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A Referee walks into the football club bar after a game and asks the barman, "I'll have a pint of lager please". The barman goes to pull his pint but the barrel is empty, "I'm just going to change the barrel mate, I'll be back in a mo". So while he's waiting the Referee hears a strange voice, "Like your hair mate", the Referee turns round but their ain't anyone there so he just ignores it. Again he hears another voice "Core nice suit mate", again there's no one there. This time he's getting worried when he hears another voice, "Lovely tie mate", now the Referee is really worried. The barman returns, "You alright Ref.? he asks", "No, I keep hearing these strange voices".

The barman replies "Oh don't worry they are just the complementary peanuts".



# EDITORIAL



Welcome to the March edition of 'ON THE BRINK'. This month we have an additional sponsor for the magazine, Gary & John from Brinklow Tree Services have now joined us. I would like to thank them & all the other sponsors that enable us to keep the distribution of the magazine free to all members of the club. We still have spare advertisement space, so if you know anyone else who might be prepared to help please point them in my direction.

Dave Gyselynck & the rest of the management team are currently very busy putting together the details for the 6-a-side tournament which takes place on Sat 1st and Sun 2nd June, keep your eyes on the details within 'ON THE BRINK' for updates - we are in desperate need of people to help over the two days, putting up goals, selling programmes, helping with the car park, dragging me out of the beer tent etc so if you can spare some time please see one of the team managers.

Last years event was a tremendous success, with a little help from everyone this years can be just as perfect.

**Paul Wilby**

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Somewhere in 'ON THE BRINK' you will find 7 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 still in the F.A. Cup!



Last issues answer was 'IPSWICH'.





Which goal keeper can jump higher than a crossbar ?  
All of them, a crossbar can't jump !






Why did the footballer hold his boot to his ear ?  
Because he liked sole music !





**Easter Egg Raffle!**

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# U7'S TEAM NEWS



After having our game against Dunlop cancelled , (because like many matches of a water logged pitch), we looked forward to playing our second game of the new year away to Thurleston Magpies. After a foggy drive we eventually arrived to play our games. As usual we had arranged two games, but because of the very boggy pitch decided to play 15min each way.

## Thurleston Magpies A 1 Brinklow U7's Colts 0

The first game was very close with the only goal scored early in the first half as a result of a sustained attack by Thurleston. The team pulled together and began to push the play up field into the Thurleston half, assisted by some long through balls from Connor, Jake and Willem. Sean and Andrew S ran their socks off up front against the tall defence and Joe battled hard in midfield. Our best chance came midway through the second half when a cross from the byeline by Jake picked out Andrew S in front of goal who tried to hit the ball first time. The muddy ball bounced off his foot, hit him in the face and went over the crossbar, no goal but a very muddy face for Andrew.

## Thurleston Magpies B 5 Brinklow U7's Rangers 0

The second game was not as easy as the score line suggests. Connor had a good run out on the pitch using his strong kicking to good effect. Adam and Andrew J had very strong games putting in some effective tackling and running with the ball. George, Alex and James continue to improve. Thomas B continues to improve in goal making several excellent saves amidst pretty much the Thurleston A team. however in the end the organised Thurleston side, used to playing on the soggy pitch, broke through our defence 5 times.

Now we are beginning to play these friendly games on a more regular basis our play is improving. To make a big impact on our play we need to keep practicing hard at home and during training sessions. We need to work on our positional play, and then we will see Brinklow victories on the score sheet again.

### Future Games

Saturday	March 9	Training
Saturday	March 16	11:00am Home match vs Kenilworth Wardens (2 games)
Saturday	March 23	Training
Saturday	March 30	No Training (Easter weekend)
Saturday	April 6	Training
Saturday	April 13	11:00am Home match vs Christ the King (2 games)
Saturday	April 20	Training
Saturday	April 27	11:00am Home match vs Thurleston Magpies (2 games)
Monday	May 6	6-a-side tournament at Kenilworth Wardens (Bank holiday Monday)
Saturday	June 1	Brinklow 6-a-side tournament.



It would be helpful in co-ordinating the training and matches/tournaments if you could let Kim Salmon or myself know if you will be able to attend the above dates. Thanks.

