



## NEWSLETTER – Issue 010 – May 2024

### INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

Whitsun half term holidays for you all, and just one more half term ahead before the end of the school year and the long Summer holidays. Another season over and, unfortunately, despite everyone's best efforts, another one in the National League ahead of next season. Finishing up in a very creditable 9<sup>th</sup> place, we can only think of what might have been if we hadn't have had those 10 points deducted and maybe ended up in the Play Offs.

Our boys worked wonders and did so, so well, and we should all be very proud of them for what they achieved. Did you know that Southend United were top of the "Fair Play Table" for the National League having accumulated the least combined points for yellow/red card across the whole season?

<https://www.transfermarkt.co.uk/national-league/fairnesstabelle/wettbewerb/CNAT>

It's too early to know yet, who we will be saying "goodbye" to and, with another embargo in place, we know that we can't make any signings or extend contracts at the present time. We have to trust in Justin Rees and the other members of the Consortium to get things right and done ready for next season.

We do know that we have had to say goodbye to April from the Community Trust, who many of you know from visits, mascots and much more, she has been a big help in organising **Junior Blues** events. We wish her well.

Hope to see you soon,  
Sammy



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## PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The 1<sup>st</sup> of two awards in a row for **Collin Andeng-Ndi**, as **Junior Blues** member, **Bailey Search**, presented him here with the award for March, at the Shrimpers Trust End of Season Awards Night.

And here's **Junior Blues** members, twins **Poppy and Lily MacDonald**, presenting **Collin** with his 2nd award in a row, for April, our last one for this season.



Each year, the Shrimpers Trust makes a presentation of £50 for each award to the winning player's charity of choice. As a result, £300 has been donated to Little Havens, £100 to Cancer Research UK and £50 to Little Heroes .





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## PLAY OFF FINAL

We did at least get to be represented at the National League Play Off Final this year though, with **Junior Blues** member, **Lucas Monk**, attending with his Dad, and seeing Bromley beat Solihull Moors on penalties.



## JUNIOR BLUES PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Huge congratulations to the ever popular **Gus Scott-Morriss**, who YOU voted as your **Junior Blues** Player of the Season this year.

**Junior Blues** member, **Jamie Moss-Terry**, who was selected from all those voting, presented **Gus** with his award at the Shrimpers Trust End of Season Awards Night.





## 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 final placings for this season are:

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b> | <b>EVIE MAE OLIVER, who has travelled 2,958 miles</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b> | <b>Lucas Monk, 2,724 miles</b>                        |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b> | <b>Maisy Gowans, 396 miles</b>                        |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> place</b> | <b>Fred Hutchins, 346 miles</b>                       |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> place</b> | <b>Jake Wilson, 334 miles</b>                         |

So, well done to Evie Mae for winning for the second season in a row – unfortunately she will be too old to defend her title next season, so there will be a new name on the trophy next time around! Evie Mae is picture receiving her award from Kevin Maher at the Shrimpers Trust End of Season Awards Night.



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## EASTER FUN

On 11<sup>th</sup> April, 42 **Junior Blues** arrived at Adventure Island on Southend seafront, excitedly looking forward to a game of Adventure Golf alongside some of the players. Blessed with a beautiful afternoon, each of the **Junior Blues** was given an Easter Egg before being split up into groups and sent out to play.

An added bonus was Justin Rees coming along who joined in enthusiastically – and proved just as popular with the parents and members for photos as the players!

Huge thanks to **Jack Bridge, Callum Powell, Cav Miley, Gus Scott-Morriss, Harry Cardwell, Jack Wood** and **Marcus Dackers** for giving up their afternoons.

Link to photographer, Graham's photos of the day can be found here, with the password "VISTA":

[https://whitbyboot.photoshelter.com/gallery/24-SUFC-KIDS-GOLF/G0000iGu8atn\\_UrU](https://whitbyboot.photoshelter.com/gallery/24-SUFC-KIDS-GOLF/G0000iGu8atn_UrU)





## YOUR JUNIOR BLUES AMBASSADORS

We'd like to say a big "thank you" to Southend United players, **Jack Bridge** and **Callum Powell**, who have acted as Ambassadors for the **Junior Blues** this season. This means they're always on call for any **Junior Blues** events and never get to say "no" when our JB Co-ordinator, Kay, asks them to do something!

Here's Kay with both **Jack** and **Callum** at the Club's recent Awards night.



## 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://www.instagram.com/thejuniorblues>

<https://twitter.com/JuniorBlues2>

## BIRTHDAYS

**SENDING BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR JUNIOR BLUES WHO HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS IN MAY AND WHO HAVE THEM COMING UP IN JUNE:**

16 – Liam Guinea; Ryan Roberts & Joseph Rozee

15 – Declan Dear; Thomas Duffy; Zach Graham; Bailey Search; George Smith;  
Benjamin Trott & Charlie Woods

14 – Matilda Davis; Lucie Fossett; Aaliyah-May Lovell; Harvey Moss-Bowler; Thomas  
Hamilton; Harry Hruska & Stanley Stubbs

13 – Mitchell Fletcher

12 – Freddie Bishop; Jack Corkett-Hurley; Artie Galpin; Max Gillott; Amelia Robinson;  
Cayenn Saricicek & Harry Wing

11 – George Keys; Euan Lawrence & Jack Wright

10 – May Bacon; Edward Potts & Thomas Richards

9 – Alfie Bearcroft; Oliver Colquhoun; Nathan Cox; Ellis Hall; Oliver Perrins;  
Tom Shrosbree; Finn Tremain & Darcie Vine

8 – Leah Copperfield; Aslan Ercan; Max Harding; Stanley Harper; Lucy Maslen;  
Lucas Monk & Jake Taylor

7 – George Moore; Olly Smith; Dylan Spencer; Toby Spencer & Hayden Watson

6 – Luke Hickey & Jake Jackson

4 – Isla-Rose FitzGerald

2 – Louis Brooks & Nova Hollington

1 – Stanley Pollock

