



THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

It's certainly been an interesting start to the season both on and off the pitch.

Steve Kavanagh's departure is, I think, a particular blow. His 4 year tenure has helped the football club greatly and he leaves us in a better place than when he joined. I'd like to wish Steve well for the future and thank him for his efforts

The Trust hosted a Fans' Forum with the club in August. Steve invited the EFL Chairman (Shaun Harvey) who duly attended and the duo explained the rationale behind the decisions surrounding the EFL Cup (now Checkatrade). Most of the decisions were already in the public domain, but it was good to hear from both Steve and Shaun on their personal and professional opinions. Despite the furore and general fans negativity towards this trophy, it was extremely disappointing to have so few fans attend....Social media has a lot to answer for!



Also, off the pitch, of course, is the saga involving planning for Fossetts Farm, with deadlines for the umpteenth time missed....it's difficult to know what to say about this, except that we are still trading, the players are being paid and (as far as I know) there are no current issues involving the courts nor HMRC.

That said, spend on Roots Hall is necessary, but all spend is looked at with the feeling that it is money wasted, as we are always about to move into a new stadium.we've been about to move into a new stadium for 7 or 8 years now and unfortunately, I do not think it's reasonable to expect the fans to put up with the condition of some of the facilities. Quite frankly, the conditions in the Shrimpers Bar are a disgrace and if it wasn't for the fact that boycotting would make the matters worse, I certainly would. Of course, the club know that too and appear happy to gamble that people will continue to put up with it. The Trust, however, are not and have committed to spending some money on improving it. Together with the club, a lick of paint, some carpet replacement and a good general clean should have occurred by the next home game, subject to a ceiling repair (outstanding 12th September). Also planned is an upgrade to some of the equipment and a refurbishment of the Trust area which consistently needed repairing because of the behaviour (or rather lack of it) from the midweek users. This bar will never match some of the supporters' bars we visit on our travels, but this spring clean should at least give us some breathing space, until the next set of plans are not delivered.

On the pitch....well I'm not sure I need to say much, but if things don't improve, Phil may need to increase his Talk Sport appearances....At least we can dream of what might have been, as Daniel Bentley and Jack Payne appear to be wowing their new employers.

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Some time ago, Nigel Rickard wrote the Trust newsletter and he's been a very hard act to follow - his mother, Mrs Annetta Rickard, is the Trust's oldest member and she will be 100 years old on September 13th.

After moving from Romford to Leigh-on-Sea in 1959, she became a Roots Hall regular with her family in the East and West paddocks in the '60s and '70s and is still very much interested in the club's fortunes

A very happy birthday Annetta from all at the Trust!

As we approach our AGM, if anyone would be interested in joining our group, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We have vacancies for anyone with any skill or any level of enthusiasm!

One of our key areas of fund raising is our raffles – we run these at most of our events and rely (usually) on the generosity of our members. We are running low and wondered whether any of our readers could help. If you have any unwanted gifts, unused purchases or anything that would make a suitable prize, just contact any of the committee or visit us in the Shrimpers Bar before any home game.

Thank you all for your continued support. As ever, you can contact me at pfitz666@aol.com if you'd like to comment on anything the Trust does or does not do.

Finally, I am sad to report that ex committee member Brian Cotgrove has passed away – our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

AGM OF THE SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED



The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Southend United Supporters Society Limited will be held in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall Stadium on Monday 28th November 2016.

The formal calling notice and agenda for this meeting will be circulated to all Society members nearer the date of the AGM.

There are however a number of matters to cover at this time.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

In line with the Society's agreed constitution a number of the existing Society Board will be standing for re-election at the forthcoming AGM. In addition at this time we are seeking interest from any Trust member who might wish to stand for election to the Society Board.

All fully paid up members of the Society (Trust) over the age of 16 are eligible to stand as a candidate for election.

Anyone interested in joining the Society Board should confirm their interest by emailing the Society Secretary, Lesley Hicks (secretary@shrimperstrust.co.uk). Please provide a preferred email address and telephone number so that we can contact you to discuss your interest.

Any notification of interest should be received by latest 24th October 2016

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MEMBERSHIP: AGENDA ITEMS

Any matter that any member wishes to raise for discussion at the forthcoming AGM should be notified to the Society Secretary Lesley Hicks (secretary@shrimperstrust.co.uk) by latest **24th October 2016**, so that accordingly it can be added to the resulting AGM Agenda.

