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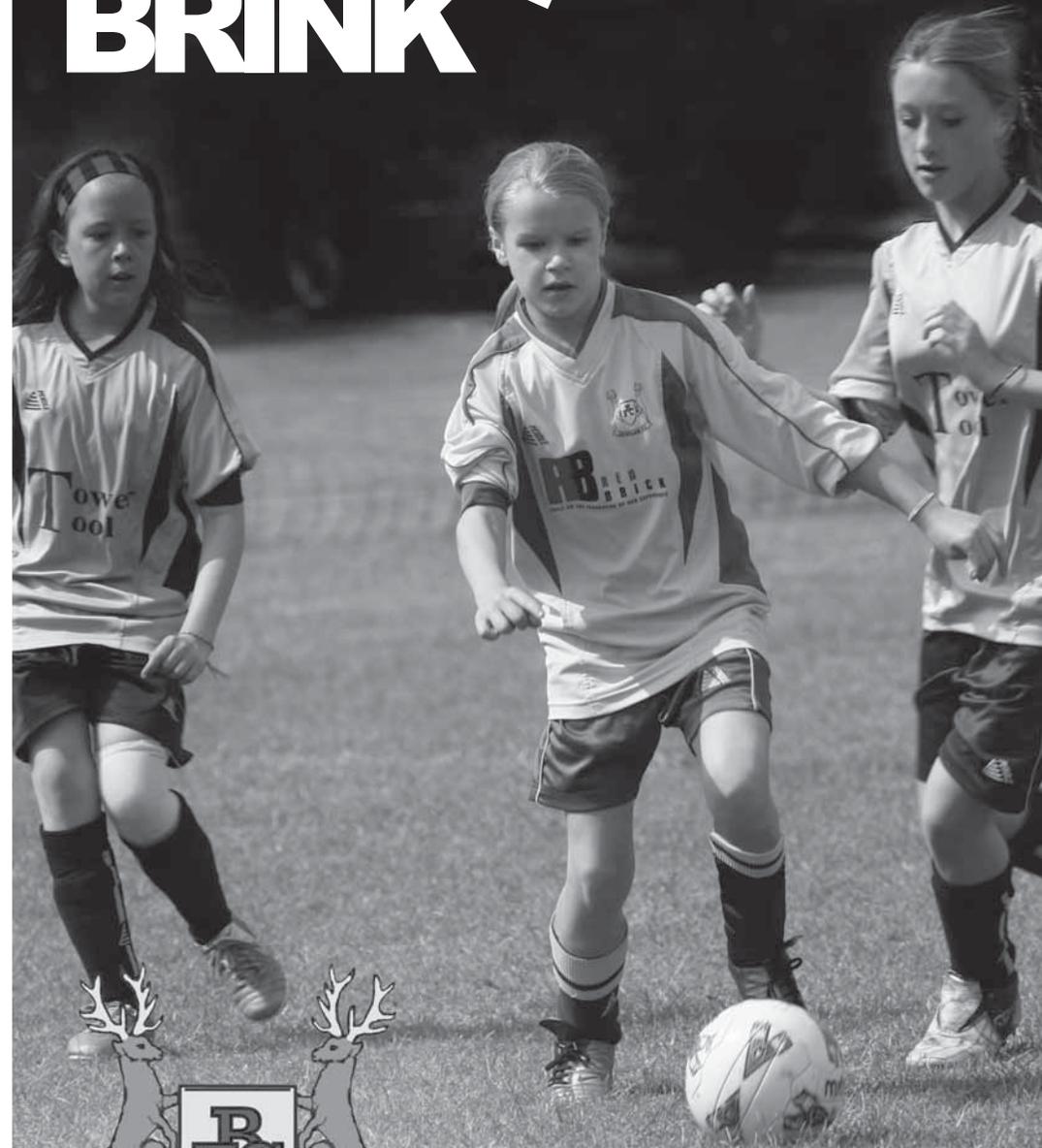
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The first meeting of the new PSG (Parent Support Group) took place on the 13th & I'm pleased to say it was well attended. Peter has told me of several good ideas that came from the group which will be discussed further at a second meeting planned in the new year. If you want to get involved please contact Peter Day

We have also picked up several new sponsors since the last *ON THE BRINK*, 'Costa Del Hols' for the u7's, 'Ecas Services Ltd' for the u16's & 'E-on' for the u10's. The Bulls Head have also provided a new playing kit for the u11's. A big thankyou to the new sponsors & of course to our current ones - we couldn't do it without you.

With the growth of the magazine to accomodate an increased number of reports we now have some free space for additional adverts in *ON THE BRINK*. If you're interested, contact yours truly using the details in the mag.

Oh! I nearly forgot, Happy Christmas!!

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PS - Anyone know if Declan has gone for the England job again?

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BRINKLOW U11'S KEEPER DANIELLA BECOMES A FILM STAR!!

Extract from the Coventry City Ladies website:-

Coventry City Ladies U12's COE Goalkeeper was over the moon at being asked to take part in the latest FA coaching DVD. She attended a Goalkeeper coaching session led by Andy Poole the FA Regional Coach Development Manager and UEFA A Licence coach. She seized her opportunity by showing off her goalkeeping skills in front of the cameras, which resulted in a 15 minute session included in the new DVD. The session centred on Goalkeeper coaching and player development and can be found under the technical defending section on disc 2 of this great new coaching tool.

