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Welcome to the first edition of **'ON THE BRINK'** for the new year.

Plans for the club's 6-a-side tournament are still on track, however due to a clash with one of the England World cup games it has been necessary to move the seniors 6-a-side tournament back another week. The seniors tournament will now be played on Saturday 17th June. Also, we are still after several trophy sponsors for the tournament, the cost for this is £100 & goes towards the purchase of winners & runners up medals, so if you are interested in sponsoring one of the age groups, or know of someone who is, then please let your teams manager know.

The club have been kindly donated a number of memorabilia items from Wembley stadium. The intention is to auction these items at either our 6-a-side tournament or at our presentation night. Photos of the items are currently on the clubs website [www.brinklowfc.co.uk](http://www.brinklowfc.co.uk) so if you are interested please take a look. Thanks go to Heather Perkins from Wembley National Stadium Limited for donation of the items.

**Paul Wilby**  
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*'There's a simple recipe about this sports business.  
If you're a sporting star, you're a sporting star.  
If you don't quite make it, you become a coach.  
If you can't coach, you become a journalist.  
If you can't spell, you introduce Grandstand on a Saturday afternoon!!*

**Des Lynam**



## "Gone Fishin!!"

Peter Day is arranging a fishing competition for the club for some time in April. Quite a few people have shown interest so Peter wants to get the ball rolling by ascertaining the wider interest within the club before looking at venues and dates.

If you would be interested in getting involved then please post your interest on the clubs Forum or contact Peter on 01788 832732.





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the match and both had scoring opportunities. At half time the nil:nil score reflected the balance of the game.

The second half saw added determination from Brinklow and good passing moves from defence into midfield and attack. Mid way through the half a cross from near the Coventry Jaguar corner post bobbed out of the keeper's hands and into the path of an unmarked Daniel Pfadenhauer who scored his first competitive goal for Brinklow. Minutes after the restart and Brinklow had another midfield break leading to a twenty yard strike from Daniel Westhead which rebounded from the cross bar before being struck just wide.

The final score a win to Brinklow in a very evenly matched game. Player of the day was the whole team for a strong team performance and team victory.

**Goal scorers so far this season**

Ben Cross	7
Daniel Westhead	7
Ryan Payne	2
Billy Smith	1
Robert Betts	1
Daniel Pfadenhauer	1

**Future Matches**

We still have ten more league matches ahead of us and we know that we have the ability to go out and win if we play as a team as we did against Coventry Jaguar. Keep at it and we will move up the table.

**Six-a-Side**

The Brinklow Juniors Six-a-Side tournament will be over the weekend of 2nd to 4th June. The under 9s will be playing on the morning of Sunday 4th. If anyone is not available to play on that day please let the managers know as soon as possible.

The Brinklow tournament is regarded as one of the best in the area and its success depends on the support of everyone who helps out. As usual we are looking for volunteers to be involved in a range of activities from organizing the car parking, selling programmes and raffle tickets or running the BBQ. If you can spare time over the weekend please let the managers know.

We intend to enter some other tournaments towards the end of the season (but not as many as last year). If anyone has preferences from last year's experience or has limited availability then (you guessed it) please let the managers know.

**Great Yarmouth**

Final balances must be paid by Friday 24th February (or earlier to ease the administration). The Club will be sending payment through to SCI by 28th February so please make sure that you have paid the final instalment.

**Gordon Betts**



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The last four games have showed us all that football can be both exhilarating and cruel in equal measure. In our final game before the Xmas break we experienced the simple satisfaction of watching a ball, 25 yards out, spear through the air like an arrow into the top corner of the net (Get in Alice!), only for the opposition to go up the other end and score at the death to make the score 3-2 to them...

In our first game back after Xmas we ran out on a mud heap of a pitch and played as if we were strangers both to each other and the game itself. The ball looked like it was a tonne in weight as did our girls boots as they dragged themselves around the pitch. The rustiness was there to see. Question to the seasoned coaches... is this what normally happens in the first game after the Xmas break? We came back from 2-0 down to finally draw 2-2 with goals from Hollie and Rebekah which showed this team's brilliant resilience.

