



Personally, it's been a bit of a strange month in footballing terms. With my lads team I've seen the lows of unexpected defeat and the euphoria of success, but amongst all this I've seen something that for me overrides everything. I've seen young people learning to form bonds, learning loyalty & building friendships that may last a lifetime. Football is not just about who scores the most goals, it's about dealing with defeat and also success and learning from both, it's about creating tremendous team spirit.

*This is what my son is learning with Brinklow Football Club and, for one, I think it's wonderful!!*

**Paul Wilby**

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**Name the mascot!!**

Answers to last months Name the mascot quiz:-

1. Captain Canary - Norwich City
2. Rammie the Ram - Derby County
3. 3 Lions - England
4. Harry the Hornet - Watford
5. Sky Blue Sam - Coventry City
6. Filbert Fox - Leicester City
7. Beau Brummie - Birmingham City
8. Monty Magpie - Newcastle Utd

The club are currently in talks with Coventry City Football Club regarding forging links between the two clubs. Whilst these talks are in their early stages we thought it proper that we publish Coventry City's scouting rules (below) so that parents are clear as to the process that the scouts should follow. The majority of Brinklow managers have been briefed as to the situation. However, if there is an issue your manager cannot deal with then please speak to the club chairman or Niall Murphy who has been liaising with CCFC. When we have firmed up the process we will publish it here & on the clubs' website [brinklowfc.co.uk](http://brinklowfc.co.uk)

**Code Of Conduct - Scouts**

COVENTRY CITY FOOTBALL CLUB is a responsible and caring institution. The Club recruits and appoints staff who have expertise, experience and skill in COACHING and SUPERVISING young children at its FOOTBALL ACADEMY. Staff will be selected carefully on production of a CURRICULUM VITAE showing previous experience and qualifications in the field.

All scouts will abide by the following procedures:

- 1 Produce a proof of identity to Parents, Teachers and Managers before approaching young players. Identify the responsible adult and seek permission to talk.
- 2 Do not give lifts to children when you are on your own without parental consent. When transporting youngsters in a group, try to work in pairs and ensure parents are aware.
- 3 If you give a child a lift, hand him/her over to staff at COVENTRY CITY FOOTBALL CLUB FOOTBALL ACADEMY or to a parent or responsible adult.
- 4 You will undertake a minimum of 36 hours CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT per year through specific in-service training for FOOTBALL ACADEMY Staff provided by the Football Association.
- 5 You will maintain a personal portfolio on your continuing Professional Development plans.
- 6 You have a responsibility to Coventry City Football Club to ensure its good reputation is maintained and enhanced.
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COVENTRY CITY OUTER SPACE FORMULA 1 UNDERWATER FAIRY TALES

BOB THE BUILDER THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE



Well, we have had a few indoor training sessions now and the lads are still enjoying themselves. Whilst we are restricted in what we can do indoors, we will endeavour to make sure the boy's still progress with their football. Once the better weather returns in the New Year we will get back outside which will benefit us all.

**“We will endeavour to make sure the boy's still progress with their football”**

With Christmas fast approaching our last training session before the holidays will be this Saturday (4th December). The Christmas party will be on the 19th December at the Church rooms opposite the White Lion pub, 1pm-3pm. Rumour has it that Father Christmas may be making a guest appearance! So kids make sure that you are on your best behaviour and don't forget your Christmas lists.

A big thank you to Sarah Day for organising the night out at the dogs, although at the time of putting this together we haven't been yet I am sure that it will be a great success and everyone will enjoy themselves.

The tour has really gathered pace and if you want to be included you must act now or be disappointed, this really is a great weekend and you shouldn't miss it.

Here's a thought for you all to take away and digest, would one of the parents out there like to do a report for **ON THE BRINK?** I am sure you must get board reading my drivel every month! It would be a great opportunity for a parent to give us their view on how they feel everything is going, the good or the bad. (Remember I do know where everyone lives!) If you do want to put a piece in **ON THE BRINK** please let me know.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, from us all.

