

Junior Blues

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INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone, hope you've all had a great Easter and got lots of Easter eggs! Looks as if those of you who went along to the Easter event at Adventure Island had a great time playing golf with the players – sorry I couldn't be there myself

We hope you had a great Christmas – seems ages ago now! – and that those of you who came along, enjoyed the Christmas Party at Kingpins in Southend.



We're coming to the end of the season now and the last few games so this is your last chance this season to catch me for a photo – don't forget my "Sammy's Wall of Fame" – you can send your photos with me at a match in to media@southend-united.co.uk so we can add it to our gallery on the official website.

The vote is now open for you to vote for your **Junior Blues** Player of the Year – this was won last year by Super Steve Arnold....but who is your choice this year? Is it our very own **Junior Blues** Ambassador **Jack Bridge**, or **Cav Miley**, or **Gus Scott-Morriss** – or may be someone else entirely?

Details for voting are being sent out to your emails this week and there won't be long to vote so please make sure your grown-ups know to check their emails! One person who votes will be invited along to present the award to the winner at the Shrimpers Trust End of Season awards night, like **Harley Norton** was last year.

Take care
Sammy



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The Player of the Month award for January gave a hat-trick of awards to Jack Bridge! His third award in a row was presented by **Junior Blues** member, **Harry Blenes**.

The Player of the Month award for February was won by Cav Miley. Here's **Junior Blues** member **George Keys** presenting him with his award.



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JUNIOR BLUES GOODIES SALE

We're pleased to offer you the chance to buy some of our former join up gifts that we still have some stock of. These can be bought via the Shrimpers Trust shop on the Trust website using the following link <http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/shop.asp?catid=1> or from the Shrimpers Bar, by ordering in advance for collection.



Money box – a blue (what else would you expect?!) piggy bank ideal for saving towards that Southend United merchandise you really to buy yourself!

Priced at just £2.00 plus packing & postage.

Lunch bag – a cool navy lunch bag with cool insulated lining, perfect for school or days out.

Priced at just £3.00 plus packing & postage.



Battle cards – Top Trumps Southend United styleeee!

Priced at just £1.00 plus packing & postage.

Pop Socket – perfect for putting on your mobile phone.

Priced at just £1.00 plus packing & postage.



Bam-bams – great for making some noise at matches!

Priced at just £1.00 plus packing & postage.

EASTER ADVENTURE GOLF

At the start of the Easter holidays, we had a fun afternoon down on the seafront at Adventure Island's Adventure Golf with some players from Southend United.

Jack Bridge, Gus Scott-Morriss, Henry Sandat and **Jack Wood** all gave up their afternoon off to come and play a round of golf with our youngsters, who were all given an Easter Egg as well.

We hope everyone who came along had a great time, and we'd like to thank the four players for coming along as well! More photos are available on our Facebook page and on the Club website.



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AWAY TRAVEL



Book a place for the last two away games of this season by visiting the Trust website at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/travel.asp or call **Lesley Hicks** on 07892 905338. Online bookings now require payment to be made at the time of booking.

For the forthcoming season, **Junior Blues** will once again be entitled to one free travel per season to a league game of their choice, on the official travel coaches organised by the Shrimpers Trust, as long as they are with an accompanying adult and travel for the fantastic bargain price of just £10 at other times!

***All under 18s must be accompanied.**

A full set of Away Travel Terms and Conditions can be found at www.shrimperstrust.co.uk

Next matches:



OLDHAM ATHLETIC
Tuesday, 18th April 2023
Adult, Student & OAP members - £30
Non-members - £35
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10





SCUNTHORPE UNITED
Saturday, 22nd APRIL 2023
Adult, Student & OAP members - £25
Non-members - £30
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10



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TOP TRAVELLER

Every year we run a competition for the Junior Blues to see who travels the furthest with the Shrimpers Trust, with an exclusive prize at the end of the season for the one with the highest miles tally.

The top three travellers are as follows:

- 1st place – Evie-Mae Oliver – 1074 miles
- 2nd place – Freddie Hutchins – 646 miles
- 3rd place – Teddy Hutchins – 564 miles

Well done to Evie-Mae – not sure anyone can catch her now!

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA

We've launched new social media for the **Junior Blues** this season, with dedicated platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

You (or your parents/carers) can find us and give us a follow here, it's where information can be found quickly about events, flag bearers etc:



<https://www.facebook.com/thejuniorblues>

<https://twitter.com/JuniorBlues2>

We will be using these channels to give you up to date information from time to time and we share pictures of our flag bearers each game here.

BIRTHDAYS

SENDING BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR JUNIOR BLUES WHO HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH & WHO HAVE THEM IN APRIL

16 – Ben Carter; Ash Collins; Callum Turp & Jack Walmsley

15 – Archie Adlington; Oliver Bowhay; Zach Brown; James Hruska; Henry Murrell; Daniel Poynter & Oliver Stanley

14 – Thomas Folwell; Megan Holman; Oliver Milchard; Sam Nubbert; James Petchey & Ibraheem Saleemi

13 – Dylan Baptist; Charlie Cowley & Oliver Hawley

12 – Jacob Bullard & Theo Chaiyasit

11 – Lily Douglas; Max Flynn; Freya George & Jessica Harris

10 – Georgia Drakes; Harriett Montague & Ethan Simpson

9 – Molly Harrington & Maxwell Royal

7 – Barnaby Baker; Scarlett Hicklin; Amelia Lambert; Louie Nice & Freya Simpson

6 – Poppy Byford

4 – Hollie Benn

