



## NEWSLETTER – Issue 31 – January 2020

### INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year, and welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter of 2020!

I hope you've all had an amazing Christmas, got lots of lovely presents and are looking forward to returning back to school for a new term....!

We held our Christmas Party with the Players on 12<sup>th</sup> December at PlayFootball.com, with an hour of training and playing with Simon Cox, John White, Nathan Bishop, Isaac Hutchinson and Mark Oxley, followed by a quiz and activities led by our friends at The Shrimpers Trust. I did hear that the food was a bit late turning up but hopefully everyone had a good evening anyway. I think Nathan Bishop, Tim Dieng and Joe Shaugnessy “helped” with the Quiz!

All fans of Southend United have been saddened to hear of the passing away of former Blues' captain, Chris Barker. Chris, pictured here winning the Player of the Month trophy in March 2011, was with us for 3 years from August 2010, playing 142 games and captain at our first ever Wembley appearance, in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in 2013. We all send our love to his family at this sad time.



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## PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The Player of the Month award has been totally dominated by **Elvis Bwomono**. He has won for the last two months, making a record breaking four months in a row!

Here's **Elvis** being presented with the award for October by **Junior Blues** members, **Lauren & Will Manley**.



And here, **Elvis** is presented with his award for November by **Junior Blues** member, **Stanley Clay**.

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## FLAG BEARERS

Our **Junior Blues** flag bearers are continuing to form the Guard of Honour ahead of kick off at matches at Roots Hall (weather permitting).

To take part you must be at least 7 years of age, and reasonably fit and able. If you'd like to take part, drop an email to **Kay** at [juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk](mailto:juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk) giving your date of birth, membership number and your ticket details.



## TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

**Junior Blues** members are asked to contact **Gavin and Jordan** at [Matchday.Experience@southend-united.co.uk](mailto:Matchday.Experience@southend-united.co.uk) if they would like to take the opportunity to read the team out ahead of kick off.

We held another fun and activity filled **Christmas Party** for 50 **Junior Blues** at Play Football on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Our members started off with an outdoor play session led by April Smith and the coaches from SUCET, which **Simon Cox, John White, Mark Oxley, Nathan Bishop** and **Isaac Hutchinson** joined in on – it was wet and miserable weather but everyone had lots of fun!



Then, while we waited for the food to arrive, we played a couple of games of “Heads & Tails” and a quiz, which **Tim Dieng, Nathan Bishop** and **Joe Shaugnessy** helped with.

**Nathan** was kind enough to donate a signed pair of his goalkeeper gloves to the winner of one of the games of Heads & Tails – lucky **Junior Blue Matilda Harrison** is pictured with Nathan and the gloves!

With lots of great prizes and plenty of sweets given out to those taking part in the quiz, and the players giving out presents to all at the end, we hope everyone had a good time – despite the late arrival of the food!

Thank you to all who came along!



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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)

  
**ACCRINGTON STANLEY**  
**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
Adult, Student & OAP Members - £ 30.00  
Non-members - £ 35.00  
Junior Blues - £ 10.00

ROOTS HALL	07:30
THE ELMS	07:40
HADLEIGH CHURCH	07:45
TARPOTS CORNER	07:55
THE WATERMILL	08:10
FORTUNE OF WAR	08:15

  
**DONCASTER ROVERS**  
**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
Adult, Student & OAP Members - £ 20.00  
Non-members - £ 25.00  
Junior Blues - £ 10.00

ROOTS HALL	14:00
THE ELMS	14:10
HADLEIGH CHURCH	14:15
TARPOTS CORNER	14:25
THE WATERMILL	14:40
FORTUNE OF WAR	14:45

## TOP TRAVELLER

The Top Traveller competition for this season is underway and the positions so far, are as follows:

In **1<sup>st</sup> place** – **Callum Turp**, travelling 2,876 miles

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** – **Thomas Turp**, 428 miles

Joint **3<sup>rd</sup> place** – **Theo Chaiyasit & Finlay Toplis**, 324 miles

And Joint **5<sup>th</sup> place** – **Jake Bolton, Liam Clarke and Kyle Overall**, 304 miles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To all Junior Blues who have their birthdays in  
January & February:*

14 – Madison Fuller & Finlay Kipps

12 – Millie Field & Matthew Harvey

11 – Morgan Cheesman; Harry Poplar & Oliver Wilson

10 – Lewis Dunbar-Jeeves; Jenson Sparkes & Luke Tiller

9 – Harlie Cooper; Teddie Cooper;  
Ryan Dodd & Ryan Yates

8 – Toby Cornish; Oliver Field; Jack Hill;  
Catrina Lyons & Connor Willis

7 – George Assiter & Freddie Window

5 – Sophia Briggs

4 – Rachel Hague

3 – Maria-Claire Acklam

2 – Ronny Hague & Kitty Hewitt

And finally, Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Isla Millar