There followed our first real hiding of the season. We came second to what you'd have to say was a very well drilled Hinckley Utd. On the plus side we never stopped running. Our heads never dropped and we fought to the end. On the positive side, it took until mid January for us to lose our first game at The Revel. The one lesson myself and Sam learned from this game was how important it is to get in a good preparation before the game. For all of us it's so important that we turn up **30 minutes** before the game. That said 8-0 hurts. And it can get in your belly even after the game, as my next door neighbours lad found out when I got back home and found my drive blocked by a huge white van.

Our last game to report on had such a different feel to it. The sun was shining. Even though it was cold everything felt strangely calm. We warmed up with ample time. We were able to talk about positions and how we wanted the game to be played. On a sloping pitch we went into half-time 1-0 up with a goal from Georgia. More importantly we were playing excellent football. Passing, moving, calling, supporting. In the second half, with the opposition kicking down the slope, things became tighter. We conceded one and then, quite quickly, we conceded another. After dominating most of the play we were 2-1 down. With the minutes ticking by it looked like another defeat was on the cards. Yet we'd played so well. And then, just as all your frustration is starting to subside and you resign yourself to a defeat, Hollie fires a right foot cross/shot towards the goal and in slides Shelbie to slot the ball home from 3 yards out. 2-2. What a roar! I swear they heard us in Brinklow. Such a simple action. Three yards out and pass the ball into the net (actually I'm doing you a dis-service Shelbie it was a great poacher's goal). But what a fantastic feeling a goal can produce. The ecstasy. The bliss. The beauty. It felt like we'd won even though we'd drawn.

And that's what this game is all about. The highs and the lows. 4 games. 0 wins. 2 draws. 2 losses. But all made worthwhile due to the hard work, determination, team spirit and skill that comes through from every girl in the team. Well done to all of you. You're a credit to yourselves, parents and Brinklow Football Club.

**Dave Anderson**

*'He dribbles a lot and the opposition don't like it  
- you can see it all over their faces!*

**Ron Atkinson**



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## Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2006

Friday 2nd (late afternoon K.O.) - U11's Girls and U13's Girls

Saturday 3rd (am) - U7's and U11's

Saturday 3rd (pm) - U8's and U12's

Sunday 4th (am) - U9's and U13's

Sunday 4th (pm) - U10's and U14's

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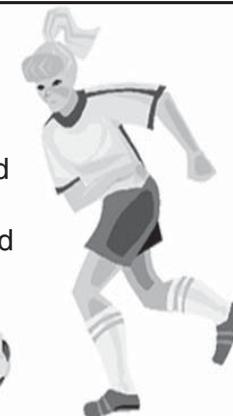
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The Club would be pleased to hear from parents or players interested in girls football. If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who might be interested



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**GIRLS FOOTBALL**

# SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Brinklow League results for December and January  
Coventry Alliance Division Four

**Ambleside Res 2 Brinklow 6**

Iain Stockdale 2  
Scott Vallance 3  
Chris Gray

**Brinklow 5 Heart Athletic 0**

Justin Neal 3  
Iain Stockdale  
Chris Gray

**Brinklow 11 Bilton Social 1**

Iain Stockdale 5  
Mark Bird 3  
Justin Neal  
Micky Bullock  
Roger Lunt

**Collycroft Res 4 Brinklow 0**

Peter Toogood Cup 2nd Rnd  
(Alliance 3 and 4 Internal Cup)

**Brinklow 5 Bedworth Ex Service Res 1**

Iain Stockdale 2  
Chris Gray 2  
Mark Bird

LEAGUE TABLE ON  
28th Jan 2006

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>BRINKLOW</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>35</b>
POTTERS GREEN	13	7	4	2	30	21	25
HEART ATHLETIC	15	6	5	4	36	30	23
HAWKES MILL	13	6	4	3	41	22	22
WITHERLEY UTD	11	7	1	3	33	16	22
AMBLESIDE	15	6	4	5	23	29	22
COLLYCROFT	15	6	2	7	31	39	20
BILTON SOCIAL	15	5	1	9	26	57	16
KEN WARDENS	13	4	3	6	23	30	15
FILLONGLEY	15	3	3	9	27	47	12
A.E.I RUGBY	12	3	2	7	18	31	11
SHILTON	17	2	5	10	19	52	11

I feel that December and January have been good months for our Saturday side, moving into the quarter finals of both the Boyd Carpenter Cup and the Peter Toogood Cup, and also stretching our lead at the top of the division to 10 points. A very disappointing loss to Collycroft in the league however has given the other clubs a chance to close the gap at the top significantly if winning their games in hand. Our main aim now is to consolidate our advantage at the top by winning our next two league games and then try to book our place in to the two semi finals of the Cups. February may prove to be a very significant month when we look back at the end of the season and I feel that we need to stay focused on the job in hand to put us in a good position when the honours are eventually handed out.

