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### THE INTRODUCTION – Paul FitzGerald

**The Trust held its AGM followed by a Q & A with Steve Kavanagh on the 4th February – the formal matters are rarely very exciting and this year was no different. Thanks to those who attended and for helping to make the evening worthwhile.**

A formal report will appear in our next newsletter but I thought it worth mentioning a few highlights. Sir Teddy Taylor as our honorary president was in attendance and as usual offered to stand down citing age – but as usual, we were having none of that and are delighted that Sir Teddy remains. Several of our own volunteers have had a rethink on the time they can give to the Trust and have stood down, several citing that they felt guilt at not turning up for committee meetings. Attendance at meetings is not mandatory, but of course we do occasionally need a quorum to make decisions. To this end we have introduced a new category to ensure that committee members can be involved if they want to, without the need to be present on a cold Monday in January in some dismal bar – not that the Shrimpers (our current location) is dismal in any way!

On a more positive note I am delighted to welcome John Austin as a new committee member – I understand Paul Yeomanson has great plans for John – more of that later.



An important football club item mentioned at the Q & A part of the AGM, was the rebirth of the Blues Lottery. Steve Kavanagh had previously called a meeting that included Trust representatives with a view to reviewing and replacing the current Lottery process. It had largely been left untouched and unloved for many months. Steve explained how Charlton ran their lottery (very successfully) and explained his hopes for the future with money ring-fenced solely for the Youth setup. The plans/ideas are not really too dissimilar to the original plans, but one key difference is worth noting. The committee previously consisted of a majority of Football Club Directors, this time they will be in the minority (two of five) with an independent chairman and two Trust members (Bryan Woodford and Rob Craven)

At a recent Fans Forum meeting, some thought was given to the current representation and as such an individual (John Walton) from a supporters group (The Exiles) has been invited to join the fans forum. The Exiles are currently a relatively small group of fans who live outside of the borough of Southend (often far away!). It's clear that these fans have a different set of needs. Consequently, this group are formalising and would be interested in anyone who would like to join. You can contact me for further information as I am just about a member of this group (following my exile to South Woodham, several years ago). It is likely that the Fans Forum will expand further – specifically we are keen to have a representative for the younger supporters and someone from the fairer sex.

In the last Newsletter I made an appeal for funds, specifically to buy equipment for player match analysis. We are delighted with the response so far with nearly half the target raised. So.....for anyone out there who meant to participate but hasn't got around to it yet – I'd like to appeal one more time. We still need around 500 Pds if we are not to compromise our previous commitment to maintain our financial reserves this year. As a reminder:

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*"The equipment required costs £1000 and what we'd like is to find a number of people prepared to donate £10 to this cause. For each £10 raised, that person (or family) will have their name displayed in the program; will have a chance to visit the training ground to see the training and be shown the type of analysis performed; have the opportunity to travel with the team to an away game + have the opportunity to sit in the directors box for a home game. The First team are to play their part and are all looking at donating items that we can auction. Steve himself is to speak to several contacts with a similar idea in mind."*

The early donators will be going into a draw soon – so if you or anyone in your family would like to get involved please do. The odds of getting to do something here are somewhat better than the lottery and it would be fair to say that "everyone's a winner"

As I head off to the Alps for my pilgrimage to the slopes....appalling timing I know – especially as I'm not sure that the JPT game will be on anyway locally – good old skype and a webcam that's what I say – I'd like to reiterate, I really am happy to take questions, suggestions or criticisms. I do my best to respond to every e-mail sent to me.....as ever you can contact me on [pfitz666@aol.com](mailto:pfitz666@aol.com) and hopefully by the time I return our thoughts will be on Wembley

**To donate towards the cost please complete the form below and post back to us with a cheque for £10.00 payable to the Shrimpers Trust to:**

**Mac Appeal  
The Shrimpers Trust  
PO Box 5830  
Southend on Sea  
Essex  
SS1 9FD**

*For each £10 raised, that person (or family) will have their name displayed in the SUFC Matchday program; will have a chance to visit the training ground to see the training and be shown the type of analysis performed; have the opportunity to travel with the team to an away game + have the opportunity to sit in the directors box for a home game.*

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**I wish to donate £10.00 (or multiples of) towards the cost of the Match Analysis Equipment.**

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Address:

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Email Address:

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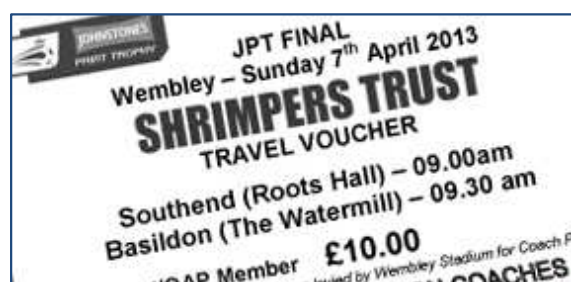
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## WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO WEMBLEY – JPT FINAL TRAVEL DETAILS

So they have done it.....

