

## NEWSLETTER – Issue 17 – December 2022

### WELCOME

Welcome to our 17th Newsletter, issued to you as we approach Christmas 2022. Strange (and worrying) times for the club, and football-watchers everywhere (winter World Cup – hmmm, quite like it), but as ever in this scribe we focus on everything-SUEPA, and there is plenty to focus on.

Our Newsletters are issued to all Shrimpers Trust members as well as the 434 former player/coaching staff members who are currently part of SUEPA.

In this Newsletter we cover:

- **A festive message from our President;**
- **Membership update focusing on who has joined us since the end of September;**
- **Memorabilia appeal;**
- **It's a SELL OUT!**
- **The Bobby Duncan story;**
- **Catching up with Jackie Ferguson;**
- **RIP Alec Hutton;**
- **Roots Hall returns for Damian Scannell and Mark Phillips;**
- **News bits – Michael pays us a visit, a cuppa for Carli, Steve's at Shelagh's, Roots Hall needs a paint, a programme for Alec, retro Inchy and Spud, how Argyle do it, when Alan met Alan;**
- **How to keep up to date with SUEPA news, contacting your old team-mates and SUEPA;**
- **The full current SUEPA membership list.**

So, throw another log on the fire, put on your favourite Shrimpers Trust retro shirt, pour a tumbler of that sloe-gin Auntie Ethel brought round, kick-off your reindeer slippers, prise the cat out of your favourite seat, and settle down to another SUEPA read.

Andy Leeder  
SUEPA Organiser

### A FESTIVE MESSAGE FROM ADAM



I hope that everyone involved with SUEPA and all Shrimpers everywhere are well.

I'm still the assistant manager at Millwall and been very busy over the last year. We just missed out on the play-offs at the end of last season, but we are currently in a strong position this term so hopefully we can go one further this campaign.

SUEPA continues to grow, it's fantastic to see so many people involved and just shows what a special club we are and what incredible support we have. The club obviously has left a positive mark on so many people.

I've been really encouraged to see that during the last year SUEPA has branched out to be active in a number of different ways such as helping with the Shrimpers Trust Ukrainian scarf appeal which helped bring back so many refugees to the UK, reaching out to former players such as sending cards, pictures or old debut programmes, bringing back Shrimper fan Michael to Roots Hall, and so on. It is great to see such thoughtful gestures make a big difference to people by people that care.

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I note too that we are looking to see this momentum continue into the New Year with events like Dave Smith tribute evening in February which is already sold out and which shows the Southend United family all coming together again.

SUEPA continues to be instrumental in bringing former players back to Roots Hall which I can tell you means so much. Unfortunately for me I haven't been able to come back as a guest yet due to work and family commitments, but I will look to do so whenever it's possible. I do miss the old place.

I would like say how pleased I am to see Kevin, his staff and players challenging at the top end of the table, it's the first result I always look out for and want to wish them every success this season we are all right behind you.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone involved with SUEPA and everyone involved with Southend United a very merry Christmas and a happy healthy 2023.

Up the Blues

Adam Barrett  
SUEPA President

## MEMBERSHIP

**Over the period since our last Newsletter three months ago, we've had an overall membership increase of 16 to take us up to 434 current members. If we annualise that rate, we are still rising at a pace greater than UK inflation, so we are very happy with that. In the first part of 2023 we might put out an online claim for being the largest former player group in the world and see if anyone wants to shoot that down. Well, it has got to be worth a try.**

As ever all our new joiners get a hearty welcome and a mention in this section, so here goes ....

### ***Between the sticks***

Just one new shot--stopper this time, bringing our keeper squad up to 43.

When you get a call from the then CEO, the late great Bobby Moore, you listen, and back in September 1983 a young Gerry Peyton did just that to join us on loan from Fulham for 10 appearances. He had a great impact too, keeping four clean sheets whilst the team were notching up a couple of six goal hauls at the other end (and the game after he left us, we let in five!). After many years as part of the Arsenal staff, Gerry is now coaching in Japan.

### ***At the back***

It's back to the 1960s for our two defensive additions to bring our back line squad up to 121, a back wall that should be sufficient to stop almost anything.

Bob Duncan's story is later in this Newsletter. For Norman Liggitt it really was a case of looking everywhere and then finding him virtually on our doorstep. The central defender only played once for us in the 1962/63 season but as we've said many times, in our eyes every Shrimper is equal, and they all have one thing in common that any fan would just love to do and that is to pull on a Shrimper shirt and represent our club. For Norman that came in a 0—0 draw at home to Barnsley, and at the start of this month we popped round to him a programme of that game that we found on eBay to give him a memory of that time some 60 years ago.

Norman joined us from Middlesbrough where he had been an apprentice, married a local lass, and never left the area, although on leaving us he did play for Kings Lynn for a bit and then Canvey Island. After hanging up his boots he worked as a plater in the steel industry.

Norman has been going through a bit of a tough time of late to say the least and our heart-felt best wishes go out to him. Hopefully we will get the chance in the New Year to bring him a mile or so away from home to have an afternoon with us at Roots Hall.

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## *Middle of the park*

Here there have been five new recruits to our midfield number up to 143.



We have been missing one player from this nice little pic - until now. A bit of research led us to catch up with David Keefe via one of his sons who we spotted was on LinkedIn. With us in the mid 1970's making six appearances (one goal), the Dagenham lad went on to join Torquay United.

