phillips and club legend, Adam Barrett, and will be to raise funds for Havens Hospices.

The match will be between a Southend United promotion winning XI and a Colchester United XI – there will be many familiar faces on both sides. The teams will be playing for the "Sid Broomfield Cup", named after Blues' former groundsman and the man who built Roots Hall.

Tickets for this event will be priced at just £5 for adults and £1 for children. There will be lots of information to follow on this, so do please ask your adults to keep an eye out on Twitter, Facebook and websites.

And, finally, details for this year's **Junior Blues** Player of the Year voting are included. One lucky person who votes will be invited to the Shrimpers Trust End of Season awards night to present the trophy to our winner!

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



On the left here, Taylor Moore is being presented with his trophy for Player of the Month for December by Junior Blues members, Emily Porter and Archie Darby.

January's award was won by **Nathan Bishop**. The first of many to come, we all hope!

On the right, Nathan is being presented with his trophy by Junior Blues member, Oscar Woodford.





Simon Cox was the winner of the award for February. Here he is, on the left, being presented with his award by **Junior Blues** member, Jayden Smith.

EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

Fancy a game of ten pin bowling with some of our players? That's what we're offering you this Easter holiday!

50 lucky **Junior Blues** will get the chance to have a game of ten pin bowling with some of the first team players on Tuesday, 16th April at 1.30 p.m.

This event will be on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis, and bookings must be made via Rebecca Groom at the Club, either by emailing rebecca.groom@southend-united.co.uk or by calling her on **01702 304147.**



This event will be taking place at the **Southend Bowl Fantasy Park** at the Kursaal on Southend sea front. Cost will be £3. Payment must be made when booking with Rebecca. We advise people to turn up no later than 1.15 p.m.

Please note, we will have exclusive use of the VIP area, however, children are their parent/s' responsibility at all times and should be supervised when leaving this area to go to the toilets.

This event is not suitable for members under the age of 3, and, we regret that food and drink will not be provided at this event, however, facilities are available for anyone wishing to purchase.



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 **Dru Yearwood**, and the award was presented by **Junior Blues** member **Oscar Field**.

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. You can also scan or email your vote to juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk to be received no later than midnight on *Tuesday, 23rd April 2019.*

This year the Awards are to be held in the Shrimpers Bar at Roots Hall on Monday, 29th April 2019, 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.

Please make your vote count

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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 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

The Top Traveller competition for this season is approaching the finish line, and positions are as follows with a familiar name leading the pack:

1 st – Callum Turp	5,372
2 nd – Kieron Smith	3,596
3 rd - Robert Snell	1,520
4 th – Scott Doherty	826
5 th – Luke Tough-Bookham	804

Thank you to everyone who travels with the Trust this season, don't forget Junior Blues can claim one free travel per member per season as part of their membership and a fixed price of £10 at all other times.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all Junior Blues who have their birthdays in March and April:

16 - Katie Blogg & Faye Short

14 - Max Baker; Harry Lawson; Charlie MacKenzie & Taylor Westley

13 - Evie Fairley; Kaitlin Mullis; Harley Stokes & Niamh White

12 - Ben Carter; Ash Collins; Dylan Parkin; Callum Turp → Jack Walmsley

11 - Oliver Bowhay; Zack Brown; Lewis Fay; James Hruska; Henry Murrell; Alfie Pond; Daniel Poynter; Ole Richards; Oliver Stanley & Louie West

10 – Kie Bevan; George Boar; Stanley Clay; Eli Collyer; Mason Curling; Thomas Folwell; Joshua Gibbs; Harry Groom; Megan Holman; Nicholas Ingram; Oliver Milchard; Sam Nubbert; James Petchey &