**Nick Skerratt**



**NEWSFLASH -**  
Glen Hoddle is in hospital Why?  
Because he's got a bad side.



# SOCIAL DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**Brinklow F.C.**  
will be hosting a  
**PARTY ON THE PITCH**

On the evening of  
**SUN 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**  
(After the 6-a-side tournament)  
With Guests  
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Everyone welcome



## Easter Egg Hunt!

To take place on Easter Sunday (31st March)

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



**DADS  
v  
DADS**

Football Match! - To take place  
May Day (Sunday 5th May).  
K.O - 1.00 pm



THE ANNUAL  
**BRINKLOW  
6-A-SIDE  
TOURNAMENT**  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**SAT 1<sup>st</sup> AND SUN 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**  
(The England World cup game  
will be screened in the Marquee)



THE  
**PRESENTATION EVENING**  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**SAT 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2002**  
(PROVISIONAL DATE)  
VENUE TO BE DECIDED

# WHO SAID THAT !!

*'In football, if you stand still you go backwards.'*  
PETER REID



*'The lads ran their socks into the ground.'*  
ALEX FERGUSON



*'Shearer could be at 100 per cent fitness, but not peak fitness.'*  
GRAHAM TAYLOR

*'It's a case of putting all our eggs into the next ninety minutes.'*  
PHIL NEAL

*'Cole should be scoring from those distances, but I'm not going to single him out.'*  
ALEX FERGUSON

*'They had a dozen corners, maybe 12 - I'm guessing.'*  
CRAIG BROWN



*'I'm a firm believer that if the other side scores first you have to score twice to win.'*  
HOWARD WILKINSON



*'If they hadn't scored, we would've won'*  
HOWARD WILKINSON

*'Their football was exceptionally good - and they played some good football.'*  
BOBBY ROBSON



*'And I honestly believe we can go all the way to Wembley - unless somebody knocks us out.'*  
DAVE BASSETT

*'What I said to them at half time would be unprintable on the radio.'*  
GERRY FRANCIS



*'It was a game we should have won. We lost it because we thought we were going to win it. But then again, I thought that there was no way we were going to get a result there.'*  
JACK CHARLTON

*'There are 0-0's and 0-0's - and this was 0-0.'*  
JOHN SILLETT



*'When you are 4-0 up you should never lose 7-1'*  
LAWRIE McMENEMY

*'I just wonder what would have happened if the shirt had been on the other foot.'*  
MIKE WALKER



# U8'S TEAM NEWS



## Brinklow 1 Grove Farm 2

Brinklow started the game very brightly and were playing some good football. The midfield with Daniel Wood, Lee Huddleston and Craig Payne playing really well together passing the ball well to each other and the rest of the team. Matthew Pine made the breakthrough getting clear of the defence and hitting a good shot which the goalie could not hold. Second half Grove Farm got into the game more and scored an equaliser. George Harman and Sean Russell had their work cut out in defence. New boys Glenn Wright and Ben Stone did well in their new team. The pressure finally told with Grove farm scoring a second with not long to go. Overall it was a good display from the lads.

### Man of the Match Daniel Wood

(He never stopped running and covering for his team. Well done Daniel)

## Brinklow 11 Bulkington 1

As the score line suggests a very one sided game, but to be fair to the boys they did what they had to do against a very poor team. The first half saw the boys score five unanswered goals, and a superb team display. Stuart Day opened the scoring after some crisp passing opened up the opposition. The goals then flowed with Sean Russell, Daniel Wood scoring his first goal of the season (with hopefully many more to follow hey Dan!!!!). Stuart Day then scored twice before half time to complete his hat trick. Changes were made at half time with Mathew Pine coming out of goal playing up front with Glen Wright, Mathew Mooney going in goal. Joe Kemp coming on in midfield. Again the goals flowed with Matthew Pine and Glen Wright both scoring twice. Sean Russell scoring after a fine run and finish, with Craig Payne also scoring probably the pick of the bunch with a thumping drive. Well done, boys!

### Man of the Match Stuart Day

(with a dazzling first half display and superb hatrick)

Report by Dave Payne.



## Brinklow 4 Cov Jag 0

The boys were soon creating chance after chance with a goal quick in coming after a deflected corner taken by Craig Payne (who has claimed the goal as his). Just a few minutes later after a quick throw in from Craig to Sean Russell who turned and hit a swerving shot straight into the corner of the net. How the boys did not score again before half time is totally beyond me, with Stuart Day hitting the side of the post from close range Joe Kemp lost his footing at a time when all he needed was to tap it into an empty net (never mind eighth birthday Joe!).

