



SHRIMPERS TRUST

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THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

I'd like to start this Newsletter by thanking Rob Craven for all his efforts in producing the recent newsletters and indeed for all the work he does for the Trust and Southend United.

As is the case so often with a volunteer organization the work/life (& Trust) balance sometimes needs to be altered and Robert has found that his job is demanding more time of him of late and consequently has stepped down from the onerous task of Newsletter editor.

For this issue and probably for the foreseeable future the newsletter will be the work of several individuals but what we would really like is feedback on this. What do you want to hear about from us – do we have the content right – what can we improve on etc etc – All comments positive and negative are welcome send to newsletter@shrimperstrust.co.uk

Following a comment by one of the youth team players at the recent hugely successful bowling night, who thought that the Trust committee members were paid, (oh bless him...the innocence of youth..!) I thought it worth reiterating that The Shrimpers Trust committee is made up of 13 Volunteers most of whom have full time jobs. So it's not surprising when now and again the work/life/Trust split becomes too large a burden.

I have always said that if anyone gives any time to the Trust then it is very much appreciated, some give more than others but all effort is appreciated.

The Trust is always looking for volunteers – if you feel you could give your time and add your experience to the small group of volunteers we have now – you would be very welcome. Please feel free to contact any one of us either in the Shrimpers Bar on Matchdays or via the Website.

Three hugely significant events off the field have occurred since the last newsletter,

Firstly, whilst hugely welcome, I also found it frustrating in that a few more hurdles are required before the government will finally approve SEL's development plans that include a new stadium for Southend United. Nevertheless the club assures us that most

issues are already resolved and the others are technicalities. Specifically the social housing issue which is wrapped up in the plan for Roots Hall.

For the Trust and Southend fans of course the success of the application will see a new era and that in itself will bring new challenges. Southend United own no part of Fossetts Farm nor do they own Roots Hall and understanding the new set up will be top of our agenda in the coming months.

Secondly, the Trust has stepped in with a donation to become youth backers for the next 18-months. Having been long term supporters of United's Centre of Excellence set-up, this current backing is the single largest expenditure the Trust has ever spent and is further indication of the power that the Trust movement can produce when enthusiastic volunteers get together.

Thirdly, after discussions with the football club the Shrimpers Trust has further increased its investment in Southend United by buying shares in the latest share issue. We were initially concerned by the timing and price, however the Trust applaud Ron Martin's efforts to increase the shareholder base and recognise the efforts made over recent years to bring down debt and create stability both on and off the field.

Of course on the field, results have been very good of late and our position is much improved – here's to an exciting and successful run in.

A final note from me – Good Luck to Kevin Maher – I always find it sad when relationships go sour and can't really understand why exiting a club cannot be handled as professionally as in any other piece of business and I can only hope that his departure will be a lesson to those involved

Maher made his debut for Blues in January 1998 in an away game at Burnley and left in March 2008.

Bryan Woodford on behalf of the trust presented him (at the Bournemouth game) with a glass decanter set bearing the inscription, 'Presented to Kevin Maher for A Decade of Loyal Service to Southend United 1998-2008'.



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FOSSETTS FARM

Approval for the new stadium has been finally obtained – Almost!

Since the start of the year the club has seen a number of new arrivals on the playing staff, an upturn in the results on the pitch and a renewed expectation of some real interest in the play-offs.

However, the question which had been on everyone's minds was "Will the stadium be approved or wont it?"

With Ron Martin saying that approval for a new stadium could release funds for more players and a concerted effort for promotion, everyone was waiting for 6th March, the final date for a decision by the Secretary of State, with baited breath.

The day arrived and to the relief of Blues supporters, and much singing and dancing at Roots Hall, no doubt, approval was given by the Secretary of State subject to a caveat regarding clarification on the delivering of affordable housing and a concern, which needs to be addressed, regarding a strip of land which is not currently included in a formal agreement.

Ron Martin has stated that these issues are relatively minor and can resolved easily, however, the Secretary of State has said that once she is satisfied all issues have been addressed she will give her final decision on or before **27th May 2008**.

So we wait a little longer, but maybe a lot more relaxed than previously.

As soon as approval has been received the Trust will be in discussion with the club and will be asking supporters what facilities they would like to see in the new stadium.

