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Friday 4th from 6:00pm	- Seniors
Saturday 5th from 9:30 to 13:00	- U7 and U8
Saturday 5th from 14:00 to 17:30	- U9 and U10
Sunday 6th from 9:30 to 13:00	- U11 and U12
Sunday 6th from 14:00 to 17:30	- U14 and U15

Parking for the 6-a-side has been arranged as follows:-

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Families & players of Brinklow sides are requested to leave their cars at home or find alternative parking for the 6-a-side tournament.

The club are looking for trophy sponsors for the 6-a-side, cost will be £100, sponsors will be clearly advertised during the competition & will be presenting the trophies to their sponsored age group. If you are interested or know someone who is, please speak to one of the managers. We are also looking for raffle prizes, so if you can donate something then please let your manager know.

We are planning to set up a merchandise stall during the tournament to promote the club profile, selling caps, pennants & umbrellas (which of course we won't need since the weather is guaranteed to be brilliant!).

On another subject RYAN BYRNE is currently in the middle of a six week trial at Nottingham Forest. He has been based at their academy. So far he has appeared for Forest against Sheffield Wednesday, Stoke City, Reading, and Aston Villa, with his Forest side winning 3 out of the 4 games. Currently Ryan is playing for Rugby United Youth in the midweek Floodlit League and Rugby Town in the Northampton Sunday League. Ryan played for all the Brinklow junior age groups, finishing last season with the Under 16.

All from Brinklow Football Club wish Ryan good luck for the future.

**Paul Wilby**

[wilby@wilby.screaming.net](mailto:wilby@wilby.screaming.net)

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 6, arrange the letters to make up the name of a player who is not very civilised!  
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## Brinklow Football Club

### AGM

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**WED 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2004**

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Not saying David Beckham is thick, but he spent 20 minutes staring at a carton of orange juice because it said "Concentrate".

Beck's is celebrating. He's punching the air and shouting: "57 days – only 57 days!" Victoria asks what all the fuss is about. "I've just finished this jigsaw in only 57 days," he says. "Is that good then, babe?" she asks. "Course it is darling – it says 3-5 years on the box."



The United players are in the dressing room before a big match. Roy Keane walks in and says: "Boss, there's a problem. I'm not playing unless I have a cortisone injection."

Beck's butts in: "Hey, listen, if he gets a new car, so do I!"

What did the bumble bee striker say?  
Hive scored!

Why did a footballer take a piece of rope onto the pitch?  
He was the skipper!

A team of mammals were playing a team of insects. The mammals totally dominated the first half and at half-time were leading 39-nil. However, at half-time the insects made a substitution and brought on a centipede. The centipede scored no less than 180 goals and the insects won the game by miles. In the dressing room afterwards the captain of the mammals was chatting to the insect captain.

"That centipede of yours is terrific," the captain of the mammals said.

"Why didn't you play him from the start?"

"We'd have liked to," replied the insect captain, "but it takes him 45 minutes to get his boots on."



# Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament

Fri 4th, Sat 5th & Sun 6th June 2004

Friday 4th from 6:00pm - Seniors

Saturday 5th from 9:30 to 13:00 - U7 and U8

Saturday 5th from 14:00 to 17:30 - U9 and U10

Sunday 6th from 9:30 to 13:00 - U11 and U12

Sunday 6th from 14:00 to 17:30 - U14 and U15

# SENIORS TEAM NEWS

Since our last **'ON THE BRINK'** the 1<sup>st</sup> team has played three games. The first of these was against the Merry Monk, a side lying second in the league with Brinklow in third with a game in hand on the day of the match. The importance of this match was obvious, as it was seen as a good opportunity to put us in the position to push for the runners-up spot, the feeling within our camp being that the CRC will again retain the title. Coming off the back of three straight wins we went into this game confident of gaining a result, so it came as somewhat of a shock the way that the squad went on to perform!