**Niall Murphy**

*“I've had 14 bookings this season 8 of which were my fault, but 7 of which were disputable.”*  
**Paul Gascoigne**

*‘ARSENAL could have got away with a nil-nil, if it wasn't for the two goals.’*  
**Des Lynam**

*‘WELL, Clive, it's all about the two Ms, movement and positioning.’*  
**Ron Atkinson (ITV pundit)**

*‘MICHAEL Owen isn't the tallest of lads, but his height more than makes up for that.’*  
**Mark Lawrenson (BBC pundit)**



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**LADS  
v  
DADS**

**New Years Day  
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**- Get him out of Bed,  
get his kit on & get him down  
to Barr Lane.**

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(Bring some money, we are  
running a barbeque!!)**

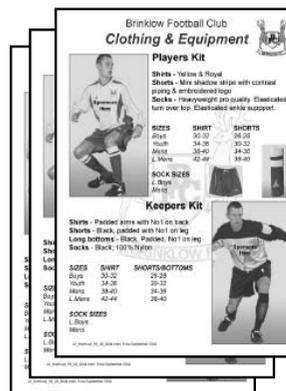
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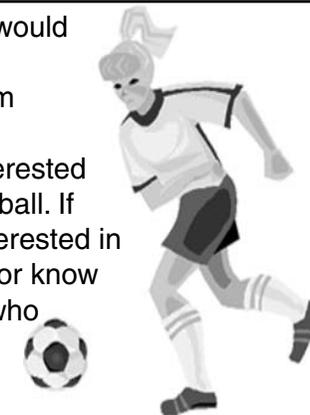
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## Equipment & Merchandise Catalogue



**Want to turn up to support your team in the club colours? Then please see your manager for a brochure & pricelist.**

The Club would be pleased to hear from parents or players interested in girls football. If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who might be interested please contact Dave Anderson on Mob: 07979 961364 or Tel: 01788 832472



**GIRLS FOOTBALL**

## SENIOR TEAM NEWS

### Toad 1 Brinklow 5

Penalty 79	Gaz Moore	30, 63.
	Balders	55
	Chalky	68
	Justin	72

We travelled to Ashlawn Rd knowing we had a huge battle on our hands especially with a very depleted squad to choose from. With regulars **Birdy, Sid, Dunks, Stocky** and **Ali** not available, and **'Our Bazza'** having a grading for his 72nd DAN (I believe he's on his Trouser Belt now), we knew we were going to have our work cut out.

With a change to our usual formation and many changes to players' usual positions it was important that we got everything right from the start and got the right atmosphere and team spirit going.

We knew the first 20 minutes were going to be tough, and so it was proved, with two of the Toad players being booked for very bad fouls within 15 minutes, both on our right back **'Jimmy'** (I swear they thought he was **Dunks!**) and the game being hard fought in the middle of the park. But with **Micky Bullock** and **Neil Baldwin** working hard in midfield and **D.A.** sweeping behind new centre half **'Azi'** our (also new) Goal Keeper, **Big Danny Bell**, was just left to direct traffic and come for the odd huge punch or two! Our two full backs **'Jimmy'** and **Si Bully** were tucking in solidly and we looked very comfortable at the back.

On the half hour mark we started to get the ball a little more up field via our two wide midfield outlets of **Jamie Sinclair** and **Justin Neal**. This helped us to supply our forward line of **Gaz Moore** and **Chalky** (yes **Chalky**), with **Gazza** receiving the ball about 25 yards out and pinging an unstoppable shot into the top corner of the net to see us go into half time with a deserved 1-0 lead.

The second half was a totally different affair with Brinklow having much more of the play by way of **Micky** and man of the match **'Balders'** winning the battle in the middle of the park. They in turn were releasing **'Sincky'** and **Justin** to feed our forwards and see us into a 5-0 lead. The 2nd half goals coming from **Balders** (20 yard drive into bottom corner), **Gaz Moore** (one on one with keeper taken on second attempt!), **Chalky** (a deft little curl around 2 defenders and the keeper into the bottom corner), and finally the best worked goal of the game from **Justin Neal** which started with our substitute full back **Luke Kennedy**, (6 first time passes all on the deck with the Toad chasing shadows!).

The Toad finally got a consolation goal 10 minutes from time by way of a penalty after Azi had dived in yet again!! After this our team shut up shop and the game came to a conclusion with a well deserved 5-1 victory.

Superb **TEAM** spirit, and Great **TEAM** attitude, for our fourth league win from the last five games. Keep it going lads.

Big thanks go to **Carl Moore** who helped me run the team on the day.

### Paul Huddlestone



*"You weren't world-class when Arsenal signed you."*

*Arsene Wenger's reply, according to The Sun newspaper, when Vieira complained to him that Arsenal had failed to sign any world-class players.*

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## U7's TEAM NEWS

### Fixtures

18th December – AT7 in Coventry, replacing the proposed training session

### Under 7's Great Yarmouth Fund Raising Committee

We would like some willing volunteers to come forward and be part of our U7GYFRC, (catchy name I know) to help raise some money towards our costs for the Great Yarmouth tour.

