

Junior Blues

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INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone, hope you are all well and looking forwards to your Easter holidays!

It's getting kinda exciting at the moment, with the team sitting one point and one place outside the Play Off positions at the time of writing. Who would have thought that, at the start of the season when things looked a bit bleak with the lack of a proper pre-season and new signings? 8 games left and who knows how things will turn out?

King Kev has worked miracles with what's been available to him, and at long last he is getting his long, long overdue testimonial match which he should have had for 10 years service as a player. He was always promised, by the previous owner, that it would be the first match to be held at the planned new stadium at Fossetts Farm! This will be taking place at Roots Hall on Friday, 16th May. If you can go along to support Kev on this night, then please do – it promises to be a great evening, and there will be lots of Southend legends out on the pitch playing.

In this issue of our newsletter, we have the details for our popular Easter activity, which is again, playing a round of mini golf with some of the players, however, we have gone for a different venue this year.

The event will be held at Caddies, 12 London Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1NT on Thursday, 10th April and full information for booking can be found a bit further on in the newsletter. We are really very grateful to Caddies for their help in putting this event on.

Also in this issue, is the voting for your Junior Blues PLAYER OF THE YEAR. As usual, we will be asking one person who votes to come along on the night to make the presentation.



Best wishes to you all
Sammy



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

As mentioned last issue, **Bim Pepple** won the December **Player of the Month** award but had already gone back to his parent Club, Luton, before being loaned out again to Chesterfield. No photo, but he did send us a lovely video, which can be found on the Shrimpers Trust website by visiting the following link <https://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/player-of-the-month/>



The January **Player of the Month** award was won by midfielder, **James Morton**, who received his award from **Junior Blues** members – **Alfred, Edward** and **Amelia Hutchins**.

And the winner of our February **Player of the Month** award, was our very own Goal Scoring Machine – **Gus Scott-Morriss**! **Junior Blues** member **Jacob Enderby** presented him with his award.



COMPETITION TIME

Last issue, we were lucky enough to offer one lucky **Junior Blue** and a parent, two spaces at the Sponsors' Open Training Session, on 8th April, to go along on behalf of the sponsor of **Leon Chambers-Parillon**.

The competition attracted a number of entries, and skipper **Nathan Ralph** drew the lucky winner out ahead of a recent match.

Congratulations to **Junior Blues** member, **Sam Denford**, who will now be attending this with his Dad.

Sam will be joined by **Junior Blues** member **Blake Murray**, who won the competition to attend last year as **Jack Bridge's** junior sponsor, but who, unfortunately, was not advised of the revised date when it got cancelled due to bad weather. Enjoy your day, both of you!



Answers to the competition were as follows:

- 1: Gus Scott-Morriss
- 2: Nathan Ralph
- 3: Harry Taylor
- 4: Jack Bridge

EASTER FUN!

We're pleased to announce our annual **EASTER EVENT** for our **Junior Blues** members, to come and play a round of **ADVENTURE GOLF** with the Southend United players at **CADDIES** on the afternoon of **Thursday, 10th April**.



<https://caddiesgolf.co.uk/southend/>

Ticket price is £6.00 and booking can **ONLY** be made through the Shrimpers Trust website <https://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/product/junior-blues-easter-fun-2025/> not at the Ticket Office or elsewhere at Roots Hall.

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The cost of your ticket includes one round of golf at **CADDIES**, accompanied by the players. If your child is not able to be left alone with the group, please do not book them in, no parents will be permitted to accompany the groups. Each child will also receive an **EASTER** gift.

After listening to feedback from parents, we are going to be trialling a new method of issuing places for this event.

- There are 80 places available.
- Parents/carers will be able to book between **29th March** and **4th April**.
- You will receive a confirmation of your payment, however, **this does not guarantee that you have secured a place.**
- If the event is oversubscribed (as most of our events usually are) then we will do a draw for places at the end of the booking period.
- All those who are successful in securing a place will be notified.
- We will ensure that any sibling groups are booked in together.
- Anyone who is unsuccessful in getting a place, will be refunded in full after the event, in case we are able to offer a cancellation place.
- We will not be offering refunds to anyone who secures a place and then fails to turn up without having previously notified us.

We are really grateful to George and his team at **CADDIES** for hosting this event. You are welcome to make use of the facilities at **CADDIES**, before and after – there are a huge amount of fun activities to be enjoyed – bumper cars, games etc – plus a café.

