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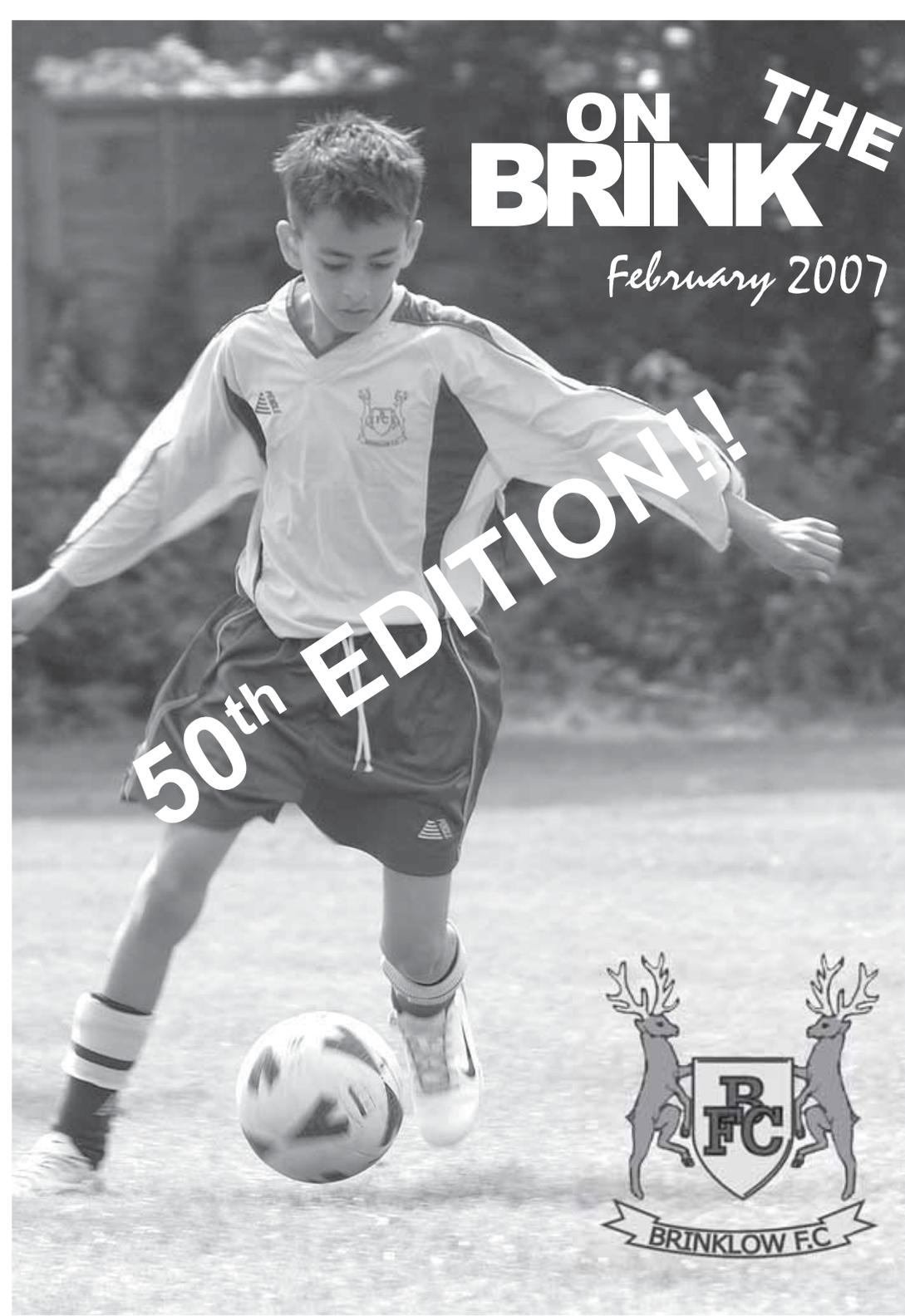
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Welcome to the 50th edition of *ON THE BRINK*. Malc Coombe started the magazine back in 1999 & having taken on the production the following season I'd like to thank Malc for setting up the structure of the magazine & making my job easier.

Also in that time we have seen a few different chairmen of the club, all having different styles & personalities but all have successfully taken the club forward & I thank Martin Pulford, Dave Gyselynck, Malc Coombs, Tony Glasscoe & our current chairman Rich Farthing for performing what is the clubs most responsible role with such enthusiasm & common sense. Thanks guys, we wouldn't be where we are now without you!

It wouldn't be right not to include a word of thanks to all the numerous managers, assistants & committee members of the club who have submitted articles for the magazine and who have helped to make this the best run & friendliest club in the area. A special thankyou must of course also go to 'Mr Brinklow' himself Mick Holt.

Here's to the next 50 issues!



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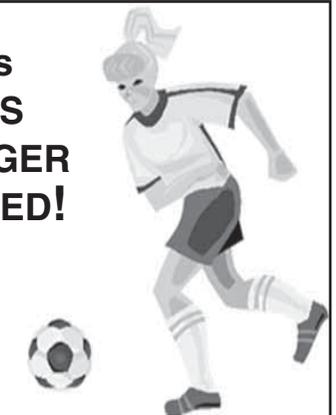
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# MICRO's TEAM NEWS



We have been running for 6 months now, and due to its popularity we have now closed our books and have a waiting list.

