



Welcome to the first edition on ON THE BRINK for the new year (& yes I know I've left 2004 on the cover - good start, eh!). As usually happens when I miss an edition because of the Christmas break, there is lots of news to catch up on, so here goes.

Firstly the club has been working hard putting all the items in place necessary to apply for the FA Charter. The Charter means that the club has demonstrated it has met all the FA standards of coaching, administration and child protection for clubs working with young people and as such, gives parents the confidence that their children are being looked after in a correct & proper manner. The charter also benefits the club in that we will have access to additional training for managers along with kit & equipment grants. Our application has now gone in & hopefully by the time you read this we will have confirmation of our status.

The club has also appointed a new position; we would like to welcome Margaret Cooper who will be taking on the role of publicity officer for the club. Margaret's initial role will be to liaise with the local press & the managers with an aim to getting reports published on a weekly basis. So if you don't see anything about your team in the local newspapers ask your manager why! Margaret will also be looking for anything else that the press might find of interest, if your team is organising a fund raising event or just doing something exciting please let Margaret know.

I have now introduced a 'Managers Resource' area onto the clubs website, this contains all the official documentation necessary to run the club plus a discussion forum for the managers. It has been necessary to protect access to this info due to the official nature of the items on the site.

The club has also been looking around for a new venue to host the presentation night for this year. The club has grown rapidly in terms of numbers but we felt it was important that we still try & get everyone together as one group. To this end we have secured the use of Broad Street Rugby Club in Binley for the evening of Friday 17th June. The facility hold 250-300 people & also has a very large secure area for all the lads to go & play, food is also being organised by Broad Street. More details are to follow.

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Paul Huddlestone, seniors team manager has been considering for some time the move of the senior team to play Saturday football. Despite a minor setback with the Revel decision to concentrate on junior football only, Paul has the full support of the committee in making this step up to a higher standard of football. The club will also continue to play Sunday football providing a wider choice for youth players making the transition up to senior football. The committee are currently finalising pitch arrangements for 2005/06 including the possibility of playing the senior fixtures at Wolston leisure centre. We believe Saturday football for seniors to be positive step for the club as a whole, further improving the clubs status. We hope you will give your support to this development.

**TG - Chairman**



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Well here we are again, Christmas seems to be a dim and distant memory as we plough on into the New Year and the boys continue on their path of learning and enjoying playing the "beautiful game". Again you can only be full of praise for them and the way in which they continue to develop into budding stars of the future. For young lads they have a great attitude towards the training sessions and you never get a complaint from them, all they want to do is learn and play football, and that's great. It is an absolute pleasure for all of us to have such a great bunch of kids to work with. They are a real credit to themselves and as parents you must take a lot of pride in them.

We are fast approaching the time when we will be returning to Barr Lane for outdoors training and quickly on the heels of this it is our intention to get to one of the goals we have set and that is to organise some friendly games against other teams. Personally I can't wait for the first game, it will be a great experience for the boys. We intend to get something organised before we go on tour so the boys have some games under their belt before they play on tour. We will forward details of the games as soon as we have them.

With the amount of boy's we have we will also be running two sides, as at this age the games are seven a-side and they will not play eleven a-side until they are in year 6. So to make sure that all the kids get regular football we will have two teams, we will however still be training as one unit, we have no intention of splitting them up.

The tour is creeping up and we will need the final instalments paid by the 17th February, we will be in touch to let you know how much the payment will be. There are also tour shirts for sale which look great and I guarantee if you do not buy one you will feel the odd one out, so if you require information regarding the shirts, see one of us and we will furnish you with the required info.

Also thank you to the Raven for allowing us to use the pub to raise some money for the micro's, also thanks to Taff for organising the events.

