

# Junior Blues

NEWSLETTER – Issue 27 – May 2019

## INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the end of season newsletter, and a big welcome to Mr Kevin Bond as our new permanent manager.

Kevin worked some impressive magic with the squad in those last 6 games of the season all coming together in an unforgettable final match against Sunderland to keep us in League One – what a match it was! And now, he's been rewarded with the job on a permanent basis.



Amongst Kevin's first jobs in his new role was announcing the players who would be released now they have reached the end of their contracts, and so, we have to say "goodbye" to the following players: **Michael Turner; Stephen Hendrie; Ted Smith; Amadou Ba; Josh Bexon; Norman Wabo; Renei Batlokwa**, and lastly, to **Ben Coker**. Ben has been a huge favourite of many of our Junior Blues over his 6 years with the Club and I am sure we'll all be very sorry to see him go, and wish him, and all the others, the very best in their futures, wherever it may take them.

We also said goodbye to the loan players, **Taylor Moore, Sam Hart** and **Harry Bunn**, all of whom returned to their parent clubs – Bristol City, Blackburn and Bury respectively – but were delighted to hear that our **Junior Blues** ambassador, **John White**, has been offered a new contract. No doubt there will be more news about players coming in over the next few weeks and months.

Please keep your eyes open for news about **MEET THE BLUES DAY** which normally takes place at the end of July – we'll let you know as soon as we can. Lastly, good luck to those of you doing exams at the moment!

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## PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Here is on loan left back, **Sam Hart** being presented with the Player of the Month trophy for March by **Junior Blues** member, **Max Flynn**.

The final award of the season, for April, was won by **Simon Cox**. In the photo below, Simon was presented with his trophy by **Junior Blues** member, **Stanley Clay** at the Shrimpers Trust end of season awards night.





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## EASTER FUN

During the Easter holidays, over 40 **Junior Blues** met up for a game of ten pin bowling at the Kursaal. They were joined by **John White, Harry Lennon, Tim Dieng, Harry Bunn, Mark Oxley** and **Luke Hyam**.

A great time was had by all!



## JUNIOR BLUES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Your **Junior Blues** Player of the Year, as voted by you, the members, is Simon Cox.

**Simon** was presented with the award by **Junior Blues** member **Jake Bolton**. Jake's name was randomly selected by **John White**, from amongst all those who voted.





## SOUTHEND v SUNDERLAND

Thought we would talk a little about that amazing final game of the season, no doubt the first time for many of you experiencing those kind of emotions, and probably the first time you've been allowed to "invade" the pitch!

Here's a few pics from the day....



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## AWAY TRAVEL



Book a place by visiting the Trust website at [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp](http://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](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk)

Thank you to everyone who travels with the Trust, 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.

## TOP TRAVELLER

The final positions for the Top Traveller competition, in reverse order, were as follows:

5 <sup>th</sup> – Scott Doherty	826 miles
4 <sup>th</sup> – Ollie McMahon	976 miles
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Robert Snell	2,020 miles
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Kieron Smith	5,182 miles

And, in 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Callum Turp**

who travelled 6,640 miles

Here's Callum with his Grandad, Tom, who he regularly travels with on Shrimpers Trust coaches, and his award for winning the "Top Traveller" competition. Well done Callum!





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To all Junior Blues who have birthdays in May and June:*

16 - Amy Freeman; Scott Readings; Logan Towers & Emma Webb

15 - Carder Clements; Harry Goodier; Poppy Morrissey; Jacob Rozee; Emma Stanley & Jake Woollard

14 - Ashlin Brown; Katie Cooke; Millie Day; Harry Hayes; Callum Marimo; Tyler Moore; Harry Restall & Joshua Wilson

13 - Finley Collyer; Henry Godard; Josh Hodder; Mia Moss-Bowler; Harry Smith; Finlay Terry & Harvey Wilson

12 - Jack Connor; Evan Freeman; Niamh Parks & Nathan Smith

11 - Eva Askew; Evan Edwards; Billy Fairley; Liam Guinea; Ethan Lawson; Max Malone; Ryan Roberts & Joseph Rozee

10 - Lewis Cardy; Rjo Connelly; Nathaniel Copping; Sam Cummings; Tallulah-Mae Czabanowycz; Declan Dear; Luca Dolphin; Thomas Duffy; Zach Graham; Riley Halpin; George Morrissey; Joshua Phillips-Wild; George Smith; Benjamin Trott & Callum Willis

9 - Matilda Davis; Ben Fox; Jacob Gurel; Thomas Hamilton; Harry Hruska; Harvey Moss-Bowler; Oliver Oanes; Stanley Stubbs & Harley Williamson

8 - Tabitha Collyer; Quincy Parkes & Finley Wright

7 - Harry Doolan; Harry Evans; Charlie Moore; Freddie Reilly & Harry Wing

6 - Louie Fox

5 - Charlie Cox; Thomas Richards & Woody Tomlin

4 - Sapphire Peters

3 - Sebastian Beedle; Harper Graham; Edie Guy & Kien Hitchman

2 - Emilie Lamb; Dylan Spencer & Toby Spencer  
And, finally, Sam Cutbill