MAHER'S DECADE RECOGNISED BY TRUST

Southend United captain Kevin Maher was overwhelmed as the Shrimpers Trust made a special presentation to the Shrimpers skipper before the Coca-Cola League One match with A.F.C. Bournemouth on Saturday 16th February 2008.

Trust vice-chairman Bryan Woodford was positioned at the end of a tunnel of Maher's team-mates to present the Eire Under-21 international with a glass decanter set bearing the inscription, 'Presented to Kevin Maher for A Decade of Loyal Service to Southend United 1998-2008'.

Maher made his debut for Blues in January 1998 in an away game at Burnley and, speaking to the Shrimpers Trust after the presentation, he revealed that times have changed since then: *"It was very different then,"* he explained. *"When we used to go to away games, we trained at the side of the motorway! It was a change from what I had experienced even in reserve and youth-team football at Tottenham, where you were always pampered."*

After over 400 matches for the club, the midfielder was delighted with the on-field ceremony: *"It was brilliant. A player spending ten years at one club doesn't happen much these days. Because it's from the supporters, this means a lot to me; I really appreciate it. The recognition of the fans is a big thing."*

"My best memories are of the last three or four years," Maher continued. *"The two LDV Vans Trophy finals were the first time that this club had got to a national final, and I think that we took 20,000 fans to Cardiff on one occasion. But the play-off final there against Lincoln, and then promotion at Swansea, in front of 3,000 Southend fans, meant more. The Bristol City match here at Roots Hall, and lifting the League One trophy, that was special."*



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On all of those occasions, the 31-year-old has been captain of the club, as he was on another wonderful night at Roots Hall: *"The 1-0 win over Manchester United was brilliant, but we were never going to win the Carling Cup, so promotion is what really matters. There is nothing better than lifting trophies and I have been captain of the club during its most successful period."*

His long service has seen Maher outlast a vast number of team-mates, including Lee Bradbury, who shook his former colleague's hand in the tunnel as he walked off of the pitch. *"Rob Newman was here today, but I have too many numbers in my mobile phone to recount! There have always been good people in and around Roots Hall throughout my time here,"* he concluded.

This article first appeared on the Shrimpers Trust website, www.shrimperstrust.co.uk, where you can find out all the latest news from the Trust

TRUST BACK YOUTH TEAM

Southend's United's Youth Team have received backing from the Shrimpers Trust for this season, and into next year.

The Southend United Supporters Club Trust has stepped in with a donation to become youth backers for the next 18-months.

Having been long term supporters of United's Centre of Excellence set-up, this current backing comes as the Trusts most significant yet.

"We are big believers in the future of Southend United coming from within and we were only too happy to continue to back Ricky Duncan's youth team," said Trust spokesperson Robert Craven.

"You only have to look at this seasons FA Youth Cup run to know there are exciting times ahead, and if we can play our part in helping nurture that talent then ultimately that is going to play a positive role on the first team."

Head of Youth Ricky Duncan was equally as delighted to receive the funding and support of the Trust.

"I've said since day one that I wanted the supporters to feel apart of what we are doing," he said.

"It's their Football Club's future and I'm delighted that the Trust are playing a part in its development. This donation will play its part in helping us produce a conveyor belt of talent for Steve Tilson's team."

Recent times have seen the Shrimpers Trust sponsor youth players through their scholarships, whilst also becoming European Tour sponsors for the whole of the Centre of Excellence.

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THE SHRIMPERS TRUST KIDS

Shrimpers Trust SUFC Youth Team Player of the Month

Luke Thurlbourne and Nathan MacDonald are the latest recipients of the Shrimpers Trust SUFC Youth Team POTM Award for January and February respectively, and will both be in with a chance, along with our previous winners Richard Priest, Stuart O'Keefe, Johnny Herd and Rhys Henry of collecting the Tom Grace Memorial Shield, awarded to the Shrimpers Trust SUFC Youth Team Player of the Year at our Annual Awards Evening (*see Events List Below*).