This activity is scheduled to start at 3pm. Please **do not** report for this activity before 2.30pm.

Any questions, please contact Kay at juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk



JUNIOR BLUES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

It is time for you all to vote for your choice as the **Junior Blues' Player of the Year**. As usual, this award will be presented at the Shrimpers Trust End of Season Awards Night, which will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 22nd April (venue to be confirmed).

Last year's winner was **Gus Scott-Morriss** and the award was presented by **Junior Blues** member, **Jamie Moss-Terry**.

To be in with a chance of presenting this award please let us have your vote for your choice of the **Junior Blues' Player of the Year** no later than the closing date of **14th April 2025**.

Please complete and return the slip below by copying and pasting to juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk



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My Name:

My vote for the Junior Blues' 2024/25 Player of the Year goes to:

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I am available on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 should I be selected to present the award /

I am not available on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 should I be selected to present the award
(please delete as appropriate)

Contact email/mobile no:
(Dad/Mum/Carer/Other please mark accordingly)

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AWAY 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. They **MUST BE** with an accompanying adult, and may 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

First two away matches of the season are as follows:



SUTTON UNITED
SATURDAY, 5th APRIL 2025

Adult, Student & OAP members - £17
Non-members - £22
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10



EBBSFLEET UNITED
MONDAY, 21st APRIL 2025

Adult, Student & OAP members - £15
Non-members - £20
Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10

TOP TRAVELLER

This season's competition is approaching the end game, and our Top Travellers so far, are as follows up to and including the Eastleigh match:

In **1st place**, is **LUCAS MONK**, who has travelled a total of 5,890 miles

- 2nd **Gio Dos Santos** 3,722 miles
- 3rd **Lewis Philpott** 3,720 miles
- 4th **Danny Axcell** 1,968 miles

And, in joint 5th place, all on 1,352 miles we have **Toby Joscelyn**, **Lily Neil** and **Toby Neil**!

So, well done to **Lucas**, who looks to be unbeatable, but the race is still on for 2nd place!

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We have recently sent out lots of membership renewal reminders, so thank you to everyone who has renewed recently!

We'd like to point out that your **Junior Blues** membership does not run by season. If you would like us to check when your membership runs out, then please drop us a quick email to juniors@shrimperstrust.co.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Membership can be renewed at any time during the season, so, if you want to take advantage of the free sign up gift and the free coach travel to any one away game on a Shrimpers Trust coach as early as possible, then you can renew by doing so on the Shrimpers Trust website by following the link below:

<https://www.shrimperstrust.co.uk/junior-blues/junior-blues-join-here/>

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>

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

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BIRTHDAYS

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

**16 – Thomas Folwell; Oliver Milchard; Sam Nubbert;
James Petchey & Ibraheem Salemi**

15 – Dylan Baptist; Charlie Cowley & Oliver Hawley

14 – Jacob Bullard; Charlton-Charlie Davidson & Odin Jackman

**13 – Lily Douglas; Freya George; Jessica Harris; Leo Muncey;
Lewis Philpott & Cambel Reed**

**12 – Aws Alodat; Damon Billingsley; Georgia Drakes;
Lacie-May Lawton & Ethan Simpson**

**11 – Alfie Campbell-Warner; Oliver Davies; Ruby Douglas; Blake Lockhart;
Charlotte Mcatamney; Harper McEvoy; Ayah Pounds; Elsie Price & Sonny Saunders**

**10 – Lincoln Adsett; Alexander Alden; Islam Alodat; Conor Evestaff; Dylan Jones;
Wilson Lynch; Noah Rickard; Ronnie Sykes & Stanley Wilson**

**9 – Barnaby Baker; Maisy Beavan; Jack Dudley; Lucas Ford; Patricia Hickey; Albert
Higgins; Ollie Martin; Bellamy Muncey; Louie Nice; Maxwell Royal;
Freya Simpson & Douglas Thomas**

8 – Sidney Cass; Ben Innes; Lucien Kenny; Felix Moon & Luka Mulcahy

7 – Austin Hall; Amelie Lagden; Joseph Lewis; Poppy Peterson & Daniel Rowling

6 – Archie Callison; Bobby Greenslade; Hugo Holland & Zachary Thompson

5 – Gianna Dos-Santos-Alves & Taylor-Olivia Simpson

3 – Freddie FitzGerald

2 – Ethan Hulls

And, finally, Elsie Leonardi & Lenny Millington who are both 1!

