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 WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**SAT 2<sup>nd</sup> AND SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2001**  
 AT BARR LANE PLAYING FIELD



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THE  
**PRESENTATION EVENING**  
 WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
 WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**THURS 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2001**  
 VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

Welcome to the March edition of **ON THE BRINK**, at last the weather has started to improve & the teams have managed to get some games under their belts.

Whilst putting together this edition of **'ON THE BRINK'** I've come across some interesting links on the web, so if you've got access to a computer why not take a look at the following:-

<http://www.fifa.com> It's interesting to note that England are ranked 17th in the world with Scotland 25th, Republic of Ireland 31, Northern Ireland 93rd & Wales 109th. Now whilst the English amongst us may gloat at being ranked higher than Scotland we must remember that the USA are now ranked 16th!!

<http://www.footballaid.com> Football Aid has been developed by the charity "Field of Dreams" Scottish Charity in order to raise funds for voluntary and charitable organisations, why not download the Football-aid *keepy-upy* game (found in the 'Free Stuff') or Email me at the address below & I will send you a copy - my best is 38.

<http://www.kidzunited.com> Probably of interest to the younger age groups (and me!).

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*Somewhere in 'ON THE BRINK' you will find 6 Footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you. Once you have got all 7, arrange the letters to make up the name of a team doing surprisingly well in the premiership. Last months answer was 'OXFORD'.*



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# U7'S TEAM NEWS



## Finham Park Rangers 1 Brinklow 0

With just the bare seven players this was a reminder to the lads that you cannot expect just to win by turning up. First half Finham had most of the play and have improved as a team. They scored in the first half with a well taken shot nearly saved by Adam Ford.

Second half Brinklow did play a lot better with George Harman making some good tackles. Sean Russell did well in defence, we missed Lee Huddleston in midfield and lacked any purpose going forward. Daniel Wood made his debut and had a solid game.

**Man of the Match** George Harman/Sean Russell.

## Finham Park Rangers 5 Brinklow Colts 1

### Results 2000/2001

Brinklow 6	Rugby Admirals 1
Brinklow 7	Finham Park Rangers 2
Rugby Town (A) 3	Brinklow 0
Weddington Thisles 0	Brinklow 2
Brinklow Rangers 5	Balsall & Berkswell 2

I would like to welcome a couple of new players who are Joe Kemp and Greg Clarke I hope you enjoy your time at Brinklow Junior Football Club.

**John Harman**

## Finham 4 Brinklow Colts 1

There was tremendous excitement from the Colts as they arrived at the Memorial Park, Coventry to face their first match together. Captained by Daniel Withers we knew that we had a tough game ahead of us and Finham looked strong. Faced with a shortage of players because of the flu bug, we set about our task with relish and the boys looked sharp. Harry Simmons was kept busy from the start and put in some fine saves, Willem Main looked strong in defence supported by Henry de Boer who never stopped running. Ben Morrison playing his first game ever and worked hard in midfield with Connor Jenkins. Ben Stone and Daniel Withers worked well together up front, but Ben was noticeably quiet because of the remnants of the flu and feeling unwell came off in the second half substituted by Andrew Skerrat who as usual showed grit and determination. The game was tough and we went down early on but we came back with a fantastic combination goal, put away in style by Ben Stone. The final result was not a fair reflection of the way the boys played. The most important thing to myself and Nick was in the way the boys demonstrated most of the areas we had worked on in training. A great team start despite the result.

Well done, The Colts

**Man of the Match** Willem (the wall) Main

**Richard Jenkins and Nick Skerrat**

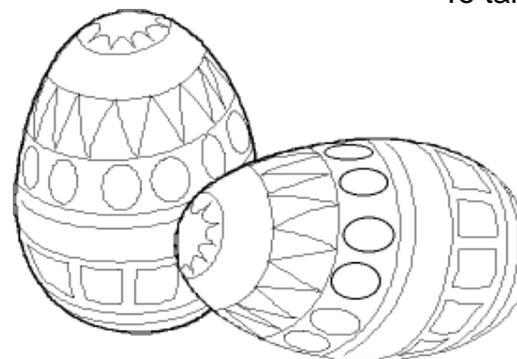
# SOCIAL DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Easter Egg Hunt!