**Niall Murphy**



*A new black and white Oxo cube is about to be introduced. It'll be called "laughing stock"*

*'Ian Rush unleashed his left foot and it hit the back of the net.'*  
**Mike England**



*'Well, it's Ipswich nil, Liverpool two, and if that's the way the score stays then you've got to fancy Liverpool to win.'*  
**Peter Jones**

*'...the Derby fans walking home absolutely silent in their cars.'*  
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**Presentation Evening!!**  
**The Clubs presentation evening will take place on Friday 17th June at Broad Street Rugby Club, Binley Woods (Times to be announced)**

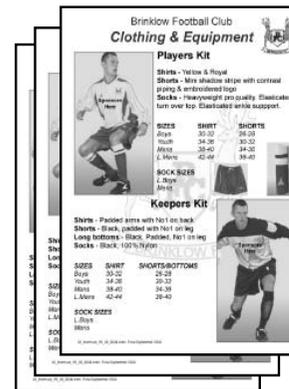
*Broad street is a large facility which should allow us to get all the expected players & supports together under one roof. There is also a very large secure fielded area (away from traffic) which the children will be allowed to use. A bar & barbeque will also be provided by the Rugby club.*

*Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament*



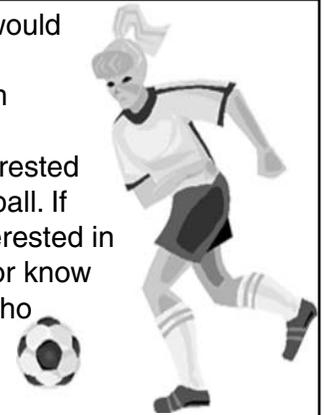
*Fri 3rd, Sat 4th & Sun 5th June 2005*

## Equipment & Merchandise Catalogue



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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

Merry Monk	3	Brinklow	1
CRC	1	Brinklow	2
Brinklow	4	Barley Mow	4
Lawford	0	Brinklow	1
Brinklow	5	Jolly Abbot	3
Black Horse	0	Brinklow	4
Royal Oak	2	Brinklow	4

As our last report was well before Christmas I would first of all like to wish everyone within the club a belated Happy New Year! Here we are already looking at February and it's pleasing to say that the 1st Team remain unbeaten since November. In fact, if you look at the above results you'll see that we have drawn 1 and won five out of the last six, good going by anybodys standards, but even more remarkable when you take into account that due to injuries and some players choosing to pick their games, that we have at times struggled to field eleven players.

There have been some excellent performances by our players over the last two months, as the results show, but the one game that really deserves a special mention was the win over the C.R.C. The most pleasing thing about this match was that the lads not only did everything that was asked of them, but finally showed the mental resolve and self belief that we have been looking for! After we had gone 1-0 down to an unlucky goal within the first four minutes the game was taken to the CRC with the lads gaining the upper-hand, and getting a deserved equalizer before half-time.

The second half was much of the same and though there were times when we rode our luck, once we took the lead the result was never in doubt. I must say that in all the time that (HUDDY!) and myself have been involved with the 1st's that this is our finest result yet! Thats all down to our players. CHEERS DUDES !!

Our next game was at home to our old adversarys the Barley Mow, and the one lesson to be learnt from this one is that you are only as good as your last game. The trait of our season so far is that as good as a team we could be we often shoot ourselves in-the-foot with poor defending, and equally poor finishing. This was to prove to be the case against the Barley, and not for the first time this season, 2 pt's lost!

The 1st team are now at a crucial stage in their season. Lying 3rd place in Div 1 of Rugby and District Sundays and with two cups to play for it's all in our own hands! We remain hopeful that with a fit and available squad, along with continued support from the Res, that we might yet further enhance the name of B.F.C. and with a bit of luck, bring home some long overdue silverware!

Yours in Football

**Barry Wilkinson**

*"Football is a part of I. When I play the world wakes up around me"*  
**Bob Marley**

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## U7's TEAM NEWS

### Fixtures

12th February 10am for 10.30am Athletic Utd (away - Walsgrave on Sowe)  
26th February 10am for 10.30am Hillmorton (home - The Revel)

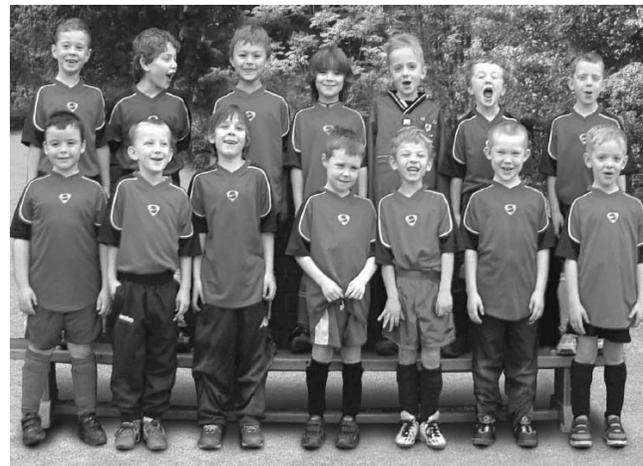
### Training

5th Feb - 10am Ernsford Grange (inside)  
19th Feb - 10am Ernsford Grange (inside) - LAST ONE AT ERNSFORD GRANGE  
5th Mar - Kian's and Mine BIRTHDAY

