



THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

It's that time of year again when our team, after a string of games without a loss, brings us to the edge of the play offs and that tantalising promise of football at a higher level. We've been at a higher level before of course (which many of us remember fondly) and we've also been at the said tantalising position too....a crucial few weeks then!

I was quite upset that the Bolton game was called off, as I was supposed to be partaking of the SUFC hospitality via a prize from the Blues Lottery. Our 4 included a young lad who'd never been to a football game before, who was particularly excited that Rio was expected to be on-hand, watching his brother. Of course, I wasn't the only one upset..... with Ron Martin and Ken Hare having a disagreement about what was required to get the game on and then Ken's sudden departure after a not-inconsiderable tenure. A widely reported incident that elicited much sympathy for the long term SUFC employee, was met with stony silence from the club - apart from a fairly "brutal" statement concluding with a classic quote which was word for word what Ron told me when I spoke to him after the incident.



"Very few people have been dismissed at this club over the past 20 years and that extends to managers."



So...imagine my surprise then, to hear my contact (Sue Page) re my earlier noted SUFC hospitality, also leaving Southend alongside a colleague, not of their own accord, apparently contradicting Ron's words which frankly are away with the fairies (IMO M'lud)

Changes are very much order of the day at our club with the re-appointment of Patrick Van der Waag as Finance Director and the non-appointment of a new Chief Executive. Patrick and Ron attended our last liaison meeting where, amongst other things, we made it very clear some money needs to be spent on Roots Hall facilities. This is something I said we would try to address at our AGM and I am delighted to see some progress in this area.

Those that have followed the Trust's newsletters over the years, will know that we raise money for Local Charities as well as our club and (I hesitate to say) I am delighted to announce, we are once again doing that (Little Havens being the beneficiary) with a sponsored walk from Roots Hall to Charlton's Valley- a distance of nearly 60 Km

This is my 3rd (and probably last!) sponsored walk, it is the longest in terms of distance in one attempt. My first attempt involved a planned overnight stop, but also an additional unplanned hospital stop when I got nutrition and hydration badly wrong, resulting in what turned out not to be a suspected heart problem. Further details can be found below and I hope some of you will be able to spare some cash for our efforts.

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.

AMBLE TO THE ADDICKS - SPONSORED WALK

The Trust is pleased to announce that on Saturday 8th April 2017 eight Trust members/supporters together with Southend United's Commercial Director, Danny Macklin will be walking the 35.7 miles from Roots Hall Stadium to Southend's away game with Charlton Athletic at The Valley, London SE7.



In aid of
Little Havens Hospice
Registered Charity Number 1022119



AMBLE TO THE ADDICKS

Setting off at the ridiculous hour of 11 pm on Friday 7th, we will be raising funds for the Trust and Little Havens Hospice.

Our team is made up as follows:

- **Josh Butcher**
- **Dave Edwards**
- **Shane Eggenton**
- **Jon- Paul FitzGerald**
- **Paul FitzGerald**
- **Tom Gosling**
- **Lesley Hicks**
- **Danny Macklin**
- **Bryan Woodford**

Through supporter membership and fund raising the Trust provides sponsorship to Southend United's Youth department and will also donate money for specific causes in and around the Club. We see Southend United Football Club as being an important part of the town and surrounding area.

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Essex based Little Havens Hospice, provides such valuable care to children and young people aged from birth to 19 years old who have life limiting or life threatening conditions. Through its support groups it also provides essential services to parents and siblings to help them through such difficult times. Residential and community

services extend across the county of Essex, including respite and end-of-life care.

When a family has been told that there's no cure for their child's illness, Little Havens Hospice can help. They are there to make the journey as comfortable as possible, controlling pain and medication, offering respite and caring for children at the end of their lives. Their specialist care is free - for as long as is needed - within the family home and at our hospice.

Through the Trust's fund raising efforts we want to contribute to the Hospice's work in enabling them to continue to provide the highest quality palliative care services to those impacted in our local community.

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We really want to do all we can to make this event a great success and therefore any sponsorship pledge you can make no matter how small will be very welcome, with monies raised to be split 50/50 between the Trust and Little Havens Hospice.

You can sponsor the team or an individual walker – we really don't mind. Our team will all have sponsor forms available or alternatively you can make a donation by cheque. Cheques should be made payable to the Shrimpers Trust (or Little Havens Hospice if you prefer) and sent to Amble to the Addicks, The Shrimpers Trust, PO Box 5830, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 9FD

You can also visit our JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/ambletotheadicks

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lesley Hicks at secretary@shrimperstrust.co.uk.

In anticipation thank you so much for your support.

Regards,

Amble to the Addicks Team

The Trust would like to thank the following companies/organisations for their valuable support:



XMAS DRAW - 2016 - RESULT

The Shrimpers Trust 2016 Xmas Draw took place at half-time during the game vs Dagenham & Redbridge on Sunday 28th December.



