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THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

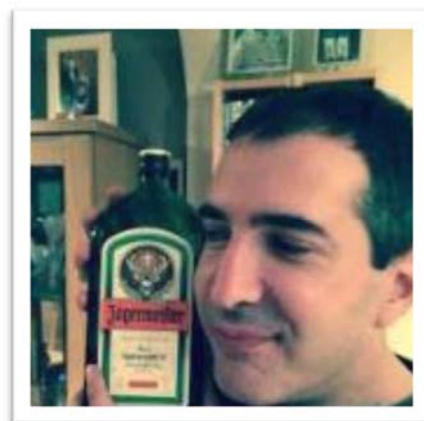
As the new season gets going and the early optimism (strengthened by that match against Blackburn) fades, the reality of supporting a 3rd division football team kicks in. That said, we have already seen several plus points and as supporters of the youth for many years, the Trust is delighted to see two new starlets making not only their debuts, but also quite an impression.

As we handed over a presentation cheque to Ricky at the Newport game he made the point that "this is what it's all about" referring to Dru Yearwood. Not that much later Elvis Bwomono made almost the dream start....

The academy has a transport crisis (the bus is old and breaks down a lot). The Trust have agreed to contribute over a 4 year period to buy a new Minibus – we agreed this some time ago.....and money could have changed hands by now.....frustrating then (for Ricky and us) that the club still have not progressed. I wonder if it takes this long to get a new Bentley!

As we approach another checkpoint in Ron's masterplan at the council – I hope many of you will have been able to make comments and hopefully positive at that! As time goes by and the reluctance to repair Roots Hall, let alone improve it, continues, I wonder what it will take before fans stay away purely because of the state of the stadium. My personal opinion (and a point I made at the last Liaison Meeting) was that the Stadium was a disgrace for the first game (and second), filthy, smelly and unkempt. I am told there were "Issues" around this time with the cleaners, I am promised this will not be repeated....I really hope not.

As the Trust activities get going for the new season we find ourselves looking for a new treasurer. After many years Darren Posnack has given us notice that he intends to stand down at the end of this financial year. Darren has been treasurer for 10 years and I'd like to personally thank him for his efforts and support. Darren has been an integral part of Trust activities for many years, including several painful walks(!) and we hope he will continue to do so. However, he has called his time on the Treasurer role to focus on other activities - a decision we are disappointed with, but respect! This, of course, leaves a gap which we are very keen to fill as soon as possible. Darren has given us plenty of warning, but it makes sense to effect a smooth handover – details of the role are below, if you are interested we'd be delighted to hear from you.



Alan Moody – as a supporter of a certain age, I remember Alan playing many times. Many of you will have donated to the campaign run recently as a joint initiative between the Football Club (thanks Danny Macklin) and the Trust. I would like to thank everyone who helped and donated. Andy Leeder author of Roots to the 92 not only drove this campaign on behalf of the Trust but also donated funds from the sale of his book.

Alan has sent the following message to all involved in the Moody Blues Fundraising Campaign including those that donated to the cause or bid on the various auctions.

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"I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody involved in organising the tribute, and to all those who donated. I am overwhelmed by the response received and genuinely did not know how much Southend United fans still thought about me.

I attended the game against Rochdale and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with some old faces, and would like to thank everybody who made the effort to come and see me during the game.

As you may appreciate, it has been a difficult two years for me. The next step in gaining more independence is to find a vehicle which is suitable for me to go out in on my own. The money that you raised will go towards this.

Thanks again to everybody involved, Mike Mower, The Shrimpers Trust, particularly Andrew Leeder for the effort that he put in to the campaign, Southend United and the fans for making me feel so appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Alan"

Finally I was saddened to hear of the passing of Sir Teddy Taylor. For many years Sir Teddy was our president, a great supporter of our club and the Trust and more importantly a true gent.

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.

BOB MAYS - SERIAL MONEY RAISER!

We've featured Bob before and in some ways it might seem unfair to do so again, when so many of our members do great things for others. However, Bob (himself suffering from Parkinson's) has become a personal inspiration to me, and I would imagine many others. His latest venture saw him walk Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike in close order. I walked Ben Nevis last year and know how hard that was....maybe Scafell Pike next....



Bob though, with some trusted helpers, successfully completed this challenge and is once again raising significant funds for Dementia, Cancer Research and Parkinson's. If anyone wants to see more of Bob's story or indeed donate follow this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bob-mays2> - **Bob Mays we salute you.**

Our current Society Treasurer intends to “hang up his calculator” at the end of the current financial year (30th June 2018) so, as a result, we are looking for a replacement.

In order to ensure an appropriate handover period can be put in place, we are looking to get the successor on board as soon as possible.

The Treasurer post forms part of our Trust’s steering board and as such, the new Treasurer will join the Society Board.