One encouraging thing about our growth is that our online SUEPA followers like to chip in and help, and it was Facebook follower Peter Graystone that led to us catching up with Michael Husbands. The Villa apprentice winger joined us in 2003 and made 11 appearances in two years before moving on to Bristol Rovers, Port Vale, and others. Since hanging up his boots he has served in the forces as a marine and is now working at Network Rail. We don't have many links with Port Vale, but after Michael Husbands another came along via us catching up with current Valiant winger David Worrall. With us 2014-16 scoring nine from 73 matches, the 32-year-old midfielder has now clocked up over 200 appearances for Port Vale where he has been since 2017.

It was thanks to Johnny White that we caught up with David, and another one via that route was Kevan Hurst. The former Sheff Utd, Chesterfield, Scunney, Walsall, Carlisle and Mansfield winger made Roots Hall his home 2012-16 scoring 19 from 151 appearances, first under Luggy and then Phil Brown. Kevan is now enjoying life as a building surveyor.

And finally, to make up our new midfield 'across-the-generations quintet, is Chris Barnard. Chris was with us as an apprentice and his 11 appearances (three goals) came in the 1965/66 season before he joined Ipswich Town. Chris has suffered from poor health of late but is being well looked after by the lovely folk of Down Hall Residential Care Home, and we know that he was delighted that we got in touch (our thanks go to SUEPA Agent WD40 and also SUEPA Follower Mike Carr for their help in us finally tracing Chris).



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## **Up front**

Seven additions here so we now have 112 strikers to choose from.

More on new joiner Jackie Ferguson later, but back in October we finally caught up with Micky Tuohy. With 28 Shrimper appearances and six goals in the 1979/80 season, Mick scored on his Roots Hall debut and played in that League Cup trilogy v WHU before going on to score shed loads for Worcester and Kiddy. A huge thanks go to SUEPA Agent Bishop for this capture who spotted that one of his Facebook friends (a Walsall season ticket holder) was friends with our former hot shot. We had a lovely call with Micky and are delighted that we will be seeing him at our Dave Smith Tribute evening in February. Micky said that he loved his time at Roots Hall and the squad were the friendliest bunch of players he'd ever come across. After hanging up his playing boots he went on to have a 35-year career as a Sports Development Officer. When someone ends the call by promising to stay in touch and saying "that's honestly the best call I've had in years" you get the feeling that SUEPA really does do some good.

Many think that SUEPA is all about 'times long ago', but next up are three young strikers who are very much still in the game. Simeon Akinola is now at Wealdstone, his two-year stay at Roots Hall (25 games, two goals) was frustrating for him to say the least, but we all now wish him success and look forward to seeing Sim at our last match of the 2022/23 season v The Stones. A little more locally, Matt Rush, 23 appearances in a Shrimpers shirt, is now with Braintree Town where he was 'collared' straight after a recent match by fellow teammate John White and SUEPA Agent Bishop who was working at Cressing Road as a reporter. Even more recently than both Sim and Matt, this season's early loan call-up from Salford, Marcus Dackers, is now part of our association. Agent Bishop (he's been busy!) caught up with him when 'The Ammies' were at Orient in October where he was only too pleased to sign up to SUEPA. Marcus said he loved his time as a Shrimper.



However, back to the 1960's now as we tracked down Roy Walsh to his Suffolk home. Roy started his playing career at Ipswich Town, and the inside forward made eight appearances for the first team and had just started to 'settle in' when his dad had a 'disagreement' with one of the Town coaches (who found themselves knocked to the ground!). At the end of the season Roy found himself handed a free transfer!

So, Roy then came to Roots Hall in July 1967 and made his Shrimper debut in a Second Round League Cup tie at home to Darlington playing alongside fellow SUEPA members Bentley, Birks, Baber and Beesley, but then that was it for our Dedham lad and Ernie Shepherd transferred him to Chelmsford City five months later for £1,000. Roy then went on to play for Cambridge City and Haverhill before his uncle brought him in to the Dedham Old Boys set up where Roy spent a long and successful time both playing and managing alongside his sales agent job.