The second half was much the same as the first with Matthew Pine continuing his fine goal scoring form, scoring two more goals after a neat pass from Ben Stone for his first goal, then a nice touch from Glen to put him through for his second goal. George Harman had another fine game at the back with no one even getting a shot on goal (well done George, an excellent performance).

Well played boys! for a superb team performance each and everyone of you.

### Man of the Match Sean Russell

(Just edging out Craig. Well done Sean for a fine display, keep it up)



**John Harman**

# U9'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 6 Christ the King 1  
 Brinklow 4 Balsall & Berks 2  
 Brinkow 2 Whitley 1  
 Chap Colts 5 Brinklow 0

The under 9's have had a great February with some spirited performances in difficult conditions. For the last 5 games we have been unable to choose from a full squad due to holidays and various bouts of the Flu! During this time we have seen the likes of Tarun Sud, Joe Partridge and Steve Brannen come into the frame, and they have all done a great job helping the team to three wins, one draw and just one defeat in the last month. Anyone who has watched us this month will notice that we have started to adapt the way we play, and this includes playing a more aggressive game with some fast through balls from midfield. This tactic has helped us to create a lot more chances in front of goal, and with some more clinical finishing we will clearly score a lot more goals this way.

A 6-1 victory over Christ the King was our first home match in ages and the first fixture to become the victim of our more aggressive play. We seemed to get off to our usual slow start, but once the midfield combination of Tommy Glasscoe and Tommy Hyde started to gel it was clear that the game



*Tom Morrison races past a Whitley defender*

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contribution this month with a mixture of aggressive ball winning tackles and top class passing to dominate the midfield every week. Matthew Wilby continues to amaze us all with brave and skilful goalkeeping, and this has been an equally important factor in our success this season.

With only 6 more games to play we are currently 4th in the league, and have a tough run in. But the spirit is high at the moment, and the main point is that the team are really enjoying their football.

To conclude this month I would like to say thanks to Den Hoskins who has been our resident referee this season. It can be a thankless job as we all know, but Den has got a regular 10 out of 10 score from away team managers, and does a great job for us week in week out. Ditto for Bob Sud our resident linesman. The lads appreciate your support and so do I.

**Tony Glasscoe**

# SENIORS TEAM NEWS

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that since our last '**ON THE BRINK**' the Seniors side have secured a promotion place, returning us to Division One of the Rugby & District Sunday League.

On 3rd Feb we played our 1st game in our Divisional Cup, at home to the Avon Mill. After going 2-0 down in the first 5 minutes we rallied & managed to get a goal back before half time, courtesy of a well hit strike from Chalkie. Into the 2nd half we went 4-1 down, only becoming stronger in the last 5 minutes, gaining a late consolation goal from the boot of the versatile Danny Bell. The result was 4-2 and only our 2nd defeat of the season.

Our next match was against fellow title contenders Barley Mow Reserves. The attitude of the squad was 'spot on' and this shone through from the first kick of the game. In a competitive opening 20 minutes we started to gain a strong hold on the game, only to lose our concentration, letting the Barley in to score a well taken goal against the run of play. However, the spirit of the side came through with the lads showing tremendous character & composure to retake control of the game resulting in Toolie putting us level ( against his former club ) just before half time.

Brinklow went out into the second half in confident mood & started to play some superb football in what was proving to be a very competitive game. Although well on top it was beginning to look like we were not going to get the deserved breakthrough. That is until with 15 minutes remaining the



*Birdy helps Brinklow to a tremendous win*

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there would only be one winner & this proved to be the case, but not without a battling Raglan always looking to take the game to us. However, although we had to scrap, the quality & organisation of the team came through for us to record a 6-3 victory. Our goals coming from Azy 2, Gaz 2, Dave Anderson & Chalkie.

Summing up, the Seniors side have come a long way this season. At the time of going to press, we are one win away from being Champions of Division 2 & are still involved in 2 cups, including the Semi-final of the Hospital Cup. As yet nothing is won, but hopefully with a little bit of luck we can maintain our momentum & by the end of the season be a side with some Silverware & one that Brinklow FC can be proud of.

Best Wishes to all at the Club.