### Hillmorton 1 - Brinklow 1

The first game of 2005 started slowly for Brinklow with Hillmorton taking the initiative, a couple of shots although no real threat to the Brinklow goal. With Suroush, Tom and Stanley playing strongly at the back Brinklow looked fairly strong. Some strong runs out of midfield by Harry and Lee lead to some terrific attempts on goal by Callum and Joe. Suddenly out of the blue, with minutes to go in the first half, Hillmorton broke and got through the Brinklow defence. A shot came through, saved by Connor but Hillmorton were first to react and pounced on the loose ball and scored.

The second half began and Brinklow tried to regain the initiative by changing the formation, Suroush, although playing well was sacrificed for Toby, a more attacking minded midfield player. Brinklow were starting to get on top when from an area scramble a Hillmorton striker broke for goal, he shot, Connor saved, but couldn't hold on. Connor dived on the loose ball just as the Hillmorton striker pulled the trigger. A brave save to keep Brinklow in the game but unfortunately the contact was made to Connor's head and the injured Connor had to be replaced by Callum, who was playing as striker. Brinklow quickly reorganised, Callum in goal, Jack replaced Callum up front. For 5 minutes Brinklow



were on the ropes, Lee (Capt) was having a personal dual and angry that one of his team-mates was hurt, nearly got into trouble with the ref. But some big clearances by Stanley and Tom, with more running from Lee and Harry started to bring Richard more into the game. Jack and Joe again came close to the equaliser. Suddenly Brinklow were getting on top. With 10 minutes to go, the last throw of the dice, Matthew came on for Joe. Brinklow were growing, then a good move started by Harry, to Lee, moved on by Jack, split the Hillmorton defence, ran kindly for Richard who slotted the ball past the oncoming Hillmorton

goalkeeper. There were only minutes remaining. Brinklow buoyed on by the goal pressed forward right from the re-start and had two or three more chances to threaten the Hillmorton goal, Hillmorton were rocking on their heels but to no avail, time was against Brinklow.

The whistle blew, everybody shook hands and both sides ate sweets and chocolates together! A good game and a fair result.

Captain - Lee (scholes with the temper of Keane) Kemp

**Man of the Match Richard Gosling**

The last time we played Hillmorton we lost 5 -2, showing the improvement we are making

**Declan Mellett**

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## A Game of Three Halves!

Bulkington Juniors 7 Brinklow 1

In December we took on Bulkington Juniors and structured the game as three periods of 20 minutes so that we could give all of the players an opportunity. At an overall level the score was 7:1 to Bulkington but the individual sessions went:

Bulkington 3	Brinklow 0
Bulkington 0	Brinklow 1
Bulkington 4	Brinklow 0

The second session showed that when we get it right we can both score and defend. Indeed we came close to scoring at least twice more. Congratulations to Daniel W for his first goal for Brinklow.

Our challenge is to continue to develop the good parts of our game (such as passing to players in space) and reduce the not so good (such as trying to score single handedly and playing

the ball across our own goal). If you have not already heard the coaches emphasizing these points in training then you will do soon.

The week before Christmas we held our party at The Connexion and set up a four-a-side league of Snowmen, Robins, Santas and Reindeer.

An hour of exciting fast paced football in which everyone played extremely well eventually saw the Robins become league champions by a narrow margin. Well done to everyone for putting in maximum effort.

For January we have returned to training at the new Alan Higgs Centre. The all weather pitch is so much nicer to play on and produces far less dirty kit for the laundry basket. Well worth the extra charge for this quality facility.

The New Year has seen changes - new rain jackets and a new face (Daniel P) joining the squad bringing our numbers to 17 and making the prospect of running two teams within the squad a distinct possibility. We hope that Daniel settles in and becomes a regular at our training sessions and matches. The photograph shows the squad in the new rain jackets that we got at the start of the year.