Andy Poole explained, "The DVD is called " Developing the Player: The 4 Corner Approach" and is produced by the FA as a candidate resource for the 'new' format of the Level 2 Coaching Certificate "L2CCF". The DVD highlights the structure and strategy for maintaining a player centred approach to coaching"

Richard Seedhouse, Coventry City 's own Goalkeeping coach said, "this was a great opportunity, there are not many people who can say they have appeared in an FA coaching DVD and she should be very proud of herself"

The new 2 disc DVD illustrates throughout, the practical ideas that will help support the coach in their coaching. It has been developed to introduce coaches to the principle of The FA 4-corner Player Development Model.



FOOTBALL

COVENTRY ALLIANCE

HOTSHOT Ben Clarke is right in the running for the Coventry Alliance golden boot award.

He chalked up his 17th goal of the season as Brinklow Reserves dumped their Kenilworth Wardens counterparts 4-0 to retain second spot in JBC Alliance Four.

Sean Clusker bagged a brace with Dean Owen also on target for the villagers who are just two points adrift of leaders Hartshill after their shock 3-1 reverse at the hands of Ambleside.

Chris Ryders (2) and Ian Chattaway netted for Ambleside with Wayne Hadley scoring for the losers.

Steve Foster and Lewis Day notched a double apiece as Bedworth Ex-Service maintained their unbeaten record with a 4-1 defeat of Hawksmill, Paul Hines replying.

Exes are now fourth, seven points behind the leaders with three games in hand.

Cherry Tree eased out Bermuda 2-0 thanks to strikes by Neil Osbourne and Rob Jones while Collycroft beat Bilton Social 3-2.

Ryan Green (2) and Neil Warner netted for Collycroft with Rob Montgomery bagging a brace for rock-bottom Bilton who have yet to

GOAL ACE BEN PEPS BRINKLOW

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On a positive note there is no doubt that confidence in front of goal is strong at the moment with goals coming throughout the team. I make it 29 goals in 5 league games which is an excellent return. A down side of this however, is that in our eagerness to push forward we are leaving the defence exposed & leaking a few more than we would like.

Report supplied by Paul Wilby

Red House Juniors 1 Brinklow 5

This really should have been more comfortable. A low key start & I was beginning to wonder if it was going to be one of those days, however 3 goals all with quality finishes saw us go into a comfortable lead. We then took our foot off the gas & gave Red House a sniff, conceding a soft goal to a simple ball over the top. A couple of fine saves at a critical time from stand in keeper Rich Judge kept our 2 goal cushion. With 20 minutes to go & with Brinklow lacking substitutes due to illness, Lee Huddleston was up-ended & had to be carried off. Down to 10 men & the situation looking decidedly dodgy as we weren't playing that well, however the injury seemed to galvanise the lads. Some better team football & JJ taking command at the back resulted in us getting the killer fourth, eventually running out 5-1 winners. 34 goals in 6 games eh lads! - Not bad for a team who we the management said had to work on their finishing!!

Special mention to Sam Hayley for helping us out, Brandon who I thought was excellent today & of course Rich in goal (Matty owes you a pint!)
Report supplied by Paul Wilby

Whitley 1 Brinklow 7

Brinklow continued their fine form with a convincing 7-1 win away to Whitley. From the very start we created chance after chance, only for the final ball to go just wide or the keeper to save it. With the eager strikers we just kept timing our runs a little quick and kept getting caught offside as Whitley were defending on the half way line. With chance after chance still being created, Brinklow went a deserved 1-0 up only for Whitley to level the score just before the Break.

Second half, and the Brinklow pressure carried on, and it wasn't long before the goals started going in from, in total, 6 different players, and with good play from all Brinklow players the game ended with a comfortable 7-1 to the Yellow and Blue's of Brinklow.

Goals:
Shaun McBride, Jamie Huddleston, Tommy Hyde (2), Alex Linnell, Jack Farrent and Callum Flaxton.



Tom Hyde challenges for the ball in our win against Whitley

Neil Huddleston

U16's TEAM NEWS

The last month or so has been very disjointed for the Under 16's. We've played only one league fixture out of a potential five and one cup match. On top of that, we've tried to change training from Walsgrave WMC to The Revel on a couple of occasions, but have been rained off. However the spirit in the camp is good. The lack of fixtures has given some of the lads with 'knocks' to rest and get themselves fully fit for when the league actually deem to give us some fixtures. The lads are looking good in their new kits. We are still trying to get publicity shots, but with lack of matches and the difficulty of trying to get every member of the squad together in the same place at the same time, this is not proving very easy. However over the coming weeks we hope to resolve this problem and do everything we can to thank Cliff Mazey and ECAS Services for their generosity.

The one league match we played against Colliery Colts is not worth a mention but the Birmingham Cup match against Kenilworth Warden Colts is. Brinklow FC Under 16's where 4-1 down with 15 minutes to go and clawed it back to 4-4 at the final whistle. Although we lost in the second half of extra time, the test of character and resolve by the team was outstanding. If that wasn't enough, on top of that, in the course of the game the ref showed 10 yellow cards and reported the away team to the league. With no exaggeration, this game was one of the cleanest games we have ever played, one of the nicest teams we have ever played against and supported by the nicest set of supporters and management team we have ever come across. Whatever got into the referee I'll never know, it was an incredible display. I've never seen anything like it. By the way, only one of the cards belonged to a BFC player. Unbelievable !!!