Brinklow 'home crowd' were treated to a right foot Birdy special - hitting the net from a good 25 yards with a curling shot. At 2-1 up this was not the cue for us to sit back & the team responded in style with excellent football leading to a 'very awake' Birdy timing a run into the box & hitting a fierce shot into the net from a tight angle. A goal worthy of winning any game. It was a composed Brinklow that played the game out to secure an impressive 3-1 win in front of good home support.

The following week was yet another league battle against a fired up Raglan Rangers. The strong feeling amongst the camp was that

**Barry Wilkinson**

# U15'S TEAM NEWS

## Hill Morton 2 Brinklow 2 (A.E.T.)

This game was probably our best performance of the season. The lads showed real determination and played some great football. We went 1-0 down early on in the game, but you could see that it was only a matter of time before we got back on equal terms. Our goal was scored by Ryan Byrne, with a great near post header from a corner by Pete Sharpe.

Midway through the second half we should have gone further ahead when we were awarded a penalty after Gareth Yeend was bought down. Gareth took the penalty only to see the ball strike the inside of the post, then go along the goal line and eventually cleared by Hillmorton. You could start to tell that this was going to be one of those games when the ball was just not going to go in for us. The full time score ended 1-1.

Extra time was needed to settle this cup game. Hillmorton had an advantage due to the fact they had five subs to use and we had only one. The first half of extra time saw Hillmorton go ahead. I then needed to change the formation so I put Alex Pouncett up front and this soon paid dividends when Alex scored to make it 2-2. That's how the game finished.

Penalties were needed to settle this quarter final cup game. I asked for volunteers and up stepped Luke, Gareth, Sharpy, Grant and Sam. I'll not tell you who scored and who missed to save their blushes. But the final result was we lost 3-2 on penalties.

I was very proud of the way the whole team played that day. If we carry on showing that amount of determination we shall not go far wrong this season.

### Forthcoming Games

3rd March Northbrooke (away)  
 10th March Marconi (home)  
 17th March Athletic (away)  
 24th March Cubbington (away)

The itinerary for the Isle of Wight tour will be out at the beginning of March.



### Footballing Definitions

**Football:** A game consisting of 22 skilled players, one impartial referee, two eagle eyed referee's assistants and one stupid ball.

**Teammate:** Another person that you have to dribble around.

**Fans:** Two sets of abusive referees.

**Offside:** The Bermuda Triangle area of the pitch where "innocent" players are drawn towards.

**Scoring:** When 11 men spontaneously start dancing and kissing, regardless of any injuries, whilst 11 others droop like wallflowers.

**Striker:** Faultless, overpaid, box hogging layabout who only misses the goal when he is fed a bad ball.



**Defender:** Player who's function is to commit fouls just outside of the penalty area.

**Ball:** Round object used by referees to entice players into committing fouls.



**Keith Byrne**

# U10'S TEAM NEWS

## Match News

With the weather taking its toll, the last month has seen just two games played. The good news being that in both games, Brinklow Under 10s were victorious. Both games were excellent team efforts and it was a shame to

pick a 'Man of the Match' as everybody who participated played their part. One of the highlights though, was seeing our excellent goalie - **Josh Pointon** playing as an outfield player in both matches. On both occasions he caused mayhem in midfield and also scored a glorious headed goal. Well-done Josh, we'll get you out of goal whenever we can!!

### Mums v Mums - Date for your diary

The sponsored mums v mums match will take place on the morning of **Sunday 19th May 2002**. So the lads & dads don't feel left out, there will also be a sponsored Penalty Shoot Out in the afternoon. Can everyone please put this day in their diaries **straight away**, as this promises to be a fun filled day and the more who attend the merrier it will be and more importantly more money will be raised. Final details and sponsorship forms will be distributed in March. Spectators welcome!!! Watch out for Gary's raffle. Thank you to Lucy Sud for her continued support on this project.

### Bips & Bobs

The six-a-side season is fast approaching and where I can; I would like to enter two teams in each competition. With having just enough players to put out two teams of eight and with the not inconsiderable outlay of entrance fees, I will be approaching parents over the coming weeks for a commitment to three days (this year they probably will be Sundays) in May, June or early July.

Would you please continue to let me have e-mail addresses if you have them.



I would recommend everyone to visit Paul Wilby's excellent Brinklow F.C. 'photo site'. The address is <http://icd.internetphotoservices.co.uk/wilby@wilby.screaming.net>. There are some superb pictures of the Under 10s and lots more.

Also would you please continue to let me have player unavailability dates for April, May & June.