Blues' Youths Under-18s Results

Sat 05 Jan | Football League Youth Alliance | Leyton Orient (a) | W0-1 | Henry

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=439

Thu 17 Jan | F.A. Youth Cup Rd 4 | Stoke City (h) | W3-1 | Lindie, Henry 2

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=443

Thu 30 Jan | F.A. Youth Cup Rd 5 | Carlisle United (a) | L0-2 |

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=447

Sat 02 Feb | Football League Youth Alliance | Wycombe Wanderers (h) | D2-2 | Henry 2

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=449

Sat 09 Feb | Football League Youth Alliance | Northampton Town (a) | L1-4 | Hopkins

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=451

Sat 16 Feb | Football League Youth Alliance | Luton Town (h) | L0-2 |

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=454

Sat 23 Feb | Football League Youth Alliance | Barnet (a) | D0-0 |

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=463

Sat 01 Mar | Football League Youth Alliance | Brighton & Hove Albion (a) | L4-1 | Higgins

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=462

Sat 08 Mar | Football League Youth Alliance | Gillingham (h) | W3-2 | Morris, O'Keefe, Crawford

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=467

Sat 15 Mar | Football League Youth Alliance | Rushden & Diamonds (a) | D1-1 | Moon

Match Report: http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/default.asp?page_id=469

Shrimpers Trust Youth Team Update

Their historic F.A. Youth Cup campaign may be over, but there has still been much to cheer about for Southend United's youth team at the start of 2008. The run finally came to an end at the last sixteen stage, when over 30 supporters travelled up to Carlisle United on a Shrimpers Trust coach, subsidised to just £5 by Southend United chairman Ron Martin, to witness a 2-0 defeat.

Whereas in previous rounds it had been the Shrimpers who had got off to a flying start, this time the Cumbrians were quickly out of the blocks, taking the lead after just five minutes through forward Gary Madine, who tapped in after David Obaze had gifted possession to Andy Cook.

Southend struggled to create the chances for Rhys Henry and James Lindie, their star strikers, to net, and indeed Obaze came closest to scoring when his headed effort was ruled out for a foul just before the break. Tom Hopkins would later have a chance to net in the second period, but Nathan McDonald was a busy goalkeeper, pulling off a series of saves before Matthew Wood's unstoppable effort from 30 yards flew into the top corner.

The Fourth Round had seen the Shrimpers beat another Academy side, Stoke City, in front of over 1000 spectators at Roots Hall. The early goal came courtesy of Lindie, who volleyed Jamie



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Forshaw's cross into the net from close range, though the visitors were given a lifeline when Hopkins was harshly adjudged to have handled the ball and Marc Grocott slotted home from twelve yards.

Blues' Youths withheld a rocky period at the end of the first half, and deservedly re-took the lead when Henry curled a free-kick through a gap in the Stoke defence and into the bottom left-hand corner. His 15th goal of the season, and eighth in the Youth Cup, arrived ten minutes from time

when he charged down a goal kick and the ball looped into the net, and even the dismissal of Johnny Herd in injury time could not dampen Essex spirits.

The Youth Alliance League campaign has still seen a mixture of results as Head of Youth Ricky Duncan seeks to experiment with the club's new intake of Under-16s players, the first-year scholars of 2008/9. It was the old guard - notably Rhys Henry, who scored the winner in the 1-0 win over Leyton Orient and netted twice in the 2-2 draw with Wycombe Wanderers - who inspired the club to four points from their first two matches of 2008.

Tom Hopkins opened the scoring at Northampton Town, who went on to crush Blues 4-1 at Moulton Agricultural College with two late strikes, whilst Luton Town pinched a 2-0 win at Boots & Laces. However, a team featuring, at one stage, nine Under-16 players recorded a goalless draw at Barnet before Blues went down 4-1 at Brighton & Hove Albion.

The last couple of results, and indeed performances, have been better though, with Harry Crawford, a trialist formerly with Tottenham Hotspur, grabbing the winner in an exciting 3-2 win over Gillingham at Boots & Laces, before another new face, ex-Millwall scholar Michael Moon, poked United in front in a 1-1 draw with Rushden & Diamonds.

Meanwhile, a swathe of youngsters, have found time to gain work experience in non-League football, with Luke Thurlbourne in particular impressing at St Albans City of Blue Square Conference South. Henry has appeared at BGB Southern League Premier Division Cheshunt and is currently with Ryman League Premier Division outfit Harlow Town, where he joins Lindie and Obaze, whilst Hopkins and Richard Priest appeared at Cheshunt. To complete it all, Sam Higgins has performed for Conference South Bishops Stortford, and Hopkins and Dan Harvey have joined Spanish Fourth Division club CD Javea. The rest of the season should prove to be just as exciting!

Once again the Shrimpers Trust would like to place on record it's thanks to Mark O'Keefe for additional match information supplied since the last Newsletter.