The lads are coming on well, and are now ready for their first friendly match against Ambleside on 10th February 2007.

I have been very fortunate to have the support from Nino, Mark and Scott who are all helping with the training of the team. I would also like to say a big thanks to all the parents.

We have now got two sponsors, **R & S Aquatics** (<http://www.rsaquatics.co.uk>) and **David Gilkes Removals & Storage** (<http://www.davidgilkes.com>) with potentially a third sponsor.

We are looking forward to the future with Brinklow Football Club.

**Gavin Brigg**

**Manager: Gavin Brigg (FA Level 1 Coach)**  
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Jan 2002 - The Christmas Lads v Dads has always been good!

## THE Pink

Saturday, December 28, 1996 30p

# GALPIN HITS 17 IN SHOCK 44-0 WIN

**DAVENTRY SUNDAY LEAGUE**

BRINKLOW Reserves recorded a staggering 44-0 defeat of Stratford Bloomers in a Daventry Sunday League clash. Galpin led the way with 17 goals and McYork hit eight as Brinklow moved to the top of Division Three on goal difference.

Tommy Suggs a double hat-trick; Hockley four; Bullock and Boney each a brace; Hanney a brace and Griffin a single.

And the villagers have now hit an incredible 124 goals in just 13 games. Lockies Stratford, meanwhile, have now conceded 178 goals - although they have won one and drawn two of their 13 games!

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6
Division One	12	10	9	11	11	10
Division Two	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Three	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Four	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Five	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Six	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Seven	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Eight	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Nine	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Ten	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Eleven	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Twelve	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Thirteen	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Fourteen	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Fifteen	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Sixteen	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Seventeen	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Eighteen	14	10	10	10	10	10
Division Nineteen	12	10	10	10	10	10
Division Twenty	14	10	10	10	10	10

Feb 2001 - The report is from 1996, prior to the start of **ON THE BRINK** but it's still worthy of inclusion. After all, it's not very often you see a score line like this!

**Joe Partridge**, Brinklow Juniors U7's.

4 O' Clock in the morning is the earliest Joe has been up on Christmas Day! That sounds a bit of a lie-in there Joe, compared to some kids that I know. The last person up on Christmas Day is his Dad. Knowing kids, that's probably about 10 minutes after Joe! If he could have anything for Christmas he would like a Star Wars suit. Hopefully it'll be better than the donkey costume he had to wear at the Nativity play. His favourite decoration in the whole house last year was a "Purple, spinning thing" And Joe reckons that the one thing that he eats too much of at Christmas is Yorkshire pudding. Finally, we asked Joe if He could invite anyone in the world for dinner, who would it be? He said Albert Einstein (honest). Presumably, that would be to explain his lesser known theory of why young children get up at 4 O'Clock in the Morning on Christmas Day!



Dec 1999 - I think Joe's now more interested in girls than star wars suits!

# SENIOR TEAM NEWS

**Brinklow 2**      **Bulkington Res 2**

Chris Gray  
Richard Nelmes

**Stockton Res 4**      **Brinklow 1**  
Richard Nelmes

**Bulkington Res 1**      **Brinklow 3**  
Chris Gray  
Stuart Gray  
Richard Nelmes

**Woodlands Res 1**      **Brinklow 4**  
(Major Boyd Carpenter Cup ¼ Final)  
Chris Gray  
Richard Nelmes  
Scott Vallance  
Tom Stenger

**Folly Lane Res 1**      **Brinklow 0** (Coventry Evening Telegraph Junior Cup Semi-Final)  
Injury hit Brinklow travelled to Folly Lane with a very young and inexperienced squad for this Semi-Final and were met by a Folly Lane side who not only play two divisions higher but also contain a mountain of experience and quality.

The game started at a tremendous pace with the visitors dominating the first exchanges. The two seventeen year old Brinklow forwards Richard Nelmes and Stuart Gray pressurised the home central defence of Andy Lole and Greg Bates on several occasions but were not quite able to create the vital opening. Towards the end of the half however, it was a Folly Lane break away which sent their centre forward through with a one on one chance culminating with his early strike being expertly tipped around the post by Brinklow's seventeen year old keeper Dale Huddlestone. The following short corner was knocked to full back Matty Baker whose cross was superbly met by the head of Shane Cullinane, with the full stretch dive of Huddlestone just unable to keep the ball out.

The second half was a mirror image of the first as Brinklow forced the pace with Tom Stenger in complete control at the back and the tireless legs of Micky Bullock and Dave Anderson creating several opportunities for Brinklow's young forwards. These strikes however, were limited to the edge of the area as Folly Lane retreated to a five man defence dominated by the awesome presence of Bates. As the game went on Brinklow started to push more men forward and were always susceptible to swift Folly lane breaks, with Telegraph Cup Man of the Match Huddlestone being called into several fine stops, diving full stretch to push around the post and then bravely denying Cullinane from five yards. This was a very evenly disputed Semi Final with the young Brinklow side being praised by their experienced counterparts and their very large home support who knew they'd been in a game.