Summary of Responsibilities:

- Overall management of the Society’s finances.
- Responsible for keeping accurate financial records on behalf of the Trust
- Provide regular/ad-hoc treasurer reports detailing the Trust’s financial status
- Preparation of the Society’s year end accounts by the Society’s accountants.

Specific tasks will include:

- Recording of all receipts & payments (both banking and automatic (DD’s and SO’s) & purchase invoices.
- Financial administration of the 100 Club
- Monthly reconciliation of the PayPal statements, as well as on-going reconciliation of the Society’s bank accounts
- Collation of Year End data for forwarding to the Trust’s accountants so as to enable the Year End Accounts to be prepared

The candidate should ideally be able to devote somewhere in the region of one day a month to the above tasks, possibly slightly more around year end. In addition to this, there may be the rare occasion when they need to undertake other tasks, such as meeting the bank manager. But in most cases, one day a month should be enough to ensure the records are kept up-to-date.

Experience required:

In accordance with the responsibilities detailed above we are looking for an individual who has the following experience and motivation:

Have an aptitude for working with figures and cash, including an experience in dealing with large sums of money;

Have a financial qualification or relevant experience;

If you are interested in finding out more regarding this opportunity, please contact me at pfitz666@aol.com.

Paul FitzGerald

Chairman

Southend United Supporters Society Limited

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SUPPORTERS FORUM and PHIL BROWN/DANNY MACKLIN Q&A



The Shrimpers Trust will be hosting a Supporters Forum on Monday 9th October when you will get a chance to ask questions of SUFC Manager Phil Brown.

Trust Chairman Paul FitzGerald and United's Commercial Director Danny Macklin will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the Trust and Southend United.

The Forum will be held in the Blues Legends Lounge, Roots Hall on Monday 9th October 2017. Doors open at 7.00pm with the event starting at 7.30pm prompt.

Admission is free of charge, and is open to Members and Non-members of the Trust.

If you require any further information please contact Paul Yeomanson at info@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 £600 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**

FUNDRAISING

100 Club

The latest winners in the scheme, pulled out of the hat during weekly draws since the last newsletter were **Donna Stone, Richard Harrington, Jon-Paul FitzGerald, Paul Strutt, David Mason, Mie Smith, Andy Thorne, John Smith, Edward Short, Andrew Perry, Lesley Hicks, Neil Whitehead, Matt Eva, Peter Hall, Graham Hart, Andy Thorne, John Clench and Alec Trott.**

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

A 100 Club Application Form and Standing Order Form has been included with this newsletter and are also 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.

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Quid-a-Goal

Our Quid a Goal scheme is running for the 2017/18 Season.



The current total after the 11 games is £338,50.

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 2017/18, 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, Jack Payne, Dru Yearwood and Elvis Bowomo 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 over £2,000 from the 60+ people that helped us. This includes support by some of the Southend United's directors.

An entry form has been included with this newsletter and they are also available from the Fundraising Page on the Trust Website or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar.

FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISERS

CURRY NIGHT

Thursday 26th October 2017
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.

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

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QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 25th November 2017
The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall

The Shrimpers Trust will be holding their first Quiz Night of the 2016/17 Season in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall on Saturday 25th November 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 Tel: 01702 476458 or Email: alanperry4@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership (Total 231)

Welcome to New Life Members Thomas Flynn, Dave Long and Jeffrey Roy.



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

Angela Abdirahman, John Blighton, Anthony Brennan, Phil Burrill, Ian Bush, Martin Carter, Mr D Champion, David Cousins, Colin Cundy, Peter Dawkins, Dennis FitzGerald, Rebecca Gardener, Christopher & Sean Gough, Stephen Graham, Terence Hills, Joe Hayles, Joanne & Len Humberstone, Jonathan Hunnibal, Michael Jefferies, Apiradee & Michael Jolly, Samantha Kirwan, Briony & Gregory Krug, Gordon Laing, Jake Lang, Chris Lobb, Tim Low, Ross Luckman, Stuart Millar, Ms L.Plews, Jeffrey Roy, Andrew Ryan, Mr S. E. Samuels, Maria Short, Dominic & Ian Simpson, Matthew Slater, Jamie Stewart, Phil Sullivan, Owen Wells and Kevin Yates.

****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 ****

SHRIMPERS TRUST MERCHANDISE

Now in stock is the New Shrimpers Trust Fridge Magnet.

The Plasticised 'Sammy The Shrimp' Fridge Magnet features the Trust Shrimp in a Navy SUFC Kit with the Shrimpers Trust website address at the bottom.

Priced at £2.00 the Fridge Magnet can be purchased from our online shop at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk



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.

Shrimpers Trust Ballpoint Pen.

With a Blue, Yellow & White body the Plastic Push Button Ballpen has the Trust Logo printed on the main body and has a unique Magnet Clasp printed with a football design.

This unique pen is exclusive to the Trust and will cost just £3.00.



These and other items in our merchandise range can be purchased online in the Trust Shop at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

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



Payments powered by **PayPal**

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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.

24th September 2017