

# Junior Blues

NEWSLETTER – Issue 005 – July 2023

## INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

**School's out for Summer – though the weather isn't very Summer-like at the moment, I really hope you have lots of fun over the school holidays!**

We should have been having the annual "Meet the Blues Day" at the end of July but, unfortunately, for lots of reasons, this was unable to go ahead. There's changes planned for our football club, including a change of ownership, and until that happens, it's difficult to talk about. Lots of people have been down at Roots Hall to help get the ground ready for the new season – cleaning, sweeping and lots of repairs, so well done to all of them, including some Junior Blues!

We'd normally be telling you about our new kit and new signings in this newsletter, but as the club is under an embargo (which means we can't sign anyone until we've paid lots of money that we owe), there's no new players come in. We do have news on the new kits though!

Unfortunately, we have had a number of players leave us so we'd like to wish **Steve Arnold, Henry Sandat, Shaun Hobson, Chris Wreh, Rhys Murphy, Jake Hyde** and **Tom Clifford** well at their new clubs. One piece of good news is that **Jason Demetriou** has joined the coaching staff. The management team are doing a fantastic job under the circumstances and the players need your support now more than ever so get behind our boys whenever you can and give them loads of cheers!

It's that time of year when lots of you are due to renew your membership, and this can now be done via the Shrimpers Trust website <https://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/junior-blues/junior-blues-join-here> You'll receive a reminder when yours is due. Membership forms CANNOT be handed in at the Club – they can only be done online, or handed in at the Shrimpers Trust stand or posted as per the website.

Hope to see you soon,  
Have a great Summer  
Sammy



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The Player of the Month award for March was won by Gus Scott-Morriss. He was presented with his award by **Junior Blues** member, **Ella Nye**.

The final Player of the Month award of the year was won by Shaun Hobson. He was presented with his award at the Shrimpers Trust End of Season awards night by **Junior Blues** member **Finn Tremain**.



**JUNIOR BLUES PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Thank you to all those who voted! The winner of the Junior Blues Player of the Year was.....



**JACK BRIDGE!**

He was presented with his award by Junior Blues member, Teddy Tremain, here with Jack and David Crown (who hosts the hospitality at Roots Hall – David is a legendary former striker at Roots Hall!).



## SOUTHEND UNITED NEW KIT!

Southend United's new kit for 2023/24 was released on 1<sup>st</sup> August – it is a kit which is based on a vintage kit from 1999/2000 – the so called “Progressive” kit named after the sponsors.

The new kits the shirts are both of the same pattern with the colours inverted, and feature the Essex seaxes, part of the club's badge and the county's coat of arms.

In a change from recent years the home shirt features some yellow, at the end of the sleeves and around the collar.

As with last season, the away shirt is predominantly yellow but includes blue and white on the sleeves and collar.



The kits are now available to order online through Macron and will be available in the club shop at Roots Hall from 10am on Friday.

The shirt is priced at £50 for adults (M-5XL) and £45 for juniors (4XS-S). Shorts are priced at £20 for adults (M-3XL) and £16.50 for juniors (3XS-S).

## CLEAN UP HEROES!

On Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, instead of being at “Meet the Blues Day” as we’d expected, over 150 Southend United supporters were involved in a big “clean up” at Roots Hall to get the stadium ready for the new season.

Amongst those were a number of Junior Blues members so, we just wanted to give a big shout out to Mitchell Drew-Bennett and Freddie Hutchins for their efforts. Manager Kevin Maher was so impressed with Mitchell’s work on the sign in the tunnel that he sought him out to have a chat to! Well done boys, you both did brilliantly and we’re all grateful to you and everyone else for your efforts on Sunday.





## JUNIOR PLAYER SPONSOR

### BECOME A JUNIOR SPONSOR!

Southend United Football Club are pleased to launch a new way of showing your support to Kev and his team with the announcement of our **new** Junior Sponsorship packages.

Available to anyone aged 16 and under, our Junior Sponsor packages enable you to show your support to the players that mean most to you! Perfect as a birthday or Christmas present, the package has been designed to be affordable and beneficial to our young supporters.

For just £60 + VAT, you can receive the following benefits:

- Name on Player Profile on Website
- Signed Certificate presented at an open training session event
- Signed Player Card
- Personalised Video Message

**We are pleased to confirm that Junior Blues will be entitled to a 10% discount on Junior Sponsor packages!**

To claim your discount, please email [commercial@southend-united.co.uk](mailto:commercial@southend-united.co.uk) with proof of membership and a member of the team will be in touch.

ALL players and coaching staff are available and will be sold on a first come, first served basis!



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**Register your Interest:**  
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01702 304147



## 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 <https://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/product-category/junior-blues> 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.**

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## TRAVEL



Book a place by visiting the Trust website at [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/away-travel](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/away-travel)

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 here [www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/away-travel/terms-conditions](http://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/away-travel/terms-conditions)

Next matches:



DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

Adult, Student & OAP members - £13

Non-members - £18

Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10



DORKING WANDERERS

TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

Adult, Student & OAP members - £16

Non-members - £21

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 traveller for 2022/23 was Evie-Mae Oliver, who travelled 1,552 miles and she was presented with her award at the Shrimpers Trust End of Season awards evening by Kevin Maher.



## NEW SOCIAL MEDIA

You can follow the [Junior Blues](#) on social media, 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 SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER & WHO HAVE THEM COMING UP IN AUGUST

16 – Finlay Barney; Josh Graham; Niamh Parks & Daniel Rodriguez

15 – Eva Askew; Harrison Doherty; Liam Guinea; Toby Joscelyn; Ryan Roberts; Joseph Rozee & Ryan Twidell

14 – Harrison Bessant; Lewis Buffin; Louis Campbell; Ellis Cross; Dylan Burrows; Nathaniel Copping; Declan Dear; Thomas Duffy; Zach Graham; Oliver Jeeves; Daniel McKenna; George Smith; Benjamin Trott & Chloe Wilkins

13 – Freddie Blackburn; Matilda Davis; Thomas Hamilton; Owen Harrington; Harry Hruska; Aaliyah-May Lovell; Harvey Moss-Bowler; Fynn Parks; Steve Smith; Charley Stephenson & Stanley Stubbs

12 – Oliver Duckworth; Jamie Moss-Terry & Fred Traylor

11 – Freddie Bishop; Archie Galpin; Olivia Locke; James Phillips & Harry Wing

10 – Frankie Bullen; George Keys; Euan Lawrence & Laura Walton

9 – Riley Bryant; Finley George; Thomas Richards; Jensen Stoffell; Finn Tremain & Darcie Vine

8 – Alfie Bearcroft; Olive Colquhoun; Beau Lambert & Oliver Rix

7 – Aslan Ercan; Harley Hill & Jake Taylor

5 – Harry Blenes; Edward Hutchins Jake Jackson & Noah Locke

2 – Ava Warren & Freddie Wood