We will shortly be working out what we need to do for league registration next season and will let you know as soon as we can so that we are fully prepared. As an initial taster we are arranging a match against the Brinklow Under 9's for a forthcoming Sunday morning. This way we can all get a feel for what to expect with league football.



*The squad in their new rain jackets*

**Gordon Betts**

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## Lifts for the Tour

Mick Holt is looking for lifts for 4 people (including himself) for the tour. So if you can take one, two or even the whole lot please have a word with Mick.

## 6-a-side Organisers

The club are looking for people to help with organising the 6-a-side tournament, if you can spare some time please contact Gordon Betts on 01788 833886 or 07909 991575

## Football Development Coaches

Interested in joining our new team of football development coaches? Contact Wayne Pulford on 01788 832778 or 07929 306722 for details

## Players Council

The managers should shortly be speaking to you about the possibility of forming a players council. If you are interested in having your say about how the club is run & attending the first session, then please put your name forward. All age groups are invited. For further details contact Martin Pulford or Neil Huddleston

## Tour Monies

The final balances are now due in for the tour, please speak to your team manager & ensure all payments are in ASAP.

## YOUTH TEAM NEWS

### Birmingham Cup away to Sillhill

What a decision to start a game at 2pm in December! With the possibility of extra time this was always going to be an unusual game. Brinklow looked the better team throughout and with a pedantic referee sending off two of the opposing players in the first half, you would have thought it would be easy. As is often the case against 9 or 10 players, it does not always work in your favour. After the final whistle of normal play the game stood at 1-1. Towards the end of extra time the opposition were falling like flies and were down to 7 men with Brinklow winning 3-2. Unfortunately a challenge between one of our players and their keeper resulted in a double fracture of the keeper's leg and ultimately an abandonment of the game. Brinklow's goals were scored by Luke McKeirnan (2) and Luke Morton.

### Punjab Sporting

Although this was a home fixture, due to the condition of the Brinklow pitch this match was played at Punjab's ground. If you remember previous reports from the first meeting when we were top and they were bottom of the league - we owed them big time. Brinklow started very positively and an excellent cross from Luke Morton found Lee Perkins to give us an early lead. Brinklow were in charge for the whole game and the final result of 4-1 flattered Punjab greatly. The other goals were scored by Luke McKeirnan(2) and Jack Wiggins.

### Birmingham Cup away to Sillhill

To the great surprise of both teams it was confirmed that a replay was required. The first half was very even with one of their players who was sent off last game proving to be very influential. 1-0 at half time saw a stern talk from Keith Byrne, which the lads chose to ignore as two early second half goals were conceded. It is hard to explain what happened, but we fell apart. Even the normally ever-reliable players did not seem to have a good day and possibly the events of the last game were playing on their minds? The resultant final score...extra time was not needed this time... was 11-1 with our goal coming from Luke McKeirnan. Not a good start to the year but hey ho, time to concentrate on the league. Remember lads, Keith has managed this team for many years, many of you growing up with him, and he has never won any silverware. Lets put this game behind us and focus on winning the league for Brinklow and Keith Byrne.

### Peugeot

Another one where we owed them one! The last meeting saw 95% possession by Brinklow despite having two players sent off and an in form keeper against them. The same thing was NOT to happen. An early goal from Ryan Byrne following a sweeping team move set the trend for the game. It was only 1-0 at half time however, and the supremacy had to result in more goals for Brinklow. These came in the second half with a brace each for Luke McKeirnan and Lee Perkins. A fine performance to put behind us the Cup exit last week. Well done lads.