Dads – don't forget it'll soon be your turn to take to the pitch. The Lads-v-Dads match is taking place on Boxing Day (this year it falls on the 26th December) at Barr Lane, starting at 11:00am. It's only a fun match and you can come on and off as often as you please. So please come along, have a go and then recover with a few beers afterwards.

That's all for now, I guess there will be a back log of fixtures, so the month ahead should be busy and I look forward to updating all on the matches and everything else happening with the Under 16s.

Thank you for your support.

Peter Day

In May 1950, Blackpool signed Billy Wright from a local junior club for a set of tangerine jerseys!



*Q. Why did football pitches become triangles all of a sudden?
A. Because someone took a corner.*



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U7's TEAM NEWS

Having grown in strength and depth the Brinklow U7's squad have now formed 2 teams. Thunder and Lightening being the names chosen by the players themselves. Good football played by both teams along with flashes of brilliance, but does one team carry the occasional rumble of thunder?

Brinklow Thunder 5 Rugby 6

The second game of the season saw Brinklow Thunder up against a strong Rugby side visiting the Revel for a match full of end to end goals. The Rugby side who had come to the Revel with only one intention and that was to avenge their defeat at the end of last season. Brinklow took an early 2 goal lead but then fell behind. Despite the score, Harry Keble played well in goal but Rugby had some good players with obvious goal scorers to test the Brinklow goal. Brinklow never gave up and put Rugby under constant pressure in an attempt to equalise. It did look as though the constant pressure from Brinklow would pay off but eventually beaten by the clock Brinklow lost this tough encounter by the one goal. Brinklow goals scored by Jack Burroughs (2), Will Blackmore (2) and Finley Troup (1).

Brinklow Lighting 5 Ambleside 4th 0

A really good performance by the lighting team to get them their first victory 3 goals by Jake Parsons and 2 from Fintan Hanley was the fine end to a good match with Brinklow trying to pass and move like we train on. A big well done to all the lads and lets move on to our next matches with confidence from this performance.

Brinklow Thunder 2 Long Lawford U8's 1

Next up saw Brinklow Thunder take on a team older and bigger but on their first match. With some changes to formation the Brinklow team looked organised and played some good football but were not able to get a score in the first half. The nil-nil scoreline at half time should be accredited to a strong defensive performance from Oliver Craig and Joe Cooper along with some good saves from Harry Keble who has obviously been working hard over the summer. The second half saw some very good passing and movement from all the Brinklow team which eventually paid off and Brinklow took the lead from a neatly taken goal by Jamie Wilkins. The second goal from Brinklow coming minutes later was sheer brilliance to see. Oliver slotted a pass from defence to midfield, Lewis picked up the ball and broke through the opposition defence and drawing the goal keeper of his line passed across to Finley to slot in the goal. Long Lawford deserved to pull a goal back through effort. The important thing was that all the kids seemed to enjoy themselves and the match was played in great spirit. Brinklow goals scored by Jamie Wilkins and Finley Troup.

Well done to all the players.....

Gavin Brigg & Scott Craig

The entire Ecuador team – all eleven players – were sent off in an international match in 1978!



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U8's TEAM NEWS

Match reports for under 8's Blue

We seem to be improving game by game and sometimes its quite astounding to see the quality of football that we are currently playing. I am really pleased with the effort that all the players are putting in, and that means training sessions as well as games.....Lads you are a pleasure to work with. A big thank you to all the parents for your continuing support and to Trace for collecting subs and running the tea stall.

Whitley Juniors 1 Brinklow 6

Jasper Moon 3, Jessie Dharni 2, Teddy Vincent
Man Of The Match - Max Joyce

Brinklow 3 Eastlands 3

Rhys Harteveld 2, James Judge

Man Of The Match - Rhys Harteveld

Brinklow 6 GNP Sports 2

Liam Troughton 5, Jasper Moon

Man Of The Match - Liam Troughton

Christ The King 0 Brinklow 5

Jasper Moon 2, Liam Troughton 2, James Judge
Man Of The Match - Jasper Moon

Brinklow 9 Leamington Hibs 1

Jessie Dharni 2, Jasper Moon 2, Liam Troughton 2, James Judge 2, Rhys Harteveld
Man Of The Match - Liam Troughton

Played 9 Won 7 Drew 2 Lost 0 For 47 Against 9 Points 23

Upcoming Events

Dec 15th: Blue Dads v Green Dads 7 a side - 1.30 Kick Off @St Margarets

Dec 22nd: Xmas Party and Social - Time to be confirmed - Sports Connexion

Match reports for under 8's Green

What a fantastic last few weeks for the u8s Green. We saw a very well earned draw away to London Rd 1-1, Sam wash scoring the equalizer, every team member playing very well. A Couple of weeks later saw an away win against the Fire Fighters, having being 1-0 down at half time, the lads put in a fantastic effort in the second half to come back and win 2-1, both goals from Sam Wash. The following week saw a home win 1-0 against Pinley, Ben Sotec scoring the goal, all the boys putting in a very good performance. I thought we may of had a hat-trick of wins, but it wasn't to be against 2nd in the table Chappelfields, they were just a wee bit strong for our boys, losing 4-0. But on the whole the lads have been brilliant these last few weeks, well done to all, especially to William for his excellent goalkeeping. Also a big thankyou to Darren for all the help and support he has given me.