**Top Scorers**

Justin Neal 25      Iain Stockdale 17      Mark Bird 13

**Fixtures**

Sat 4th Feb      Home 2.15 KO      Brinklow v Ambleside Res      League  
Sat 11th Feb      Home 2.15 KO      Brinklow v Fillongley Res      League

**Paul Huddlestone**

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# U7's TEAM NEWS

A month into the new year and having only had a couple of training sessions, not much to report on the footballing front but the one thing I have noticed about the boys is that their confidence is rising. Not only as promising footballers but also as young boys. In a nut shell, they are growing up! with a little cheek too, brilliant!

I see this as a big year, OK, I said that last year, but this year they will heading into a competitive league situation, thus meaning splitting into two teams in the process. Also, the Great Yarmouth Tour is a huge thing for the boys to undertake but one that will build enormous confidence.

As for results, it will be nice to win but it will be even better to be part of such a great club tour! On that note the rest of the money is due by the end of February please.

The plan is to enter six-a-side tournaments throughout the summer to gain more experience in preparation for the season ahead as well as more friendlies starting soon.

I am over the moon about the quality of the facilities we are using at the Alan Higgs Centre, albeit slightly cold.

A little moan now. I was very disappointed in the turn out for the parents Christmas get-together. I cannot stress enough the importance to support such events as it is the boys and yourself that benefit. I'm sure the people who turned up enjoyed themselves and the raffle that was so kindly run by Taffy raised over £200. Thankyou for the prize donations and to Caz at The Raven.

Lastly, Thankyou to everyone who is mucking in and helping! As usual any feedback is always welcome.

Lets have a good year!

**Wayne Pulford**

**Congratulations to the Hope family on their new arrival!!**

*Have you heard the one about the entire team that was arrested? An amateur team in Brazil were going through their usual training ritual in a small park backing on to a row of houses. Suddenly Judge Rosemeire Conceicao arrived waving a warrant for their mass arrest, and police took them off to the local nick. It turned out that Conceicao lived in one of the houses adjoining the park, and the footballers had ignored her warnings to stop kicking the ball against her walls. She claimed they had caused structural damage and also disturbed her privacy. The team were released on bail, and the judge announced that she would be suing them privately!!*



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# U8's TEAM NEWS

## Training

Training is continuing at Princethorpe, probably until end Feb/March - until we start having the light evenings.

## Christmas Bash

Our Christmas bash at the Ricoh arena to watch Coventry City against Wolves was a great success. Both the boys and the parents had a good time, although I am not sure McDonalds knew what hit them when we arrived.

A good result, 2-0 and none of the drivers received a parking ticket despite being parked on the A444.

## Assistance at Games

Can you all please remember (both teams and parents) please help after the games with tidying up, putting away the goals and flag posts - Many hands make light work. Please don't just walk away.

## Great Yarmouth

All deposits have now been paid, final balances are required by 20th February.

## Summer Tournaments

Following the success of the 4 tournaments we entered into last year (how could we forget winning the Coundon Cockerels tournament, the trophy is in our dinning room much to Cherysse's delight - Not!), our plan is to enter four tournaments again this year including our own Brinklow tournament.

Once we have finalised the tournaments and dates we will issue a note to check for availability. We intend to enter at least two teams into each tournament.

## Football Matters

Both teams are developing at a very fast pace. The blue team are still looking for that elusive win, it will come, the performance on Saturday against AT7 was fantastic. A very exciting team going forward with strength and pace. If we can build on the positives and work on holding our shape/positions when defending, I am sure it won't be long before we start to see the results come in. The Red team are playing some fine football in the top league, a real credit to themselves and the whole squad. We need to work on ensuring we finish teams off when we are in the lead rather than letting them back slowly into the game.

Some areas to work on in training for us all, let's hope the second half of the season is as entertaining as the first.

## Declan Mellett

*Trevor Sinclair helped England beat Argentina in Sapporo in the 2002 finals, and was then selected for the after-match drugs test. He was in a hurry to join his celebrating teammates and dashed on to the coach outside the dressing-room, looked around and was fairly disturbed to find that he was sitting with the Argentinians.  
He had climbed aboard the wrong coach!!*



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double, but it was Rugby who scored first, taking them in to half time 1-0 up.