For the first time this season Huddy and myself thought that we were finally in the position of having a full squad to choose from. As you can guess this proved not to be the case. First off two players did not turn up. If you couple this with another three players being seriously the worse for wear (After all this is only Sunday football!), then it was obvious that we had the problem of yet again having to reshuffle the side! In a match being played in difficult conditions the first half an hour was an even affair, the Monk being grateful for our poor finishing, with ourselves equally grateful for some superb goalkeeping from Paul Feakley. This was all to change when, not for the first time this season we failed to cope with a set piece, this time a throw in, allowing one of their players to open the scoring with a free header. A second headed goal followed soon after, and having yet again missing several chances to draw level we left the field at half-time 2-0 down and in trouble! After the restart we were to shoot ourselves in the foot by gifting the Monk a very soft third goal, the resulting capitulation that followed being an embarrassment to Brinklow FC, the end result being a 5-0 trouncing in what was definitely our worst performance of the season so far.

February 15<sup>th</sup> saw us at home to the Barley Mow, this game being seen as an obvious chance to correct the previous games failings. From the start the lads responded well to the pre-match talk, eventually going into a deserved 1-0 lead after Ian Stockdale clinically despatched a superb Micky Bullock through-ball to score what was a very good goal. The rest of the game was to be played with Brinklow very much in charge, but in all fairness to the Barley we were yet again thankful to our keeper for some top goalkeeping. Midway through the second half the introduction of sub Alistair Heron breathed new life into our attack and whilst playing some good football we once more did not take some good chances, anyone of which would have secured us the points. With this in mind further substitutions were made, but this was to backfire on us, and with the side losing their shape the Barley came at us strongly to score a scrappy equalizer with seconds left on the clock. The end result was a disappointing 1-1 draw but it would be unfair to our squad on this occasion if the management team did not hold their hands up and admit that on the day we were guilty of getting a couple of things wrong. Sometimes in football it's better not to touch things if they don't need fixing, but as all managers know you can't do it for your players once you've sent them out onto the pitch!

The following Sunday was to see us away at Long Lawford, the side showing from the first kick that their attitude for this one was bang on. Starting brightly and playing some lovely flowing football it was not long before we breezed into a 1-0 lead, midfielder Paul A'Barrow firing home an attempted clearance from just outside the Lawford penalty area. A second was not long in coming when Stocky coolly finished off yet another flowing move. With the lads tending to take their foot off the pedal it was only after a defensive second half mix up gifted Lawford a goal that they really had to raise their game. This was to result in our third goal, coming again from the boot of prolific striker Ian Stockdale, following up after the Lawford keeper had parried a long range Jamie Sinclair shot. This was to effectively kill the game, Brinklow securing a comfortable 3-1 win with the whole side playing well and giving us a glimpse of the standard of football that we expect and know that they are capable of!

At the start of the season it was our aim to try to achieve a top 3 finish in the league and obviously to progress as far as possible in our cup competitions. At present we are on course as we are occupying 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in Div 1, have the Hospital Cup Semi-Final to play against Yelvertoft in April, and have two tough games against the Merry Monk and the CRC in our Jack Scamp Cup Group, as well as finishing our League programme. There is still a lot of football to be played and a lot to be played for. My personal feeling being that our destiny is very much in our own hands. On that note my message to our squad is that it will not only be their footballing abilities that will be questioned throughout the next two months, but also their inner and mental strengths' as well as their unity and Team Spirit!

Yours in Football,  
**Barry Wilkinson**

# U7'S TEAM NEWS



## Under 7's Team News

I had been hoping to write this report about an exciting match against Dunlop Juniors FC. Unfortunately I cannot report this, as despite confirming that they had a team and were ready for the match the manager of the Dunlop side had made no arrangements for the game and they did not turn up. This was very disappointing, as we had all been looking forward to the game. On the positive side we did make the most of the situation to allow the children to play a six-a-side match on grass after wintering indoors at Ernesford Grange.