Mark Troughton & Steve Wilson

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U15's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow under 15's are flying with confidence at the moment, and by the time you may read this report we could be topping our table as we play London Road this weekend (25th Nov). With 6 games gone we have won 4, drew 1 (to top of the table London road - whilst 4-2 up we conceded 2 late goals to tie the game) and have lost only one game.

It is important for everyone to attend training, as this will boost our energy levels especially as we will need to be at our peak for the boggy pitches we will encounter on our travels over the winter period.



Brinklow u15's November 2007

If players and parents can give me some ideas as to what they would like to do as a team socially over the Christmas weeks then we can hopefully organise some events.

U15's Tour Centre Parcs 2nd-5th May

***Don't forget to complete & return
the forms I dished out so that I can
plan accomodation for the tour.***

Paul

Brinklow 13 Mount Nod 1

A couple of belters along with some good team goals meant that the u15's got back into winning ways in style.

The killer instinct in front of goal was there today but but both myself & Bolty would have been happier to have seen more control & passing in our play - I suppose you can't have everything!

At 8-0 up before half time we would have liked to have seen the players keep the ball rather than looking for the spectacular, this I think cost us yet more goals but more

importantly we missed a good opportunity to practice the 'keep ball' situations we have been going through in training.

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team of girls are a real credit to Brinklow FC. They held their heads up when some of the adults were losing theirs.

Alice Clarke stood firm in goal as usual. Solid defending from Bex Wilby and Megan Bradley once again. The midfield of Chelsea Smith, Georgia Anderson, Adrianna Thandy and Bethany "Boots" Morrison held their shape very well and with Shelbie Baskerville upfront we were never going to be beaten. Well done to Sophie May for coming on and not being phased with the events that had gone on before.

Special mention must go to Adrianna Thandy who played her first match for us and looks like she's been part of the team forever. A well deserved player of the match award for Adrianna with the referee's player of the match being awarded to Alice Clarke (again!!).

We have 3 home matches in the run up to Christmas so do come and support the girls and see how well they play – kick off 11.00 a.m – you'll enjoy it!

Sat 1st December vs Attleborough
Sat 8th December vs Alcester
Sat 15th December vs Admirals

Finally, I would personally thank all the parents, supporters and helpers of this team and to Peter Day and Neil Huddleston for helping out with referee duties at our home matches.

Liz Clarke

Q: What do you get if you cross a Liverpool fan with a pig?
A: Thick bacon...



Sophie Ellis-Bextor has been found dead in the hotel room of a top French footballer. Police are saying little, but have confirmed they're treating it as murder on Zidane's floor.



The main stand at Leeds is being demolished due to a major structural fault.

It was built facing the pitch.



U9's TEAM NEWS

Four game played since the last 'ON THE BRINK' and a mixed bag of performances. Both teams in the under 9 section sitting nicely in the upper reaches of their respective leagues.

Christ The King - Away

We travelled to the unbeaten Christ The King following a couple of defeats and confidence was low. I've always said you take a good warm up into the game, likewise you take a bad one into the game too! Unfortunately we took the latter into the game and we quickly went behind. We equalised twice before going into the lead 3-2. At this point I hoped the self belief would kick in but it just wasn't there on this occasion and we went in at half time 3-3. We were not playing our best and thought the 2nd half would improve, sadly not, beaten 5-3 and our third defeat on the bounce.. Take the positives from the game, we scored three and if we play anywhere near how we can we should win the return fixture. Scorers Tress 2 Morgan 1

AT Blue - Home

Newly promoted AT Blue were our visitors at the end of the half term break and in recent weeks had been having a few decent results so this was not a game to be taken lightly. The early exchanges were even but once Tress headed us in the Brink boys confidence this week did grow and fine play was to follow with the second goal one of the best i've seen from the lads. Hood makes a goal saving tackle, Alex toes the ball wide to Pelf who runs wide left to the half way line, 20yrd ball to Tress who deftly helps it on to Jordan who rams in a shot only for it to hit the post and Tress taps in the rebound. Talk about fast flowing, end to end football. Second half and no let up for our visitors as the goals flew in resulting in a 7-1 victory and stopping our losing streak. Scorers Tress 4 Jordan Connor Alex.

Caludon Yth - Away

On paper this was a game we should win, but if there is one thing i've learnt from playing, it is that there is no such thing as a guaranteed win. Fast out of the blocks today and immediately put our hosts under pressure but couldn't hit the net. Was it one of those days? No, Tress hits a quick fire double to settle the nerves. Caledon had their best period and with a little indecision in defence claw their way back into the match, 2-1 at half time. No such problem into the second half as the boys went on another goal spree ending in a 9-2 win with Jordan netting his first hattrick for the club. Scorers Tress 4 Jordan 3 Connor 2.

Bedworth Eagles - Home

A team we failed to beat last season although we finished above them in the league. We had them under pressure from the off creating chances but it took a while for us to take the lead. Lonny getting his first goal for the club and soon followed it up with his second before Jordan hit the bar. We went into half time 2-0 to the good and by far the better team. An end to end second half saw chances for both teams but none really clear cut. A sustained spell of pressure from a series of corners resulted in a scrambled goal for the visitors but Brink again hit the bar for the second time which having gone in would have given the result a truer reflection of the game. Scorers Lunny 2.

