

#### INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Welcome to your newsletter!

Looks as if you all had a great day at the EXCLUSIVE "Meet the Players Day" during October half term, and hope that you enjoyed it if you came along. I'm so sorry I couldn't be there but I was on holiday in Brighton myself. Lots of photos from the event are included in this newsletter and can be seen on the Club website here <a href="https://www.southendunited.co.uk/news/2022/october/junior-blues-meet-the-players-day/">https://www.southendunited.co.uk/news/2022/october/junior-blues-meet-the-players-day/</a>



Our next Junior Blues event is the Christmas Party, this year we are returning to an old favourite, but at a new venue – this is your chance to enjoy a game of ten pin bowling with the players at Kingpins, Southend.

The event will cost £12 and includes a game of bowling, a meal and a gift. This is limited to 50 Junior Blues so the event will be opened up for a priority period to those on the annual paid scheme. Everyone should have received a separate email about this event but it will also be on our social media and on the Club website.

This event is always a lot of fun, and you can chat to the players and have photos while you play alongside them. All members must be accompanied. We hope to see lots of you there!

There's a new calendar on offer for 2023, where you can choose your favourite players, so if you fancy a whole year of Callum Powell, then this is for you – details inside the newsletter, so read on!



Don't forget my "Sammy's Wall of Fame" – if you have your photo taken with me at a match then send it in to <u>media@southend-united.co.uk</u> so we can add it to our gallery on the official website.

# Hope you all have a fab Christmas, Take care, Sammy.



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### **PLAYER OF THE MONTH**

We've only had one award since the last newsletter, although another one is due at the first home match in December!

The award for September was won by Shaun Hobson, who was also the Vanarama Player of the Month for October – so, well done to Hobbo on that!

He was presented with his award by Junior Blues member, Thomas Richards.



### **EXCLUSIVE MEET THE PLAYERS DAY**

We had a lot of fun at the Meet the Players Day during October half term at Roots Hall. 32 members came along with their parents to watch a full training session led by Kevin Maher, Darren Currie and Mark Bentley, while tucking into a packed lunch which we provided, before having the opportunity for photos and autographs with all the players.

For the first time EVER, we had EVERY SINGLE member of the squad there!

Congratulations to Junior Blues member, Oliver Rix, who was the winner drawn from those who got the quiz right by Callum







Your three Junior Blues ambassadors, Callum Powell, Collin Andeng-Ndi and Jack Bridge.





### **CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022**



This year, we are offering you the exciting opportunity to spend our **Junior Blues** Christmas Party at Kingpins, in Lucy Road, Southend playing a game of ten pin bowling alongside your favourite Southend United players.

The event will be taking place on Tuesday,  $6^{th}$  December at 16:30.

This event is EXCLUSIVELY for Junior Blues members and will cost £12. This will include a game of bowling, a meal afterwards (chicken nuggets; fish goujons; mini burger or hot dog) and a gift.

Booking is via the Shrimpers Trust online shop and can be found here

We're offering a priority booking period for all members who are on the premium Junior Blues scheme (annually paid), before opening it up to Season Card Holders and former SJS members.





All children must be accompanied and are the responsibility of parents/carers attendance with them. in Please note, we cannot accommodate non-members at this event.

Retro Junior Blues Bowling Christmas Party pic on the left, from 2015!



#### 2023 CALENDAR

We're really excited to release our new calendar for next year, so get your Christmas lists ready!

For the first time ever, you can now choose who goes in your calendar and where they go! So if you want Powelly celebrating in January or Bridgey throwing darts in July you can choose exactly who goes in! They come in three different sizes so if you want one on your bedroom wall (or taking up the family fridge!) you can do just that!

They can be bought by clicking <u>here</u> and we're also offering a normal calendar which I was lucky enough to choose who goes in!

What's even great about the standard calendars is you get **two** players per month!

Unfortunately, though, I'm not an option to pick so hopefully there's always 2024!



#### **NEW SOCIAL MEDIA**

We've launched new social media for the Junior Blues this season, with dedicated platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

You (or your parents/carers) can find us and give us a follow here, it's where information can be found quickly about events, flag bearers etc:



https://www.facebook.com/thejuniorblues

https://twitter.com/JuniorBlues2

We will be using these channels to give you up to date information from time to time and we share pictures of our flag bearers each game here.

### 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 and travel for the fantastic bargain price of just £10 at other times!

#### \*All under 18s must be accompanied.

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

BOREHAM WOOD		
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2022		
Adult, Student & OAP members - £15 Non-members - £20 Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10		
ROOTS HALL	11:30	
THE ELMS	11:40	
HADLEIGH CHURCH	11:45	
TARPOTS CORNER	11:55	
THE WATERMILL	12:10	
FORTUNE OF WAR	12:15	

BROMLEY FC		
Sunday, 1st January 2023		
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#### TOP TRAVELLER

Every year we run a competition for the Junior Blues to see who travels the furthest with the Shrimpers Trust, with an exclusive prize at the end of the season for the one with the highest miles tally.

An up to date chart will be included in our next newsletter.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### SENDING BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR JUNIOR BLUES WHO HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & WHO HAVE THEM IN DECEMBER.

16 – Jacob Carlyon; Taylor Clark; Tilly Coleman; Rebekah Davies; Stanley Jeeves; Frank Leagas; Holly Marjurum; Matthew Sawh & Connie Westley

15 – Lewis Ambridge; Owen Argyle; Rylee Ball; Finley Clarke; Cormac Compton; Ted Crombie; Owen Harris; Henry Irons; Thomas Moreton; Simbarashe Nyamwa; Evie-Mae Oliver; Tia Parker; Joshua Ramsey; Ronnie Reeves; Blake Stratford; Charlie Thompson; Annabelle Webb & Harry Wright

14 – Jack Chapman; Finley Frood; Logan Gordon; Thomas Lloyd; Benny Mahoney; Lauren Manley; Alfie Murdoch; Joshua Posnack; George Stacey; Ryan Tear & Shay Tear

13 - Lily-Mae Connolly; Callum Freemantle; Adam Smith; Hardy Thompson & Beauden Wright

12 – Leon Brooks; Lauren Cockell; Abigail Darkin; Will Manley; Tommy Ramsey; Jamie Saw; Bethany Welham & John Welham

11 - Ruby Bayes; Evie Cross; Mitchell Drew-Bennett & Rocco Kilbey

10 – Harvey Diggines; Maisy Gowan; Bradley Greenslade; Connor Hall-Wilkes; Lola-Mae Nice; Harley Norton & Sophie Robins

9 - Charlie Macdonald; Jake Reid; Matthew Saw; Teddy Turnidge & Max Wren

8 - Archie Barrett

6 - Samuel Bushell; Ella Nye & Reggie Woodham

4 - Amelia Hutchins

3 – Lyra Hollington

2 - Holly Byford