By the time this goes to print we will have had our last indoor training session and will be embarking on a schedule of fixtures that take us through to Easter and the prospect of the Brinklow and Rugby tournaments beyond that. Parents please note that the managers will be looking for support for the tournament organisation so "willing volunteers" please step forward and be recognized.

During our indoor training sessions we introduced a "Player of the Day" trophy for the person making the best contribution. This seems to have gone down well with the children and certainly seems to add an extra element to their competitive focus, particularly as it is awarded for doing the right things not just scoring goals. Well done to those that have received the trophy so far, and I am sure that it won't be long before everybody on the squad has demonstrated the contribution to hold the trophy for a week.

As well as a full schedule of games we are hoping to arrange a selection of social events for parents and families to get the most from the Club. So if anybody has any suggestions or would like to organize an event please let David, Robert or myself know.

## Gordon Betts



*There is always some one in the crowd that comes up with a right classic chant that gets everyone going. In this section we pay tribute to some of the funniest*

### **'We hate Tuesday'**

*Millwall fans after Sheff Utd fans chant  
'We hate Wednesday', at Bramall Lane.*



*When West Ham fans were singing to Arsenal '10 Men, We've got only 10 men'*

*Arsenal fans responded with:  
'10 points, you've got only 10 points!'*

### **'You don't know what your doing'**

*By Coventry fans when a bride and groom appeared on the pitch, away at Charlton.*

**ALEX RAE, ALEX RAE, ALEX, ALEX RAE,  
HE'S GOT NO HAIR, BUT WE DON'T CARE,  
ALEX ALEX RAE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Wolves fans tribute to their midfielder.*



# U8'S TEAM NEWS



<b>Brinklow A</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Bedworth Eagles A</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Brinklow B</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Bedworth Eagles D</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Mount Nod A</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Brinklow A</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mount Nod B</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Brinklow B</b>	<b>1</b>

February has been a very interesting month on the whole with some outstanding team performances and even more excellent individual performances. All I can safely say is that it bodes well for the future. Like all coaches and managers I try to be as impartial as I possibly can with team selection on match days and in training and try, along with Steve and Rich to put out the strongest teams, but the 18 lads we now have in the U8s are really making that job very difficult.

During the last month we have really stepped up the training, where we are really trying to concentrate on the technical aspects of the game on touch, control and passing. We introduced this into our training in the way of two touch for various reasons. The main ones being to reduce the panic factor and ultimately to create a more patient build up to the end product i.e. goals. Too complex, I hear you say, I would of agreed with you, but ducks to water springs to mind. The lads adapted to it very well indeed and the benefits are being reaped more abundantly every time we play matches. Now when we play matches, it is a joy to see such young boys passing and moving, not always, I grant you, but trying to play the game as I believe it should be played, and being able to show their own natural abilities instead of being bogged down in the middle of the pitch by sides who huddle round the ball like the proverbial bees round a honey pot.

Early days I know, but I can honestly say, getting back to my earlier point on team selection, with the way the boys have initially taken to the 2 touch and all the added passing in training, individual performances from both sides are now really making us all in the bootroom think. Players are playing with more confidence, more control, more time and are therefore having more of the ball, which generates more enjoyment, more enthusiasm and more friendly competition. The question I keep having to ask myself is, how can the best squad of players I've seen at this age group keep improving? The answer is simple, they just do!

As everyone has probably heard we are competing in a football festival in the Spring so I am going to take this opportunity to introduce you to the players in advance in a kind of player profile way as seen through my eyes, starting with my captain:-

**Andrew Judge:** The best goalkeeper you'll see in this age group and inspirational leader.

**Thomas Ridding:** One half of the unsung heroes, an exceptional talent, brilliant defender, pace in abundance, cool in possession. My insurance policy.

**Lloyd Pulford:** The other half, solid, fair, Mr reliable, my other insurance policy, player of year 2003

**Connor Molloy:** This lad has the lot, good engine, hard, quick, could go all the way, my Roy Keane.

**Jake Salmon:** Midfield attacker, quite simply the best all round player you'll see. Will go all the way.

**Sean O'reilly:** Attacker, the most skillfull ball carrier we have, a right bag of tricks, also one half of the deadly duo, excellent player. The phone will start ringing soon.