I hope everyone is enjoying the winter training venue, albeit cold at times. Thankyou to all the parents for your continued support, I know you enjoy it! Its also great to see so many of you go to the White

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U10's TEAM NEWS

Jane Barnes

All of those connected with the Under 10's wish Jane best wishes and a speedy recovery, hopefully we will see her at training running around like a spring lamb soon!!

Thanks to the Green parents who are helping with the training and match day duties whilst Will has been put in charge of the cooking and house hold duties.

Football

The results and performances have started to come together for both teams. The greens putting in fine performances against the early leaders in their division, only narrowly losing by one goal in each game. The reds went on a five match winning streak and reached the top of the table for a couple of weeks. There is a lot of football to be played in this season and it is good to see our progress.

We are currently in the early stages of arranging an 11-a-side game, which will involve both teams during the Christmas break, probably Sunday 30th December. It is important this season we start preparing ourselves for 'real' football next season. I will confirm details early in December, we might take the opportunity to go to one of the pubs in Brinklow afterwards!

New Kit

All players should now have received their 'E-on' training tops, I have one left let me know if it's your child that hasn't had one. Also, if anyone needs any top up kit, shorts / socks let me know I will order some.

Training

Can I remind you all, this year Princethorpe has bookings straight after our slot at 7pm, therefore we need to be prompt and start our training session on time, 6pm.

Calendars

Calendars, Mugs and Mousemats now on sale, see either Will or myself with your orders. Great stocking fillers for all grandparents, please remember all proceeds from these sales go towards our Christmas outing.

Christmas Outing

This year we planning to attend the Coventry City vs Sheffield United game on Saturday 1st December. Plan will be to meet at the Binley McDonalds, circa 1pm then go on from there. We must remember to find proper parking this year. I will check out some of the bus routes they put on and see if that might be easier. Adults who wish to attend please can I have the names asap.

Assistance on Match Days

All assistance is greatly appreciated on matchdays for both Teams, whether it be putting the corner flags out or helping putting up or taking down the goals or to just running the line. Don't feel shy please help out whenever you can.

www.brinklowfc.co.uk – Don't forget you can see all info about your club, click onto the forum link for all the latest news about each age group.

Declan Mellett

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Its the year 2019 and Romeo Beckham is about to sign professional terms with Manchester United. Pondering the situation, he asks his Father, "What squad number should I ask for dad?"

*David thinks for a moment and says...
"Wear four out there Romeo"*



Two Gunners fans are on the plane on the way to Holland. One turns to the other and says "Hey Arthur! See if this plane turns upside-down will we fall out?"

"No way Richard," says his mate "of course we'll still be pals!!"



Q: What do you get if you see a Leeds United fan buried up to his neck in sand?

A: More sand.



Quasimodo asks Esmeralda, "Am I really the ugliest person in the world?"

"Why don't you go upstairs to the Magic Mirror and ask?" says Esmeralda.

Quasimodo goes upstairs to the mirror and returns a few minutes later.

As he hobbles in Esmeralda asks "Well, what did the mirror say?"

To which Quasimodo replies, "Who's Peter Beardsley?"



Q: Santa Claus, the tooth fairy, an intelligent Liverpool supporter and an old drunk are walking down the street together when simultaneously they each spot a fifty quid note. Who gets it?

A: The old drunk, of course - the other 3 are mythical creatures.



U13's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

The season's well and truly underway and we're currently lying second in the Coventry and District Girls League.

My thanks must go to Martin Baskerville who is taking the girls through their paces at training and has worked wonders with them to get them to the level they are. Paul Wilby must also be thanked for his advice and contribution towards our training sessions. The girls are a real force to be reckoned with now.....

Brinklow 0 Alcester 0

This fixture was brought forward from 3rd November and what a match it was. A fantastic game of football from both teams and I did feel that this was the right result. Brinklow only had a few chances, which we failed to capitalise on.

Brilliant performances from the defenders - Bex Wilby and Harriet Lowe. Not much was going to get past them today and if it did we had the safe hands of Alice Clarke in goal who saved everything shot at her.

The midfield held their position most of the time but at times lost their shape again, so something that needed working on. Star performance from Shelbie Baskerville in midfield as well as from Bethany "Boots" Morrison who played her first match for us.

A well deserved Player of the Match award to Bex Wilby with the Referee's Player of the Match award given to Harriet Lowe.

Brinklow 4 Leamington Hibs 0 (friendly)

This was a match played on a dry November morning that was just made for football. Brinklow quickly settled into the game and soon began to produce a virtuoso passing display that had the visitors on the back foot. After seven minutes the deadlock was broken when a swift movement that Georgia Anderson finished unlocked Hibs defence. Chelsea Smith, the hat-trick heroine of the last encounter with Hibs, made it 2-0 some 20 minutes later. Brinklow were now in overdrive and cruising. A third goal was added when Harriet Lowe smashed a shot in from the outside of the box. Shelbie Baskerville added to the score tally with seven minutes to go. In all, a great display by Brinklow who looked a class outfit throughout. The player of the match award went to Georgia Anderson.