### Forthcoming Fixtures

Sat 10th February	Home v Witherley Res	League
Sat 17th February	Home v Stockton Res	League
Sat 24th February	Home v Cherry Tree	Boyd C Cup Semi
Sat 3rd March	Home v Bedworth Ex Res	League
Sat 10th March	Home v Coundon Ct Res	League

**Paul Huddlestone**

**Manager: Paul Huddlestone (FA Level 1 Coach)**  
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
PR SPORTING GNP	18	10	2	6	45	41	32
STOCKTON RES	12	8	2	2	48	22	26
POTTERS GRN RES	12	6	3	3	27	38	21
BULKINGTON RES	15	4	7	4	28	33	19
COV UNI RES	10	5	2	3	28	16	17
COUNDON CT RES	11	5	2	4	27	24	17
<b>BRINKLOW</b>	13	4	3	6	31	29	15
CHRIST THE KING III	12	4	3	5	26	28	15
WITHERLEY RES	8	3	2	3	16	17	11
HILLMORTON	12	3	1	8	22	27	10
BED EX SERV RES	9	3	1	5	15	21	10
AEI RUGBY RES	12	2	2	8	21	38	8

League table on 3rd Jan 2007

## Brinklow Youth 5 Rugby Town 0 (Birmingham Cup)

Brinklow played host to Rugby Town in the 4th round of the Birmingham cup at the Newbold Revel. The first half was well contested with few clear cut chances for either side. Rugby Town contested every ball all over the park and made sure Brinklow didn't have a chance to get into any sort of rhythm. Ashley Marks opened the scoring after 35 minutes and put Brinklow in a more secure position. The usual passing Brinklow enjoy was denied by a side who even though they were missing key players and the only wins this season they have obtained have come in the cup. Their effort and commitment made sure Brinklow had to earn the victory. The defence dealt with any threat Town offered and that's the way the first half ended.

Brinklow started the second half with a lot more determination knowing that one goal was unlikely to be enough, after a few changes of positions at half time it took 15 minutes before Sam Walder crossed to the far post for Daniel McDonald to put home Brinklows second. 2 minutes later, he added the third and shortly after Shaun Clusker ran through to make it four. Daniel Carter punished a poor kick from the goalkeeper on 79 minutes but by then the game was over as far as a contest was concerned.

Some notable performances from David Sinclair who marshalled the midfield as always, Michael Jones who did all that was required with little fuss and his usual assurance. All the substitutes who came on all added to the game, in particular Alex Olnier looks like he will fit into the Brinklow set up without any problems.

The next round is the quarter finals and as always in these competitions the tests will get harder. Brinklow will welcome the return of Craig Burrin from suspension and they will need to keep an eye on the league if this season is to return the promise it has shown in the opening stages. As we all know football is a funny old game, with lots of twists and turns, ask Jose and Sir Alex if they think the season is finished. I am sure Arsen and Raffa believe there is still something to play for too!

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good goal scoring opportunities. We were awarded a penalty towards the end of the game which the linesman disputed and flagged to say the foul was outside the box, which was clearly not the case. Fortunately the Ref stood by his decision, which Danny Wood converted with a rebound, but there was no time left on the clock to find an equaliser. Sadly the Exhall Tigers spectators became more aggressive as the game went on which resulted in the referee sending the Exhall Tigers manager away from the field of play, which was fully justified but did not set a good example of sportsmanship and this was while they were winning !!! In view of the high standards that we have been playing at all season, it was overall a very disappointing display from the Bulldog's and although we did not deserve to lose, we were physically out muscled in too many area's of the pitch and did not track back to try and regain possession of the ball.

### **Man of the Match: Tommy Wright (Midfield / Full Back)**

(Tom you played well at right back winning most of your tackles and distributed the ball well, and showed a lot of determination – by far your best performance of the season so far. Well done!)

Hopefully the lads will learn from this defeat and get back on the winning track. We need to show more determination and not let teams with lesser ability knock us off the ball so easily.

We have a difficult Cup Game coming up next against RED league opposition, so it will be a difficult match and a big test of character for all of the lads. It will be interesting to see if we can raise our game and compete at the highest level.

**Dave Wright**

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# ON THE BRINK



*May 2005 - And we had some fun on tour!!*



*March 2002 - Our current u15's have now got a bit bigger!!*



*May 2005 - Finally the seniors get their hands on the trophy!*



## EDITORIAL



By now most of you will be aware of the fire at Mick Holts flat, thankfully as a write this he is on the mend & whilst there is still quite a way to go hopefully we will see him back at the club as soon as possible (just try stopping him!!).

Needless to say all at the club would like to say a big thank you to the firefighters who rescued Mick & to all at the various hospitals who have helped him pull through, without them there is no doubt he wouldn't be here now.

I'd also like to say thank you to all those that have rallied around whilst Mick has been recovering, there are far too many people that have helped to name individually but you know who you are!!

Numerous people have posted notes of encouragement on the clubs website [www.brinklowfc.co.uk](http://www.brinklowfc.co.uk) so if your interested why not take a look (they are posted in the 'Guestbook'). Sue Stock (Micks sister) posted a note on the site which to me says exactly why this club is so special, the note reads

*'Hello I'm Mick Holts sister. Thanks for being his 'family' too'*

*- says it all really doesn't it!*

*May 2004 - Not everything has been good news!*



CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS

*May 2005 - Club attain Football Association Charter Standard Status*

## U8's TEAM NEWS

Its been a while since the last magazine and I cant remember the last game I reported on so I will start from the Bedworth Eagles game and unfortunately a 3-1 defeat. A strong Bedworth team scored two quick goals which we never recovered from although we went down battling. Morgan Pulford on the score sheet.