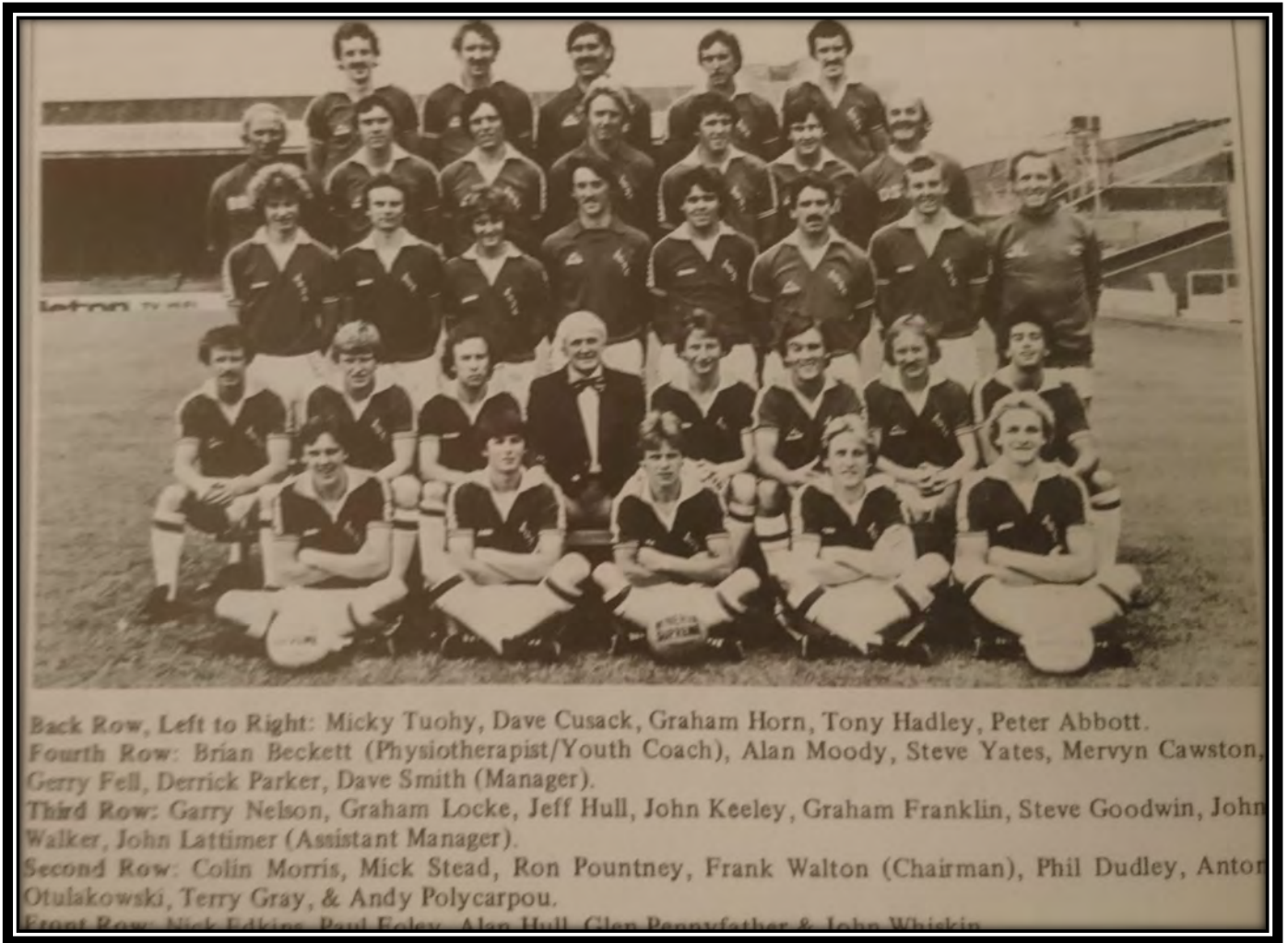
Sadly, Roy has been suffering from poor health for a very long time now and is mostly housebound, but we had an enjoyable chat (during half-time in the England v Iran World Cup match!) and Roy still loves his football, staying in touch with many of his Dedham football mates.

John Russell became our 434th member. Signed in August 1963, John played for our youths until 1964 then the A-team for three games until selected for the reserves. Though an amateur, he went on to play around 100 games until 1969, scoring 45 goals. It was during this time, in the 1965/66 season, that John was invited to spend pre-season with West Ham, playing four games, but ultimately, he decided to stay with the Blue's. He also had a loan spell at Tilbury FC. He then John joined Maldon Town under Kevin Baron and Peter Gordon (ex SUFC) and his footballing journey finished with time from 1972 as the manager of local team Hamlet Court.

## **Backing us up**

At long last we've finally done what we should have done ages ago and signed up Doc Sinha to SUEPA! Serving the club for 32 years until 2008 and now aged 89, he still goes to every home game and really loves to greet our former player guests. There is a lot of love out there for the Doc – our SUEPA Facebook post announcing him coming on board was overwhelmed with 'likes', and there were also a few posts from players remembering how he had helped them out ..... or chased after them with a cortisone injection! And all that means

We have yet another season where every player still alive is part of SUEPA, as Micky Tuohy joining us completed the 1979/80 season squad (see picture), our eighth season now where this top achievement now applies.



Back Row, Left to Right: Micky Tuohy, Dave Cusack, Graham Horn, Tony Hadley, Peter Abbott.  
 Fourth Row: Brian Beckett (Physiotherapist/Youth Coach), Alan Moody, Steve Yates, Mervyn Cawston, Gerry Fell, Derrick Parker, Dave Smith (Manager).  
 Third Row: Garry Nelson, Graham Locke, Jeff Hull, John Keeley, Graham Franklin, Steve Goodwin, John Walker, John Lattimer (Assistant Manager).  
 Second Row: Colin Morris, Mick Stead, Ron Pountney, Frank Walton (Chairman), Phil Dudley, Antoni Otulakowski, Terry Gray, & Andy Polycarpou.  
 Front Row: Nick Edkins, Paul Foley, Alan Hull, Glen Bennett & John Whiskin.

## MEMORABILIA APPEAL

The difficulties being faced by our club at present have been well documented, and the Shrimpers Trust have been a key player in raising funds to help the club meet some short term needs whilst we hope a more stable long-term future is secured.



It really is a case of 'every little help's' and as an example we have been auctioning off former player shirts on eBay which have been donated to the Shrimpers Trust by fans. So, if YOU have any football items that you have sitting in the attic that you could bare to part with, we would really appreciate receiving anything that you have to further boost our ongoing appeal. They need not only be Southend United related, if for instance it is something relating to a Premiership club that would be great to have too.

So, if you can help then please get in touch. The easiest way is often by email and we can be contacted at [suepassoc@gmail.com](mailto:suepassoc@gmail.com)

Thank you!



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## IT'S A SELL OUT

We considered that the recent passing of our former manager Dave Smith needed to be marked by something significant and so came up with the idea of a Tribute Evening. We knew it would be popular but didn't anticipate quite how popular, as it was sold out within a few days of tickets going on general sale!