THE TRUST – What We've Done

Committee Meetings

Since the last newsletter there has been three committee meetings at **three different venues** – we must stop being unruly and throwing our beer at each other when we have a disagreement or attacking the bar staff when we are not served quick enough!!!!!! No only joking there is a very good reason for this. We recently switched committee meeting to the Marlborough Head in Rochford but they have subsequently introduced a curry night on a Monday and trade has increased. As a result we temporarily vacated to the Rose & Crown for February and experimented with Garons Sports & Leisure in March. We are currently homeless so any suggestions accepted.



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Meetings held on 7th January, 4th February and 3rd March. Subjects covered and discussions held on:

- Sponsorship of the Youth Development Set Up (see elsewhere in newsletter for more detail)
- Support for SUCET (decision deferred to April when Steve Goodsell will present to the whole committee)
- Shrimpers Trust Player of The Year set for 6th or 7th May 2008 – venue, as always, the Shrimpers Bar
- Season 2008 / 2009 Season Ticket prices
- Establishing a Shrimpers Trust Face Book (more information in a later newsletter)
- Ongoing support for how to work closer with representatives of the Blue Voice
- Southend United Share Issue – agreed to support
- Frankie Banks Testimonial – currently on hold as difficult to find a date in busy Southend United Schedule
- Support for Kevin Maher's Ten Year Service with Southend United see elsewhere in newsletter for more detail)
- Regular updates on liaison meeting with Southend United; membership (1,302 Full Members; 96 SJS and 143 Life Members); travel (including how to work closely with Shrimpers on-line and potential to run an overnight coach to Carlisle on weekend of 18th /19th April; how to reward top travellers), fundraising (next event is the quiz night on 29th March) and detailed monthly interrogation of our Finances
- Providing funding for sponsorship and / or donations (see elsewhere in newsletter for more detail). One decline being to John Stannard for the club to purchase portable ECG equipment.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 7th April – venue still to be confirmed. If you have any issues you wish us to discuss please email us at info@shrimperstrust.co.uk or contact one of the Committee Members in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any Home Match.

Liaison Meetings

As most members are aware, the Trust Committee members participate in monthly meetings, in which various supporter concerns and matters are discussed, with club management, including the Deputy Chairman, other Directors and Head of Commercial. The Trust enjoys a healthy working relationship with the club and all supporter comments are taken on board by club officials.

The minutes of the meetings are published on the Trust website but points which may be of interest are repeated below.

January

It was agreed by the club that The Trust can have the use of a box during the Northampton game on 12th April. The Trust has invited persons who have assisted or helped promote its activities to use the box for this game, including management of SBC Coaches, Shrimperzone and The Shrimpers-on-Line Message Boards.

Concerns were raised by the Trust over the cleanliness of the Shrimpers Bar and also a lack of staffing of the bar when first open before a game.

We also brought to the attention of the club supporters comments about providing sufficient time for Season Card Holders to obtain limited availability away tickets, a perceived lack of stewarding in the West Stand to ensure people sat in their allocated seats, inadequate wheelchair access in the West Stand and why a DVD had not been produced for season 2006/7.

February

Club management acknowledged the large Trust financial sponsorship of the Youth Team and mentioned that it would be publicised on their website and in the local media. We were informed that Ricky Duncan had agreed to give a presentation of the Youth set-up to Trust members including a power point presentation which is given to successful scholars and their parents.



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The club agreed, in appreciation of Youth team sponsorship, to provide the Trust with 4 tickets to away games where they receive complimentary tickets. When received, these tickets will be distributed to members by way of a free draw, more details of which will appear in a future Newsletter.

The Trust informed the club that to show its continued support it would be adding to its current shareholding by purchasing a further allocation of shares in the new share issue.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of available food (rolls) in the Shrimpers Bar and selection of alcoholic drinks in both the Shrimpers Bar and Groundsmans Arms.

The club informed the Trust that they would be holding an end of season and Player of the Year Ball on Sunday 4th May in a marquee at Boots and Laces.

This will be a separate event to the traditional Trust Player of the Year Evening, the date of which has still to be agreed with the club.

The club discussed with us various issues surrounding season cards for season 2007/8, including the reasons for increasing season card prices in the Family Stand i.e. previous abuse by adults without children using these cards to obtain cheap admission.

The Trust informed the club that we intended to hold a Poker Night at the Rendezvous Casino during next season and they said that several of the players would be expected to attend.