Brinklow Under 10's in their new tracksuits

And finally, many thanks to John Cramp for his continued help and assistance. Also thank you to Bip & Bob Sud and Gary Wilcox for the many and varied ways in which they help and assist. And let's not forget the lads, who put in all the hard work and show great commitment - a big THANKYOU.

**Peter Day**

# U12'S TEAM NEWS



Not the best of months for the U12's we had the opportunity to confirm our league positions but failed to perform against teams we really should have done better against. Despite the month the U12's are having a good season and the recent form could be associated to the lack of training. We now have six games to play and have the chance to end the season on a high!

## Ernesford Dynamos 3 Brinklow 0

Brinklow never got moving in this game and Ernesford took a deserved win. Only point of note was we missed a penalty, surprise surprise!

**Man of the Match Dan Giles**

## Brinklow 4 Coventry Boys Club 2

This was a reverse fixture after we turned up a Coventry Boys pitch to find a large hole in the goal mouth. So we all piled into the cars and came to Brinklow. Thank you to the Dad's for putting the goals up quickly, there was not too much of a delay in the game.

Cov Boys opened the scoring with a well-worked goal, but Brinklow pulled together and came back with a goal from Dan Gyselynck. Brinklow then imposed themselves on the game with the second goal coming from a corner, put away with a fine header by Harley Steel. Playing downhill Brinklow did not look threatened again in the first half with two more goals, one by Rory Higgins and Dan Gyselynck.



Dan's last goal was a great piece of individual effort and composure to go through two players and with lots still to do managing to slip the ball past the keeper.

The second half playing uphill Brinklow played well pressing forward but without reward. Cov Boys got a consolation goal from a corner and played better football to make the second half more competitive.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Firefighters	19	15	2	2	47
Chapelfields Colts	17	12	2	3	38
Morris Rangers	19	10	5	4	35
White Hart Sports	16	10	3	3	33
<b>Brinklow Juniors</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
Coundon Cockerels	15	6	2	7	20

League top six as at the 28th February

**Man of the Match Jamie Bayliss**

## Morris Rangers 5 Brinklow 1

A game of two contrasting halves, with awful weather. Morris Rangers started better and scored first, with Brinklow looking a bit shaky. Brinklow then started to get into the game with end to end football, Morris always looking dangerous down the right. Brinklow's efforts finally paid off with a goal by Phillip Allen. The end of the first half and Brinklow had done enough to hold the draw.

The second half and the weather conditions got to Brinklow and with only half the team performing it looked bad. Morris Ranger deserved the lead and eventual win, their players held together despite the conditions.

**Man of the Match Dan Gyselynck**

## Rob Steel



What does EIDOS, Manchester City's sponsor stand for?  
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# U13'S TEAM NEWS



## Rugby Town 9 Brinklow 2

This has to be one of the strangest games I have ever seen, Brinklow being down 8-0 in the first 20 minutes the whole team seemed to be playing statues. I don't know if this was due to late night hangovers or players being dazzled by Rugby's Orange Kit, the last 10

minutes of the first half Brinklow seemed to realise they were on a football pitch not in bed!!! In the 2nd

half I decided to change a few things, bring Josh out of goal (he did a great job). I also changed formation to a 5-3-2 from a 4-4-2, putting Joe Shore to sweeper, this was dropping Joe in at the deepend, the first time he had played in defence, Ryan wood moved into goal and Josh Tailby (carrying a knee injury) went up front. The 2nd half began and I thought I was watching another game the determination was back again. Some fine play between James Parker and Alex Baker led to the first goal of the half for James, Brinklow carried on playing a great game of football hitting the post once and the bar once, Alex Baker added a second (another good goal). Daniel Carter was now making some fantastic runs down the right wing, and Rugby never looked like scoring until the last minute. My summary of the game was that if we had played the first half of the game the way we played the second we would have beaten Rugby. Never mind, we will have another chance on 17th March, I would like to thank Jose & Josh for helping the team out by playing out of position.

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Can you find the 13 players on this word search

## Brinklow 1(Best goal ever) Dunlop 4

The Brinklow goal was the best goal I have ever seen at Brinklow in 25 years a great run and cross from Daniel Carter and a header from Joe Shore.

## Fixtures

10th March Away to London Road  
17th March Home to Rugby Town  
24th March Home to Hawkes Mill Jnr

**Mick Holt**