Our aim is to reduce the cost by £50.00 per player. We have 10 players currently registered. We should have some money left over from the scratch cards (once they all come back, dig, dig) as we have now come across some free tickets. All money raised through the calendar sale will go towards our fund, but we will need to think of some more ideas, bring and buy sales, car boots, sponsored penalty shoots, Team photo sales etc. Anyone interested in volunteering please let either Will or I know.

### Squad Rotation and game positioning

As we start to prepare for the glut of tournaments that we will be entering next year I believe the time has now come that we start building/preparing the boys for 7 a side football. With this in mind and following our game against Coventry Jaguar (seeing how they played and organised themselves), we will start using the following system for our future games:-  
Out of our squad on 14, we will pick 11 boys for each match.

We will rotate the less experienced boys on a game by game basis. Therefore not excluding anyone for more than one match.

We will let everybody know the Saturday, a week before the game, who has been picked for the forthcoming game. Boys that are not chosen for any game, please ensure they come along to support their teammates. With regard to players' positioning in games, over the next couple of months we will also start teaching the boys positional play, some more experienced coaches from the club will also be assisting Will and I with this aspect of the game. As part of our Child protection policy, I will introduce any additional coaches to you all first. If anybody wants to discuss this or any other matter relating to their child please feel free to contact me any time.

### Indoor training – Ernsford Grange School in Coventry

Indoor training has now commenced every other week. Cost for indoor training is £2.00 per session. Indoor training will finish in early February.

### Kit Information

Please ensure the boys always wear rain/drill tops to all matches. I have promised our sponsor – Premier Artwork, we would always wear them for match days.  
Blue Brinklow training tops - If anybody wishes to order these, they are available at the cost of £10.00. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

### Black Out Cards

Please don't forget to hand in your black-out cards by the end of November.

### Christmas Party

With the money we will raise from our black-out cards, we aim to take the boys to Highfield Rd to watch Coventry City vs Watford on Saturday 18th December. The plan is for training organised by Coventry City at the AT7 centre, circa 12.30pm on the day, then on to Highfield Road for about 2.30pm, in time for hotdogs, chips and drinks etc before the game.

Please can you let me know if your child is available for this afternoon of activities. We will also need 5 adults to help chaperone the boys on the day (each with a car) – Will and I plus three others. So if you are feeling up to the challenge of 14 boys and watching Coventry please can you let Will or I know.

### Calendars

I will have a sample of our 2005 under 7's calendar next week, A great Christmas present for grandparents, aunts and uncles – Price will be £7.50 each. All proceeds from the calendars will go towards reducing our costs of the Great Yarmouth Tour.

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## U8's TEAM NEWS

### Coventry Jaguar 6 Brinklow 0

Ignore the final score; it does not truly reflect what happened on the pitch. The game against Coventry Jaguar opened with a Brinklow kick off and saw fast moving end to end play for the first fifteen minutes during which time both teams had scoring opportunities but neither succeeded. Then with five minutes of the first half remaining we lost concentration and conceded a goal followed by four more whilst our heads were down.

The half time team talk and a couple of team changes brought us back out with the same spirit that we started the first half and whilst we did concede one more goal, the second half was a tightly fought 20 minutes. We had an opportunity to draw one goal back after a penalty award to Griff following an unsporting incident. Unfortunately, we were unable to convert this and the game ended with a win for Coventry Jaguar. Congratulations to Reed for some great saves.

If we can play in the way that we showed for most of this game then we will be able to see success in future matches.

### Training

As Barr Lane had become water logged we moved to Ernesford Grange and at the parents' request for a later time slot we took the outdoor all-weather pitch rather than the indoor facility. In many ways this is better as the indoor surface and rebounds from the walls don't really prepare the children for outdoor football. However, as we have seen there are some drawbacks from the all weather surface, notably grazed knees, dirty kit and a lot of rubbish on the field of play. Hopefully we won't need to use this for too long and will seek out alternative training environments.

### Christmas

This year Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays. So there will be no training on those two weekends, but we will restart on Saturday 8th January at a venue to be advised.

As our newsletter has said we will be holding the children's Christmas Party at the Sports Connexion in Ryton on 18th December. Don't forget to confirm if you are attending and if so what food and drink requirements you have. So as not to be left out we think it would be a good idea for a parents' night out – ideas and volunteers to organise this are most welcome.

### Matches

Our match schedule is currently awaiting confirmation from other Clubs. Further information to follow.