Sphinx at home was our next match and although deserving the win we had to settle for a 2-2 draw having twice been in front. Morgan Pulford and Alex Day the scorers.

Alvis away was our first game of 2007. A great display by the boys resulted in a convincing 4-1 victory. Morgan Pulford 2 and Joe Tresadern 2, hitting the net.

Christ The King away followed after a break due to the weather. After travelling over to Coundon to see surface water on the pitch Kings kindly agreed to come back to the Revel to 'get the game on'. On the way back I was worried, the boys had decided to play in the puddles and were drenched and with a 20 minute journey ahead I was wondering if the right decision was made. Too right we had, a 1-0 win and a fantastic display from the boys. Joe Tresadern with the winner.

Sphinx away followed a week later. A game we should of won easily but left with a share of the spoils 1-1. The home team equalising at the death. Morgan Pulford notched the goal.

This has been a tough couple of months playing against three teams in the top six I am more than pleased with how we have coped leaving us still sitting in the top four and still improving, Fantastic!

### Wayne Pulford

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a William Naul strike. We continued to press and came back for the second half with even more resolve. A powerful volley from Ben Cross looked destined for the back of the net but brought an equally good save from the Peugeot keeper. Late in the game William intercepted the ball from a Peugeot corner, ran the length of the pitch and was unlucky to see his shot go just past the post.

The final score a 1:1 draw but an excellent display of Brinklow football. First class defending by Ben Cross and Robert Betts closed the Peugeot strikers out of the game. Good passing and team work for which we would have liked to give all players the player of the day trophy, but this week it went to Sean Dowsing for his impressive goal keeping debut.

#### Goal Scorers This Season

William Naul	12 + 1 in the Cup
Daniel Westhead	8
Arron Girling	2
George Lowe	1
Ryan Payne	1
Griff Griffith	1
Sean Dowsing	1
Own Goals	2

We are looking to enter teams into the following tournaments:

- Admirals            12th May
- Rugby Town        26th May
- Brinklow            2nd June

If there is enough interest we will enter two teams for each competition. We will need to submit our entry forms soon so please return the registration forms ASAP, Thanks.

**Gordon Betts**

#### .....u13's report continued from Page 12

##### **Man of the Match: Chris Ward (Position: Attacking Left Winger)**

(Chris played extremely well throughout this game, showing great wing play and a tremendous work rate. Chris is most dangerous when running at pace with the ball and has the strength to hold off defenders and makes terrific goal scoring opportunities. Well Done Chris - Brilliant Performance !)

##### **Pro Santos 2    Bulldog's 5**

**“WARDY the Wizard – Turns on the style with a 4 goal strike inside 30 minutes !”**

(Scorers: Chris Ward 4, Glenn Wright)

We entered this game with three key players missing, which meant that several players had to adapt very quickly to playing in unfamiliar positions. The lads all contributed and did themselves proud, especially Tommy Wright and Dan Slater who both played well in full back positions, tackling well and showing a great work rate throughout the game. The Pro Santos Manager complimented The Bulldog's on our style of play and sportsmanship attitude and said that we played some tremendous free flowing football on a very boggy pitch. Due to the heavy conditions, we purposely kept the ball wide, with some terrific quick precise passing, from both Aaron Hope and Stuart Day who worked extremely hard throughout the game and combined well in central midfield, playing some great through balls for the hard working Glenn Wright and Chris Ward, creating many goal scoring opportunities.

Chris Ward deserves a special mention for his first half performance scoring 4 cracking well taken goals, which were all top quality. A delightful looping shot from Glenn Wright, left the Pro Santos keeper stranded and finished the game off in great style.

A great performance from all of the lads and a nice way to finish off 2006 with a superb victory!

##### **Man of the Match: Stuart Day (Left Wing Back / Midfield)**

(Stuart showed great determination and a good work rate throughout the game and made some decisive passes leading to goal scoring opportunities. However, Chris Ward came a very close second with 4 super strikes !)

Well done Lad's a record 8 consecutive league wins on the bounce, with some brilliant football.

##### **Bulldog's 4    Exhall Tigers 5**

**“ BULLDOG's Slow out the trap's and struggle to recover from a five week break”**

(Scorers: Chris Ward, Danny Wood, Ben Stone, Owen Deakin).

Having enjoyed a tremendous eight game unbeaten run up to the Christmas break, the last thing we wanted was a five week lay off without a game, which unfortunately showed in our performance. We failed to compete in too many key area's of the pitch and at times failed to keep our shape. I was also faced with reshuffling our defence, due to two of our regular central defenders being unavailable for selection.

