



## THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

Mayday Mayday.....phew! Stephen Humphrys rescue in the last few minutes of our last match, ensured our survival in League one and cue (of course) joyous scenes. The season will be remembered for very few high points and the disappointment at Chris Powell's inability to galvanise his troops into a more effective outfit. Yes, he was unlucky with injuries, but it was clearly more than that. He said to me at the outset, we need a Chief Executive – I suspect the gulf between him and our owner was too large. Not that Ron picked the team of course, but his insistence that a CEO is not required was a mistake then and continues to be a mistake. We know money is the root of all evil and we have experienced as such many times over the last few years.

As for Mr Bond, recently confirmed as our new manager, we wish him well and look forward to an exciting new era!



No connection to our midfield performances obviously....but in March we welcomed as our guest, former Southend United midfielder, Michael Timlin, to our fund raising Chinese Evening at East, in Alexandra Street. We had undertaken to make a presentation to Michael, on behalf of all Southend United supporters, to mark the outstanding service he had provided the Club with, during his permanent signing and two loan spells arrayed over 8 years and 224 matches. Hindsight is a wonderful thing, but one wonders whether Chris Powell might still be our manager had Michael stayed on.

A framed photo compilation was presented to Michael with a plaque reading....

*Michael Timlin 2010 - 2018 - Midfield General.  
A true legend literally spilt blood for the cause with thanks  
from the Shrimpers Trust on behalf of all Southend supporters.*

The Trust team have been busy since the last newsletter with a number of initiatives.

**SUEPA membership is now at 184, the last 10 to join being (Danny Greaves, Neil Townsend, Derek Ewing, Micky Wright, Charles Ademeno, Michael Timlin, Warren May, Dave Cusack, Ben Abbey and Billy Paynter).**

Peter Daley was our guest in March. Peter, a great character, made lots of friends, had his head shaved in a pub for charity and ultimately got home at 2.00 am, 'slightly worse for wear'.

Our biggest SUEPA event so far, took place at the Shrewsbury game, where we welcomed back 19 ex-players from the Dave Smith era. These ex-players featuring for the club during Dave's time in charge (May 1976 to August 1983).

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After the match, the players took part in a Q&A session in the Shrimpers Bar, as they reminisced with fans and former teammates.

The occasion clearly went down extremely well with the ex-players and fans and we look forward to welcoming a few more.

SUEPA's final event of the season, 'Roy McDonough & Friends'. Roy and some of his team mates from our '80's teams came to Roots Hall first, then moved on to The Palace Theatre in Westcliff for an evening of tales from his time, as the 'red card king' of the Football League.

**I'm delighted to say that with the community grant from Aviva that our social inclusion scheme has created some new Southend Supporters.**



For the AFC Wimbledon game we welcomed a group from Kingsdown school. Despite the result, they had a brilliant time. Kingsdown is a Special School for children aged 3 to 14 who have severe learning difficulties (SLD), profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), physical disabilities and associated learning difficulties. The majority of pupils have communication difficulties.

Previously, Joshua McGrath and his family were invited after we heard of his selfless act with Christmas presents to children at Southend hospital - they certainly enjoyed their day, despite the very disappointing performance on the pitch.

We also welcomed 5 guests and 4 volunteers from the Off The Streets community group. Some of you will remember our appeal at Christmas for this group, which was well supported by Southend fans. This group based in Westcliff, operates entirely by volunteers and by donations of money, food, clothing and other goods. Finally, Lee Webster stepped in to help when rogue traders left a charity shop in such a bad state it couldn't stay open. Lee rallied round, asked for volunteers and managed to convince a whole slew of tradesmen (including Guiseppa) to donate their time and materials free-of-charge.



The Shrimpers Trust are proud to be able to help these local groups and individuals, albeit in a small way, and hope to have converted a few more, to the joys of supporting Southend United!

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If you are interested in what we are doing on this project, have a suggestion, or want to get involved, we'd be delighted to hear from anyone – Trust member or otherwise.

SUCET (Southend United Community & Educational Trust), are still looking for a new Trustee and they have asked us again, whether any of our members would be interested in this very worthwhile role – **please see below for further details**. Please contact Dale, or us, for a full description of the role and requirements.

