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THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

Well...what can I say that hasn't been debated 100 times before? As I write this from holiday, I note that Kevin Bond is no longer our manager, and (according to Ron) the search for a new manager has started. Whilst "Own Goal" is no longer our top scorer, our start to the season is record breaking - but not in the way any of us would want! I doubt too many tears will be spilt for our ex-manager, who despite having put together a new team, frustrated and confounded us with his formations, selections and well...pretty much everything really.

However, maybe life doesn't seem quite so bad when you consider what Bury and Bolton have been though recently. It does rather put into perspective our own woes and whilst it's never nice to be almost the worst team in the league - we are at least still in the league! Despite the regular interest from HMRC, Ron Martin's juggling act continues - although his latest visit to the courts appears pretty worrying and was only really postponed due to a somewhat forgetful "respondent".

Whatever our lot is, and it's not great currently, we can help by staying positive and getting behind the team. At the end of the day we all want the same thing. All positivity is welcome, especially as we know the way the fans support can significantly affect the team, that's one of the great things about football.

As time moves on, so does our ability to commit time to various things in life, that happens with the Trust committee as much as anywhere else. Very specifically we are trying to find someone to help us out with the membership secretary role. The current incumbent, Paul Yeomanson, carries out many roles for the Trust and his recent career adjustment means he will be unable to fulfil this role for much longer. If you are interested, or know someone who might be please do get in touch or come and see us at any home again in the Shrimpers Bar. This is a vital role for the Trust and obviously we are keen to fill it, as soon as possible.

The Trust team have been busy since the last newsletter with a number of initiatives, carried out, in progress or planned

Fund Raising

One of the Shrimpers Trust's regular initiatives is to team up with a local charity, this year, as it has been several times before, we have decided to support Little Havens.

	<p>In aid of Little Havens Hospice</p> <p>Registered Charity Number 1022119 and</p> <p> www.shrimperstrust.co.uk</p>		<p>Supported by:</p>       
<h1>JOURNEY TO THE GILLS</h1> <p>Saturday 5th October 2019</p>			
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Whilst the vast majority making the trip from South Essex to Kent for Southend United's away game with Gillingham FC this season, will travel to the game by coach, car or train, a small group of supporters joined by Southend United's Head of Commercial (Rhys Ellingham) are taking a different option. On Saturday 5th October, the team will be putting on their walking boots to trek the 50 Kilometres from Roots Hall Stadium Gillingham FC at the Priestfield Stadium ME7, Kent.

Setting off at the somewhat inconvenient hour of 11pm on Friday 4th October the team will be walking through the night with the aim of raising funds for the Trust and Little Havens Hospice.

The "Journey to the Gills" team want to enlist the help of the whole Southend United community so as to make this initiative a huge success. Any sponsorship pledge anyone can make, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Monies raised by the event will be split 50/50 between the Trust and Little Havens Hospice unless specified otherwise by the donator.

Alternatively, anyone wishing to donate to this worthwhile cause can visit the "Journey to the Gills" JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/journeytothegills

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- Membership is now at 205, the last 2 to join being (Ryan Cresswell, Derek Thame).
- Stuart Parker was our guest v Blackpool on 10th August, the visit went well and we received some great feedback, Stuart's brother saying on our FB page that we were 'a credit to Southend and to football people' which was highlighted in a post-event article on the club website
- A celebration evening is being planned jointly with the football club more details to follow

Shrimpers Trust / Aviva Community Scheme

So successful has our scheme been since the award of a grant in November 2018, that we are continuing with the project and intend to apply again this year. More details will be provided in the next newsletter on how you can help us achieve this.

Arrangements are in place to welcome the following groups:



R.E. House

R.E House - a resource & Enterprise centre supporting adults with learning disabilities to live a fun and fulfilled life. Expected at the Wimbledon game.

The South Woodham Based "No Need to be lonely" Community Coffee Club not only gives the chance for all kinds of people to get together and make some new friends, but it also gives the opportunity for some very nice young folks with Learning Disabilities to Volunteer and get some work experience.



Community Coffee Club
(No Need To Be Lonely)

The Shrimpers Trust are proud to be able to help these local groups, albeit in a small way, and hope to convert a few more people to the joys of supporting Southend United although one wonders how much enjoyment there is so far this season!

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.

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.

JOURNEY TO THE GILLS

On Saturday 5th October nine Shrimpers Trust members together with Southend United's Head of Commercial Rhys Ellingham will be putting on their walking boots to trek the 33.4 miles to the away game between Southend United and Gillingham FC to raise funds for the Trust and Little Havens Hospice.

The team will be setting off from Roots Hall at the ridiculous hour of 11pm the previous day, aiming to arrive at the Priestfield Stadium in time for a 3pm kick off the following day.

"Journey to the Gills" was formally launched on Saturday 31st August at half time during Southend United's home game with Rochdale. The walkers/support team of Deborah Davidson, Rhys Ellingham, Paul FitzGerald, Tom Flynn, Sarah Franklin, Lesley Hicks, Sean Lopeman, Callum Reavell, Callum Turp, Bryan Woodford and Paul Yeomanson, were joined pitch side at Roots Hall by Little Havens community fundraiser Sally Bridger and her colleagues from Little Havens.