The recent presentation of a decanter and glasses by the Trust to Kevin Maher, to recognise his 10 years service to the club, was discussed together with his offer to attend future Trust events.

Full Minutes of the Trust's Liaison Meetings with Southend United are available to download from the Shrimpers Trust website, www.shrimperstrust.co.uk. The archive goes right back to the very start of the regular meetings, in September 2002, and includes minutes right up to September 2007

Bowling Night (6th March 2008)

The Shrimpers Trust raised over £400 at our Bowling Night held at the Kursaal Bowl, Southend.

With over 80 participants including five Southend United Players, the evening was deemed a great success, with the Blue's Players, **Hal Robson-Kanu, Johnny Herd, Jamie Forshaw Peter Clarke** and **Tommy Black** spread across the 22 Lanes used.

Supporters attending were able to chat to the players and get their autographs whilst also competing with them in a series of 3 games of bowling including the last game where participants had to bowl in some very unusual ways including through their legs and on 1 foot.

The Trust gave away 12 Bottles of Bubbly to bowlers who scored a strike whilst the 'Golden Pin' was set as the head pin, and staff at the Kursaal gave out Goody Bags and Balloons to the younger supporters in attendance.

We would like to thank all those who attended the event including the Players from Southend United. Thanks must also go to Steve Tilson and Southend United F.C. for allowing the Players to attend, and to the Kursaal Bowl for hosting a superb evening.



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FORTHCOMING SHRIMPERS TRUST EVENTS

Quiz Night

Venue: The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall | Date: Saturday 29 March 2008 | Time: 7:30 p.m. | Admission: £8 adults, £5 concessions (including fish-and-chip supper) | Contact: Alan Perry (01702 476 458 or alanperry4@hotmail.com)

With quizmasters Guy and Nigel Rickard again in the chair for an excellent evening why not come down to the Shrimpers Bar on the night of the home Coca-Cola League One fixture with Walsall and test your general knowledge brains against other Shrimpers?

Programme Fair

The Shrimpers Trust will have a stand at the Annual Southend United Football Memorabilia & Programme Fair on **Sunday 30th March 2008** in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall, where we will be selling our normal range of Trust Merchandise including Pin Badges, Books, Shirts, Coffee Mugs, Car Stickers and much, much more.

We will also be selling from our Stand 'A Century United - The Centenary History of Southend United' by Dave Goody & Peter Miles. This unique book is an A4 hardback with nearly 300 pages, containing over 500 photos, the majority never having been used in any Southend United book before - content also includes special chapters on the Managers, Grounds, Southend Invicta and Programmes.



A must visit Event for those wishing to add to their Programme Collection or for those wanting to buy Football Memorabilia in general.

Race Night

Venue: The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall | Date: Saturday 12 April 2008 | Time: 7:00 p.m. | Admission: £3 by Ticket Only | Tickets available from the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar or from the Trust Website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk | Contact: Paul Yeomanson (01702 302373 or info@shrimperstrust.co.uk)

With Brand New Hosts for the Evening, along with Brand New Unseen Races this evening is a fantastic night full of fun for all the family.

There will be a Minimum of 8 races, and you will also have the chance to be a winner as a Horse Owner.

Shrimpers Trust Player of the Year Awards Night

Venue: The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall | Date: Tuesday 6th May 2008 | Time: 7:30 p.m. | Admission: £2.50 by Ticket Only | Tickets available from the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar | Contact: Paul Yeomanson (01702 302373 or info@shrimperstrust.co.uk)

This Season the Annual Shrimpers Trust POTY Awards will also include the Trust Top Traveller Awards , Goal of the Season and the inaugural Shrimpers Trust Youth Team Player of the Year with the winner receiving the Tom Grace Memorial Shield.

And as Trust Members, you also have the chance within this newsletter to vote for your 1-2-3 for our Player of the Year Awards, and if once you have come up with those selections, choose the best goal of the campaign. All you need to do is complete the Voting Slip printed at the end of this Newsletter and return to the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar or Post it to **POTY 07/08, Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD**, alternatively you can vote for your 1-2-3 & Goal of the Season by email, including **POTY 07/08** in the Subject Box and send to info@shrimperstrust.co.uk .