All is set for it to be a great evening – hosts Glenn Pennyfather and Derek Spence are set to be joined by 26 other players from the 1976 to 1983 Dave Smith Roots Hall managerial era ..... and 13 of Dave's family are due to be there too!

It will be an evening of stories and memories, with a few surprises along the way. We are indebted to our sponsors Southend Private Hospital and LEANership Limited for their support, and to everyone who has purchased tickets. All profits will go to the Shrimpers Trust to help our club, plus a payment will be made to the Children's Burns Unit in Chelmsford, a charity Dave himself helped during his time with us in Essex.

We are all immensely looking forward to February 18th and we will share news and stories of what happened on our social media outlets and in our next Newsletter.

**THE SOUTHEND UNITED EX PLAYERS ASSOCIATION (SUEPA) PRESENTS :**

**A DAVE SMITH TRIBUTE EVENING**

*Sponsored by: Circle Health Group – Southend Private Hospital and LEANership Ltd*

**On Saturday 18 February 2023**

**Hosted by Derek Spence and Glenn Pennyfather**  
(arrival from 7.00 pm for a 7.45 pm start)

*All profits raised go to The Shrimpers Trust and the Children's Burns Club  
At The Essex Bowls Club, 21 Imperial Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS08NE*

*Ticket cost £15 (includes a copy of Derek Spence's book and half-time pizza snack)*

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM **The Shrimpers Trust** at [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk) or from The Shrimpers Trust stall on match days in the Shrimpers Bar

**GET YOUR TICKETS QUICK TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

Pay Bar - Casual dress (Southend United shirts encouraged!) - Event closes 11.00 pm



Other former Shrimpers from the seven-year Dave Smith Shrimper managerial era currently scheduled to be in attendance are:

*Frankie Banks, Mervyn Cawston, Paul Clark, Phil Dudley, Gerry Fell, Andy Ford, Neil Freeman, Steve Goodwin, Tony Hadley, Micky Laverick, John Linford, Warren May, Colin Morris, Garry Nelson, Anton Otulakowski, Adrian Dwers, Derrick Parker, Stuart Parker, Steve Phillips, Andy Polvorcrau, Ronnie Pountney, Sean Rafter, Micky Stead, Micky Tuohy, John Walker, Steve Yates*

## THE BOBBY DUNCAN STORY

**Working on SUEPA is a privilege. Settle down for the Bobby Duncan story.**

Our aim continues to be to try and track down every former Shrimper and invite them to join our ever-growing family. It is a tall order, but now with 434 current former player members we are 58% of the way there.

The early seasons remain a particular challenge and the passing of time means that we focus on campaigns from 1955/56 onwards, a special one of course in Southend United's history. We've been taking a fresh look at those early seasons and 1961/62 is quite typical – there are to our knowledge eight former first-team Shrimpers from that season still alive, and with Alan Dicks, Tony Bentley, Norman Bleanch, Roy Goulden and Ken Jones already 'signed-up' we've been focusing on the remaining three, one of who was Bobby Duncan.

Now, not untypically, 78-year-old Bob was not exactly leaving a red-hot trail on the internet for us to pick up on, but some clues were there, and our new excellent SUEPA Agent WD40 (a Shrimper fan exiled in France) noted that our man had once played for Dunfermline Athletic and so shot off an enquiry to the club. They helpfully put us in touch with their wonderful historian Duncan Simpson who told us quite a bit about Bob's time with 'The Pars' where he started out as a striker but then changed to become a left back. However, there were some gaps in the records and Duncan had no clues about Bob's current whereabouts. So, we tried a tactic that has worked before, took a punt that someone in his old Scottish club town might know of him, and posted up an appeal on the 'Dunfermline Billboard' Facebook page. Within two days we had a result!

One of Bob's friends spotted our post, got in touch with him, and our former Shrimper tasked his granddaughter Mackenzie to send us an email – Bob was thrilled to learn of our interest and a phone call was booked.

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Bob started his story by telling us he had left school at the age of 15 and, having been spotted by us playing for Bowhill Strollers in the Kirkcaldy & District Youth League (our scouting network was clearly far-reaching back then), Bob travelled south as soon as he reached his birthday milestone. Straight away he was thrown into a youth match against Portsmouth, scored, and then bagged a hattrick in his next match. However, education rules in England were different to those north of the border at that time, and Bob was forced to attend school in Southend which he felt was of no use and so ultimately went back home to sign for Dunfermline. Not long after though, and without breaking into The Pars first team, he had two offers to consider moving forward his love for football – from West Brom, and from us, so he opted for the familiarity of the Essex Riviera and found himself back at Roots Hall. “There were quite a few Scots there at the time, so I instantly felt welcome and never got homesick. I was also on the maximum wage at the time of £20 per week so felt I was doing ok.”

Bob, now moved to a left full back position, only made one appearance for us, in the 1961/62 season, a 2-1 win v Torquay United at Roots Hall, coming in to the team for the injured Sandy Anderson. However, Sandy was an established player at Roots Hall and was back for the next match and kept his place - Bob never got another look in. “I had some good times though at Southend, the squad was a real friendly one, and me and Bobby Kellard had some fun. He once dared me to climb one of the floodlights, which I did right to the top – getting back down was a bit tricky though!” Bob was pleased to learn that our ‘four candles’ are still a proud Roots Hall feature, though as the conversation turned to his former teammates, he was naturally sad to learn that many had passed away including only last year his old pal Bobby Kellard and back in 2020 our record-breaking right back Arthur Williamson.