Although creating plenty of goal scoring opportunities in the first half, we failed to take full advantage of the many chances in front of goal and with the Exhall Tiger's keeper in top form we took the lead at half time 3 v 2 with goals from Owen, Chris and Ben, but it should have been more and with a strong wind against us we knew that we were in for a difficult second half, which we struggled to cope with. The weather conditions also prevented us from playing our usual flowing football and Exhall Tigers were only too pleased to take full advantage, especially as they always favour the long ball game. While we had most of the possession second half, Exhall Tigers cut straight through us with long goal kicks and punts down the pitch which our makeshift defence failed to deal with and we presented Exhall Tigers with three soft goals in the second half, by simply failing to clear the ball.

Exhall took the lead 5 v 3 and The Bulldog's were faced with chasing the game for most of the second half, but we were also up against a dodgy opposing linesman, who kept unfairly raising his flag for off side, every time we entered their half, which denied us from taking advantage of several

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## U14's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

Well we have only played two games since December 2nd, but we have continued to train every Wednesdays indoors and every Saturday when not playing, even going to Pailton Park one week when all other options were not available. The commitment and dedication from all the girls is there, we have high attendance in all our training sessions, and the camaraderie within the team is second to none.

We have now played our first two matches at Wolston Community Centre, thank you to everyone involved for securing this pitch for us and to Neil Huddlestone for marking the pitch, it is fab, and all our supporters find the hot beverages available most welcome.

### **Brinklow 0 Leamington Hibs 6**

In no way does the scoreline reflect your performance girls, you were up against a tough team and without doubt the best defender in the league (apart from ours of course). No matter what you tried Kirsty was there, even at one point heading it off the line from what I thought was a sure fire goal.

At half time we were only two goals down and still in with a shout and when the whistle blew for the second half you were attacking their goal from every angle. Still no luck. I think for a short period in the second half you lost a bit of belief as they scored a quick couple of goals, but you all rallied and finished strongly. How we did not score at least one, I do not know. Well done to everybody who played.

*Refs player of the match Holly Viliers*

### **Brinklow 0 Tazmanian Cruisettes 1**

What a performance - How we did not win this one I do not know. We were by far the better team. Again we had chance after chance on goal, I thought it was just a matter of time before Lesley slotted one in, their keeper played out of her skin. They only scored with three minutes to go in the first half from a free kick that at first Kim saved and after a scuffle around the goal they managed to somehow bustle in.

At half time Dale and myself told you it was yours for the taking, and out you went with determination and again peppered their goal, but their goalie would just not let one in. I said to you at the end of the game how well you all played individually and as a team, and that I did not know what to say, I still don't, I really do not know what we have to do to get that elusive win, you are all playing well, the improvement week by week is there for all to see, it will come I promise you that, we just have to keep playing like we have been playing and our luck will change. Thanks to Neil Huddlestone for reffing and for your comments, they were much appreciated.

*Refs player of the match Lesley Smith*

At the moment we have no games for the next two Saturdays, so we will be training at Wolston 10.15am start, thank you to David Hier for allowing us to do so, it will give us a chance to train outdoors on our own pitch. However I have had several phone calls from teams that we were unable to play due to the wet weather before Christmas, who would like to play on the second Saturday. Please let Dale or myself know if you are unable to play Sat 17th Feb. Alcester phoned first, but I fancy Southam for our first win.

Thank you to everyone who comes along and supports each week, and to all the parents that help with transport for the girls, it is much appreciated

**Janine Stothard**

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## U9's TEAM NEWS

### **Football**

With the season back on, for the Green team it's been a bit stop and start since Mid December, as I write this piece for the OTB, still sitting pretty at the top of the league. Green team have out performed our expectations this season, whatever happens in the run in you all should be proud. Red team, we are only six points away from matching our total points tally in the league last season, still in the cup and starting to find some good form. With a squad of 19 between the two teams we have plenty of competition for places.

### **Match Day Help**

We need some help on Match days, when playing at home. If you are watching the clock down to 10am on a Sunday, don't forget we (Will and I) could always do with some help putting the goals up. I know most of our parents/supporters always help bring the goals back down. If we have any script writers (Red Team) that have internet access, we could do with someone taking charge of writing and submitting reports to the club website and also to our PR lady who will make sure we get comments and mentions in the Rugby and Coventry newspapers

Your continuing help and assist is really appreciated

### **Important Dates For Your Diary**

Additional training sessions

17th February 10 am at the Revel for 1 hour

3rd March 10 am at the Revel for 1 hour

Training at Butlin Rd with Tony Glasscoe

Thursday 22nd February 6pm to 7pm

Thursday 1st March 6pm to 7pm

Cup Game RED TEAM

Sunday 4th March, 11am Kick off against Caludon Youth, The Revel (please ensure availability for this game as we have limited players for these cup games as Harry and Tom M are cup tied)

### **Summer Tournaments**

I know its only February but we need to start thinking about which tournaments we will enter. Like last year we will aim to enter circa 4 or 5 tournaments including our own and possibly arrange a barbeque for all after the last tournament.

We are not going to plan a tour this year, I think I will be forever scarred with our Caravan in Great Yarmouth. Although we may propose a tournament which is slightly further a field. A friend of mine is involved with a team (u9's) in Berkshire. One idea is we attend a local tournament with them and stay over night afterwards, either at a campsite or for those with Caravans bring your own or in some local b & b's (nice ones). If you can let Will or I have some feedback to whether you would be interested.