Admirals 2 Brinklow 0

A trip to league leaders Admirals was not viewed with relish by any of us. Stories of Admirals previous opposition going home after being buried by an avalanche of goals made this, on paper the toughest test we will face this season. But what a game it was! Any pre-match nerves were quickly forgotten and Brinklow quickly settled into a game where their strategy was simply to battle for **everything**. This gave Admirals their toughest game of the season. Brinklow had their chances to perhaps alter the result but luck was against them. Alice Clarke stood up to everything the Admirals attack threw at her whilst in midfield Chelsea Smith threw herself into every challenge. We came away from this game believing that Brinklow have the potential to beat any team.

Overall, a great performance from the girls today and Admirals certainly knew they'd been in a match. Comment from one Admirals parent - "this was the first time this season Admirals have actually been in a match". Referee's player of the match awarded to Chelsea Smith. Manager's player of the match went to Alice Clarke for an outstanding Captain's performance and being fearless in goal.

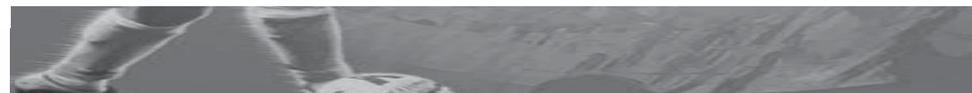
Leamington Hibs 1 Brinklow 2

Without going into detail about the events during the last 10 minutes of this match, all I can say is this

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Lion after the games to keep Glen company!

If anyone would like to write on this page don't feel I have to ask!

Anyone want to arrange a parents night out for XMAS? Times running out.

Leamington Hibs Away

On a wet, cold blustery Sunday afternoon we travelled to Leamington. If I'm honest I would say I was a little nervous about this fixture due to the fact that Leamington have had a couple of good results at home prior to us going there against the better teams in the league, and the weather wasn't going to help in any way either. My fears were laid to rest as shooting down the hill we went on the attack from the first whistle and put the hosts under constant pressure for 95% of the first half but only converting one of numerous chances. Up the hill for the second half but the pattern of the game didn't change as the boys at last made their superiority tell, running away with a 5-1 victory.

Wayne Pulford



One day a Jew, a Hindu, and a Man United fan all arrived at their hotel to find that there had been a mix-up with the bookings, and that there was only one room left for them to share. The manager explained that this room only had two beds, but that there was a barn at a neighbouring farm which the farmer, an old friend of his, would let one of them sleep in free of charge.

They complained a bit, but since there was nowhere else to go, the Jew graciously said he'd sleep in the barn.

The Hindu and the Man United fan were just settling down to sleep in their room, when there was a knock on the door.

It was the Jew. "I'm sorry," he said, "but there's a pig in that barn and because I'm Jewish I feel uncomfortable about sharing the barn with it."

No problem," said the Hindu. "I'll sleep out there instead." So off he went to the barn, leaving the Man United fan and the Jew to share the room.

They were just settling down to sleep, when there was a knock on the door. It was the Hindu. "I'm sorry," he said, "but there's a cow in that barn and because I'm a Hindu I feel uncomfortable about sharing the barn with it." The Man United fan grudgingly agreed to give up his bed and stomped off to the barn, leaving the Jew and the Hindu to share the room.

The Jew and the Hindu were just settling down to sleep, when there was a knock on the door.

They opened the door and there stood the cow and the pig.

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U11's TEAM NEWS

Well, since we last spoke we have gone from strength to strength. We have seen some good football, some great goals and loads of great team spirit. This has been a tough month, some games have been played with only 11 players because of holidays and sickness, but the whole team are back now.

Results

Leamington 0 Brinklow Juniors 5
(Ryan Payne 2, Will Naul 2, Jordan Docker 1)

Brinklow Juniors 3 Alvis 0
(Ryan Payne 1, Will Naul 1, Callum Thorn 1)

Pro Santos 3 Brinklow Juniors 5
(Ryan Payne 2, Callum Thorn 2, Kieran Brown 1)

Brinklow Juniors 3 Athletic 4
(Ryan Payne 1, Will Naul 1, Athletic OG)

Rugby Town ('A' League) 8 Brinklow Juniors ('C' League) 1 - Cup Tie
(Daniel Phandenhauer)

During this month we have kept 2 clean sheets, we have scored 16 goals over 4 league games and only had 7 goals scored against us.

Parents have seen the Team play with grit and determination from every player on the pitch. I have some great comments from other managers of what a good little team we have, with the Athletic manager stating we should have got a draw, his team only just hung on to the win. All comments have been deserved, so **WELL DONE UNDER 11'S KEEP IT UP.**

Under 11's Events

Team given their new kit with the Bulls Head logo, a big thanks to Mark & Rucky.

Last training session 21st Dec.

21st Dec Christmas Part Night, come and see Santa at the Bulls Head, all welcome, cake raffle, name the Teddy.

Under 11's Christmas Party - Watch this space.



Moreno Francioso

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U12's TEAM NEWS

Recent results

Mount Nod 2 Brinklow 1
Ernesford 0 Brinklow 5 (Cup)
Chapelfields 1 Brinklow 1

Results have started to improve thanks to the continued hard work of the players. In the last match we visited the top of the league and held them to a draw giving us our first point of the season. Although we remain bottom of the league we have only played once at home and we have games in hand. Martin and I are very confident that when the fixtures are reversed and we play at Barr Lane our fortunes will change for the better.

'We visited the top of the league and held them to a draw'

In the next round of the cup we have been handed another away tie at Mount Nod, which gives us a great chance of progressing. The tie will be a real test of character for the players who experienced the less sporting side of junior football on our league visit to the Ponderosa.