## Gordon Betts

*"Players don't win trophies, Teams win trophies"*

**Jose Mourinho**

*"With the very last kick of the game, Bobby McDonald scored with a header."*

**Alan Parry**

*"And so they have not been able to improve on their hundred percent record."*

**Sports Roundup**



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## RESERVES TEAM NEWS

### DP Limos 3 Brinklow Reserves 2

### Brinklow Reserves 1 Rugby Oak Res 0

### Lawford Reserves 5 Brinklow Reserves 1

### Black Horse 3 Brinklow Reserves 1

After two wins then a good 2-2 draw against Newbold Revel, and a team boosted with first team players, the game against high flying DP Limos didn't look such a difficult proposition. We began the game looking the better team but went 1-0 down due to a Mickey Bullock O.G. Soon after, we had a perfectly good goal disallowed after Mickey challenged their keeper and a defender for the ball, which ran free for Simon Bates to tap home. The challenge left Mickey injured and unable to continue. Not his day! The second half saw us go 2-0 down but Scott Wells struck back with a goal immediately from the restart. DP Limos then went 3-1 up only for Simon Bates to keep us in with a chance by scoring our second, his fourth of the season. But it wasn't to be.

In our next match against Rugby Oak reserves, Sam Lunt put us 1-0 up in the first half with a shot from outside the penalty area which the keeper seemed to have covered but failed to catch. His excuse was that spray from the ball made him close his eyes. Our attacks were continually thwarted as the Oak caught us offside time and again. This resulted in us being put under a lot of pressure and the defence did a fantastic job in limiting the Oak to mainly speculative efforts, with a special mention going to Drew Nicholls who played like a man determined to get into the first team.

The first half against Lawford reserves started off well with Chris Gray and Drew Nicholls linking up well down the left side. Lee Kenney and Roger Lunt had chances to score before Chris Gray hit the back of the net to put us into a deserved lead. Lawford then came back at us, forcing some fine saves from Brian Bullock. Antony Ford went close for Brinklow with a header which was blocked on the line. A series of corners finally produced an equalizer for Lawford two minutes before half time. We went out for the second half still optimistic of a victory but, inexplicably, the team buckled and all but a few players, namely Fordy, Chris, Bully and the subs, put in a performance best forgotten.

The game against the Black Horse saw us go 1-0 up for the third week in a row thanks to an unstoppable strike by Martin Smith, from well outside the area, that crashed into the back of the net. However, we were giving possession away too easily and two soft goals by the Black Horse saw us trailing in a game once again. Strong tackling by Christian McTurk and stout defending by Hub Cierniak kept us in with a shout. The introduction of Dave Galpin in the second half saw us force a number of corner kicks, each one producing a half chance. Unfortunately, a stray pass near the end of the match gifted Black Horse a goal and sealed their victory.

## Simon Pulford

*"There are two great teams on Merseyside; Liverpool and Liverpool Reserves."*

**Bill Shankly**

*"It's rumoured that Man United are trying to sign Michel Platini, just in case they get a free-kick on the edge of the box this season."*

**When Saturday Comes magazine (1986)**



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# YOUTH TEAM NEWS

## Jaguar Colts Vs Brinklow Youth

Back to winning ways in style in the Birmingham Cup with a 4-0 win. Due to the heavy rainfall we ended up playing in Binley, as this was the only available pitch and Brinklow Youth played extremely well, coping with a rabbit hole infested pitch. Although only 1-0 at half time and 4-0 at the final whistle, the result does not truly reflect what was one way traffic for 95% of the game. Youth's keeper was only tested twice in the game, one of those being a cross come shot.

Youth took the lead through Lee Perkins, latching on to a through ball and calmly placing passed their keeper. Early on in the second half Richard Taylor launched a long ball from his area into Jaguar's half and as the defender nodded the ball back to their on rushing keeper it was the typical own goal. The persistence of Luke McKeirnan and Leigh Salisbury saw them both get well deserved goals, Luke's coming from the penalty spot.

It is an opportune time to stress the stability of the Youth back four, with Luke Morton, Sam Lunt and Rajen Patel ever present. The usual left back Simon "Chocky" Tyler was ably deputised by Matt Lambert whilst Chocky gave great encouragement from the side line shouting the lads on but I do not know who Ralf and Ruth were!

A good overall team performance - keep it up.

## Brinklow Youth Vs Knowle

This time it was the League Cup, and what promised to be an excellent game only saw a poor performance by the referee turn the game into a one sided affair. Knowle had not been beaten all season and with Brinklow's decent form this could have been a tight game. Firstly the referee booked one of the Knowle players for a foul when he should have booked one of his team mates! Then, within a few minutes he booked the same player for what looked like an innocuous challenge and Knowle were down to ten players.