Second half, Brinklow decided to step play up and forced the Rugby Town goalkeeper into some fine saves before debut boy Lee Huddleston fired home making it 1-1. After this Brinklow seemed to deal with what Rugby Town could throw at them and raced in to a 5-1 lead with some good finishing from Jake Bourke, Tarun Sud, Gianni Sangiorgi and the final coming from forward Elliot Lascelles.

Goals: Lee Huddy, Jake, Gianni, Taz, Elliot.

## Brinklow 2 Cov Aquatics 0

Brinklows' recently found defensive formation was once again the platform for another solid win, this time against Coventry Aquatics at Barr Lane, Brinklow.

With Dale Cooper putting in his best performance of the season at full back the Brinklow back four were rarely troubled & but for a solid performance by the Aquatics keeper things may have been more comfortable for a Brinklow side who have recently discovered some form.

An early goal by Brinklow meant that they could play this game at their own pace & when, late into the game Aquatics started to apply some pressure a breakaway goal by Gianni Sangorgi put the score at 2-0 & effectively killed off the game.

Goals: Gianni, Elliot.

Finally, Brinklow under 13's are now looking for a trophy sponsor for our 2006 Six-a-side competition. If anyone is interested your sponsorship will be gratefully appreciated.

## Neil Huddleston

*Man United season tickets were like gold dust after they had won the treble in the 1998-99 season. So nobody at the club could understand why one seat in the main stand was empty at every home game at the start following season. At last, for the Boxing Day game against Nottingham Forest, the seat was filled. A club steward approached the man sitting in the seat at half-time and said, 'Hope you don't mind me asking, but why have you not taken your seat for the previous games?'*

*'My wife bought it last summer,' the man explained. 'Then she 'My wife hid it away as a surprise Christmas Present.'*



*The 1954 quarter-final between Austria and host nation Switzerland produced one of the most remarkable of all World Cup matches. The Austrians were 0-3 down after twenty-three minutes. Ten minutes later they were leading 5-3. By half-time the score was 5-4, and Austria had missed a penalty. They finally won 7-5, with all twelve goals coming in the space of just forty-nine minutes of playing time. Apparently, the Swiss rolled over!!*



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*Brinklow Youth Team at the Clubs Presentation Night Last Season*

*A referee decides he has to make a quick getaway after a match in which he sends off four players and gives two controversial penalties. He drives too quickly, crashes coming round a bend and is thrown through the windscreen on to the road.*

*By coincidence, the car following him is driven by one of the players he sent off, and he stops to see if he can help.*

*He finds that the referee is in a bad way and makes a 999 call on his mobile.*

*'I think the referee's dead; he shouts down the phone in panic. 'What can I do?'*

*'Calm down; says the operator, used to dealing with emergencies.*

*First of all, go and make sure the referee is dead:*

*The operator hears a choking sound and the cracking of a neck bone.*

*Then the player returns to the mobile.*

*'OK,' he says. 'I've made sure he's dead. Now what should I do?'*



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**Played: 14 Won: 2 Drawn: 3 Lost: 9 Points: 9 Goals: 19 (for) 36 (against)**

The end of December and early January were a little quiet, with games being cancelled because of poor weather conditions which gave us time to enjoy Christmas and get ready for the second half of the season.

### **Brinklow 0 Coventry Sphinx 5**

Our final match of 2005 was against Coventry Sphinx, who came to Brinklow and clearly wanted to win from the first whistle. Within ten minutes they had taken a three goal advantage, capitalizing on our mistakes. Although Brinklow fought back in the first half we did not get an opportunity to test the Sphinx goal keeper.

Brinklow were more determined in the second half but were unable to find a way through the Coventry defence and were caught out by strong clearances from defence setting up Sphinx for two more goals.

Full marks to Sphinx who were the better team on the day. The final result taught us that we have to be in the game from the beginning and that we can't afford to give away easy goals.

***Player of the day was Matthew Holmes.***

### **Christ the King 2 Brinklow 1**

Brinklow traveled to Coventry for their first game of 2006 and started the game controlling most of the field of play. Within 5 minutes a shot from Daniel Westhead went over the goalkeeper's head and gave Brinklow the lead. Brinklow held their shape and played their good passing game. CTK applied pressure and forced a goal line clearance until a high ball slipped through into the net.