Finally, Southend United Supporter, Phil Bryant, is agonisingly close to completing his programme collection. Phil needs the following programmes (all ways) Cheltenham league cup 09/10, Hartlepool league 08/09, Blackburn and Mk dons 17/18, Yeovil FA cup 17/18, Crawley FA cup 18/19. He is willing to pay a reasonable price – contact him at [p.a.bryant1@outlook.com](mailto:p.a.bryant1@outlook.com).

Thank you all for your continued support and enjoy the break – see you at MTBD.

**As ever, you can contact me at [pfitz666@aol.com](mailto:pfitz666@aol.com), if you'd like to comment on anything the Trust does or does not do.**

### SUCET – NEW TRUSTEE

#### Trustee, Southend United Community & Educational Trust (SUCET).



Southend United Community & Educational Trust (SUCET) is the official charity partner of Southend United Football Club. Operating within four key themes of Education & Training, Sports Participation, Health & Wellbeing and Community Cohesion we provide programmes and initiatives designed to engage with local communities through common values.

Being a Trustee is a rewarding role and offers the opportunity to contribute to your local community. Over the last 6 months, we have been reviewing our skill set at board level, and to enhance the positive work that the former and existing members of the board have produced; expressions of interest are invited from experienced and qualified individuals interested in the role of Trustee.

Individuals are sought who have a strong empathy with our objectives to provide sporting, recreational and educational activities that enhance the personal and social development of all participants, and will help us achieve our mission "to engage with one million people through the brand of Southend United by 2026"; and bring skills to help us achieve our vision "to utilise the power of sport and the vehicle of Southend United to have a positive influence on people's lives".

The successful candidate should be able to contribute to the strategic leadership of SUCET, and will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges and opportunities faced by the charity. Additionally, the successful candidate will be able to demonstrate experience in a senior role and have an understanding of the role of a trustee in promoting good governance. The candidate should be able to challenge current thinking at Board level and present views in a clear and concise manner.

Southend United Community & Educational Trust (SUCET) is an equal opportunities employer committed to addressing equality and diversity issues and understanding the needs of under-represented groups in Southend and the South East. We are keen to achieve a more diverse Board of Trustees and particularly welcome applications from members of under-represented groups.

**To apply, please send your CV with a covering letter explaining what motivates you to apply and how you meet the requirements to [dale@southendunited-cet.co.uk](mailto:dale@southendunited-cet.co.uk) or to Southend United Community & Educational Trust, Roots Hall, Victoria Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 6NQ.**



## TRUST PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**On Monday, 29th April, the Shrimpers Trust held their annual End of Season Awards Night in the Shrimpers Bar at Roots Hall. Despite what has been happening on the pitch, over 60 Shrimpers Trust members and eight Junior Blues and their parents were in attendance.**

The proceedings were opened by Trust Vice-Chairman, Paul Yeomanson who welcomed the Trust members and guests, Kevin Bond and the vast majority of the 1st Team Squad, and Dave Huzzey and members of the U23s and Youth Team squads.

The final Player of the Month award, for April, was presented by Junior Blues member, Stanley Clay, to Simon Cox, before Paul introduced David Crown, who was the host for the evening.

Clips of the five nominees - Nathan Bishop, Elvis Bwomono, Simon Cox, Sam Hart and Taylor Moore - for Player of the Year were shown during the course of the evening leading up to the main award, however, the first of the main awards of the evening was for the Youth Team Player of the Year.



This award has been re-named the Tom Grace Memorial Shield. Tom was an avid Southend United supporter and Junior member of the Trust who sadly passed away aged just 15 in 2007. Every year his family are invited along to present this award in his memory.

2nd runner up was Matt Rush;

1st runner up was Harry Seaden

and the winner of the Tom Grace Memorial Shield was Charlie Kelman.



Dave Huzzey thanked Trust members for their continued support over the year and looked forward to this continuing into the future.

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Top traveller awards were then presented to three members who had travelled the full 8,158 miles to 26 away fixtures covered by the Trust coaches this year. These were presented by Kim Bridge, from SBC coaches, along with each person's favourite individual player, who had signed their awards. Nathan Bishop presented an award to Stephen Furby, Elvis Bwomono presented an award to Lesley Hicks and Simon Cox presented an award to Gary Williams. Jason Demetriou also presented an award to Junior Blues member, Callum Turp, who had travelled an impressive 6,640 miles to 21 games.