Kind Regards,

Lesley Hicks
Society Secretary
(secretary@shrimperstrust.co.uk)

FUNDRAISING

100 Club

The latest winners in the scheme, pulled out of the hat during weekly draws since the last newsletter were **Paul Brice, Andrew Haddow, Paul FitzGerald, Philip Endell, Roy Rice, Rick Napper, Jack Bond, Andy Thorne, Chris Karkoski, Mrs C. A. Harvey, Neil Whitehead, Lorraine Posnack, Peter Hall, Albert Chittock and Steve Stone.**

The nature of the 100 Club means the more people that sign up, then the bigger the weekly prize.

So why not complete the enclosed 100 Club Application Form and Standing Order Form and join up today and put yourself in with a chance of winning the weekly prize.

For further information, you can contact Alan Perry at alanperry4@hotmail.com or by calling 01702 476458.

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 around £28.00 per week at the present time.

Quid-a-Goal

Our Quid a Goal scheme is now up and running for the 2016/17 Season.



The current total after the first 9 games of the season is £200.75.

The aim of the scheme - like most of the Shrimpers Trust's activities is to raise money for Southend United Football Club and make sure that there is a club for us to be supporting in the foreseeable future.

For the season 2016/17, some of the money raised from this 'Quid a Goal' scheme will be donated to Ricky Duncan's Youth department to help ensure that players of the quality of Daniel Bentley and Jack Payne continue to be nurtured and made available to the first team.

This is how it works:

Those who support the scheme with a pledge have their name displayed in the United match program each week and are detailed on this web site.

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We ask you to pledge £0.25, £0.50, £1.00 or more under various headings such as clean sheets, various players scoring goals, or team goals. This does not have to cost you a fortune as you can easily judge in advance how much your pledge will cost you come the end of the season.

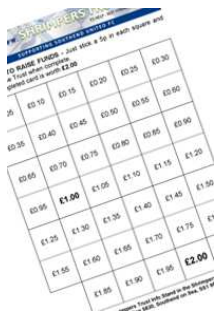
For example, the Blues rarely manage more than 70 goals in a season from 1st team matches (14/15 League goals - 54). A £0.25 per goal pledge would therefore most likely not cost you more than £20.00 come the end of the season. If you chose to do £0.50 per point and we finished up with 80 points. At the end of the season we will write to you thanking you for your support of this initiative asking you to send us a cheque for the amount of £40.00.

Last year this scheme raised just under £2,000 from the 40+ people that helped us. This includes support by some of the Southend United's directors.

If you would like to help raise funds for this worthy cause you can do so by completing the QAG Entry Form which has been included with this newsletter and return to us either by post to the address shown on the form or by handing in at the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any home game.

Entry forms are also available from the Trust Website www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

5P COLLECTION CARD FUNDRAISER



With this newsletter you will find enclosed a 5p Collection Card.

This Fundraising Initiative that the Trust started back in 2012 has so far raised in excess of £500 for Trust Funds.

All you need to do is stick your spare 5p coins on the card (sellotape or blu-tack will do) and return it to the us either to the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar or by post to **The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS1 9FD**

MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership (Total 225)



Life Membership of the Trust currently costs £100.00 if you have an email account or £150.00 if you prefer to receive Trust Mailings by post.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact our Membership Secretary, Paul Yeomanson via email at membership@shrimperstrust.co.uk.

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 at **Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9FD**.

Welcome to New Members since the last Newsletter

Robert Askew, Stephen Askew, Alison Cook, Paul Edmonds, Paul Franklin, Sarah Franklin, Therese Gowan, Alex Gray, Kevin Hawkes, Joe Hunter, Steve James, Georgina Johnson, Kevin Jones, Jimmy Kebell, Karl Lansley, Carli Lansley, Michael Long, Robert Priddle, Simon Rayner, Mark Sargent, Terry Smith and Chris Stacey.

****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 5830, Southend on Sea, SS1 9FD**, by email to membership@shrimperstrust.co.uk 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 ****

FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISERS

POKER NIGHT

Saturday 15th October 2016
Shrimpers Bar, Southend

The Shrimpers Trust are pleased to announce details of their 5th Poker Championship to be held at The Rendezvous Casino at the Kursaal, Southend on Saturday 15th October 2016.



The evening starts with registration from 7.00 pm with buffet selection being served between 7.15 and 7.45 pm. The Championship will commence at 8.00 pm with a short tutorial prior to this for those players not familiar to Texas Hold'em.