Coming out for the second half both teams knew the game was there to be won, but it was Brinklow who had more of the play from greater strength in midfield and a defense that was pushing up to support attacks. With a minute to play it looked as though the result was to be a draw until a CTK corner kick came off a Brinklow shin pad and into our net.

The final result an unfortunate defeat but an excellent team effort.

***Player of the day was Daniel Westhead.***

### **Brinklow 1 Leamington Hibs 4**

Leamington Hibs came to Brinklow and took the game to us, scoring after just five minutes. The Brinklow players came back strongly with some good opportunities but no first half equalizer.

The second half continued with good supporting play from the Leamington team which allowed them to score team goals and to push the score line up. A break from Daniel Westhead in midfield and a well timed strike on the run caught the Leamington keeper off his line and put Brinklow on the score sheet. A near identical opportunity for Daniel a few minutes later went wide of the near post and the game ended 4:1 to Leamington. Brinklow had some good chances but our characteristic passing game was absent and the Leamington defence was too strong for solo runs to break through.

Not Brinklow's best game but some good football was played. Player of the day went to George Lowe for effort and commitment in the central midfield.

### **Coventry Jaguar 0 Brinklow 1**

An away game against Coventry Jaguar saw Brinklow's football at its best with a strong performance from every member of the team. Despite the cold both teams put maximum effort into

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# U10's TEAM NEWS

2006 Results:  
 Green Division:  
**Finham 6 Brinklow 0**  
**Brinklow 4 Coundon Cockerels 1**

Red Division:  
**Brinklow 4 Chapelfield Colts 1**  
**Chapelfield Colts 0 Brinklow 1**  
**Brinklow 1 Firefighters(red) 0 Cup**

Goalscorers Chart:	
Andrew Skerratt	11
Ryan Wareham	7
Jack Tipper	6
Taylor Williams	6
Keenan Sangha	5
Thomas Barnes	4
Rhys Thomas	4
Joshua Smith	3
Thomas Lovegrove	2
Connor Molloy	2
Joe Burton	1
Ben Kimberley	1
Thomas Ridding	1

Both teams have started this New Year in fine form and as the above results show are continuing to enjoy successful results, and more importantly enjoying their football. All of the boys are working extremely hard in both training and games and it is paying off for them. One aspect of football which is difficult to coach is team character, and both of our teams have it in abundance. It is vital in close games, scrappy games or when certain decisions go against you, to dig in and maybe call on some mental strength, which comes ultimately with confidence, which of course is generated by winning games.

Preparations for 11-a-side is well under way, with all of the coaching staff fully aware that we need to have flexibility in our ranks and many players over the past few weeks have sampled playing in various positions, for that very reason.

The Red Division guys have adapted extremely well to the positional changes, however we except that certain players are more effective/comfortable in their usual slot, but it is beneficial to the players individual football development that they sample varying roles, and if I'm honest they really enjoy the change. Mick to be fair has experimented alot more on positional changes with the green team guys and the results this season speak for themselves, so it is and has been a very worthwhile exercise.

11-a-side development will obviously be ongoing, and I am in the throws of organising some 11-a-side friendlies, however the Green Division will probably still be playing fixtures well into May, so the priority will of course be with the present league programs, and we will just have to step up the 11-a-side preparations when we can.

Nothing more to say other than I am absolutely delighted with both teams. Still lots more football to be played, lots more work to do, and I'm sure more excellent performances to come. Well Done to every player, many thanks to all of our supporters.

## Martin Pulford

*Arsenal left-back Dennis Evans was in possession in front of his goal at Highbury when he heard the referee's final whistle at the end of a First Division match against Blackpool in 1955. He casually walloped the ball into the net, only to discover that the whistle he'd heard had come from the terraces. It was an unexpected consolation goal for Blackpool, who were beaten 4-1.*



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# U14's TEAM NEWS

With the Christmas break and the adverse weather conditions the Under 14s continue their 'stop/start' season - only two games being played in the last eight weeks. This seems to have been the pattern of the season so far, where we have been unable to build on performances and string results together on a consistent basis.

However the Under 14s maintain their first rate commitment to training and their excellent performances in matches (when eventually played). Notwithstanding this, the plan for the next few games is to make slight alterations to the team set-up and style of play. Some players have been asked to change position and adapt to operating in different areas of the pitch but early indications are showing the beneficial effects of this new way of playing.