The two new signings Nathan and Bradly have settled in really well and we are extremely pleased with their progress. Part of the joy of coaching is seeing players improve and develop in terms of technical ability and confidence. It has certainly been a real pleasure to have these two guys join the team.

The under 12's do need a couple more players to make our squad bigger so if you know of any players in year 7 at school, who are looking for a new team please let either Martin or myself know.

Finally for this month we have to say farewell to Martyn Berry and the rest of the Berry clan who are returning to their native New Zealand in December. Martyn has only been with us for a couple of seasons but he is a popular lad who has always given 100% and never let us down. We wish all of the Berry's the very best of luck and who knows maybe we could go and visit them on tour one year.

Rich Farthing

A study carried out before the start of the 2004/05 season, revealed that 10% of Seville's inhabitants owned a season ticket for either Real Betis or Sevilla – the Spanish city's two principal clubs.



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Coventry Alliance Division 3 -Jaguar-Daimler 0 Brinklow 2

13th October 2007

(Chris Bedder, Scott Vallance)

Following our previous week's Cup result, the lads may have been a little complacent going into this game against a team sitting 5 points above us in the league. After ten minutes of relentless Jag pressure Brinklow realised they were in a game, and were only kept on terms by some resolute defending by Dave Anderson and Paul A'Barrow, and wayward shooting by our hosts. As the game settled down and the Brinklow Midfield started to get hold of the ball, the two Brinklow flank men managed to get involved in the game and in turn started to feed our strikers. The game opened up on the half hour mark with both sides managing to force good saves from their respective opposition keepers. A Brinklow move down the right involving Scott Vallance and James A'Barrow was then centred for a controlled shot to be placed in the bottom corner of the net by the in-form Chris Bedder. This seemed to knock the stuffing out of the hosts and settled the Brinklow side to play out the half in a very comfortable fashion.

The second half was played much more to Brinklow's liking with us dominating the opening exchanges and our opposition running out of ideas. Against the run of play, Jag forced a free kick on the Brinklow right which was swung in at pace and met by their centre forward just inside the penalty spot. His glancing header seemed to have beaten Dale Huddlestone in the Brinklow goal, but a magnificent dive and firm hand, turned the ball round to prevent a certain equaliser. Ross Irvine and Andy Sorrell were much more comfortable in the centre of midfield when makeshift striker Mark Bird was dropped back a few yards to help out. This enabled left midfielder Richard Nelmes to push forward much more, creating space for an Irvine centre to find Vallance who fired in from the six yard line. The Jag gave it one last shot pushing more players down our left, but only to meet an inspired Simon Bullock, who with the help of teenager Nelmes, handled everything that the opposition threw at them. With our hosts completely deflated, Brinklow played out the remaining 20 minutes in a comfortable and professional manner creating further chances to kill off the game but poor finishing saved the Jag from an undeserved route.



Brinklow 1st Team - November 2007

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FIRST TEAM NEWS



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Top of the Table

What a month the First Team have had. Our three cup runs all came to early ends but our league campaign is progressing well. Three wins from three games, including all the points from two meetings with Jaguar-Daimler have seen us move into a slender 2 point lead at the top of Coventry Alliance Division 3. Promotion remains our target for the rest of the season but we will need to work hard to extend our lead and will be looking for more victories in upcoming matches. If we maintain our team spirit and deliver the same work rate then these victories are within our reach.

It has been great to see some new faces debuting with the team and hopefully we will see more of them over the coming weeks. Their contribution certainly helped in our recent wins. Having persuaded both Martin and Wayne Pulford to put on the yellow and blue it can only be a matter of time before Taffy joins them on the team sheet!

Our latest win against Woodlands whilst there were no matches for the top three teams gave us our opportunity to go TOP OF THE TABLE, which is where we want to stay.

Coventry Alliance Division 3

Woodlands WMC Reserves 1 : 2 Brinklow

17th November 2007

(Lee Trainer, Ben Clarke)

We met Woodlands on a blustery day on a pitch with a pronounced slope and we went looking for another three points. An excellent first half saw plenty of opportunities for us as the home team struggled to contain our speed past their defence. All the more interesting that our first goal came not from an attacking run but from a Lee Trainer lob that sailed high over their back peddling keeper and into the net. The home team seemed to struggle more with the blustery conditions and although they had opportunities from open play and set pieces they rarely troubled Dale Huddlestone in the Brinklow goal.

The second half gave Woodlands the benefit of the downhill slope but it was Brinklow who pressed hardest and took advantage of a drive down the left to put Ben Clarke through for his first

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goal on his First Team debut. A strange decision from a Woodlands corner resulted in Dale facing another penalty kick and, although his record has been magnificent this season, on this occasion he was beaten by a powerful strike. Although this gave our hosts renewed hope we took control for the remainder of the match and went home as winners and now sit on top of the table.

Another strong team performance all round with special thanks to Rob Wallace and Ben Clarke who made their debuts and also to Wayne Pulford whose second half performance gave us a taste of his future goal scoring potential. Man of the Match went to Dave Anderson who was resolute in defence.