### Clive Morton

*An incident took place during a final group match between Barbados and Grenada for the Shell Caribbean Cup in February 1994. The Barbados team had to win the match by at least two goals in order to face Trinidad and Tobago in the finals; anything less and Grenada advanced to the next round instead. The rules in effect at the time specified that if the score were tied at the end of regulation play, the match would continue into sudden-death extra time, and the first team to score during the extra time period would be considered a two-goal winner.*

*Barbados was leading 2-0 well into the second half of play, when Grenada finally managed to score a goal in the 83rd minute to make the score 2-1. Barbados realized with three minutes to play that they were unlikely to score again in the time remaining and deliberately kicked the ball into their own goal to tie the match at 2-2 and force an extra time period. Grenada then attempted to score on their own goal to prevent the match from going into extra time, but Barbados had already started defending Grenada's goal to prevent them from succeeding. The two teams then spent the remaining few minutes with Barbados defending both ends of the field as Grenada tried to put the ball into either goal, but time expired with the score still tied. Four minutes into extra time play, Barbados scored and advanced to the finals!!*



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## U9's TEAM NEWS

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the football world after the hols. I can honestly say that the break came at a good time for us with both sides seemingly struggling for results and we had in some way lost a little confidence prior to the Festive period. As was predicted the players have bounced back fantastically, and I can see more enthusiasm in the lads play coupled with a lot more determination and focus. The lads training is going superbly as the performances are showing and the teams are now beginning to gel both on and off the pitch, culminating in a fabulous team spirit shining through.

We have of course been lacking in the goalscoring department, but with the lads all gaining more experience in both training and matchplay this part of our play will inevitably click as both sides are creating more attacks which is credit to the way in which the lads are training and becoming increasingly more relaxed and therefore allowing more enjoyment into their individual play.

As coaches, we are all extremely aware how vital it is for all players to experience more match time and although we may not rotate the substitutes as often as we possibly should, we have put into place a series of friendly fixtures to allow the players who have not featured as frequently as others, to gain further experience.

I predict light at the end of the tunnel for both sides as we advance towards the latter stages of the season and as I and the rest of the bootroom team continually see improvements in the lads performances and enjoyment levels, I know we are moving in the right direction.

I'd like to finish by thanking all the players and parents for their continued support and all of the coaches and referees for their high levels of enthusiasm and dedication.

**Martin Pulford**

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## GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls training has continued in the New Year with numbers holding up. We have now been able to split the girls into three distinct age groups, U9's, U12's and U16's. This lends itself to the various league programmes around Warwickshire. I am pleased to say that our first game takes place 29th Jan at the Revel for the U9's. The match is against Nuneaton, kick off 2.00pm. If you could get along and offer your support it would be most appreciated. We hope to quickly follow this up with further games for U12's and U16's.

The level of ability shown continues to develop which is very pleasing and we are continuing to attract girls from outside the region. However our ability to continue depends on maintaining high numbers. Therefore if anyone knows of girls of all ages who'd like to join us please pass on my contact details. Can I also remind parents that they need to return the consent forms as soon as possible.

Thanks to all involved for your continued support.

**Dave Anderson**

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# U10's TEAM NEWS

## Brinklow 2 Coventry Jaguar Youth 1

Luke Green 1, Harley McKitterick 1

league tables 10/01/2005

## Finham Park Colts 1 Brinklow 1

Josh Stothard 1

## Brinklow 7 GNP 2

Josh Stothard 2, Luke Green 2,  
Adam Cooper 1, Josh Brannon 1,  
Harley McKitterick 1

## Brinklow 6 Wyken 2

Luke Green 3, Josh Stothard 1  
Conner Jenkins 1, Adam Cooper 1

## Kerseley Colts 2 Brinklow 1

Adam Cooper 1

## Brinklow 2 Leamington Hibs 2

Luke Green 1, Josh Brannon 1

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dunlop Jets	13	12	1	0	37
Brinklow Juniors	14	10	1	3	31
Leamington Hibs	12	7	3	2	24
Christ The King Rovers	12	6	3	3	21
Finham Park Colts	11	5	3	3	18
Coventry Jaguar Youth	13	3	6	4	15
Coventry Aquatics	10	3	3	4	12
Keresley Colts	12	2	4	6	10
Gnp Sports	12	1	2	9	5
Wyken Fc	2	1	2	4	5
London Road Colts	12	0	0	12	0

It's been an up and down sort of month for the under 10s, Won 4, drawn 2, lost 1, but still second in the league. The boys are trying hard and playing some very exciting and flowing football to stay there. But then for some reason the games we should be winning are becoming hard, the passing stops, the defending the movement of the ball, which in my opinion is one of the main strengths of this team disappears. Possibly we get a little complacent and stop working for each other. Hopefully this is something we can put right in the near future although I'm not quite sure how! Maybe trying to encourage the boys on the pitch about the importance of not giving up until the final whistle.