The Junior Blues Player of the Year is voted for by Junior Blues members, and one person voting is chosen at random to present the award. This year, Junior Blues member, Jake Bolton was selected to present the award to the winner - Simon Cox.





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The Goal of the Season award is named after Martin Cranmer, who was a founder member of the Supporters Club as well as being a lifelong supporter. Martin sadly passed away aged just 40, in 2010. His wife, Zoe, presented the award to Charlie Kelman, for his goal from inside our own half against Plymouth on 12th January.



The raffle and auction were then held where items including a signed pair of Nathan Bishop's gloves, a signed Nathan Bishop jersey and a signed pair of Tom Hopper's boots were on offer. The Trust is very grateful to those who parted with their cash to secure these items!



Trust Chairman, Paul FitzGerald made a presentation to recently "retired" Treasurer, Darren Posnack, for his many years of service to the Shrimpers Trust.

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Kevin Bond was invited to make the presentations for the main award.

The Shrimpers Trust Player of the Year 2nd runner up was Sam Hart;

1st runner up was Nathan Bishop

and the winner of the Shrimpers Trust Player of the Year was Simon Cox.



Kevin then addressed those in attendance, acknowledging the work and support of the members of the Shrimpers Trust and how valued it is. He asked for that support to continue on Saturday in the huge forthcoming game against Sunderland.

In closing, Paul Yeomanson thanked David Crown for hosting the evening; the players and management for coming along; Callum Bishop for his help in compiling the footage for the evening; Graham Whitby-Boot for the photography during the evening; Rob Craven for the Youth team pictures; Sharon and the bar staff and Trust members in helping to set up.

**A full set of pictures from the evening can be found on the Trust's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ShrimpersTrust](http://www.facebook.com/ShrimpersTrust)**

## RACE NIGHT

**On Saturday 16th March 2019 the Trust held a Race Night in the Shrimpers Bar at Roots Hall.**

As well as raising funds for the Trust 50% of the Nett Proceeds were donated to the Carli Lansley Foundation.

Paul Yeomanson, Trust vice-chair was delighted to be able to present Karl, Jessica & Ethan Lansley with a cheque for £407.

They were also joined at the presentation by Jason Demetriou who is one of the Foundations Patrons.



Their aim of the Foundation is to raise sufficient funds to cover the cost of holding ECG screenings for young people (aged 14-35) in the Southend area. These screenings will enable 100 young people per day to receive a free ECG.

**Further details on Carli Lansley Foundation including how you can donate can be found on their website [www.carlilansleyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.carlilansleyfoundation.org.uk)**



## MEMBERSHIP

### Life Membership (Total 239)



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](mailto: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](http://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 Amner, Jean Amner, Mitchell Baker, Marilyn Cornwell, Woody Eastman, James Fulton, Victoria Gall, Kevin Nanfan, David Neale, Gary Shrimpton, Philip Stace and Jordan Whiting**

*\*\*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](mailto: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](http://www.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 Strutt, C.R. Napper, Chris Karkoski, Richard Coxell, Graham Hart, Darren Posnack, Clare Chapman, Roy Rice, Donna Stone, Richard Harrington, Alan Perry, Andrew Hadow, Gary Crowe, John Walton, Tim Wilson, Mike Rolls and Charles Ball.**

The nature of the 100 Club means the more people that sign up, then 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](mailto: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 £29.50 per week at the present time.

### **Quid-a-Goal**

**Our Quid a Goal scheme is now finished for the 2018/19 Season.**



**The total at the close of the season is £2,019.00. Thank you for generous pledges!**

Alan Perry is in the process of writing to all those that took part with the amounts owing for each pledge.

Details of next Season's QAG Scheme will be included in our next Newsletter

## SHRIMPERS TRUST MERCHANDISE

### COOL BAG



#### Ideal for the Summer!!

The Cool Bag is Navy with Trust Logo Printed to Top and is ideal for carrying your lunch when travelling to away games.

It's manufactured from Polyester and is suitable for 4 x 300ml Cans with a Zip Main Compartment and Webbing Carry Handle.



Priced at £5.00 the Cool Bag can be purchased from our online shop at [www.shrimpertrust.co.uk](http://www.shrimpertrust.co.uk) 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 online in the Trust Shop at [www.shrimpertrust.co.uk](http://www.shrimpertrust.co.uk) or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any home game.

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.