Bob left us to join Crawley Town where he said he had never felt so wealthy as his weekly pay, boosted by a part-time job, jumped up to £52 per week. After that he moved back up to Scotland and joined Forfar, though often found it to be frustrating as the first team was decided ‘by committee’ in the absence of a manager, but he did fare better after that playing for Scottish ‘Junior’ club Glenrothes who he helped to a cup final win at Hampden.

Life after football included time working as a ‘tool hardener’, a period with a company making shopping trolleys, and being a transport manager. A triple heart bypass operation a few years ago now means that he takes life a little more easily in his retirement, enjoying life with his two children, two grandchildren, and also from time to time taking advantage (thanks to a good friend) of some free hospitality at Ibrox to watch his beloved Glasgow Rangers (“though the hospitality is far better than the football” he wryly remarked).

It was wonderful to speak to Bob, and Mackenzie said how delighted he was that SUEPA had made the effort to seek him out and get in touch.



## CATCHING UP WITH JACKIE FERGUSON

**Jackie Ferguson was a forward who played for us for just one season, 1967/68, scoring twice from 15 appearances. He becomes our 11th current SUEPA member from that season, leaving just Robert Howlett of those still alive yet to be traced.**

There was little information available regarding where we might find Jackie so we took a punt that he might be residing in Ayr which is the team he left us for in the Summer of '68 (one year short of being a Bryan Adams track) and put out a post on their community group page. Very quickly someone responded suggesting that we try a fantastic little Facebook page called 'Ayr United Fans UK and Beyond' and that quickly led to Jackie's son getting in touch.

Jack Junior told us that his 83-year-old dad was in good health but is, like sadly so many former footballers, suffering from dementia now. He added that Ayr United run a great initiative to help in holding 'memory days' for former players, something we know that the PFA are actively involved in themselves.

We will let Jack Junior take up his dad's story:

"My dad spoke a little about his time at Southend United - mainly that they played on a Friday, and that he socialised with the Krays in their clubs not knowing they were gangsters! (SUEPA note: anyone know if the Krays turned up at the Shrimpers Bar?!)

When he was 15 years old he had polio and was paralysed for several months before, at 16, he was asked to play for the local amateur side as his brother hadn't shown up. He had only ever played with a tennis ball so was surprised how easy the big ball was and scored seven goals. Hal Stewart of Greenock Morton signed him the next day.

Whilst at Morton he was on national service in Germany and flew home every weekend to play. He played in a British army game where two professional players were allowed my dad and Alan McGraw of Morton were the pros in British side, with Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller being the pros in the German side. The British side won the game, and a Tottenham Hotspur scout described my dad as. 'the greatest inside right he'd ever seen'.

Spurs tried to sign him, but national service put them off, and as Hal Stewart had a deal to fly them home free, he stayed at Morton. He then moved to Airdrie and was two years ago named in Airdrie's greatest ever midfield of all time. It was from Airdrie he signed for Southend, wanting to try down south and you know how he did there.



\* Taken during a training session at Roots Hall this week, the photograph shows the senior players the United are relying upon to get them promotion this season. They are (back row, left to right): Ray Wicks, Phil Chantall, Mike Sealey, Joe Ashworth, Jimmy Stevenson, John McKiven, Graham Birks, Eddie May and Trevor Roberts. Front row (left to right): Jackie Ferguson, Micky Judge, Tony Bentley, John Baker, Andy Smith, Max Smith, Ray Wicks and Frank McKee.



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Whilst at Southend dad was informed that he'd agreed with Ally McLeod to sign for Ayr United and he told them he'd never spoke to Ally, but he then drove to meet Ally who informed dad that the Ayr owner would give him a Rolls Royce if he signed which he did!

Ayr United were promoted to the top league at the end of the 1968/69 season, and then on 13th September 1969 my dad scored the winner in the club's record attendance (still to this day) in a 2-1 win versus Glasgow Rangers. They also took recent European Champions Celtic to a replay at Hampden Park in the cup semi-final which was only decided with an extra-time goal which is generally considered to have been offside.

Dad is one of 30 recognised Ayr United club legends, a list which includes Alex Ferguson, Steve Nicol, Alan McNally, Quinton Young and many more.

When he stopped playing, he managed at non-league level, receiving a lifetime achievement award for services to non-league football.

Above all that I guess he is a superb dad, and is always, always, happy."

### RIP ALEC HUTTON



**We were saddened to report that Alec Hutton passed away at the age of 80 during October.**

Alec was with us for the 1964/65 season and is second right in the front row of the squad pic shown here. He played for us twice, his first outing being away at Brentford in a 2-0 away win in Round One of the League Cup and then three days later on 5 September 1964 when we were away at Peterborough in a league match. Both times he wore the number 2 shirt.

Now, Alec was not a SUEPA member, but in a current renewed effort to try and trace those players from the 1950's and 1960's not yet part of our ever-growing family, we had finally managed to track him down and had a number to ring for him at his Falkirk home. It was on calling, no doubt a surprise as it was somewhat out of the blue for her, that Alec's widow told us that he had only recently passed away. Alec had been suffering from prostate cancer for some time.

His wife mentioned that Alec had some good memories of his time as a footballer (which were mentioned at his funeral) and that after he had left Southend he had gone on to play for St Johnstone. She added that he would have loved to have known of our interest in his time at Roots Hall and that he was remembered.

We of course pass on our sincere condolences to Alec's wife, other members of his family, and all that knew him. RIP Alec, forever a Shrimper.