To take place on 15th April

The hunt will set off from The White Lion Inn at 1pm

Raffle & Quiz @ The White Lion After



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*What should a football team do if the pitch is flooded ?  
Bring on their subs !*



*Q: How do you keep a Norwich fan busy?  
A: Put him in a round room and tell him to sit in the corner.*

*Whats the difference between Notts Forest and a tea-bag?  
A tea bag stays in the cup longer*

*Gordon Strachan was getting worried that all his players were rubbish, so he phoned up a decent manager to ask for advice. Alex Ferguson explained that he got all the United players to dribble round cones, thus improving their close ball control. He suggested Gordon try this. Two weeks later, Fergie rang back to see how they were coping with the new system. When he answered the phone, though, Strachan was still annoyed. "Didn't my suggestion work?" asked Alex.*

*"No the cones beat us 3-0" muttered Strachan.*



# THE MAN IN BLACK

Darren has been away, so this month I've managed to find some interesting Questions & Answers about the laws of the game.  
Paul Wilby

## Law 2 - The Ball

**2.01 Why do soccer balls have those multi-colored panels? Because picking up the spin is very important to good play.**

The multi-colored panels make it easier to see the spin, and they are allowed by the LOTG.

**2.02 How can I tell if my ball is properly inflated without a gauge?**

If you hold a ball head-high and drop it on firm ground, it should bounce back up waist high. Experienced coaches and referees can tell by squeezing a ball if its inflation is within standards. When pressed, the ball should give about the amount from the tip of the finger to the top of a clipped fingernail - about 1/8 in - and feel comfortable without feeling soft. Under-inflated balls also make a characteristic dull sound when kicked - sort of like smacking a piece of meat on a counter.

**2.03 How can I tell if my ball is round?**

Toss it into the air with spin on it. It should rotate evenly. If you detect a wobble, you've probably got an out of round ball.

**2.04 We were awarded a penalty in a recent game. When our player took the penalty kick, the ball burst, and even though the deflated ball went into the net, the referee made him retake the kick. He couldn't stop laughing and missed his second attempt, and we ended up losing the game. Was the ref right? It doesn't seem fair.**

Unfortunately for your team, the referee was quite right. If a ball becomes deflated or bursts during play, play is stopped and restarted with the new ball at the point where the ball first became defective, which means a goal cannot be scored with a burst ball, i.e., if a player kicks the ball with such force that it bursts but the remains go into the goal, the apparent goal will be disallowed and the game restarted with the new ball at the point where it was kicked. Presumably the referee thought that the ball was not actually in play when it burst, i.e. he thought the ball had not yet moved, because if a ball bursts while in play, the match is restarted with a drop ball.

## Law 3 - The Number of Players

**3.05 Can my goalkeeper switch places during the game with one of the other players?**

Yes, this is permitted under the laws, with two provisos: the referee has to be informed before the change is made (otherwise, both players will be shown the yellow card), and the change can be made only during a stoppage in play. As both players will have to change jerseys in any case, this makes a certain amount of sense!

**3.10 I heard that a substitute can be sent off without ever getting on the field — is that possible?**

Yes. Law 3 clearly states that substitutes, like players on the pitch, are subject to the referee's authority. You should make it clear to your substitutes that they must be careful to refrain from offences such as dissent (this can be a problem if they are warming up near the assistant referee and happen to disagree with a call). If one of your substitutes is sent off for any reason before getting into the game, you will not be able to replace him or her on the bench. **Note** that if this happens, you can still field your normal complement of players (in other words, you won't have to play short one player).



Binley Woods 2  
Brinklow 4  
Brinklow 2  
Stockingford 2

Brinklow 2  
Chetwynd 2  
Morris Rngrs 3  
Brinklow 1

Having just recovered our fixture list from the spell of bad weather during December and January, it now seems that some of our games are likely to be cancelled as a result of the foot and mouth outbreak. Well at least we managed to get some games in during the last month, and although the results don't look brilliant, the performances certainly have been !!

