

junior Blues

NEWSLETTER – Issue 0012 – October 2024

INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is well out there and enjoying half term?

I know a lot of you have booked in for our SOLD OUT “Meet the Players Day” during the October half term – and I also know several of you were disappointed to miss out. Don’t forget, these events always have limited spaces and so, it is VERY important to make sure your grown-ups are watching our social media for announcements.

The next one will be our 🎄 Christmas event 🎄 and this will also be likely to sell out quickly so, please keep your eyes and ears open!

We were very sad to see the ever-popular **Harry Cardwell** move recently to another of our rivals, Forest Green Rovers. Harry has been a favourite of our members since he first joined, and we’re definitely missing his goals at the moment! However, we’ve been pleased to welcome in to the Club a whole glut of signings, firstly, **George Moncur** on a season long loan from Leyton Orient and **Aribim Pepple** also on a season long loan, but this time, from Luton Town; **Macauley Bonne** on a 1 year contract; **Keenan Appiah-Forson** on a 2 year deal; **Taylor Foran** on a 28 day loan from Bromley and, finally, goalkeeper **Zach Jeacock** on loan until January from Lincoln City.

We’re into the first-round proper of the FA Cup on 2nd November, for the first time in ages, and have been fortunate to draw Charlton Athletic at home – this promises to be one of our biggest crowds for ages and should be a great atmosphere! COME ON YOU BLUESSSSS!!!



Hope to see you soon,
Sammy



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PLAYER OF THE MONTH

At the time of writing, we've only had one Player of the Month presentation, and that is for August.

This award was won by our very own ★ Man – **Gus Scott-Morriss**, who was presented with his award by **Junior Blues** member, **Poppy Johnston**, who had even drawn Gus a picture!



Don't forget, to be in with a chance of presenting the award, you just need to be an active member, taking part in our events and then maybe you might be asked!

MATCH FOR MICKY

The Shrimpers Trust and Southend United Ex-Players Association held a charity football match on 20th October at the Len Salmon Stadium, home to Bowers & Pitsea FC. This was to raise money for former Southend United player from the late 70s/early 80s, **Micky Stead**, who has recently been through a period of ill health leaving him unable to work.

The match was played between a team of Southend Legends and a team provided by the Carli Lansley Foundation, and there were about 30 former Southend United players in attendance, including current management team, **Kevin Maher**, **Darren Currie** and **Mark Bentley**, and former manager **Steve Tilson**.

Micky Stead had begun his playing career at Spurs and some of his old Spurs team-mates also came along to lend their support to the day, including former England captain and manager, **Glenn Hoddle**. It was great to see so many of our Junior Blues members having their photos taken with Glenn and another former England manager, and former Spurs and Southend player – **Peter Taylor**.



Here are **Junior Blues** members, **Maxwell Royal** (above, left) who was one of the ball boys at the match with his Southend Manor team, and brothers **Tommy** and **Joseph Lewis** (above, right), with Glenn.

It was a great day and, we hope a lot of money was raised for Micky.

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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:




ALTRINCHAM FC

SATURDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2024

Adult, Student & OAP members - £35

Non-members - £40

Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10



WOKING FC

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 2024

Adult, Student & OAP members - £18

Non-members - £23

Junior Blues/Under 18s - £10

TOP TRAVELLER

This season's competition is underway, and our Top Travellers so far, are as follows:

In 1st place, is **LUCAS MONK**, who has travelled a total of 2,476 miles

2nd **Lewis Phillpot** 2,250 miles

3rd **Danny Axcell** 844 miles

And, in joint 4th place, all on 694 miles we have **Toby Joscelyn**, **Lily Neil** and **Toby Neil!**

So, well done to Lucas, let's see how things change over the next few months!

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We'd like to point out that your Junior Blues membership does not run by season, so it is not necessarily due for renewal right now. 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, X 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 SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND WHO HAVE THEM COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

16 – Jack Chapman; Ollie Davis; Finley Frood; Owen Harris; Thomas Lloyd; Benny Mahoney; Lauren Manley; Alfie Murdoch; Joshua Posnack; George Stacey; Ryan Tear & Shay Tear

15 – Lily-Mae Connolly; Ryan Frood; Zak Jackman; Alba Lawrence; Henry Mills & Beauden Wright

14 – Oakley Bailey; Charlie Dixon; Tommy Ramsey; Bethany Welham; John Welham & Dylan Willsher-Drain

13 – Ameen Alodat; Ruby Bayes; Evie Cross; Livia Gubbings; Sophie Hampton; Alfie Pithman; Blake Sees & Skyrah Thomas
12 – Tom Armstrong; Stanley Carswell-Jones; Tom Clayton; Alfie Davison; Harvey Diggines; Maisy Gowan; Bradley Greenslade; Tommy Holloway; Lucas Hughes; Che Khomri; Jake Ledger; Alfie Mac Lewis; Lola-Mae Nice & Jake Turner

11 – Elliot Baker; Thomas Corney; Jude Croarkin; Julian Elliott; Jude Fox; Tom Johnson; Ariyen Joysury; Dylan Knight; Ada Lawrence; Imogen Levi; Charlie MacDonald; Louis Roberts; Franklin Thear & Oscar Woodford

10 – Archie Barrett; Kit Binns; Jack Bird; Katilin Brookes; Jack Davies; Jacob Denham; Edee Hawker; Sophie Hulls; Freddie Jackson; Jack Land; Kaiden Mooney; Harry Southee; Aiden Wicks; Jacob Williams & Max Wren

9 – Lilah Galpin; Ivy Gillott; Kaya Guzowski; Tommy Lewis; Jacob Murray; Austin Smith; Ella Smith & Stanley Weller

8 – Edward Bacon; Samuel Bushell; Zachary Elliott; William Evans; Danny Guiver; Sophia Knight; Ella Nye; Joshua Orazulume; Harry Parker; Aiden Poole; Oscar Thompson; Evan Webster; Joseph Williams & Reggie Woodham

7 – Leo Forsyth; Summer Harvey; Henry Levi; Oliver Luck; Blake Murray; Quinn Owens; Maddox Royal & Marshall Tarbuck

6 – Oliver Bird; Brook Boyce; Isabelle Pratt & Alfie Rudd

5 – Reeve Barbouti; Mae Fulton; Benjamin Halkett & Leo Poole

4 – Meredith Simpkins

3 – Dottie Mai Watson

2 – Jesse Gargate

And, finally, Belle Hawkes-Preedy, who celebrates her 1st Birthday!