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## BACK TO THEIR ROOTS

On 1 October when we played Yeovil we welcomed back Damian Scannell to Roots Hall, and then on 3 December for the Altrincham match Mark Phillips was our guest. Both events were lovely family occasions, Damian bringing his young son (who we were pleased to see was sporting a Southend shirt!) and Mark was accompanied by his partner (a soul singer in a Supremes tribute act) and his mum.



Both participated after the match in Q&A sessions in the Far Post Bar (East Stand) and it is pleasing to see those sessions (which we only launched earlier this season) are starting to steadily build up an audience. They have proved to be great fun too – you can never be sure what questions the audience will ask!

Whilst on the subject of SUEPA visits, you may recall that back in September we welcomed back mid 80's midfield general Barry Silkman. Well, the week after his visit the 72-year-old was playing in a football match (we were impressed by that!) but at halftime sadly suffered a heart attack. He was promptly whisked to hospital to have an operation and we are pleased to say is now recovering. Keep on rocking Barry – albeit maybe a little more gently!

## NEWS BITS

### *Michael comes back*

You might recall that two years ago we became aware of Great Yarmouth care home resident Michael proudly displaying the SUFC badge on his Zimmer frame. A visiting Southend fan saw him and got in touch with us - we then arranged for Shrimper legend Derek Spence to send Michael a copy of his book.

Well, back on 17 September (we missed including this in our last Newsletter) Michael was brought by workers Clive and Cameron of his care home back to Roots Hall for the first time in 40 years, and in a lovely gesture the club provided us with a signed shirt to present to Michael to help cap off what proved to be a brilliant day for him.



But that will not be all - we hope in the New Year via the Shrimpers Trust social inclusion scheme to bring back Michael and a party of his fellow care home residents for a full Roots Hall match day experience.



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## **A cuppa for Carli**

In 2017 Southend fan Karl Lansley tragically lost his wife Carli to Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome at the age of just 36. In trying to do something positive out of such a tragic situation Karl set up a charity, the Carli Lansley Foundation, to raise funds to cover the cost of holding ECG screenings for young people in the Southend area. His charity has made a real difference, and already at screening sessions young people have been identified for help who might have otherwise gone undetected regarding a heart problem.



Every year on her birthday Karl and his two children raise a cuppa for Carli in her memory and invite others on social media to do the same. This year we got a few of our fantastic contacts from other former player groups to join in, and so joining SUEPA in the picture here you will see good folk who help run former player groups at Blackpool, Chesterfield, Chester, Southport, Plymouth, Coventry, Reading, Lincoln, Wolves and Stoke.

If you would like to learn more about the Carli Lansley Foundation their website can be found at: <https://www.carlilansleyfoundation.org.uk/>

## **Steve at Shelagh's**



Have you visited SUEPA member Steve Jones at his café 'Shelagh's' in Battlesbridge yet? The antique centre there is full of interest and after a couple of hours browsing for bargains what could be better than having a snack with a bit of Shrimper reminiscing with the host? Steve is pictured here with his old West Ham teammate Tony Gale (we noticed that Tony brought with him a few items for Steve to sell in the shop adjoining his café – it's a real trader's place!).

Details of opening times etc for Shelagh's can be found at: <https://www.battlesbridge.com/eat/shelagh-s-diner>



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## **Roots Hall needs a paint!**

We don't think anyone will dispute that!

But as we revealed in our last Newsletter, Shrimper fan and artist Keith Bird has been taking time out to paint his favourite place on canvass, and he has now added to the two West Stand pictures with ones of the South Bank and North Bank (both from a distinctly retro perspective).



We think they look fantastic and look forward we hope to more views soon - maybe one of the East Stand with all the spectators shielding their eyes to see the action as they face directly into the sun might be a typical scene to have a go at?!

The two West Stand paintings are available already as prints from The Shrimpers Trust and the South Bank picture will be added shortly. There is currently every intention to add the North Bank one and possibly others at a future date, so keep a look out on the Trust website: <https://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/shop.asp?catid=6>

## **A programme for Alec**

You may recall from our last Newsletter that we recently signed up Alex Duchart, our oldest member, from the 1956/57 season. Well, we often think the 'little things' have the biggest impact so (thanks to SUEPA Agent Bishop) we sent him the original match prog from his debut v Reading back on 26 October 1956 - he loved it!





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## *Retro Inchy and Spud*

Now, we've mentioned the Shrimpers Trust retro shirts range a few times before, and you've seen a few former Shrimpers with one as they embark on a modelling career that they perhaps thought might have passed them by.

Well, the two latest additions to the ever-popular shirts range are now being proudly worn by two more SUEPA models, Steve Inchy Phillips sporting the 1982-83 'Access' shirt and Peter Spud Taylor wearing the 1971/72 top (no shirt sponsors back then). Both looking good gentlemen.



There are now 15 different shirts available which can be viewed at:

[https://world-retro.com/?s=Southend+United&post\\_type=any](https://world-retro.com/?s=Southend+United&post_type=any)

## *How Argyle do it*

Back in October an opportunity arose to be the guest of Argyle Legends to swap stories and learn from each other re our former player work. Currently there are 775 ex player members between us, not bad going we think!



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Plymouth Argyle now have some great facilities, a £16 million re-vamp of their main stand with lots of different supporter areas has helped to transform Home Park. Indeed, facilities that we can only currently dream of, it all makes our portable one speaker PA look a little home-spun, but we live in hope .....

Experiencing and learning about what other former player groups do we think is vital to help us learn and thrive, and you may recall that this mantra is behind our proposal for the PFA to set up a national network of former player groups. That proposal has edged closer in the last couple of months, but we are not quite there yet, we sincerely hope to be able to announce something very soon.