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****Please note that this is a Members Only Event and admission is by Ticket Only (which will be exchanged for a Drinks Voucher on the Evening) Tickets can only be purchased in advance and will not be available on the night****

FUNDRAISING

End of Season Draw

Enclosed with this Newsletter (*postal copies only – if you receive this Newsletter by email your Draw Tickets have been posted out separately*) you should have received several books of tickets for our end of Season Draw. Could you please do your best to sell as many tickets as you can and return the Ticket Stubbs with your Remittance to any Committee Member in the Shrimpers Bar at any Home Match or alternatively they can be returned by post to **End of Season Draw, Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD**. Please make Cheques Payable to S.U.S.C.T.

100 Club

The latest winners in the scheme, pulled out of the hat during weekly draws since the last newsletter were: **Andy Thorne, Martin Cranmer, Ken Jarvis, Jack Bond, Valerie Fane, Matt Eva, Neil Whitehead, Steve Stone, Darren Posnack, Steve Russ-Aldridge, Clare Brooks** and **Philip Endell**, each collecting around £33, however the biggest winner was Trust Member **Peter Brock**, who won £350 in our special Christmas Draw.

The nature of the 100 Club means the more people that sign up, then the bigger the weekly prize. To register your interest, you can still contact Alan Perry at alanperry4@hotmail.com or by calling 01702 476 458 and put yourself in with a chance of winning the weekly prize. Remember, the more people that sign up to the scheme, then the higher that prize will be. By setting up a standing order for just £5 a month (or just £60 a year), you put yourself in with a chance of winning over £30 per week at the present time.

Quid-a-Goal

Quid-a-Goal is back for the 2007/8 season, and we are still welcoming any pledges that members would like to set up. The money raised from the scheme this season will be solely directed towards Ricky Duncan and the Centre of Excellence at Southend United. The current Total raised so far after the Away game at Huddersfield is **£3705.35**.

You don't have to simply pledge a pound a goal, you can make it a little more interesting by sponsoring goals scored by a particular player or for clean sheets. All contributions are welcome; please get in touch with Alan Perry via the usual methods (01702 476458 or alanperry4@hotmail.com) or download a form from the Fundraising Section of our Website, www.shrimperstrust.co.uk to make a pledge for the 2007/8 Quid-a-Goal campaign.

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO ?

Over the years the Trust have always donated money to several national and local charities through its Player of the Month Awards, and through monies raised from our Quid a Goal scheme, we have also been able to donate substantial sums to John Stannard's Physio Department and Ricky Duncan's Youth Team set up at SUFC.

However with the amount of money we now donate to Southend United FC and Charities both local and national we thought that our Members would like to see where it goes.

With just under £27,000 donated/pledged to various departments at Southend United FC we believe that we are upholding the Trust's mandate to help our club whilst being able to support other worthwhile causes.



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The following are the donations/pledges made by the Trust to date for our financial year ending June 2008.

Southend United Football Club	
Main Sponsors of Centre of Excellence European Tours <i>(2007/08 & 2008/09 Seasons)</i>	£10,000
Physio Department (new Treadmill)	£2,450
Youth Team Shirt Sponsors <i>(2007/08 [Feb to May] & 2008/09 Seasons)</i>	£14,000
Ball Boy Seats	£10
SUCET (Southend United Community Educational Trust) <i>(Use of Shrimpers Bar for Trust Events)</i>	£250
Charities	
Teenage Cancer Trust (Tom Grace Memorial)	£100
Parkinson's Disease Society (Joe Elliott - London Marathon)	£50
House of Mouse Trust (POTM - Aug 07)	£50
NSPCC (POTM - Sept 07 & Oct 07)	£100
Great Ormond Street Hospital (POTM Nov 07, Jan 08 & Feb 08)	£150
Cancer Research UK (POTM - Dec 07)	£50
Southend Scorchers (CDAS Football Team) <i>(Community Drug & Alcohol Service)</i>	£100
Fans Groups	
The Blue Voice	£500

None of the above donations would be possible without you our Members and the Trust Board would like to thank all of you who support our fundraising initiatives including our Xmas & End of Season Draws, Quid a Goal & the 100 Club, and the many other Events we run including Bowling Nights, Curry Nights, Race Nights and Quiz Nights.