Scorers	
Name	Goals
Luke (Greeny)	20
Harley (H)	13
Josh (Turbo)	12
Adam	8
Josh (JB)	6
Conner	3
Lewis Pepper	2
Phil	1

So apart from that, all of the boys are coming on really well and working hard on the training ground, and with the inclusion of the under 9s now at some of our sessions, this seems to bring the best out of some of the players from both groups which can only be a good thing. The new boys, Luke, Brett and Ashley are starting to gel with the other boys in the team and by the time next season, and with it, eleven aside football come round we should have a squad of players who are more than capable. I know Gary, Jamie and myself are looking forward to the challenge along with I hope all the players and parents.

**Gary Stothard**



"I wouldn't be bothered if we lost every game as long as we won the league".

**Mark Viduka**

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# U16's TEAM NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

## Brinklow u16's

The Under 16's decided to give all their presents for the season early this year, starting with Rugby Town on the 5th of December, allowing them to pick up their first points of the season in the league. Then they let Coventry Jaguar Youth proceed to the next round of the cup on 12th of December and then thought it only right and proper to let the other Rugby Town side progress to the next round of the Birmingham cup, so that we could concentrate on the league. If it's a good enough excuse for Premiership sides it will do for us.

January however is a completely different story. Starting with the first game of 2005 away to Westwood Heath Athletic. On a poor pitch, which made it difficult to pass, Brinklow made the better start and after 13 minutes took the lead from the penalty spot, coolly put away by Ben Clark. Surprisingly Ben had to wait until the 38 minute to put in the second goal after a number of chances had been missed. On the stroke of half time Ben completed his hat trick to allow the scoreboard to reflect the dominance shown throughout the half.

Only 7 minutes into the second half Daniel McDonald made it 4 and would have added another 8 minutes later but for a deliberate hand ball on the line which Ben Clark put away from the spot kick to make it 5-0. Ben Clark's hat trick of penalties came 4 minutes later and Daniel Carter finished off the scoring after 25 minutes, keeping Brinklow 3 points clear at the top of the table.

A week later the eagerly awaited return of St Nicholas boys at Newbold Revel produced a game of contrasting styles and fairly even exchanges. Ben Clark opened the scoring with a penalty after 17 minutes and the team managed to keep it that way until the last minute before half time, allowing St Nicks back in with an equalizer.

After the break both teams were intent on claiming the three points and St Nicholas took the initiative after 10 minutes. Ben Clark replied 5 minutes later to bring the game level. Both sides added a goal in the last 10 minutes of the game giving Ben Clark his hat trick and leaving the sides at 3-3 and both team content with a point each.

The next three fixtures will have an important part to play for the three sides at the top of the table and have a huge part to play in determining the final outcome of the league. All the top sides will play each other and the performances in those games may be what makes or breaks the 2004/05 season.

If prizes were given for commitment, effort and team spirit, Brinklow would have already won the league by a mile. It will be a real test of character to have been top from week 1 and still be there at the end.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone from the under 16's.**

**Robert McDonald**



"You couldn't have counted the number of moves Alan Ball made ...  
I counted four and possibly five."

**John Motson**

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# U13's TEAM NEWS

## Season review

With training on Fridays and Saturdays and then a match on Sunday, January has been a very busy month for the Under 13s. The lads have shown tremendous commitment and dedication fulfilling this intensive schedule, but the signs of their endeavour are beginning to show. Results around the Christmas period were mixed. There were some excellent performances where things didn't go our way, but conversely there have been some poor performances and we got the result we deserved. However more latterly, I'm writing this report on the back of two consecutive wins (something that hasn't

Scorers		Man of Match	
Name		Name	
Dan Fossick	14	Milan Sud	2
Milan Sud	1	Gary Rothan	2
Alex Wood	4	Josh Pointon	2
Alex Cramp	1	James Kearney	3
James Kearney	3	Alex Wood	1
Josh Pointon	4	Kai Sud	2
Kuran Sharma	5	Callum Day	1
Callum Day	1	Whole Team	1
Miles Wilcox	1	Dan Fossick	1

happened for quite a while !!) and if the boys continue to perform as they are now doing, they should extend this winning sequence. What the lads now need to do is, to show more consistency in their performance. If they do, there is no reason why the Under 13's shouldn't start to climb the table and be in a position that reflects the true talent and ability within the squad.