### ***When Alan met Alan***

Southend's away day up at York City's impressive new stadium at the end of October provided an opportunity for two former Southend teammates to catch up for the first time in 45 years.



Our record appearance holder Alan Moody lives about an hour's drive away from York and we had arranged to meet him and his daughter Clare there. We also knew that Alan Little, who of course has managed both clubs, was the Minstermen's guest of honour for the day. So, after a little bit of arranging with one of the very helpful York City Directors, we engineered a quick catch up for our two Shrimpers. Both Alan's can also be seen in the team pic earlier in this Newsletter in our 'red, white and blue' days.

## FOLLOWING AND CONTACTING SUEPA

**We will continue to issue regular Newsletters - our usual aim is to issue them quarterly so expect another SUEPA Newsletter around Easter time.**

We do have a SUEPA Twitter page (currently 2,295 followers) and a SUEPA Facebook page (currently 1,432 followers) on which we post up details of new joiners and any other news, so if you wish to see what is happening on a more frequent basis then please do 'follow' us:

**On Twitter:** [@SUEPAssoc](https://twitter.com/SUEPAssoc)

**On Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/SUEPAssoc](https://www.facebook.com/SUEPAssoc)

You can then use either of these social media outlets to send us a private message, or you can contact us via email as follows:

**Email address:** [suepassoc@gmail.com](mailto:suepassoc@gmail.com)

**We are also on LinkedIn, which is great for getting in touch with people, just type our name in to the search box to find us. We now have 430 connections via this network.**



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**And we are still trying to suss out Instagram, just 152 followers here at the moment. Maybe we need to find that ‘killer picture’ which will get everyone hooked.**

**Alternatively, we can be reached by post at SUEPA c/o The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 9FD**

And, as a reminder, any SUEPA ex-player/coaching staff member can ask to get in touch with any of their former team-mates in SUEPA by just asking us to pass on a message. We cannot disclose contact details without permission but, are always happy to pass on a message to ask them to contact you, something we have done to help re-unite a number of former Shrimpers already.

## THE FULL SUEPA SQUAD TO-DATE

### GOALKEEPERS

Terry Alderton, Cameron Belford, Daniel Bentley, Derek Bellotti, John Burridge, Mel Capleton, Mervyn Cawston, Steve Collis, Barrie Delf, Rhys Evans, Darryl Flahavan, Neil Freeman, Danny Gay, Bart Griemink, Tony Hafford, Tony Henriksen, Kelvin Jack, Ian Joyce, John Keeley, Brian Lloyd, Don McKay, Alan Meyer, Steve Mildenhall, James Montgomery, Glenn Morris, Jon O'Brien, Andy Petterson, Gerry Peyton, Sean Rafter, John Roberts, Ryan Robinson, Simon Royce, Paul Sansome, Harry Seadon. Paul Smith, Neville Southall, Jim Stannard, David Stockdale, Callum Taylor, Martin Thomas, Malcolm Webster, Ray White and Andy Woodman.

### DEFENDERS

Ryan Auger, Dean Austin, Gavin Axcell, Pat Baldwin, Frankie Banks, Dave Barnett, Adam Barrett, Mark Beard, Tony Bentley, Graham Birks, Darren Blewitt, Mick Bodley, Martyn Booty, Kenny Brown, Paul Brush, Adrian Burrows, Guy Butters, Peter Cawley, Peter Clarke, Ben Coker, Steve Collins, Simon Coleman, Mark Cooper, Leon Cort, Graham Coughlan, Ryan Creswell, Garry Cross, Dave Cusack, Timothee Dieng, Andy Dixon, Dorian Dervite, Phil Dudley, Bob Duncan, Steve Dyer, Andy Edwards, Derek Ewing, Kevin Fallon, Anton Ferdinand, Ricky Footman, Andy Ford, Peter Gilbert, Jamie Gray, Tony Hadley, Greg Halford, Steven Hammell, Andy Harris, Mike Harrison, Sam Hart, Steve Hatter, Frank Haydock, Johnny Herd, Mark Hone, Lewis Hunt, Barry Hunter, Chris Hutchings, Christian Hyslop, Mads Ibenfeldt, Richard Jobson, Duncan Jupp, Jean-Paul Kalala, Bobby King, Harry Kyprianou, Kacper Lapota, Mike Lapper, Harry Lennon, Norman Liggitt, Danny Lunan, Scott Malone, Daniel Matsuzaka, Warren May, John McMahon, David McSweeney, Robert Milsom, Tamika Mkandawire, Alan Moody, Taylor Moore, Luke Morrish, David Morley, Bilel Moshni, Teddy Nesbitt, Rob Newman, Terry O'Donnell, Danny O'Shea, Gary Parkinson, George Parris, Chris Perkins, Mark Phillips, Chris Powell, Spencer Prior, Luke Prosser, Chris Ramsey, Gary Richards, Ian Riley, Paul Roberts, Leo Roget, Osei Sankofa, Pat Scully, Damon Searle, Owen Simpson, Alex Smith, Efe Sodje, Michael Spillane, Micky Stead, Mark Stimson, Ray Ternent, Derek Tharme, Adam Thompson, Neil Townsend, Michael Turner, John Walker, Shane Wardley, Mark Warren, Martin Warwick, Shane Westley, John White, Charlie Williamson, Che Wilson, Bob Worthington, Dave Worthington, Mark Wright, Steve Yates and Dave Young.