Coventry Alliance Division 3 - Brinklow 2 : 0 Jaguar-Daimler

10th November 2007

(Mark Woodward, Chris Bedder)

A well supported match saw our league campaign continue with our home fixture against Jaguar-Daimler. Knowing that a win would put us ahead of the Jag in the table gave us an added incentive to put our Cup defeats behind us, and that is what we did. Masses of commitment and effort from everyone in yellow and blue together with a spirited team talk from Martin did the job and put three points in the bag. A slightly hesitant start gave The Jag an early penalty, but an excellent save and quick reactions to stop the follow up denied the visitors. A few minutes on and we got our composure to produce good attacking football, putting pressure on the Jag keeper and back four. Poor light did not help but it seemed that all our appeals for handball were waved away which disturbed our flow at times. However, our work rate remained high and was rewarded with goals from Mark Woodward and Chris Bedder before and after half time respectively. A First Team debut for Alex Olnier was prematurely ended by injury, cruelly denying him the chance to fulfil the promise that he displayed in the opening ten minutes. Hopefully he will be back in the starting line up soon. A great team effort all round with MOTM going to Dale Huddleston for his penalty save which earned a clean sheet for the team.

CET Junior Telegraph Cup

Brinklow 1 Ambleside Sports Reserves 3

3rd November 2007

(Mark Bird)

This second round tie against fourth division Ambleside almost did not kick off as the referee arrived only minutes before the delayed start time. When it did get underway, Brinklow with 10 regular players and our new player/manager Martin Pulford put up a very solid display of quality football and put pressure on the Ambleside defence, bringing forth several penalty appeals for hand ball. Sadly the appeals did not go our way! Our visitors had a distinct height advantage that they capitalised on both in midfield and when attacking to enable them to go into the half time break with a lead that they extended early in the second half. Eventually a penalty appeal did go our way and a clinical finish by Mark Bird brought the match within our reach, but not for long as the visitors pushed on for



"Head and shoulders above the opposition"

their third goal to clinch the match.

Major Boyd Carpenter Cup - Triumph Res 4 Brinklow 0

27th October 2007

Yet again Brinklow 1st team travelled away in the Cup against Alliance 2 Triumph Reserves with the bare 11 players. Our opposition had been in the recent habit of posting 6 or 7 goals past their counterparts in recent league and cup games, so we all knew this was going to be a difficult afternoon indeed. However even though Triumph were marginally the better team on the day Brinklow actually created the best 5 chances of the day! The playing surface at Triumph was superb and both teams got the ball on the deck early in the game. With Brinklow playing deep all across the park, it was our hosts who forced the pace early on with Dave Anderson, Martin Bunning, Si Bullock and James A'Barrow making several last ditch tackles to protect Dale Huddleston in the Brinklow goal. When Brinklow did manage to keep the ball they looked dangerous on the counter attack, with Chris Bedder and Lee Trainer going very close to opening the scoring. On the half hour mark however, the deadlock was finally broken. As the Brinklow defence pushed out a Triumph mid-fielder broke the off side trap to run clear and slot a neat finish into the bottom right corner. This seemed to open the game up a little more and it was no surprise when a deflected shot found the net for a 2-0 half time score line. The second half started very much as the first with Triumph taking control early. But when Brinklow eventually got to grips in mid-field they started to force mistakes within the Triumph defence with two golden 5 yard open goals being headed over the bar and then well wide by Yiannis Maos and Lee Trainer respectively. As Brinklow pushed forward tireless work by Mark Bird, Scott Vallance and Andy Sorrel saw Trainer force the ball in the net, only to have it ruled out for a previous foul and then Bedder hit the bottom of the Triumph post with the rebound being rolled back to the grounded Keeper from the six-yard line! It was inevitable then, that as in the previous week's game, in the closing stages with Brinklow giving it all they'd got and pushing forward in numbers, that gaps would appear in defence. Firstly Triumph forced a corner that was met by the head of their impressive centre forward and then Triumph again broke the offside trap to slot home for a deserved win although the score line genuinely doesn't reflect the game.

Foleshill Charity Cup - Folly Lane Reserves 3 Brinklow 0

20th October 2007

What a strange game this was! With Brinklow fielding a very under strength side due to work and family commitments, it appeared that it was going to be a very difficult game. However with a re-shuffle of personnel, the Brinklow side managed to control the first exchanges going close on two occasions before our hosts got into the game. The game started to become a mid-field affair with both sides giving no quarter in a very niggley half and when either side did break through good keeping prevented the opener. A misunderstanding in a defensive wall then saw Brinklow's chances of victory take a swift blow. An altercation between two Brinklow players culminated in one of them leaving the field of play, and with Brinklow having no substitutes due to Club Policy, it was a case of lets see what we could get. This seemed to bond the lads, and with great effort from all over the park Brinklow forced the best chance of the half with Chris Bedder glancing a header past the static Folly keeper but unfortunately, also the wrong side of the post. The second half was an uphill battle, but Brinklow stood firm and even created the better chances before Folly Lane opened the scoring with a superb strike which went in off the underside of the bar. As there were only 25 minutes remaining Brinklow started to push on, again having two superb opportunities for an equaliser and at this point should have been a couple of goals to the good. However as Brinklow surged forward, the inevitable gaps appeared with Folly hitting hard on the break, pushing the extra man up front at their leisure. In the final period of the game superb defending by Martin Bunning and excellent last ditch Keeping by Dale Huddleston kept the rampant home team at bay until the final few minutes when Brinklow's never say die attitude was broken for the home side to post a very unjust score line indeed.

'The Brinklow side managed to control the first exchanges going close on two occasions'

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