



NEWSLETTER – Issue 009 – April 2024

INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Welcome to a jam-packed EASTER newsletter! Well, who would have thought we'd be on a 13 match unbeaten run – the longest in the division this season – heading into our final three matches....and we are (just about) still in with a tiny chance of making the play offs! That is down to the incredible efforts put in by OUR wonderful players, and of course, the vision and coaching of Kev Maher, Darren Currie and Mark Bentley.

We have our Easter holiday fun activity coming up – another round of Adventure Golf with the players, on 11th April. This event sold out within 24 hours, so, we're really sorry if you missed out this time. As it's so popular, we will look to maybe spread this over two sessions next year to give more of you a chance to come along.

The Shrimpers Trust have their End of Season Awards Night on 15th April, and during the evening, we will be presenting our **Junior Blues** Player of the Season Award. Voting slips have been sent to all members by email, and we will be choosing one lucky person at random to come along on the night to present the award and another to present the March Player of the Month award.

We have to welcome Deon Woodman in on loan from QPR until the end of the season. A tall, young defender, Deon has already fitted in well with the rest of the boys.

Don't eat all those Easter Eggs at once!

Hope to see you soon,
Sammy



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The 1st of two awards in a row for **Harry Taylor**, as **Junior Blues** member, **Ryan Frood**, presents him here with the award for December.



And here's **Junior Blues** member, **Oliver Rix**, presenting **Harry** with his 2nd award in a row for January.



A cracking start for new defender, **Adam Crowther**, meant he was the overwhelming winner of the Player of the Month for award for February, which he was presented with by **Junior Blues** members, twins, **Ella and Austin Smith**.

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COMPETITION WINNER – JUNIOR PLAYER SPONSOR – JACK BRIDGE

As you may remember, we ran a competition last newsletter, to win **Jack Bridge's** sponsor's place at the exclusive training session for player sponsors, which was held at Roots Hall Stadium on Thursday 4th April 2024. Well done to **Junior Blues** member, **Blake Murray**, who was one of the 19 correct entries, and whose name was drawn out by Jack, himself! Wordsearch solution below.

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TRAVEL



Book a place 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.

This 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

Final two away matches of the season are as follows:



WEALDSTONE FC
TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL 2024

Adult, Student & OAP members - £16
Non-members - £21
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10





AFC FYLDE
SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL 2024

Adult, Student & OAP members - £38
Non-members - £43
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.

Top traveller results so far are as follows, with two away matches to go this season:

1st place	Evie Mae Oliver, who has travelled 2,958 miles
2nd place	Lucas Monk, 2,026 miles
3rd place	Maisy Gowans, 396 miles
4th place	Fred Hutchins, 346 miles
5th place	Jake Wilson, 334 miles

So well done to Evie Mae, and to Lucas, who has come a long way towards catching her!

SOCIAL MEDIA

You can follow the [Junior Blues](#) on social media, with dedicated platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

This is the best place for up to date news..... for announcements of events and whether we are looking for flag bearers so PLEASE make sure you or your parents/carers are following us! We also post pictures of our flag bearers here in reasonably quick time – sometimes even LIVE!

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>

BIRTHDAYS

SENDING BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR JUNIOR BLUES WHO HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH AND WHO HAVE THEM COMING UP IN APRIL:

16 – Archie Adlington; Danny Axcell; Oliver Bowhay; Zack Brown; James Hruska; Henry Murrell & Oliver Stanley

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

14 – Charlie Cowley; Dylan Baptist & Oliver Hawley

13 – Jacob Bullard; Theo Chaiyasit & Odin Jackman

12 – Lucy Douglas; Freya George; Jessica Harris; Leo Muncy; Lewis Philpott & Cambel Reed

11 – Aws Alodat; Noah Bowler; Georgia Drakes; Harriett Montague & Ethan Simpson

10 – Alfie Campbell-Warner; Oliver Davies; Ruby Douglas; Wilson Lynch; Charlotte Mcatamney; Harper McEvoy; Maxwell Royal & Sonny Saunders

9 – Lincoln Adsett; Islam Alodat & Freddie Catt

8 – Barnaby Baker; Ameya Beavan; Lucas Ford; Patricia Hickey; Albert Higgins; Amelie Lambert; Bellamy Muncy; Louie Nice & Freya Simpson

7 – Poppy Byford & Luka Mulcahy

6 – Austin Hall; Amelie Lagden; Joseph Lewis & Poppy Peterson

5 – Archie Callison