I have also promised a team photo of the Under 14s for the last few months but have finally given up. It has proved impossible to get all 14 players all together at any one time. In desperation, please find below individual photos of the current Under 14s squad. You can see what a fine group of young men they are and I'm very privileged to have each and every one of them in the squad.

## Peter Day



Reide Danial



Robert Harrison



James Kearney



Chris Brennan



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## U13's TEAM NEWS

The Under 13's have had a good run of results since last months OTB, winning 4 and narrowly losing just one. We welcome Lee Huddleston who has joined us from the Under 12's Blue. Lee has adapted to this change with the greatest of ease, I am sure Lee will firm up our midfield and his ability to read the game will help set up many chances.

### Brinklow 3 Rugby Town 2003 2

For this game Elliott was asked to play the lone striker up front which he did brilliantly, this allowed the team to play 3 in the centre which effectively stopped Rugby Town from controlling the midfield (well done to the midfield of Sam, Aman & Jake - it was like having 3 Roy Keanes in the team!).

Taz got forward & communicated really well with Elliott, the pace of both caused major problems in the Rugby Town back 4 - well done Taz.

Dale was asked to move up into midfield & worked really well to help cover Joe when needed, a much improved performance Dale - keep it up.

Tom Glasscoe was asked to help out in the centre of the back 4 to cover for the injured JJ & as usual he did this extremely well & more than once his extra pace got us out of trouble. A much improved performance from the back 4, so well done to Joe, Steve & the 2 Toms. It was good to go into half time 2-0 up with Matty in goal saying he had hardly had a touch despite Rugby Towns regular attempts to push forward. The team as a defensive unit did their job.

Second half, having gone into a 3-0 lead, we took our foot off the gas & let Rugby Town back into it & if it hadn't had been for some brave keeping from Matty & the pace of Glasscoe we would have let slip a deserved win - a lesson to be learnt here I think!!

Goals: Taz (2), Glazgo.

### Wyken 0 Brinklow 5

First game of 2006 and Brinklow were up for this from the start. And it wasn't long before we were racing into the lead giving Wyken no chance of getting back in the game. What was good about this game was how well we played as a team, and this showed by keeping a clean sheet.

Goals: Glazgo (3), Elliot (2).

### Brinklow 2 Pinley 3

Following a couple of wins, Brinklow went into the game against Pinley with a new found confidence. Early on, Brinklow pushed forward without causing the Pinley keeper any real trouble. As time wore on Pinley came more into the game and but for a fingertip save from Matty Wilby would have gone into the break with a lead. Half time 0-0.

Into the second half and the Pinley team talk seemed to have had an effect with Pinley scoring twice. Brinklow rallied, but it wasn't until 10 minutes from the end that a cleanly struck free kick from Tommy Glasscoe made it 2-1. Pinley's third looked to have made it safe for the visitors, but a well taken goal by Elliott Lascelles from a corner made it a tense last 5 minutes, with Pinley hanging on to take the points. An entertaining game all round.

Goals: Glazgo, Elliot.

### Rugby Town 1 Brinklow 5

Playing Rugby Town 2003 for the second time in 4 games, and with the first time in the season that Brinklow had 3 subs you would have thought that we would have been very confident of completing the

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## U11's TEAM NEWS

### Brinklow 3 Cov Sphinx 2

This was another close game by two evenly matched teams, but I feel we played our get out of jail free card. The first half was dominated mainly by Cov Sphinx but with excellent defending and Richard being on form in goal stopped them from taking any chances. In the last ten minutes of the half we started to find some form and a through ball from midfield to H who finished well opened the scoring against the run of play. With half time approaching Cov Sphinx won a corner and unable to clear our lines we conceded a sloppy goal.

We improved a lot in the second half and started to challenge and compete for the ball. A second goal came from a nice ball from midfield to Turbo who put it over the keeper. Cov Sphinx came at us again, forcing a corner with ten minutes remaining and yet again sloppy defending led to an easy goal for the opposition. The boys again had to rally, with some nice passing a ball was put down the left which was kept in by Adam who delivered a low cross for Dale to slot home.

We didn't play our best football for 60% of the game but if we can show the battling qualities we can win games that we perhaps shouldn't. It's nice to do this when we have always been the losers when we have dominated games.