## Training

Despite the benefits of all the training – I feel it's unfair to continue to push the lads (and parents) with the same level of workload. I propose in the short term to train either on a Friday night (at Walsgrave WMC) or on a Saturday morning (not both). Hopefully by the time you read this, everybody will have a training schedule with all the details.

## Welcome

From all at Brinklow F.C. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Daniel Reide and his family to the Under 13s set up. I've only seen Dan in training so far, but from what I've seen, Dan is going to be a huge asset to the squad. Welcome.

Finally, can I finish by saying thank you to all the guys who help and assist me for their continued support and to all the lads for all their hard work and commitment. Keep it up.

## Peter Day

*'YOU only get one opportunity of an England debut.'*  
**Alan Shearer**

*'THE midfield picks itself:  
Beckham, Scholes, Gerrard and A.N. Other.'*  
**Phil Neal**  
(former England player)



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# U11's NEWS

Brinklow 0     Mount Nod Highway 0  
Cov Jag 4     Brinklow 6  
Hillmorton 2     Brinklow 0  
Brinklow 2     Finham Park Lions 1

It's been a very good month for the boys as you can see by the results, two wins, a draw and a very narrow defeat against top of the league Hillmorton. Believe me they were very grateful for the final whistle after the boys pushed them all the way, with George having an absolute stormer of a game and the rest of the lads giving everything.

The boys are now showing signs that they are starting to gel as a "team" and play some quality football. From defence to attack everyone is really giving everything which is all we can ask of them.

This 11-a-side lark has been really tough for me as well as the boys, but I think we are now beginning to come to terms with the offside etc, with a little bit more belief I think we can go from strength to strength.

Keep it up boys and lets give it a real go for the rest of the season. Well Done!

## Brinklow 0     Mount Nod Highway 0

Games against Mount Nod Highway are never easy but the boys have become very determined. First half Brinklow had the better of the play with Nathan and Matthew causing problems, well supported by the midfield of Craig, Stuart, Ben and Kieran who in particular has found his position.

Second half Mount Nod started well and this time it was the goalkeeper and defence that earned their corn. Matthew Mooney made 2 great saves, George cleared off the line. The whole team stood firm. Usually 0-0 draws are boring games, this was anything but. Well Done Lads.

**Man of the match     Matthew Mooney (Brave is the word)**

## Cov Jag 4     Brinklow 6

What a way to start the New Year. The first 20 minutes was very tight, but we managed to go one nil up through a good finish by Nathan. Just before half time we had two lapses in concentration and conceded two goals.

Second half Cov Jag scored again and at that point it did not look good. However with lots of encouragement and a never say die attitude the boys scored through Jason, playing well in midfield (3-2). That was it the battle cry had been sounded, Matthew Pine scored the equaliser (3-3). Nathan scored his second (3-4). Then Matthew Pine scored the best goal of the game, he hammered the ball high over the keepers head, right in the top corner (3-5). Lee Huddleston scored a great penalty (3-6). Cov Jag managed to score again (4-6). What a comeback from the boys with the whole team involved.

**Man of the match     Nathan Arundell (The Offside King)**  
**Matthew Pine (Matt is Back)**

Match Reports by John Harman

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## U11's 'BULLDOGS' NEWS

It has been a topsie turvey couple of months for the Bulldogs, but as usual their spirit has shone through.

A loss in the cup against Coventry Jaguar was a big disappointment but no disgrace. Missing a couple of key players the Bulldogs took the game to the Jag and took the lead with a Glen Wright free kick and that is where their luck in front of goal ended. Despite dominating the game for long periods they eventually went out 6-1 losers, but as the Jag manager said in his report "the score line in no way reflects the game."

So onwards and upwards and the Bulldogs bounced back with a 6-1 defeat of Coventry Colts the following week.

Next came Dunlop Jets. This was a game in which the Bulldogs were drawn away from their usual game plan and instead of "carpet football" got bogged down in a game of ping pong football, H.A.C (hoof and chase) very unattractive! And to cap it off they went down to a last minute goal.