The mighty 'Blues' are on their way to Wembley to play Crewe Alexander in the Final of the JPT Trophy on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

The Shrimpers Trust will be running the Official Away Supporters Coaches to the Final on the 7<sup>th</sup> from both Southend and Basildon, and with the Wembley Gates opening at 11.00am for a 1.15pm KO they will be leaving Roots Hall at 9.00am and the Watermill at 9.30am.



**Ticket prices for our coaches have been set at £15.00 for Adult Trust Members, £10 for Under 16, Student and OAP Members and £20.00 for all Non Members.** (Ticket Price includes a £1.50 surcharge levied by Wembley Stadium for Coach Parking)

All tickets to travel with the Trust have to be purchased prior to travelling as we will not be accepting any bookings on the day.

**Tickets can be purchased online using a Credit/Debit Card from the Trust's Website from Monday Evening 25<sup>th</sup> February or from the Trust Sales Desk in the Club Shop from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February when the Match Tickets go on sale.**

*Please check the Trust Website where full details of when Tickets can be purchased will be published and regularly updated.*

## TRUST TRAVEL TO YORK -

**Away travel this year has been great so far despite some of the results....**

There has been some wonderful people travelling with us on the coaches this season who all enjoy the experience.

Some good games, and nice pubs and restaurants when we get there, although we never thought we would get to Rotherham as an accident on the motorway meant that the road had to be closed and wouldn't be open until 5pm. However it did open earlier and we got there for the second half and saw all the goals.



For the last few years the Trust have done an overnight coach to a long away game. This year however, we are going to the last away game at York and are staying for 2 nights.

Leaving Roots Hall at 9am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April and coming back after lunch on the Sunday. There is so much to do in York any football fans could bring their partners as well. Those who have already booked are staying at Central Ibis hotel in York.

**If you would like any more information about this trip please contact Clare on 07892 905338.**

**We of course will be running our normal Service to York on the Saturday, details of which will be published in due course.**



# RACE NIGHT

with appearances by SUFC Players

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013  
*The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall*  
7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start

This is a great event for all the family, with **Cash Prizes** for each race plus chances to win **Bottles of Wine, Trust Goodie Bags, a Meal for Two at the Elements Restaurant in the Rendezvous Casino at the Kursaal, a Meal for Two at the East Chinese Restaurant**

**Tickets: £2.00**

Available from the Trust Stand in the Shrimpers Bar  
or online at [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk)

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## WALK THE 92



### One Man, 92 Football Clubs And A Very Long Walk!

Scott McLachlan a Portsmouth supporter and Pompey Trust Member has taken 8 months out from work to 'Walk The 92' Football League & Premiership Grounds to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.

Having started last August he is now just starting the 7th leg of the walk and is due to arrive at Southend United on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Scott will be visiting the Training Ground to meet the players and management and then onto Roots Hall to take a few pictures and have a look round. It is also hoped that he will be interviewed by BBC Essex and the Southend Echo.



**Holiday Inn**  
SOUTHEND

The Trust has arranged accommodation for Scott at the Holiday Inn, Southend Airport and we would like to thank them for donating two nights bed & breakfast accommodation to Scott.

If you would like to support Scott in raising money for Prostate Cancer UK further details can be found on his website [www.walkthe92.co.uk](http://www.walkthe92.co.uk)

If you would like to meet Scott whilst he is in the area please email us at [info@shrimperstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@shrimperstrust.co.uk) and we will reply to you confirming his schedule and availability once confirmed.

Pictures from Scott's visit will be posted on our Facebook page shortly after his visit, and we will reproduce his daily blog about his visit to Southend in the next newsletter.

## SHRIMPERS TRUST BEANIE

**Getting cold watching the Blues? Why not purchase the brand new Shrimpers Trust Beanie.**

Knitted from 100% soft acrylic and embroidered with the Trust Logo this is a sure way of keeping warm during the winter matches.

**Priced at just £10.00 they would also make the ideal Christmas Present for any Blues fan.**

The Beanies will be on sale from the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar before any match.