### **Brinklow Tournament and Presentation Day**

The Brinklow tournament date has been fixed, we are playing on Saturday 2nd June in the morning, will be a 9.30am kick off. The Club presentation day has also been set, this will be the afternoon of Sunday 10th June time yet to be confirmed.

**Declan Mellett**

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## U10's TEAM NEWS

Played: 15      Won: 4      Drawn: 4      Lost: 7      For: 28      Against: 37      Points: 16

Bad weather and the Christmas/New Year holiday have limited our football since the last **ON THE BRINK**. This report covers the period from beginning of January to start of February and includes three matches against PSA Peugeot.

### Brinklow 3 Hawkes Mill 3

After a week off because of bad weather Brinklow played Hawkes Mill on a heavy pitch, but neither side allowed that to slow their game. Hawkes Mill were first to open the scoring but William Naul brought Brinklow back into the game to level the score before half time.

Hawkes Mill took the lead again in the second half with a well taken goal. Brinklow again came from behind after a Matthew Holmes shot was pushed out to Arron Girling who fired home for his second goal of the season. A few minutes later, after some determined play, William Naul put Brinklow into the lead for the first time in the game and we hoped that would be how it would end. Unfortunately the visitors still had more to give and found an opening for an equaliser minutes before the final whistle.

The final score a well balanced draw and a point for each team. Player of the day was Robert Betts whose determined tackling held the Brinklow defence together and his overlapping runs with William Naul provided some goal scoring opportunities.

### Brinklow 1 PSA Peugeot Citroen 5

A slow start by Brinklow allowed PSA Peugeot to claim 3 easy goals in the first five minutes. Brinklow then settled and played some good football but failed to find the form that they have displayed in recent weeks. Our passing lacked accuracy and too often we were slow to react to loose balls, giving the visitors too much time in control of the game.

Brinklow did have opportunities with some well taken strikes but only Daniel Westhead was able to beat the goal keeper and claim our single second half goal. PSA Peugeot were as strong in the second half as the first and went on to a comfortable 5:1 victory.

Not our best performance and it was clear that we need to want to win as much as our opponents if we are to gain more points. Player of the day was Arron Girling.

### Brinklow 1 PSA Peugeot Citroen 2 (Cup Match)

After the heavy rains and the Christmas break our first match of 2007 was a second round cup tie against PSA Peugeot, who were the last team we played in 2006.

This was a fast paced game with both sides having opportunities, but it was Peugeot who took a half time lead having bundled the ball in during a goal mouth scramble. The second half saw a dominant Brinklow attack from the first whistle and with an equaliser coming from a William Naul shot. Almost immediately Peugeot came back and scored a second goal and finished the match as winners. Good luck to them in the next round. Player of the day was Ben Cross for his solid defending.

### Brinklow 0 Alvis Juniors 4

Having beaten Alvis at the start of the season we found out to our cost that their game had improved significantly in the intervening months and they were deservedly third in the League. We gave Alvis too much space and let them run the game their way. We had some opportunities but did not finish them. Alvis took this win and so evened the honours across the season. Player of the day was Ben Cross who worked tirelessly in defence.

### PSA Peugeot 1 Brinklow 1

Our third match against Peugeot in six weeks and we showed them that when we work as a team we are a force to be reckoned with. As so often happens we went a goal down within minutes of the kick off but from then on we dug in, passed the ball very well and drew level within 15 minutes from

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## U14's TEAM NEWS

The Under 14's have played 3 matches since the Christmas break, losing 2 and winning the other. What is standing out is that most of the other teams in our league are far more physical than ourselves and sometimes this seems to dent the confidence of some of our smaller players if they have to encounter the physical challenges right at the start of the game.

Training has been hosted by our head coach Martin Pulford, for the last 3 weeks, and it has allowed me to see training from an all round position and I have picked up many new observations from both Martin and the way the players respond.

Brinklow's annual 6-a-side will be run from Fri 1st - Sun 3rd June. The U14's competing on the Friday evening. Every team in Brinklow will have to source sponsorship for their age group to cover the cost of winners and runners up trophies, the cost of this is £100 and the sponsor will have their name in the programme and on the sponsor's banner that will be displayed at a central position around the field. Also the sponsor will be invited to present the trophies for our age group, so if you can help with this, or know of anyone who can please let me know ASAP as this will take one pressure away and allow more time to concentrate on other aspects.

The under 14's will be touring with a difference this year, we have decided to venture to Center Parcs at Elvedon Forest from Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May. There will be no organised football on this break but Paul and myself plan to book us on some activities from the long list of what they provide.

### Football Results

#### Brinklow 0 Sky Blue Warriors 2

MOM - Jamie Huddleston

#### Binley Woods 2 Brinklow 3

(Gianni, Joe, Jack)

MOM - Matty Wilby

#### Brinklow 2 London Road 5

(Gianni, Jack)

MOM - Sam Hayley



*The u14's always do things differently!*

## Neil Huddleston

*Found in the Dec '99 u8's ON THE BRINK report (currently our u14's)*

*Oh, and by the way Coventry City have been in the premiership (or the old division one) for 30 years. Not a bad record eh? So far anyway.....*

*(City were relegated at the end of that season!!)*



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RAMPANT BULLDOG's continue unbeaten League Run – 8 Games on the bounce!