The resultant score line of 6-0 may seem slightly flattering but Youth played well and kept their discipline with the Hitler style ref wishing to book anyone for the slightest indiscretion. Goals came from Jack Wiggins (2), Leigh Salisbury (2), Lee Perkins and Luke McKeirnan .

## Brinklow Youth Vs Hawkesmill

This game I did not actually see but a 5-2 defeat saw Youth bow out of the Birmingham Cup. Youth were not disgraced by all accounts and had a lot of possession, but could not put away many of their chances. The visitors took a 2-0 lead, which was pulled back to 2-2 with goals from Gareth Yeend & Luke McKeirnan before the eventual final score.

As is always stated when Coventry go out of the cup ? "We can now focus on winning the league!"

## Clive Morton

*It's not about the long ball or the short ball, it's about the right ball."*

**Bob Paisley**



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# U9's TEAM NEWS

**Reds 2 Christ The King 0**

**Reds 1 AT7 4**

**Christ The King 1 Reds 0**

**AT7 6 Greens 1**

**Dunlop 8 Greens 0**

**Greens 1 Ernesford 4**

**Greens 1 London Road 8**

I want to begin my report this month by congratulating all of the players for working so hard on their individual games over the past month. All of the guys have really rolled up their sleeves, upped their workrate, upped their levels of concentration and as always have executed an impeccable level of excellent behaviour. How do I know? I know because the performances the lads have been putting in over the past month are testimony to that. I know both teams are languishing at the bottom of their respective divisions, but with the level of determination the players are now possessing, balanced with the ever growing confidence in themselves and their team mates, it wouldn't surprise me in the least if both teams began to put a run together. I wrote in last months report that a team only puts a run together when they are ready to do so. Well, I am sensing and seeing things both in training and in games that tells me that the boys are ready. They are beginning to trust each other, trust the positions they play in, trust the systems we play, so in block they feel that they are gelling. Bold words considering I write this having just witnessed one of our sides get soundly beaten, but only in goals scored and not performance wise.

I feel the Christmas break will come at a good time for us, because when we come back after the holidays we will no longer be 2 new sides starting out, that'll all be behind us, we will be 2 units used to playing for each other, ready to head towards the business end of the season. Remember you don't get any accolades for being at the top of the league at Christmas, you only get recognition for where you finish at the end of the season. With these facts in mind and still plenty of football to be played this season, let's see if the rewards the lads deserve for their hard work comes to fruition and we can all climb the leagues together.

I've thoroughly enjoyed the season thus far, and although, this in the main is down to the fantastic players we have assembled, a lot of the enjoyment factor stems from the enormous help that I receive from the coaches, parents and supporters. We continue to have the canny knack of attracting such friendly and loving families to enjoy our football club, thankyou very much, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year,

## Martin Pulford

*Their manager, Terry Neil, isn't here today, which suggests he is elsewhere.'*

**Brian Moore**



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## U10's TEAM NEWS

**Brinklow Juniors 6 London Road 1**  
**Christ the King Rovers 1 Brinklow Juniors 0**  
**Brinklow Juniors 3 Coventry Jaguars youth 1**  
**Brinklow Juniors 8 Coventry Aquatics 0**

This has been a good month with some excellent results and some good football from all the boys. The only slip up was against Christ the King, we dominated the game but couldn't make those chances we had count, and just one lapse of concentration with their only attack lost us the game. I feel the parents and relatives are enjoying watching the boys play every Sunday as they are getting better every game, with some brilliant passing which is a joy to see and all the boys are getting stronger and starting to use their football brains instead of waiting for us to tell them what to do.

**Richard mKendrick** - New keeper and has settled in well, is brave & very hard to beat and an asset to the team.

**Phill** - Gets better and better, nobody gets passed him. He controls the ball well and does the simple thing. He feeds the ball up the wings and a lot of the goals we score all stem from that simple but effective thing he does.

**JB** - He has just taken up this position in front of Phill and a superb job he does. He is at his best when he is in the thick of things and with his skill and speed to bring the ball out of the danger zone and run at the opposition - scares them to death.

**Adam** - When we lost Lewis from left midfield it took a few games to find the person to fill this position but Adam has made this position his own. He runs with the ball and makes that pass when it is needed and always gets back to help out & defend.

**H** - This position is probably one of the most important positions on the field, holding the centre of midfield, but he is adapting well. His strength in the tackle is developing and the passing is excellent and also gets back well to defend.

**Turbo** - He has played most of his football on the right, he tackles well and when he makes his runs he very rarely gets caught and also gets back to defend.