The initial Buy In will be £20.00 which includes a buffet meal, and if you do get knocked out early you will be able to Re Buy (during the first hour) for just £10.00. Rendezvous casino will also be providing all entrants with a £5 gaming voucher to use at the tables throughout the evening.

The Poker Championship will be overseen and dealt by Casino Staff. The Tournament Stats will also be displayed on various Television Monitors in the Playing Area.



Due to the relaxing of certain regulations you no longer need to be a Member to enter the Casino, however it is recommended that you join prior to the evening as not only will this speed up your entrance, it will also save you around 10% on Bar Prices during the evening. Please note that there is strict minimum age limit of 18 and age checks will be made on the night, so make sure you have photo ID with you.

And if Poker is not for you, but you still wish to come along for an evening out, you can do for just £10.00 which entitles you to all of the above including the Meal except obviously joining in the Tournament.

Places in the Shrimpers Trust Poker Championship are limited, so please get in early to secure your place in the tournament.

To book your place please complete the slip on the enclosed flyer and return it to the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any Home Game or post to Poker Night, Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend on Sea, SS1 9FD enclosing your cheque/postal order payable to the Shrimpers Trust for the total amount. Alternatively you can book on-line using the Trust's PayPal Facility at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk.

For further details please contact Jon-Paul FitzGerald on 07824 398236 or email him at jphfitz@aol.com.

CURRY NIGHT

Monday 14th November 2016
The Maharaja, London Road, Benfleet.



The evening begins at 7.30pm and the cost will be £12.00 per person for an 'all you can eat' buffet.

We welcome Members and Non Members alike so why not come along for some good food and chat.

As a fundraising event for the Trust we will also be holding a Raffle.

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For further details or to book a table contact Alan Perry Tel: 01702 476458 or Email: alanperry4@hotmail.com

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19th November 2016
The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall

The Shrimpers Trust will be holding their second Quiz Night of the 2016/17 Season in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall on Saturday 19th November 2016.

The doors open at 7.00pm with commencement of the quiz at **7.30pm sharp**.
The cost will be £10.00 for adults and £6.00 for under 16's.



Included in the price will be a choice from 5 meals (*Chicken & Chips, Chicken Nuggets & Chips, Sausage & Chips, Fish & Chips or Vegetarian Spring Roll & Chips*). The meals are provided by the Fish House and will be served at around 8.45pm.

Ideally we need tables of 8, but if you would be happy to join others who will come in parties of less than 8 please let us know.

For further details or to book a table contact Alan Perry (01702 476458 or alanperry4@hotmail.com)

SUCET - VOLUNTEER DRIVER REQUIRED



Volunteer Driver required for taking SUCET students to Futsal & 11 a-side fixtures

SUCET are currently looking for a Futsal & 11 a side Assistant to help drive the team to their weekly fixtures and training.

Job Description:

Post Role: Education Assistant
Responsible to: Community Manager
Responsible for: Driving Futsal & 11 a Side Students to weekly fixtures

Principle Purpose of Job:

- To support the Futsal Officer on Match Days and Training (Monday mornings, Tuesday mornings and Wednesday)
- To drive the team to weekly fixtures

Duties and Responsibilities:

- As Education Assistant you are required to carry out the following duties in the context of SUCET's policies and practices, particularly Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety and Data Protection, and those of any host organisations, including informing learners of their obligations

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- Attend match days and training, assistant to the coach and assist in managing the Futsal/ 11 a side team in representing Southend United
- Liaise with Futsal Officer/Education Team to be aware of venue, resources and administration, including procedures in case of fire and other health and safety issues
- Maintain contact with your Futsal Officer and inform them immediately of any changes, cancellations, or other significant problems. In an emergency please contact the SUCET Office
- Represent SUCET at all times
- Any other duty which, from time to time, may reasonably be required to additional duties for SUCET, within the remit of this post

For further information please contact the Community Manager Daniel Garrod on 07983 415734 or by email to d.garrod@southendunited-cet.co.uk

SHRIMPERS TRUST ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow us on twitter @shrimperstrust and like and follow us on Facebook "ShrimpersTrust" to keep up to date with all our latest news and events.

We now also have a dedicated Away Travel Facebook Page "sufcofficialawaytravel" where you can find all the latest details on the Official Away Travel for Southend United.

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