## Bulldog's 6 Chapelfield Colts 0

**“CHAP's fail to hold on to the mighty BULLDOG's who enjoy a run away victory”**

Scorers: Henry (The Growler) De Boer. Danny Wood. Chris Ward. Owen Deakin. Mike Paul. Stuart Day.

The Bulldog's entered this game without our prolific goal scoring machine Ben Stone, who is currently recovering from a facial injury and broken nose and will probably be out for at least the next 4 weeks. We wish Ben all the best and hope he makes a speedy recovery and gets well soon.

Having played six of our last eight games away from home, it was great to be playing back at The Revel. We started the game with the advantage of a strong wind behind us and created several goal scoring opportunities, but failed to convert our chances, with the Chap's keeper in tremendous form, making some great saves. We finally made a breakthrough with the hard working Henry De Boer hitting a well struck shot from just inside the 18 yard box. Michael Paul came off the bench and made an immediate impact by scoring his first goal of the season with a well taken shot, which took us into a comfortable 2 v 0 lead at half time.

The lads competed well second half and enjoyed most of the possession, playing some great football especially down the flanks. Chris Ward was involved in most of our forward play and turned the Chap's full back inside out, making some terrific run's and was rewarded with a well taken goal. We then made a tactical change with playing 3 at the back and Owen 'The Rocket Man' Deakin who took a knock to the ribs first half, came off the bench and was soon involved in the game, and went on a great run, beating two defenders, Owen cleverly cut in from the right wing with the ball and came up against a solid central defender who tried to physically muscle Owen off the ball, but Owen was having none of it and coolly kept his balance and slotted the ball underneath the diving keeper with a well taken left foot shot. We soon added to our goal tally with a well deserved goal for Stuart Day who combined well in central midfield with both Henry and the creative and skilful Arron Hope who combine well and are a strong midfield unit. The last goal was a tap in for the versatile Danny Wood who played well throughout the game. Chap's had a chance late on with a well hit shot from outside the box, which the very agile Danny Turner tipped on to the cross bar, keeping another clean sheet in goal for the Bulldog's – well done Dan !

I would also like to give credit to our defence, who are becoming a formidable unit and have only conceded four goals from open play in our last six games, which is a tremendous achievement.

**Dan 'The Cat' Turner - GK:** Dan has been very commanding in goal all season and has made vital saves at key times in important games.

**Danny 'Iron Man' Slater – (Full Back):** Dan is a very tough tackling full back and is amongst one of our most improved players this season and is fast growing in confidence with every game.

**Scott 'Rio' Chalmers – (Central Defence):** Scott reads the game well in the middle of our defence and has great control and calmness on the ball, has great vision and distributes the ball well from the back.

**Phil 'The Hoover Man' Hibberd – (Sweeper):** Phil is a very determined player and offers great cover, usually playing as a sweeper, behind Scott. Phil shows great timing in the tackle and reads the game well, cleans up at the back and know's when to clear the ball and when to pass the ball. There aren't many forwards who can outrun Phil, who has always been a key player in the heart of our defence.

**Pete 'Man Marker' Allen - (Central Defender / Left Back):** Pete is showing a great awareness in terms of understanding his role and shows great positional sense, when playing in a three man defence. Pete can also adapt to playing at left back and is a great man marker. Pete, is improving with every game and is very good at tackling, reliable and like several other players in the team, is improving with every game and is becoming an important member of our defence.

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## Chaps 3 Brinklow 1

A real stern test to kick-off our football in 2007. Chaps are a very well organised and determined side, and we can take great pride that we matched them for approx 55mins in every department. Plenty of positives to take from this game as well as plenty of coaching points. Well Done to Ryan Wareham for putting us in the lead, and well done to all of the boys on a great effort. Yes, a disappointing result but fabulous to see you all out there playing football after what seems an eternity.

## Brinklow 2 Cov Sphinx 2

Lovegrove  
Ridding (pen)

There's a saying that a week in football is a long time. Never a more truthful statement.

This time last week we underachieved big time, and this week we actually delivered a performance we are more than capable of. If I'm honest we took a little time to adjust to 11-a-side, but then adapted well picking up points and putting in good performances, only for it to be halted with the continual postponements and bad weather.

We then had to start our preparations again, as did all of the other sides but today we looked to have our appetite, desire and energy levels back which is testament to the hard work you have put in during training. Sphinx are without question a fantastic side, and thoroughly deserve to be top of the pile, but today you really rolled your sleeves up, worked extremely hard, battled as a team and got your just reward.

I am a great believer that you get out of football what you put into it, and for me today you did. We should be proud of what we have achieved today, something no other team in the division has achieved, taking points off the top side. But lets keep our feet firmly on the floor and build from this. We are very proud of you all, well done and lets use this platform to work from. Come on you Yellow and Blues!!!