I suppose any manager will try and take something from his teams performance, win or lose, but I'm sure most of the parents will agree that the standard of football being played by our lads in the last few games has been outstanding.

Against Binley Woods, Matthew Wilby was rarely troubled in the Brinklow goal as was the new defensive partnership of Alex Stage with Jamie Huddleston. We seemed to dominate the game from midfield and created more than our fair share of chances up front, but some lacklustre finishing let us down on the day and we had to settle for a draw. It has to be said that Binley Woods are a much improved side from last season when we almost got into double figures against them, but we should get the win when we play them at home this month.

The Chetwynd game saw many from Brinklow out for revenge – me included ! On the opening day of the season they had beaten us 5-1, and we knew we were better than that. Revenge was certainly sweet, as Brinklow swept away the opposition with a series of neat incisive passing movements and clinical finishing early on in the game. Tom Glasscoe and Sam Skerratt worked well together throughout the game, switching from left to right flanks and opening up the Chetwynd defence, resulting in one goal for Tom and a hat trick for Sam. Matthew Wilby turned in a stunning performance in goal, and not for the first time this season he had the crowd mesmerised with a string of fine saves. In just over a year Matthew has worked extremely hard on his goalkeeping, and judging by the teams we have play against he has probably become the best keeper in the area for his age group.

Morris Rangers fielded a strong side to beat us 3-2 in a thrilling game in which we really missed the midfield strength of Sam Skerratt. Once again though, Brinklow dominated the game for long periods with some intelligent passing and new boy Tom Morrison started to show that he is growing in confidence and ability. I think we are all disappointed to lose this game after working so hard and having so much possession. We will be working on improving our finishing over the next few weeks.

Well I have just left a cold, wet and extremely muddy Stockingford pitch, having seen the boys play their hearts out, only to lose to a deflected goal which was the home teams only effort on goal in the second half. As both manager and parent, this was the best we have seen from our lads this season. The game was so exciting and entertaining to watch, many of the supporters from another game were turning round to watch us ! The game was probably the most physical we have experienced so far, but every one of the Brinklow team got stuck into the job with passion and fury. Zack Bevins and Tom Glasscoe were being pushed and pulled all over the place, and Zack eventually turned his anger into aggression, creating several chances on goal. Alex Stage scored a wonderful goal, lobbing the keeper from 18 yards out. This had brought us level after an early penalty for the home side. Brinklow dominated the second half with a gritty and aggressive performance. My heart sank as the home side saw a deflected shot give them the win.

**Tony Glasscoe**

Match report by Matthew Wilby (Under 8's Goalkeeper)

### Brinklow v Morris Rangers

It was a cold day. We were short of players (& shirts) at the start with Sam (in midfield) away & Alex (in defense) a bit late. The game started off quite fast, the first goal was an O.G. by Morris Rangers unfortunately for there captain. After the re-start we had about three opportunities to score

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# U9'S TEAM NEWS



The last two months have seen just one game and a limited number of training sessions for the Under 9s as the weather continues to take its toll. Apologies to everyone for the inconvenience this has caused, there is no one more disappointed than me, especially when a match is cancelled at short notice. The 'foot and mouth' crisis has now compounded the problem as we are no longer able to train or play at Bretford for at least the next two weeks. The under foot conditions at Brinklow are still not as good as they could be and the extra demands that will now take place on the playing fields at Brinklow (the pitches used at the Revel have also been declared a 'no go' area) means that training for the Under 9s will have to be suspended until at least Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The matches below, at time of going to press, are still going ahead.

Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Kenilworth Wardens	Away
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Rugby Town	Home
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Crick (NR Rugby)	Away
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Kenilworth Wardens	Home

## Match report

**Brinklow Junior F.C. 2    Morris Rangers F.C. 1**

The only game that managed to go ahead this side of Christmas. From Josh Pointon in goal to Callum Day as last man, Kai Sud as sweeper, Alex Cramp taking the holding position in midfield, Chris Brennan and Milan Sud playing on the wings and not forgetting the talented Anthony Donnell as striker this performance was arguably the best to date. Alex Wood and James Withers coming on as substitutes also contributed immensely to this match. The first half saw some impressive fast moving well executed passing between Alex Cramp, Milan Sud and Anthony Donnell. This resulted in many sweeping and penetrating moves into the oppositions box culminating in many attempts on goal but even the bright and busy 'Ducksy Donnell' buzzing about the box couldn't slot the ball home. With the ever improving Kai Sud with wings on his boots nullifying the very few attempts by Morris Rangers and Callum Day clearing the lines it came as a shock to go 1 – 0 down. The lads to there credit didn't panic, with there new found confidence and inner belief they carried on as they left off. Some excellent work by the hard working Chris Brennan on the left wing was immediately converted into a poacher's goal by 'Ducksy Donnell'. Then almost from the kick off Milan Sud after one of his maise runs down the wing crossed early into the box, with Ducksy creating confusion in the box, the ball went straight in to the net 2 – 1 to us. Despite further excellent play by the lads and one or two acrobatic saves from Josh Pointon no more goal were forthcoming. An excellent hard working team performance from the boys. Well done.

On behalf of the management team and the rest of the lads, we wish Chris Brennan a speedy recovery from his broken wrist. Something to do with a bike and concrete!!!

I will be in touch about the 'foot and mouth' situation, but as always if there are any queries or concerns please feel free to speak to me on the number in the front of this magazine.

**Peter Day**

# SENIORS TEAM NEWS



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which Morris Rangers defense coped well with. Morris Rangers first goal was from a free kick which deflected off one of our players to a midfielder who unfortunately scored. Rangers second goal was a bobbly shot by their midfielder which bounced over our goalkeeper. Half time score 2-1 to Morris Rangers. We fought as hard as we could in the second half but we could not get a goal back. A good performance from the whole team (to say they beat London Road Lions 4-1).

*(Want to write your own match report? Send it to me & I will include it in the next edition of on the Brink. Ed)*

# U14'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 9    Hawksmill 1  
 Brinklow 7    Coundon Cockerels 1  
 Brinklow 5    Finham Park Rangers 3

As you can see from the above results the under 14's are on a roll, this is due to all the hard work the players have put in over the last month. We are currently lying 2nd in the league, the highest position Brinklow have ever achieved, to maintain this league position the players must realise there is a long way to go and many more hard matches to be won. The game against Hawksmill could have been a banana skin for us because we always seem to struggle against teams from the lower end of the table. But all credit to the lads they went out and played some good football, eventually winning 9-1 with goals from Ragen Patel (3) George Ashwell (2) Martin russell (2) Gareth Yeend (1) Pete Sharpe (1).

Next was Coundon Cockerels this team is one place below us in the league, so we knew it was going to be a crunch match, this game turned out to be our best performance of the season with some outstanding football being played throughout the team. Special mention to Ragen for scoring his second hat-trick in two games. Final result 7-1 the other goal scorers were Pete Sharpe (2) Gareth Yeend (1) Tom Aspinal (1).

Last game of February we played Finham Park Rangers, who at the beginning of the season were favourites to win the league. Once again we played well and beat them 5-3. This was our first double of the season, so to do it against Finham is a real feather in the cap. I must mention another hat-trick scored in the game, not Ragen but Martin Russell, all three goals were beauty's, other scorers Pete Sharpe and Tom Aspinal.

## Clacton trip 16th - 20th April

According to **Shoot** Brinklow under 14's have been made favourites to win this Prestigious competition at Clacton.

Top Goal Scorers	Goals
Gareth Yeend	13
Pete Sharpe	12
Ragen Patel	8
George Ashwell	8
Martin Russell	5
Alex Pouncett	3
Tom Aspinal	2
Sam Lunt	2
Ryan Byrne	1
Matty Farey	1

Team	Played	Points
Sporting Athletic	11	31
<b>Brinklow</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>
Hill Morton	13	27
London Rd	12	21
Coundon	9	18
Sporting Club Coventry	9	18
AT7	12	16
Finham	11	15
Bulkington	9	6
Binley Woods	9	4
Earlsdon Eagles	8	4
Hawks Mill Jrs	13	4

**Keith Byrne**



The FA had to step in to prevent Bradford's latest sponsorship deal. They signed a mega new contract with the pet-food firm Spillers. An FA spokesman said that it would be fraud to have Bradford players with "Winnalot" on their shirts!!



