



## South East Poolies News - August 2019!



Well after a difficult week for the club it's time to concentrate on the football and leave the authorities to deal with the other stuff. There is nothing else to be said that hasn't already, except that a handful of idiots do not represent the Hartlepool United support.

It is pleasing to see every section of the support working hard for the benefit of the club and by doing this it sends out a message to those in charge and also the staff/players. The Youth Team is rightfully getting a lot of attention in terms of fund raising, but also the current crop are also being recognised via Man of the Match Awards being run the NW Corner., a group who are injecting a huge amount of noise and colour to home games. A huge well done to the HUST who have organised a hugely popular legends game that is looking to be played in front of a large crowd.

### August Player of the Month

During the annual Whitstable Trip, members put forward an idea that would allow us to add extra value to our Player of the Year award. The idea is to do a monthly vote that would allow us to build up a small fund that the winning player could then donate to a charity of their choice, like what is done by some other exiled football supporters clubs.

It will be run in the following way;

- \* Members can vote at the end of each month for their Player of the Month at a cost of £1 (only 1 vote per member, per month).
- \* The Player of the Month will receive a bottle of wine.
- \* The final Player of the Year vote will still take place. All funds built up via the monthly votes, minus the cost of the bottles of wine will be donated to a charity as chosen by the Player of the Year.
- \* Each time a member casts a vote they are allocated one raffle ticket. At the end of the season the winning ticket holder will receive a bottle of wine and some chocolates.

Our August Player of the Month was Gime Toure who was outstanding and started the season with a hat full of goals. Our September voting is now open for members at [here](#).



### **Hit the Bar - Centenary Bar**

Located at the back of the Cyril Knowles Stand, the Centenary Bar is a lovely place for home and away fans to call in for a drink before the match. It is a great place to go and mingle and watch Sky Sports or BT Sports on the TV's or on the projector screen. Families are welcome to join in with their children.

They also have singers on and bands on after each home match, which have gone down brilliant over the past couple of seasons. They start at 6pm and roughly do 2 x 45 minute slots, although the last one normally lasts longer than 45 mins. These are free to watch, but I would always advise being early as it does get quite busy and they sometimes have to turn people away.

The bar has a vast selection of drinks on draught including;

- \* Premium Lagers at £3.50 a pint (San Miguel and Cruzcampo, which is a Spanish import).
- \* All the other lagers and beers are £3 a pint.
- \* Double spirits with mixers for £4, these are all premium brands of spirits.

The staff are always happy to help and they are very friendly and welcoming to all our customers. The bar is also available to hire for private functions and events, just contact the club for information.

Thank you to Donna Williamson-Thomas for the above information.

### **Pools & Me, by David (Fred, Sid) Trotter**

I'm a South East Poolie because I have lived in London for twenty plus years, although will never call it home, but hey ho! SEP are a great bunch of people and good friends.

My first memory of a Pools game was when I was eight (fifty four years ago!) We were home to Southend.

The best Pools game I've seen was when we beat Tranmere on penalties. Their fans all left by our exit and applauded us. It was a great moment and gesture.

My favourite Pools player currently is Luke James. My all-time favourite Pools player is Rob McKinnon, Brian Honour, John Honour, Paul Baker, Willie Waddell etc.

The best away ground I've been to is Southend and Leyton Orient. They both have great fans.

Being realistic, my hopes for the next few seasons are to get back in the league.

I've always loved HUFC, SEP and CROW Travel. I will die being a Poolie and my ashes will be spread with my mam and dad and half on The Vic – my sons are going to run on and do it! NSD



### **Membership Renewals**

Membership continues to grow and we are now at over 40 members, fast heading towards last seasons high of 50. If you are yet to renew, are interested in joining or know someone who would like to join then please follow the link below. Our prices haven't increased in a decade and all membership money goes to HUFC in some way. Prices are as follows;

Adult £10

Child £5

Family £15 (Includes 1 adult and up to 3 children)

To purchase a 2019-20 membership or view our promotional video visit our [website](#).



### **Merchandise**

The pint glass design has been chosen and orders will be taken over the coming weeks, with full details being announced very shortly. The design was by Alan Drew who will receive a free pint glass as a thank you. The runner up design was also considered too good to waste so will instead be used on a SEP mug that members have been asking about. This was provided by Amy Bowman and she will receive a free mug as a thank you for her work. Over the coming





## Upcoming Events

### **Aldershot Town FC Away 12.10.2019**

This is looking to be a great day that involves a good number of SEP Members. Tickets are available in advance for as little as £2, with supporters allowed to decide their own price. To take advantage of this fantastic offer then go to their [online ticket page](#).

The town has a number of decent pubs and the exact ones we visit will probably be decided closer to the day. I would imagine that the last stop before the ground will once again be the Crimea PH, which as a 2 minute walk. As usual we will advertise the pubs as soon as we are aware of them.

### **WANTED! A member to do a short write up about the Aldershot trip.**

Ideally this will focus on the day itself rather than too much on the game. Ideas to include are; pubs, beers, conversations, funny incidents, atmosphere, etc. If you would like to have a go then please just let me know or email [here](#).

## General

I would like to say thank you to Alan Drew who has taken on the 'Pools and Me' collating, with the first one featuring Dave 'Fred, Sid' Trotter in this months newsletter. Alan has also been working on the SEP Mug ideas, which has been a huge help for me. Alan is not just a huge Poolie, travelling to most home games from Essex, but his contribution to the South East Poolies often goes unnoticed, I know that as members we are all grateful to him.

The newsletter has been around for a few months now and the response has been very positive. The important thing is that it is there for us all to use and the more variety the better. As you will have seen above we have asked for a volunteer to do a write up about the Aldershot away trip, but on top of this if there is anything that you would like to see, or even better want to add, then please just get in touch or [email](#).

Thank you all for your time,

Never Say Die

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