### MIDFIELDERS

Marlon Agyakwa, Andy Ansah, Scott Ashenden, Will Atkinson, John Baber, Nicky Bailey, Chris Barnard, Tony Beanland, Mark Bentley, Dennis Booth, Gary Borthwick, Terry Bradbury, Graham Bressington, Zak Brunt, Peter Butler, Paul Byrne, Jamal Campbell-Ryce, David Chambers, Jean Francois Christophe, Paul Clark, Steve Clark, Adrian Clarke, Eddie Clayton, Conor Clifford, Jason Cook, Jimmy Corbett, Regis Coulbault, Willie Coulson, Dave Cunningham, Tony Currie, Peter Daley, Gary Deegan, Lyle Della Verde, Miguel DeSouza, Alan Dicks, Alex Duchart, Mark Dziadulewicz, Craig Easton, Terrell Egbri, Dave Elliott, Gerry Fell, Kane Ferdinand, Brian Ferguson, Ken Foggo, Scott Forbes, Lil Fuccillo, Lewis Gard, Antonio German, Anthony Grant, Phil Gridelet, Mick Gooding, Steve Goodwin, Mark Gower, Luke Guttridge, John Gymer, Julian Hails, Derek Hall, Mark Hall, Ryan Hall, Lee Hodges, Ricky Holmes, Dean Holness, Tommy Horsfall, Scott Houghton, Jeff Hull, Peter Hunt, Kevan Hurst, Michael Husbands, Carl Hutchings, Isaac Hutchinson, Neil Jenkins, Kevin Johnson, Leon Johnson, Terry Johnson, Matt Jones, David Keefe, Danny Kerrigan, Steve Lamb, Micky Laverick, David Lee, Ryan Leonard, Bernie Lewis, Alan Little, Martin Ling, Adam Locke, Alistair Love, Kevin Maher, Mike Marsh, Dave Martin, Jae Martin, Danny Maye, Stephen McLaughlin, Alan McCormack, Jermaine McGlashan, Colin Morris, Franck Moussa, Harrison Neal, Garry Nelson, Terry Nicholl, John Nielsen, Iain O'Connell, Ricky Otto, Anton Outulakowski, Adrian Owers, Jack Paxman, Derek Payne, Carl Pettefer, Glenn Pennyfather, Declan Perkins, Adem Poric, Ron Pountney, Bill Punton,

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Ken Reynolds, Gareth Risbridger, Martin Robinson, Alan Rogers, Andy Rogers, Lee Sawyer, Damien Scannell, Tony Scully, Barry Silkman, Josh Simpson, Nicky Smith, Paul Smith, Jamie Southon, Gavin Strachan, Anthony Straker, Andy Sussex, Peter Taylor, Stuart Thurgood, Steve Tilson, Michael Timlin, Mark Tinkler, Andy Turner, Lars Unger, Paul Vickery, Sanchez Watt, Myles Weston, Alex Woodyard, Anthony Wordsworth, David Worrall and Josh Wright.

## **STRIKERS**

Ben Abbey, Peter Abbott, Charles Ademeno, Simeon Akinola, Brett Angell, David Allaway, Lee Barnard, Peter Beadle, Mike Beesley, Ian Benjamin, Bobby Bennett, Gary Bennett, Billy Best, Norman Bleanch, Stuart Brace, Lee Bradbury, Tes Bramble, Drewe Broughton, Steve Brown, Richard Cadette, Ken Charlery, Kenny Cocker, Stan Collymore, Leon Constantine, Jim Conway, Barry Corr, Simon Cox, Harry Crawford, David Crown, Martin Curruthers, Marcus Dackers, Liam Dickinson, George Duck, Lawrie Dudfield, Freddie Eastwood, Mickey Engwell, Jackie Ferguson, Eddie Firmani, Anthony Flood, Alan Foggon, Jamie Forrester, Marc-Antoine Fortune, Graham Franklin, Paul Furlong, Bill Garner, Shaun Goater, Brandon Goodship, Roy Goulden, Terry Gray, Wayne Gray, Danny Greaves, Chris Guthrie, Neil Harris, Matt Harrold, David Heaver, Tom Hopper, Noel Hunt, Nathaniel Jarvis, Graeme Jones, Gary Jones, Ken Jones, Steve Jones, Charlie Kelman, Francis Laurent, James Lawson, Jason Lee, Stuart Leslie, John Linford, Matt Lund, Charlie MacDonald, Roy McDonough, Sammy McMillan, Keith Mercer, Jack Midson, David Mooney, Tommy Mooney, Dean Morgan, Shamir Mullins, Lee Nogan, Derrick Parker, Stuart Parker, Matt Paterson, Jack Payne, Billy Paynter, Steve Phillips, Joe Piggot, Andy Polycarpou, Ken Price, Andy Rammell, Mark Rawle, Dave Regis, Alex Revell, Neville Roach, Theo Robinson, Matt Rush, John Russell, Jack Sampson, Morriss Scott, Ian Selley, Peter Silvester, Derek Spence, Scott Spencer, Blair Sturrock, Andy Thomson, Neil Tolson, Micky Tuohy, James Walker, Mario Walsh, Roy Walsh, Danny Webb, Jason Williams and Micky Wright.

## **COACHING / BACKROOM**

Phil Brown, Micky Buxton, Ben Clarkson, Barry Fry, John Gowens, Ron Hanley, Lee Harrison, Steve Parmenter, Amy Rogers, Doc Sinha, Paul Sturrock, Steve Thompson, John Threadgold, Gary Waddock and David Webb.