# U10'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 0    Bedworth 3

After their recent run of good results this was a poor game for Brinklow. A below par performance failed to deliver a result we were capable of getting. We were under pressure for

much of the game and their defence and a capable keeper dealt with the few chances we made. Good performances by Alex in goal and James up front but not enough teamwork this week.

## Brinklow 1    Dunlop 4

With a weakened side this week, this was a closer game than the score suggests. With James out ill, Sam Wheeler was pressed up front and did a sterling job, and with Thomas under the weather we were in the game up until the last quarter when we conceded three goals that finally killed us off. Up until then we were right in the fighting for everything and with a bit of luck both Sam's could have scored, it was not to be our day. Alex again played well in goal and Daniel showed signs of improvement again. Thomas scored for Brinklow late on direct from a corner, but it was not enough on the day.

**A closer game than the score suggests.**

**Brian James**



A Bradford fan walks into a pub with his dog just as the football scores come on the TV. The announcer says that Bradford have lost 3-0 and the dog immediately rolls over on its back, sticks its paws in the air and plays dead.

"That's amazing," says the barman. "What does he do when they win?"  
 The Bradford Fan scratches his head for a couple of minutes and finally replies:  
 "I dunno.... I've only had the dog for eight months."



Q: What's the difference between a Notts Forest fan and a coconut?

A: One's thick and hairy, and the other's a tropical fruit.



## U11'S TEAM NEWS



Apparently Rob is away so there are no match reports for the U11's.

## U12'S TEAM NEWS



### **Brinklow 6    Coundon Cockerels 2**

Brinklow seemed to get their season back on course with a great performance against Coundon. Brinklow took an early 2-0 lead, but Coundon fought back to make it 2-2, then the home side scored another to make it 3-2 at half time.

Brinklow dominated the second half scoring 3 goals, Daniel Carter and Rainard Stocks both gave a great display and were unlucky not to add to the score. Joe Shore scored 4 goals and Sean Drake 2 – both players giving a great display in the art of finishing.

Man of the Match Ricky Lee also had a great game in midfield and it was an excellent performance by the whole team.

### **Mount Nod 10    Brinklow 0**

What can I say about this game, my team talk should have taken place in the Doctors waiting room, I couldn't hear myself for the coughing and sneezing coming from the players. Missing on the day was Sean Drake; Rainard Stocks with flu and Daniel Carter had stood on a cocktail (don't ask).

We started with only 10 men and they played really well for the first 20 minutes and then the coughing and sneezing took hold. Joe Shore, Lee Harris and Ben Clarke all suffering from the after effects of "Night Nurse" and we were left with a 2-0 score at half time. In the second half Mount Nod scored 7 lucky goals and a brilliant header by Jack Draper that unfortunately went in the wrong goal.

We finished the game with 9 players, as I had to bring Ben Clarke off as the flu had taken grip and it was either that or throw him a hot water bottle and blanket.

### **Brinklow 2    Dunlop 0**

### **Brinklow 6-a-side 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

The under 12,s are playing on Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Players can you please let me know as soon as possible if you are available to play. Also we need parents to help out on the Saturday and the Sunday so can I have as many volunteers as possible please.

### **Butlins**

Firstly a big thanks to Alun and Heather Yeend @ White Lion for paying the entry fee for the tournament of £110.

I have now sorted the accommodation arrangements so can all the relevant people contact me for theirs.

**Mick Holt**



*A man goes into a pub with an alligator under his arm. "Do you serve Bradford fans here?" he asks. "Certainly Sir, no problem at all," replies the barman, nervously staring at the alligator. "Okay," says the man, "a pint of lager for me and a Bradford fan for the alligator."*