**Greeny** - What a striker, he has got such a nice left foot and is a natural goal scorer. He is now learning that to get even more goals he has to go looking for the ball and he is also reading the game which has paid dividends with goals coming in most games.

**Alex** - Is the most improved player this year, he plays in front of Phill and just does the simple things. Wins the ball and makes that simple pass. His strength and stamina are always improving and will be excellent next year when we go to eleven aside.

**Connor** - What a player to have in your squad, a top class keeper and left side player, whether it be sweeper or left midfield and with a good left foot. Has scored in the last two games.

**Ashley** - Hasn't played in the team yet but will make his debut shortly, he is a promising player and will fit in well within the team.

**Luke** - Will also be making his debut soon and will be a cracking defender and with guidance from Phill at the back he will settle in pretty quick.

**Brett** - Hadn't played much football when he came, but he listens and gives a hundred percent and will be a quality member of the squad next season at eleven aside.

**Shamus** - A quick player and gets himself about and isn't scared to get stuck in.

A successful sponsored training morning, well done to every body and this should raise money to get some more equipment which is going to benefit the boys if everyone could get these in during the next two weeks it would be much appreciated, and lads two years on the trot you lost again. I lost count after 15 - better luck next year!

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## U16's TEAM NEWS

November seems to have brought not just the expected change in the weather, but also the expected difficulty in the fixtures. The first game in November away to St Nicholas Boys was always going to be difficult, both sides knowing the outcome would have a big influence on who was likely to be top of the league at the end of the month. On a typical wet and heavy pitch it was not going to be a game for the faint hearted. The first 30 minutes saw both sides attack and counter attack in what seemed like a fairly even match. The tackles were unforgiving and full-blooded, as you would expect from two sides intent on winning. David Sinclair put Brinklow ahead in the 30th minute with a header from a corner, and that's how it stayed until half time. After 7 minutes of the second half St Nicks equalised and the game continued the way it started with fairly even exchanges. Shortly after, the game turned sour with some ridiculous challenges that would normally require a government health warning. The referee had to stop the game and speak to both sides offering them the chance to play the game or abandon the match. After a 10 minutes stoppage the game resumed and Craig Burrin put Brinklow in front. Danny Carter extended the lead 7 minutes later, which is where the game turned and instead of playing football, it turned into a competition of who could tackle the latest and the hardest. St Nicholas pulled a goal back with 10 minutes to go injuring Dale Huddleston, Brinklows captain and goalkeeper who had to be substituted for concussion. St Nicks continued to press and equalised 2 minutes

***If anyone has any photo's or video of the u16's in last years Brinklow 6-a-side can they please let Mick know. We can arrange for the videos or photo's to be copied & safely returned***

from the end to see Brinklow drop the first points of the season. I suggest you bring your own stretcher and first aid kit for the return, children and OAP s should not attend without police protection.

The second round of the Birmingham minor Cup was a more civilised affair away to Central Ajax. The weather and the quality of football were considerably better. Ben Clarke opened the scoring in the 37th minute, a deserved reward for the effort he and the team had put in. Ajax equalised shortly after to end the half 1-1.

Brinklow took the initiative early in the second half with Craig Burrin heading in a corner that is becoming his trade mark this season. Alex Baker added to the tally 6 minutes later to take the tie beyond doubt. 3 minutes before the end saw the referee change his mind first awarding Ajax a penalty and then after consultation with the assistant referee (linesman) not giving it. If it can happen in the premiership it can happen in the Birmingham minor cup. Brinklow progress to the next round to be played in December, hopefully at home for a change.



*Brinklow u16's*

Away to Chapplefield Colts is exactly what you want on a cold, wet and breezy morning. What you don't want is a quick through ball and to go a goal down after 1 minute, but that is exactly what Brinklow did and spent the next 35 minutes all but camped in the oppositions half looking for the equaliser which came eventually from Lee Harris after an excellent piece of individual skill which saw him turn and shoot a left footed half volley which capped an excellent half for him and justifiably bought the scores level at half time (although at least another six would have been a more realistic reflection of the dominance Brinklow had). The second half saw Danny Carter add a brace and Ben Clarke added another in the 30th minute to show on the scoreboard something like the dominance displayed on the pitch.

With a little luck Brinklow might remember what a home game is like in December, and with two cup games to be played and hopefully a league game before the end of the year it may well be a season to be jolly!

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# U13's TEAM NEWS

## Season review

November has proved to be a very interesting month for the Under 13s. For a variety of reasons, we have lost one or two players. In particular we say goodbye to Alex Cramp and his dad John who have been an integral part of the Under 13s set up, going back six years to when we started as Under 7s. John, Alex and family have moved 'up north' and I'm sure we all wish them well for the future.