The Bulldogs penultimate game before Christmas was against the old enemy Wyken "I can't believe it's not football" Colts. Shambles, is all I can say. Five goals in the first half and the Bulldogs had scored four but were 3-2 down. Second half full of incidents such as, Wyken sub putting in tackle from off sideline, manager being in goalmouth during free kick ALA Jimmy Grimble and the referee losing all control of game incensing the Bulldogs supporters. The final score of 6-3 to Wyken was a bitter pill to take.

Berkswell and Balsal were pre Christmas guests at the Bullpen and after a 9-1 defeat at the start of the season I was looking forward to seeing a streetwise Bulldogs take on our posh cousins in their own back yard, no "Pims" served here Charlie Oscar! I wasn't disappointed. With a bare eleven due to sickness in the camp, the Bulldogs put on a very determined show and fought back from a goal deficit but were yet again dealt a cruel blow of a very last minute goal. A very proud 2-1 defeat and a game played with true Bulldog spirit and heart.

I arranged a friendly with Dunlop from the "B" league after Christmas, as we didn't have a league game. It was nice to see the Bulldogs hungry for a game. The 1-1 draw flattered Dunlop somewhat but it was a good loosener after the festivities, which would pay dividends the following week.

Away to Cov Jag. This was probably the Bulldogs performance of the season so far against a team lying second in the league. A master class in carpet football ensued. The passing and control was outstanding, a 6-2 win and the bulldogs are back!

Next in line were Cov Colts away and all I can say is Encore, Encore! Another 6-2 win. As I said earlier it has been an up and down couple of months, but I am very proud of the way the lads have picked themselves up, win or loose, playing with real Bulldog spirit.

**Andy Main**



### **Lads v Dads** (New years Day)

*The Dads put up the best defensive wall for a free kick I've seen in years!!*

*A great time was had by all, & the score? The dads won 5-4 !!*

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## U12's TEAM NEWS

I hope everybody connected with Brinklow F.C. had a great Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year. The under 12's have now completed three games this month and the results have varied - drawing the first, losing the second and getting back to winning ways in the third.

### **Brinklow 4 London Road Lions 4**

Glazgo (3), Murph

Great game! Yet again we created chance after chance but managed to find ourselves 3-1 down at one point. Stepping things up a bit we got back by scoring three more goals only for London Road to equalise in the last two minutes of the game.

Great attitude from Hydo, playing out of position, hardly put a foot wrong.

*Thanks to Wayne for refereeing.*

### **Brinklow 0 Ernesford Dynamos 1**

Brinklow and Ernesford both started this game with positive attitudes and it wasn't long before both teams created chances. Zack and Elliot put the opposition goalie under a great deal of pressure and the midfield four of Glazgo, Gianni, Taz, and Steve made the away team work extra hard to win the ball. Brinklow carried on attacking but could not find the back of the net due to the good goalkeeping Ernesford displayed. When Ernesford counter attacked the Brinklow defence of JJ, Mozza, Dale and Hydo managed to cut out their chances and if they did manage to break through, the hands of Brinklow's goalie Matty were there to deal with it.

Late on in the second half an Ernesford midfielder seemed to come from nowhere to break the deadlock, smashing the ball high into the back of the net. With this the introduction of Aman and Joe as fresh legs seem to encourage Brinklow even more. But after numerous goal mouth scrambles Brinklow could still not find the back of the net. Great commitment by all players on the pitch and a good game of football was had.

*Thanks to Martin for refereeing.*

### **Brinklow 9 Mound Nod Highway 4**

Hydo(3), Gianni(3), Joe Partridge(2) and Elliot

With Mount Nod starting the game with 10 men, they battled hard to win the ball. Brinklow took the pressure and after 20 minutes were 4-0 up. After that Brinklow thought the game was over, but Mount Nod scored from a swooping free kick, Brinklow recovered and just before half time made it 5-1.

Just after the start of the second half Brinklow were 6-1 up and seemed to again take things easy. However Mount Nod came back at Brinklow and scored 2 in a row to make it 6-3. Brinklow netted again making it 7-3 but the struggling Mount Nod were still not giving up and made the home side fight for a 9-4 victory. Joe partridge played one of his best games for Brinklow to score 2 goals. Other goals for Brinklow came from hat tricks for Tommy Hyde and Gianni Sangiorgi and Elliot Lascelles completed the victory.

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