We would also like to thank those Members who regularly Donate Funds to the Trust when renewing their Memberships

For further information on any of our Fund Raising Initiatives or the Events currently planned please visit our website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership (total: 143)

This newsletter we would like to welcome two new Life Members, **Kath Raines** and **Steven Whittock**.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact our Membership Secretary, Paul Yeomanson via email at membership@shrimperstrust.co.uk or by meeting him at the stand in the Shrimpers Bar on any home matchday during the 2007/8 season. You can also join up as a Life Member in the Membership Section of the Trust Website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk, and postal applications will also be accepted via **Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD**.

The Shrimpers Trust would like to welcome the following New Members

Matt Appleton, Tom Bannon, Ashley Bowen, Dave Brown, Tony Brown, James Burton, Kay Burton, Norman Burton, Ashley Durham, Mark Eagles, David Gough, Anthony Green, Paul Harrison, Joe Hayles, James Hepworth, David Hunter, Paul Hutchinson, James Iredale, Dale Irving, Jason Jay, Noel Levenson, Alan Liles, Larry Lisner, Paul Lucas, Pauline Lucas, Peter Mortimer, Kelly Moss, Anthony O'Farrell, Colin Randall, Ruth Randall, Adrian Read, Val Read, Richard Reynolds, Gareth Roberts, Robert Robertson-Duff, Wayne Springer, Christopher Taylor, Sean Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Craig Thompson, Richard Thompson,



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Rosmarie Thompson, Richard Truman, David Twigg, Sharon Twigg, Geoffrey Wall, Roger Weaver, J.L. Wickenden, Dave Widecombe, Graham Woodbridge, Daniel Young.

***Please note that the Shrimpers Trust would like to know if any of its members' addresses change, or if they have a new email address so that newsletters and other correspondence can be sent to the correct address. Please send any change of address details to **The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5380, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD**, or alternatively fill in our on-line contact details form which can be found in the Membership Section of the Trust Website, www.shrimperstrust.co.uk ***

AWAY TRAVEL

The Trust are looking at running an overnight Coach to the Away Game at Carlisle on Saturday 19th April 2008.

Being the last but one Away Game this could potentially be a huge match in deciding the outcome of Southend United's Campaign this Season.

It is therefore our intention to run an Overnight Coach to Carlisle if there is enough interest.

The Coach will depart from Roots Hall on Friday 18th April at 10.30am and will do all the usual pick ups, details as follows:

Adult Members £25.00 - Non Members £30.00
Junior Shrimpers & Concession Members £20.00 - Non Members £25.00

ROOTS HALL	10.30
The ELMS	10.45
TARPOTS CORNER	10.55
The WATERMILL	11.05

We will be staying at the Ibis Hotel in the centre of Carlisle, which is not far from the Lanes Shopping Centre, with Carlisle Cathedral and the Castle just a few minutes walk away. Rooms are priced at £57.00, can accommodate up to 3 persons, and can be booked by calling 01228 518000. Breakfast is extra at £5.50 per person.

Your Accommodation needs to be booked as soon as possible as a round of the British Rally Championship is being staged in and around Carlisle that weekend so rooms will be at a premium

Payment for the Coach will be in advance, and you must book your own Accommodation.

For further details or to make a booking please contact Clare Brooks on 07892 905338.

We will be running our normal Match Day Coach Travel to Carlisle, details of which will be published in due course.



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THE BLUE VOICE

The *Blue Voice* in conjunction with the Shrimpers Trust have commissioned a unique Hard Enamel Pin Badge based on the *Blue Voice* Logo.

Priced at only **£2.50** is a must for any Southend United Supporter and Football Pin Badge Collector.

All proceeds from the sale of this Pin Badge will go to the *Blue Voice*.



Badges are available to purchase from the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar or from any Blue Voice Committee Member, or alternatively payment can be sent to **The Blue Voice Pin Badge, Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend on Sea, SS1 9FD** by Cheque or Postal Order for **£2.50** per Badge Ordered plus **£1.10** per Order to Cover Postage & Packing by First Class Recorded Delivery (UK only). For Overseas Postage Rates please email info@shrimperstrust.co.uk advising name and destination. We will then forward a PayPal Invoice for the correct amount payable.

26th March 2008



SHRIMPERS TRUST PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2007-08 VOTING FORM

A) My vote for the 2007-08 Shrimpers Trust Player of the Year goes to:

1.....;

2.....;

3.....;

B) My Shrimpers Trust Goal of the Season was scored by:

.....VS.....

Please return as soon as possible to:

POTY 07/08, Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD

or

email info@shrimperstrust.co.uk