Players that stood out:-

Richard in goal - excellent

Greeny - Continued work rate and unlucky not to score

Connor - Mr Reliable

JB - Another good solid performance and never gave up.

Jordan - Again another faultless performance.

### Season So Far

At the beginning of the season, with moving up a league and the quality of the other teams in the league, myself Jamie and Neil would have been happy to win a couple and not come bottom of the league, but we have passed our expectations and have set the next goal of getting a result from all the teams in the league. So far we have achieved this sitting 4th in the league.

We must be doing things right, we have put no ads in the papers but we are getting requests from parents ringing to ask if their child can join the club. We have told them to bring them along at the end of the season so we can have a look at these players, as we feel next year we can be a team that the rest of the league are afraid to play.

Lets all keep the hard work up and keep doing the simple things and success will follow.

We play Cov Sphinx red in the last 16 of the cup this will be a tough test but we have no pressure on us and we need to and enjoy ourselves and give a good performance. The bigger the support the better.

We have played 10 league games

Won 5

Drew 2

Lost 3

Could I just remind everyone tour money in no later than the 19 the February. And those who have only paid half their subscriptions I need the other £ 30 A.S.A.P.

Again a big thankyou to you all, and the support you bring to games.

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## U13's GIRLS NEWS

The Girls have only played two central venue matches since the last report, one at Pinley as the snow fell and the other at Barr Lane.

I am pleased to say that the girls are improving all the time, they are becoming more confident on the ball and are now looking for the pass. They work hard for each other and the shape is being kept most of the time.

The games are all close now, we still have one team dominating the league, but less so than at the beginning of the season.

### PINLEY 07 01 06

**Brinklow 1 Tazmanian Cruisettes 0**

**Brinklow 1 Pinley 2**

**Brinklow 1 Alcester 3**

### BARR LANE 14 01 06

**Brinklow 0 Tazmanian Cruisettes 1**

**Brinklow 3 Pinley 1**

**Brinklow 0 Alcester 2**

The referee's are now choosing "Girl of the match" and these are handed in to the league with our results, there will be a trophy awarded to the girl with the most nominations at the end of the season. Our girls awarded so far are..

Holly Villiers x2  
Hannah Rankin x1  
Rea Gyselnck x1  
Rebecca Garner x1  
Kimberly Greasley x1

Well done girls

Finally thanks to Neil, Mick and Taffy for doing a great job marking the pitches at Barr Lane for us once again.

### Janine Stothard

*Brazilian referee Almeida Rego caused a near riot by getting his timing wrong when France played Argentina in 1930. France were pressing for an equaliser when Senor Rego blew the final whistle just as French left-winger Marcel Langiller was shaping to shoot at the end of a fifty-yard run. Hundreds of Argentinian fans came dashing on to the pitch to celebrate their team's victory. While all this was going on, Referee Rego was being surrounded by French officials arguing that he had blown the whistle six minutes too early, and with Langiller poised to score. Rego's linesmen confirmed the clock-watching complaints, so the embarrassed referee had to order mounted police to clear the pitch. He instructed the teams to come back from the dressing-rooms, where several players were already in the bath. Argentinian inside-forward Roberto Ciero fainted when he was told he had to return to the pitch. It took police and armed guards nearly half an hour to clear the playing area, and then the two teams played out the last six minutes without further score.*

*The French wanted to clock the referee!!*



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## U12's TEAM NEWS

### Brinklow 1 Rugby Town 1

Not too much to report football wise at the moment only one game played, the first for about 6 weeks, so the boys did really well considering so much inactivity.

Matthew Pine was Man of the Match, with an excellent all round performance in the centre of midfield replacing Craig (who was at home not very well). It was probably our best performance against Rugby Town for a long while and we more than deserved a point, although we were probably hanging on a bit for the last 10 minutes or so, but George, Robbie, Louis and Ricky held firm.

Hopefully we can go on from this, string a few more results together and hopefully finish in the top half of the table.

I would also like to thank all the boys who attended our Christmas Party at The Forum Bowling. It was a great day and all the boys were so well behaved and all seemed to have great fun.

The annual 6 a side tournament will be upon us soon. So don't be shy, we need volunteers to come forward and help us with all sorts of things, such as selling raffle tickets, working on the tea stall or barbeque or helping with car parking etc. Please come forward soon so we can pencil you in to help, to make Brinklow yet again the best 6-a-side tournament.

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