The winners were as follows:

	Prize	Ticket Number	Name
1st	£500.00	1861	Nicola Banks
2nd	£250.00	10891	Sheila White
3rd	£100.00	1705	Kelly Jones
4th	Meal for 2 in the Blues Lounge	5725	Mrs L. Brabbing
5th	Bottle of Champagne	1927	Tom Waterhouse

All the winners have been notified and the Trust would like to thank all those that bought and sold tickets helping us to raise just over £2,000.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS QUIZ - RESULT

This year 109 entries were received by the closing date for our Christmas Quiz of which 18 were correct.

The draw for prizes was made by SUFC Chairman Ron Martin at our Liaison Meeting on 19th January with results being as follows:

- 1st prize of £100 cash won by Paul Bunyan from Leigh on Sea
- 2nd prize of a Meal for Two in the Blues Legends Lounge was won by Nicola Slater from Benfleet
- 3rd prize of a bottle of champagne was won by Katie Kelleher from Hockley
- 4th prize of a signed SUFC ball was won by Paul Yeomanson from Southend and
- 5th prize of a box of sweets was won by Helen FitzGerald from South Woodham Ferrers.



All the winners have now been contacted and we would like to thank everyone for supporting and entering the Quiz.

The following is a list of names of the other 13 correct entries:

Andy Bunker, Joe Bunyan, Ian Cutting, Grant Davidson, Richard Feather, Ian Harrison, Frances McGhie, Cally Nicholls, Rob Priddle, Heidi Smith, Kevin Smith, Steve Treadgold and Mrs C Weller.



1st Prize Winner Paul Bunyan receiving his cheque from Trust Board Member Kay Fogg

The Trust would once again like to thank MSPFX Foreign Currency Services for their sponsorship of the quiz and Southend United FC and Alpine Insurance for donation of prizes.

To find out more on how MSPFX can help you why not visit their website at www.mspfx.co.uk



FUNDRAISING

100 Club

The latest winners in the scheme, pulled out of the hat during weekly draws since the last newsletter were **Tim Wilson, John Onslow, Richard Cunningham, Paul Strutt, Paul FitzGerald (twice), Andrew Haddow, Chris Hyland, Darren Posnack, Paul Brice, Clare Chapman, John Freemantle, John Cornwell, Rick Napper, Graham Hart and Graham Hilder.**

And congratulations to Bryan Woodford who won £275.00 in the 100 Club Xmas Draw.

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

100 Club Application Form and Standing Order Form are available from the Fundraising Page on the Trust Website or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar so why not join up 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 running for the 2016/17 Season.



The current total after the 39 games is £1,484.75.

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, Ted Smith 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.

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 (15/16 League goals - 58). 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.

Entry forms are available from the Fundraising Page on the Trust Website or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar.

MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership (Total 228)

Welcome to New Life Members Brian Broadbent, David Freeman and Alan Long..



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

James Arter, Jonathan Bookham, Dean Compton, David Connor, Jamie Forsyth, David Freeman, Paul Gordon, Giuseppe Giudici, Stephen Gunn, Baz Harmer, Louise Harmer, Ian Harrison, Chris Hockett, David Hough, Graham Paton, Claire Priddle, Luca Ramsey-Giudici, Robert Tolson, Rebecca Wiseman and Robert Wiseman.

****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

CHINESE NIGHT

Monday 20th March 2017

East, 33 Alexandra Street, Southend on Sea

The evening begins at 7.00pm with the meal from 7.30pm and the cost will be £15.00 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.

For further details contact Alan Perry: (01702 476458 or alanperry4@hotmail.com)



RACE NIGHT

Saturday 25th March 2017

Shrimpers Bar, Southend

The Trust will be holding a Race Night on Saturday 25th March 2017 in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall, first Race at 7.30 pm.



With 8 Horse/Dog Races and novelty race if times allow, this is a great event for all the family, with **Cash Prizes** for each race plus chances to win **Bottles of Wine, Goodie Bags** and loads more including **Meals at the East Chinese Restaurant and the Rendezvous Casino.**

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This year as well as raising funds for the Trust 50% of the Nett Proceeds will be donated to Southend University Hospital's Keyhole Cancer appeal.

Admission is by Ticket and will cost just **£3.00** and can be purchased in advance from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to every Home Game or from the Events Section in the Trust's Online Shop.

For further details or to purchase tickets contact Paul Yeomanson Tel: 01702 302373 or Email: info@shrimperstrust.co.uk

The Trust would like to thank the following companies for their support:



Marcul Brickwork
Contractors



SCC Domestic
Plumbing & Heating

QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 1st April 2017
The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall**

The Shrimpers Trust will be holding their final Quiz Night of the 2016/17 Season in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall on Saturday 1st April 2017.

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)

SHRIMPERS TRUST MERCHANDISE

New for 2017 is the Shrimpers Trust Baseball Cap



The Navy 5 Panel Cap has the Trust Logo printed on the front panel, is manufactured from 100% cotton and has a Rip-Strip™ size adjuster at the back.

Priced at £8.00 the Baseball Cap can be purchased from our online shop or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any home game.

This and other items in our merchandise range can be purchased from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar or alternatively you can purchase any of our online in the Trust Shop at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

Please note that that as well as the usual cash and cheque payments we can now accept Credit/Debit Cards for all purchases including Merchandise & Memberships.



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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