They can also be purchased using Credit/Debit cards from the Trust's online shop at [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk) .



## FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISERS

### RACE NIGHT

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**  
**The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall**



First Race at 7.30pm.

With appearances by SUFC Players during the evening.

This is a great event for all the family, with Cash Prizes for each race plus chances to win Bottles of Wine, Trust Goodie Bags, a Meal for Two at the Elements Restaurant in the Rendezvous Casino at the Kursaal, a Meal for Two at the East Chinese Restaurant.

**Tickets cost just £2.00**

For further details contact Paul Yeomanson: (01702 302373 or [info@shrimperstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@shrimperstrust.co.uk) )

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### CURRY NIGHT

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**The Tandoori Parlour, Hart Road, Thundersley**



The evening begins at 7.00pm with the meal from 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.

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

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### QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013**  
**The Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall**



The Shrimpers Trust will be holding their final Quiz Night of the 2012/13 Season in the Shrimpers Bar, Roots Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

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](mailto:alanperry4@hotmail.com))

## FUNDRAISING

### 100 Club

The latest winners in the scheme, pulled out of the hat during weekly draws since the last newsletter were Teresa Perry (*£270 Xmas Draw Winner*), Trevor Reynolds, Matt Eva, Mike Roles, Chris Hyland, Matthew Walker, Andrew Perry, Paul Brice, Jim Hummerstone and Gordon Harvey.

The nature of the 100 Club means the more people that sign up, then the bigger the weekly prize. To register your interest, you can still contact Alan Perry at [alanperry4@hotmail.com](mailto:alanperry4@hotmail.com) or by calling 01702 476458 and put yourself in with a chance of winning the weekly prize. 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 2012/13 Season.**

**The total raised so far after 45 Games is £1,129.00**

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. In particular, some of the money raised from this Seasons "Quid a Goal" scheme will be donated to the Southend United Centre of Excellence, in particular to the Under 18's as part of our on-going support for SUFC's Youth Team.



#### **This is how it works:**

Those who support the scheme with a pledge have their name and details of their pledge 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 80 goals in a season from 1st team matches. A £0.25 per goal pledge would therefore most likely not cost you more than £20.00 come the end of the season. If funds are tight how about £1 for every goal scored by our full backs? The 08/09 season would have cost you £3.00. 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 and asking you to send us a cheque for the amount of £40.00.

Last year this scheme raised more than £2,000 from the 60+ 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 can be found on the Trust Info Stand in the Shrimpers Bar. Entry forms are also available from the Trust Website [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk)

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Welcome to New Life Members (Total 211)

**Matt Slater.**



Life Membership of the Trust currently costs £100.00 if you have an email account or £125.00 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

**Philip Additer, Gary Beard, Michelle Boreham, Matthew Dorey, Edward English, Mark Giles, Stephen Giles, Anthony Gray, Thomas Groombridge, Bill Holmes, Louis Hughes, Patrick Jee, Martin Johnson, Hazel Kerr, Ian Lawrence, Harry Lynch, Mark Lynch, Renee Makeid, Andy Rogers John Worters, Kane Woods and Ciaran Yexley.**

**\*\*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) \*\***

## 5P COLLECTION CARD FUNDRAISER



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

This new Fundraising Initiative that the Trust started in July has so far raised Nearly £200 toward our on-going support of the SUFC Youth Team.

All you need to do is stick your spare 5p coins on the card (sellotape or blue-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**



## BARBER'S BLURB – TERRACE TALK MONTHLY ROUND-UP

**Hello everybody and welcome to 2013!**

**I hope you all had a happy 2012 and a very enjoyable festive period, and I would like to wish you all the success in the new year, happiness is always the key to enjoying life.**



I report on the first weekend of December when Southend travelled away to Bury in the FA Cup. A cup tie against a league one side could be tricky but Southend left Gigg Lane with a replay. They fell behind to a Doherty penalty but Gavin Tomlin scored a wonderful solo goal to level the scores. We all thought we had won the game but Timlin and Corr both hit the post in the dying minutes, so the two teams would have to replay at Roots Hall.

Southend did win the replay with Tomlin once scoring for the home side after they fell behind, but it was Daniel Bentley's night as he saved two spot kicks to ensure Blues' passage to the next round where they would face Brentford at home.



Next up after Bury was a home game against Brentford but this was in the JPT. We have had a good history in this competition but if we get past the Bees the chance of winning the cup would look increasingly possible. We went ahead in the 27th minute through a deflected effort from Tamika, scoring his first goal for Southend.