Also joining the group for the launch was Mike Paterson from our headline sponsors MSPFX Foreign Currency Services.



To date a number of local businesses have also pledged their support for the event including ECOM UK Limited, Just Sport, Outstanding Branding, SBC Leisure, Seetec Group and T-Scape. In addition Southend United Football Club is adding their backing to this charity event.

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Shrimpers Trust Chairman Paul FitzGerald who himself is making the trek said "We are very appreciative of the sponsorship and help we have received so far from local businesses and will be continuing to work at getting other companies on board. The "Journey to the Gills" team is in addition looking for the Southend United supporter community as a whole to give their backing to the event with any sponsorship pledge that anyone can make no matter how small being very welcome. It really is a case of every little helps".

Shrimpers Trust Junior Top Traveler and Junior Blue Callum Turp, age 13, who is also one of the walkers, added, "I usually travel to away games on the Shrimpers Trust coach but am looking forward to this season walking to the Gillingham game. It's going to be hard work, but as we will be raising money for such a worthwhile cause it will all be worthwhile".

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



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.

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.

We are aiming 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.

In the run up to the 'Journey to the Gills' team will have sponsorship forms available, so please do take the opportunity to support the team by making a donation.

Alternatively you can visit the Journey to the Gills JustGiving page at www.justgiving/fundraising/journeytothegills

If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to tick the Gift Aid box when donating as this will increase your donation by at least 25% at no extra cost to you.

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

In anticipation thank you so much for your support, every contribution really is appreciated.

Regards,

Journey to the Gills Team

MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership (Total 241)

Welcome to New Life Members **Ian Cutting** and **Andrew Leeder**.



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

Matt Adlington, Katie Askew, Martin Batterham, Billy Callanan, Stephen Chapman, Daniel Clark, Paul Claxton, Belinda Clay, Carl Clay, Ian Clements, Gary Colbear, Carol Cooper, Philip Cox, Geoff Cresswell, Nick Crook, Andy Deanus, Courtney Emmerton, Lisa Emmerton, Samantha Emmerton, Scott Emmerton, William Fagan, Michael Fraser, Brandon Frost, Mark Frost, Brian Harding, Bradley Herson, Jack Jarvis, Ryan Jones Alan Joscelyn, Ben Joscelyn, Joanne Joscelyn, David Kingston, Jonathan Lister, Noah Lister, Paul Lucas, Pauline Lucas, Eric Monk, Lee Morris, Toby Peters, Terry Platt, David Poxon, Martin Reed, Max Reed, Jeremy Reynolds, Sally Samuels, Alfie Smith, Derek Smith, Kieron Smith, Ronald Steed, Sam Stone, Tracey Suckling, Lynn Tobin, Mr D. Walden, Andy Ward, Lynn Warner, Iain Wells, Peter Wigg, James Whiffing and Jamie Williams.

***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 ***

FUNDRAISING

100 Club

The latest winners in the scheme, pulled out of the hat during weekly draws since the last newsletter were **Andy Thorne, John Williams, Andrew Leeder, Jack Bond, Matt Eva, Teresa Perry, Shane Chapman, John Onslow, John Freemantle, Wally Despy, Bryan Woodford, Neil Whitehead, Chris Hyland, Paul FitzGerald, Paul Richards and Jimmy Hummerston.**

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 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 £31 per week at the present time.

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Quid-a-Goal

Our Quid a Goal scheme is now up and running for the 2019/20 Season.



The current total after 9 games is £155.25

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 2019/20, 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, Elvis Bowomo and Charlie Kelman 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 (18/19 League goals - 55). 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

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th October 2019
The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall

The Shrimpers Trust will be holding their first Quiz Night of the 2018/19 Season in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall on Saturday 12th October 2019.

The doors open at 7.00pm with commencement of the quiz at **7.30pm sharp.**
The cost will be £12.00 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

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CURRY NIGHT

Thursday 24th October 2019

The Tandoori Parlour, Hart Road, Thundersley.

The evening begins at 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.

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



SHRIMPERS TRUST MERCHANDISE

SEASON CARD HOLDER



This Oyster Card style Season Card Holder comes in Navy with the Trust Logo and Web Address printed in full colour on the front.

Priced at £2.00 the Season Card Holder can be purchased from our online shop at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any home game.

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 or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any home game.



CAR STICKER



Shrimpers Trust Vinyl Self Cling Car Sticker featuring the New Trust Banner. Measures 200mm x 33mm.

Priced at £2.00 the Car Sticker can be purchased from our online shop at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any home game.

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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 can be purchased from our online shop at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk or from the Trust Information Stand in the Shrimpers Bar prior to any home game.



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



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.

A banner advertisement for Shrimpers Trust. It features the Southend United crest on the left and right. The text reads: "Be Part Of It!" with the website www.southendunited.co.uk below it. The main heading is "SHRIMPERS TRUST" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, it says "OFFICIAL AWAY SUPPORTERS TRAVEL" and "ORGANISER FOR SOUTHEND UNITED F.C.". At the bottom, there are icons for a phone, email, and globe, followed by the contact information: "07892 905338", "travel@shrimperstrust.co.uk", and "www.shrimperstrust.co.uk". There are also social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, with the links "facebook.com/sufcofficialawaytravel" and "twitter.com/shrimperstrust". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

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.

9th September 2019