As far as matches are concerned, November has also seen an improvement in results. But the biggest area of progress is the lads performance. I'm writing this report just after watching the Under 13s play their best match for 12 months. The hard work the lads have put in at training and the perseverance they've shown earlier in the season (when things weren't looking too good) seems to be coming to fruition. Together with trying to play some good football (and without counting my chickens) - I think the Under 13s may have turned the corner, and it's great credit to the lads who are starting to get their reward for all the hard work and effort they've put in. Keep it up !!

## Xmas & New Year schedule

Sun 19th Dec	Match (away)	Pro Santos	K.O. 1:00pm
24th 25th & 26th Dec	No matches or training		
Fri 31st Dec	No training		
Sat 1st Jan	No training		
Sun 2nd Jan	Training	11:00am – 12:30pm	
Fri 7th Jan	Training (Walsgrave WMC)	6:00pm – 7:15pm	
Sat 8th Jan	Training	11:00am – 12:30pm	
Sun 9th Jan	Match	K.O. TBC	



u13's go fishing!!

On the social side, hopefully early in the New Year we'll go go-karting or tobogganing. Details will follow nearer the time.

And finally, as well as a big thank you to the lads for all their hard work and effort can I say thank you to Martin Tranter, Gary Wilcox, Rob Kearney, Ged Wood, Bip & Bob Sud for all their help and assistance over the last few months – it's much appreciated.

Have a Happy Christmas

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# U11's NEWS

**Whitley Juniors 1 Brinklow 3**  
**Brinklow 0 London Road 9**  
**The Boat 1 Brinklow 2**  
**Rugby Town 4 Brinklow 0**  
**Brinklow 3 Coundon Cockerels 2**  
**Brinklow 2 Hillmorton 7**  
**Solihull 0 Brinklow 4 (Cup Match)**

Its been a real topsy turvy month for the boys that has seen them thrashed and outplayed by London Road and then taught a lesson in finishing by Rugby Town. Although these results knocked their confidence, the boys have turned this round and started to believe in themselves again with a fine win against Coundon Cockerels.

The scoreline against Hillmorton might lead people to believe that the boys were outplayed but far from it. This was one of our better performances that we have played all season considering we only had nine players to their eleven. Hillmorton, who the week before had beaten Chaplefield Colts must have been expecting the boys to just give up, but this wasn't the case at all. Hopefully they will take heart from this game and know that with eleven players on the pitch they can be a match for anyone when they play like this.

A welcome break from the league saw us take on Solihull in the Cup. After a very slow start and unable to clear our lines for the first five minutes until a fine clearance from George to Harry who left it for Nathan to flick the ball through for Harry to smash the ball home. Our second came not long after, good play between Craig and Nathan and well finished by Matty. The third came from a corner just before half time, well finished by Huddy Jnr. Second half, the boys were still trying to play football even though the pitch was becoming like a mud bath and both sets of players were freezing cold.

There was some really good performances from George who was outstanding, Lee (Rollo) also had a fine game and Nathan played really well, worrying the opposition every time he got the ball (also took his goal superbly well). But for me the one who made the difference today was Kieran who we switched from forward to midfield anchorman. He's a natural in this position and freed up Craig and Huddy which allowed them to get forward a lot more. Well done to Stuart, Ben, Jason who all played their part as well, also Matthew Mooney who made a couple of fine saves.

I would also like to welcome our new signing Kevin on board and hope everything goes well. Here's hoping for some better results next month.

	GOALS	MOM
Matthew Pine	5	2
Nathan Arundell	6	1
Stuart Day	1	4
Lee Huddleston	4	1
Craig Payne	8	3
Harry Jevons	1	
Jason Taylor	2	3
George Harman	1	3
Kieran Monahan	1	2
Ben Simpson		2
Lee Rollins		3
Robby Dharni		3
Matthew Mooney		3

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On the 6th November Moreno Francioso, Sarah Francioso, Dave Wright and myself held our first girl's training session at the Revel College. Over 25 girls attended with ages ranging from five through to fifteen.

I'd always wanted to establish a girl's section of the Brinklow Club. Having been involved in football for so long I've seen, too often, how the daughter or sister could sometimes end up standing on the touchline watching her brother have all the fun. This never seemed fair.

Fortunately, we are part of a forward thinking club who welcomed the idea of establishing a girl's section with open arms. Three weeks in and, although very early days, with the numbers holding up, it looks like we could be well on our way to developing some firm foundations.