Just before the break Kevan Hurst scored the goal of the round when he picked the ball up from the right before unleashing a dipping drive that was hit with his laces into the far corner of the net to put us in a commanding position. Paul Hayes scored a consolation for the visitors as Southend held out to get into the next round of the competition.



A long trip to Fleetwood soon followed and it proved to be a disappointing but pleasing result. We drew a blank with the hosts but Blues feel they should have gained all three points as Anthony Straker and Marc Laird saw goals ruled out for some reason before a stone wall penalty was not awarded by the officials. The home side did improve in the second half but they didn't ever really threaten Blues' goal and a point was the least we deserved.



The games came thick and fast for The Shrimpers and the next match was home to Arsenal conquering Bradford City. It proved to be a tough game but when the visitors raced into a two goal lead it wasn't really deserved, however, the spirit and steel of this Southend side was event as two goals in the final ten minutes clinched a draw. The goals were scored from Cresswell and Tomlin.



On the day that was dubbed the end of the world, Gavin Tomlin and co, showed it wasn't the end of our good form as a second half master class put Chesterfield to the sword. Ryan Cresswell scored a stunning volley, albeit with a help of a deflection, before Gavin Tomlin scored a stunning header from a fantastic Hurst cross. The striker was at it again ten minutes later when he nodded home to end a flowing move that involved every single player in the side. Fantastic goal.



Boxing Day soon came and it was another three goals scored by Blues as they demolished their local rivals with another Tomlin inspired performance. The former Daggers striker opened the scoring with a deflected shot inside the first minute before Assombalonga and Laird paired up to set up the striker for goal number 14 of the campaign. The in-form forward then teed up Hurst for his thunderbolt to put the game beyond Dagenham and extend the unbeaten run to 14 games.



The final game of the year saw us visit Burton Albion and it proved to be the final game of our unbeaten run as the hosts won by two goals to nil. Former Southend target Calvin Zola opened the scoring with a scrappy and untidy close range finish after a mix up in the defence. Another dodgy goal by the Albion this time with Bell seeing his shot, that was heading for the corner flag, hit Barker and fly into the back of the net.

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Southend didn't get going at all in the second half and it proved to be a very flat end of the year, after what was a fantastic month.

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**January is the start of a new year and Southend didn't make the best of starts to life in 2013, by going down by a goal to nil at home to Gillingham. After the defeat to Burton it was important to get off to a good start and it didn't happen. It was midfielder Chris Whelpdale that scored the early goal which was enough for the visitors to see out a win even though we did play a lot better in the second half it wasn't enough.**



The next game was FA Cup football and that always is a big day in the footballing calendar. We hosted League One Brentford which would be no easy test but we always seem to raise our game against better opposition. The task was made even harder as we fell two goals behind but two goals from Barry Corr fired us to a replay at Griffin Park, however, we could have won the game but Tomlin saw his powerful header tipped over the bar and to safety.



Daniel Bentley and Elliot Benyon were the penalty kick heroes for Blues at Oxford in the JPT semi-final as we were victorious by 5-3 in the shoot out. Barry Corr scored a deserved early goal to put us in front before the hosts lead on the night 2-1. Barry scored his second and was joined on the scoresheet by Clohessy as we looked set to go through to the area final, but Oxford equalised in the dying moments as Paul Smith was replaced by Bentley and the young shot stopper saved the day to book a two legged tie with Orient.



A long trip to Exeter followed after our cup exploits and it looked like the side didn't turn up as we were comfortably beaten by three goals to nil at St. James' Park. Former Barnet striker John O'Flynn netted twice and he was joined on the scoresheet by Bennett as Southend's slump in the league continued.



The replay against Brentford was next up and the winners knew they would be hosting Premier League Chelsea in the next round. In all honesty the best team won as the hosts battered Southend and it was only the fine form of Paul Smith that kept the score down. He made save after save and then produced a stunning to stop to tip a penalty over the crossbar. Barry Corr had nodded Southend level but an earlier Hayes effort and a late deflected shot from Donaldson won the tie for Brentford.



Paul Smith continued his fine form as Southend secured a win in the league thanks to a smash and grab victory at Chesterfield. The goalkeeper produced two stunning saves from Richards in the first half and also produced a fantastic save in the last few minutes to secure a victory for Southend after Gavin Tomlin curled home a wonderful striker in the 83rd minute to keep us in the play-off places.

All the best,

Scott

21<sup>st</sup> February 2013



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### **Holiday Inn Southend** ★★★★ Hotel Now Open

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