Under 11 - Div A	p	w	d	l	pts
1 Coventry Sphinx JFC red	11	10	1	0	31
2 Rugby Town Juniors	10	8	1	1	25
3 Chapelfields Colts	10	5	1	4	16
4 Bedworth Eagles	8	4	1	3	13
5 Mount Nod JFC	8	3	0	5	9
6 Brinklow Juniors FC	10	2	2	6	8
7 Christ The King	8	2	1	5	7
8 AT7 Youth	8	1	1	6	4
9 London Road Lions	7	0	2	5	2

**Martin Pulford**

*Midfielder Oswaldo Ardiles wore the number 1 shirt for Argentina, during the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain. The South American country had allocated shirt numbers alphabetically during the 1978 World Cup, and after winning international football's top honour for the first time, foresaw it as a lucky omen. So in 1982, Ardiles – whose name was first alphabetically – was assigned to wearing the number 1 jersey. The whole squad was numbered alphabetically with the exception of one player - Diego Armando Maradona. Maradona was given the coveted number 10 shirt, despite his name coming 12th alphabetically.*



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## U12's TEAM NEWS

### Chappfield Colts 2 Brinklow 3

Turbo 2  
Cooper 1

At the start of the game I told you all we would have to work hard and challenge hard, and boy did you all deliver. With only ten men, I knew we would be up against it, however you all played with guts and determination and out played them, to put in a performance like that against second in the league, was brilliant. You can all hold your heads up high and if we continue to put performances in like that we will definitely be in the top 5. No one person stood out today, you all did, you played as a team...

Defence - as a unit, good communication - solid.

Midfield - battling - first to the ball - attacking and defending

Striker! - chased everything.

### Brinklow 4 Finham 4

Adam 2  
Turbo 1  
JB 1

Well done lads, a great performance. Pity the ref was on their side or it would have been another win. Chapplefield and Finham are the only teams we have played twice and we have taken 3 points off 'Chaps' and 4 points off Finham. If we can look to get points from each team that will be a great achievement..

### Brinklow 0 Cov Sphinx 2

Unlucky today lads, it just wasn't our day today. We played the better football but didn't get those breaks. It was nice to see after the long break that you were all playing well, if we perform like that every Sunday the results will come.

### Brinklow 5 Leamington Brakes 1 (Round 2 Cup Game)

What a typical cup game, very tight at the beginning with neither side wanting to make an error, we thought we had broken the deadlock twice but both were disallowed. AJ then made a cracking save when their striker was through on goal which kept it at nil-nil going into the break.

In the second half we came out the stronger. Our defence of Jake, Liam, Jordon and Dale were solid and confident, which allowed our midfield, H, Adam, Greeny and JB to play some good passing and moving football that led to the opening goal from Adam. As we dominated the midfield we started to create more chances and a nice through ball put Turbo in to make it 2. Greeny came close shortly afterwards shaving the post and the bar, but a strike from range from Danni put the game safe, and minutes later Turbo was put through again to make it 4. After a long time out with an injury, JB lobbed the keeper to round off a cracking performance.

All in all, the lads are developing well and are beginning to play some good football. Let's stay in the blue league this season and next season we can go and get promotion.

## Gary Stothard

*In the inaugural Premiership season back in 1992/93, Norwich City finished third in the league with a negative goal difference. The Canaries managed to score 61 goals, yet conceded 65.*



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## U12's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

With only one game played so far this year (and only one played in December) it feels like we've finished one season and (weather permitting) about to start another. The period of weeks without games does have an affect, as you quickly lose your match fitness/sharpness and you miss the rhythm of training then playing etc.

In saying that we have had a very positive development off the pitch. I'm pleased to announce that Liz Clarke has stepped forward to be my Assistant Manager for the remainder of the year. This is with a view to becoming the Manager for next season. I'm sure Liz's enthusiasm will help to develop the team to an even greater extent going forward.

Even though results have not gone our way the girls' positive attitude continues to shine through. This is an assertion of their character and their ability to support each other as a genuine team.

We have also secured tracksuit sponsorship for this season from Nationwide Access, the UK's number 1 hirer of powered access machinery and have their Head Office in Lutterworth. Many thanks go to them for their support. A team photo with them will be organised in the near future.

Lastly, with next season in mind, we are on the look out for new players. If anybody knows of any girls currently in years 6 and 7 who would like to get involved please contact either myself or Liz Clarke.

### Bedworth Eagles Royale 6 Brinklow 0 (Round 1, Cup)

Another game that sums up Brinklow's season. In reality there is not very much in terms of ability between Brinklow and their opponents. The real gulf lies in the standard of training facilities enjoyed by us and other teams. This obviously impacts on our match performance. Brinklow showed passion and commitment and continued to chase the game even when the cause was lost.

Brinklow fell behind to a sucker-punch goal after three minutes. This was followed by a real net-busting shot and a goal that followed a neat passing move. 3-0 down at half-time.

Brinklow began to raise their game in the second half only to suffer three more breaches of their defence. The positives to take away from this game were the high level of parental support, Katie Thompson's performance in goal, a spirited Captain's performance from Alice Clarke and the emergence of a spirit of determination that we will improve. Dave Anderson's yellow and blue army is on the march!

Player of the match went to Alice Clarke for yet another first class performance.

*(Report by Liz Clarke)*

## Dave Anderson

*In 1978, Manchester United signed an Irishman who had just won back-to-back titles in his homeland – playing Gaelic football! Defender Kevin Moran – who later gained notoriety as the first player to be sent off in an F.A Cup Final – had been representing Dublin at the Irish variant whilst concurrently turning our for 'conventional football' side, Pegasus.*



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