Our initial intention is simple – to establish a weekly training session that will allow us to concentrate on developing a range of football skills. Depending on progress made and the numbers/ages of girls who stay with us (hopefully everyone plus additions) we would then like to arrange a number of friendlies (with xmas soon with us this will probably in the New Year). Following this we would hope to have teams ready to enter League football next September. Again it's very early days and we're not getting ahead of ourselves, however this is the plan.

We've already split the girls into two distinct age groups (ten and under/over 10). This has allowed us to concentrate on tailoring the training session to the particular needs of the group. We might look to split the age groups even further (again depending on numbers/ages).

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Thanks goes to everyone who's helped in their own way. I contemplated naming everyone but I'd not have the room. All I will say is that getting the sessions set up has been easy with every request being supported.

Lastly, the Warwickshire sports representative who helped us set things up made a special point of recommending that as many females get

involved in the coaching as possible. Understandably, the girls respond to this arrangement far better with role models in place. We've already had Janine Stothard come along to competently help out and of course we have ex Rugby Town star Sarah Francioso as a resident coach. If however there were any more females who wanted to get involved please feel free to come along and help with the coaching. Don't worry about coaching/football ability. All we need is lots of encouragement and enthusiasm.

Again if you do know of any girls who'd like to train times are as follows:-

- Every Saturday 2.00pm to 3.00pm at the Revel College Stretton under Fosse
- £1.00 per girl per session
- We do have a big bag of football boots of varying sizes that the girls can borrow until they've decided if they'd like to purchase a pair of their own

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With ten games now gone the under 12's find themselves the right end of the table by winning eight, drawing one and losing the other. With these results the players and officials are looking forward to every game knowing that we are in with a really good chance of coming away with all the points. So all I can say to the boys is that the results are in your own hands, but we must not take our foot off the pressure or else we will let teams get in to the game and make us work instead of us making them work. So just keep up the good performances and with them we will continue to get the results we are achieving.

**Brinklow 12 Binley Woods 2** Glazgo (6), Murph (4), JJ and Hydo

Really gritty performance against Binley, going a goal down in the first five minutes we stepped things up and never looked back.

**Brinklow 4 Cov Jag 2** Glazgo (2), Hydo and og

This was the first round of the cup against Coventry Jaguar Youth, a team who were doing just as well as us in the league and without JJ and Morrison at the back it was a challenge for Aman and Steve. But with the help of the full backs and Glazgo sweeping, we proved to be more than a match for our opposition and with the lightning feet of Elliot causing all kinds of problems down the left we comfortably progressed through to the next round where we will be taking on Chappelfield Colts (12th December away).

**Mount Nod Highway 1 Brinklow 8** Glazgo (3), Murph (2), JJ, Hydo and Elliot

This game saw Brinklow going a goal down yet again before we realised that we must work for the points and with that we were soon back in control of the game, but we were still wasting valuable chances in front of goal and could have been into double figures by the half way stage of the game.

In the second half we peppered their goal, with everyone having a go and by the end of the game we had manage to bag a creditable eight goals.

**Brinklow 4 Wyken 7** Glazgo (2), Gianni and Elliot

Well there are only two things I can say about this game, the first is COMMITMENT or a lack of it, and the second is COMMUNICATION which again there was none of it. Well that's it about this game and we have all put it behind us now.

**Coventry Aquatics 0 Brinklow 4** Gianni(2), Taz and Glazgo

Saving the best to last, by far was this the best performance and attitude I have seen from the under 12's in recent times. From when the boys arrived they sorted themselves out and proceeded to enter their warm ups without the likes of any of our coaches even entering the field.

When the game kicked off, all you could hear were positive comments from all of our players to each other and when one of our players lost the ball there was another yellow shirt there to help them out. Taz was having a whale of a time with him twisting and turning and was unlucky not to score when he chipped the goalie from outside the box only to see his shot hit the bar. With Gianni playing up front we were just too powerful for Aquatics, going into the break an easy two nil up. With the introduction of the three subs at half time we were creating just as many chances as we were in the first half and with Morrison pushing up to midfield where Sam was already causing all sorts of pressure, we deservedly got two more goals.

What was also a good point in the game was that all the backs namely JJ, Aman, Joe and Dale and with Danny replacing Dale at half-time, they only had one chance of scoring in the whole game which Matty slid out to gather at the feet of their striker. This performance is a credit to the names of MATTY, JJ, TOM, AMAN, DALE, JOE, DANNY, GLAZGO, STEVE, TAZ, ELLIOT, SAM, MURPH and GIANNI. WELL DONE.

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