**Andrew Skerratt:** Old fashioned centre forward springs to mind. Excellent finisher, great player, Mr inspirational. Other half of duo. Won't be long before he gets spotted.

**Daniel Batchelor:** Superb goalkeeper, shot stopping his forte.

**Jordan Batchelor:** Excellent tackler, great player, future midfielder.

**Ryan Stothard:** Ryan the rock sums him up, great tackler, loves his football, brilliant player, always smiling, not half bad in goal either.

**Joe Burton:** My Steve McManaman, very skillful, very quick, good engine, good player.

**Jack Farthing:** Mr versatile, this lad can play anywhere. I call him Mr 100% he'll also get you goals.

**Alex Sidwell:** Most improved, puts everything in to games, becoming a very reliable player.

**Liam Kehoe:** My John Hartson, always busy, always wanting the ball, always get you a goal.

**Ben Kimberley:** An exceptional talent, improving with every game, an exciting player, i feel waiting for the big games.

**Josh Smith:** A player with fantastic talent, superb skills, if correctly coached should go all the way. The nearest i've ever seen to Paul Scholes.

**Ryan Wareham:** Another promising addition to the squad, lacks a bit of experience but is turning out to be a more than competent defender.

**Thomas Barnes:** Our latest addition, early days enjoys his football and shows good promise.

**Martin Pulford**

# NAME THE YEAR

**Guess the year the following people were born from the clues below (thanks to Mick Holt for this one):-**



Tony Glasscoe (Chairman)

- Nelson Mandela sentenced to life imprisonment insouth Africa.
- Stanley Matthews retired and was Knighted.
- Dave Clark Five have a number one with 'Glad All Over'



Mick Holt (U15's Manager)

- Denis Law became Scotlands youngest international aged 18 and 256 days.
- First parking meter in London.
- American Peter Goldmark invents the long playing record.



Barry Wilkinson (1st Team Coach)

- Queen Elizabeth II Born.
- General strike begins in Britain.
- Huddersfield win the Football League.

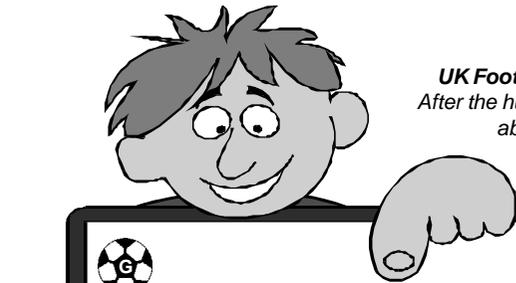
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*During the winter of 1946/47, two northern teams turned out for a Boxing Day match. The weather was atrocious. From the touchline the pitch was hardly visible at all - it had been raining, with sleet and hail, for about three days, but the rising temperature had turned the ground into a sea of mud and water. Added to this was a strong wind blowing diagonally across the field. The two captains looked at each other glumly. 'Well,' said the one who had just lost the toss, 'which end would you like?' 'I think we'll play with the tide,' said the other.*



Tony Glasscoe - 1964  
Mick Holt - 1958  
Barry Wilkinson 1926



**UK Football. A 4 point plan for success**  
 After the humiliation of Euro 2000, the consensus about English football's future appears to be clear - however unpalatable the idea might be, we must learn to be more like the French.



But, short of crazy notions like actually passing the ball to each other rather than hoofing it up to towering target man Michael Owen, how can this be accomplished? Steve Anglesey outlines his five-point plan to put us on a par with Les Bleus...

**1) FIELD MORE BALD PLAYERS**  
 During World Cup 98 and Euro 2000, the French boasted the shiny pates of Fabien Barthez and Frank Leboeuf, not to mention the egg-in-the-nest look favoured by Zinedine

Zidane, with notably successful results. England, meanwhile, fielded the shaggy Steve McManaman alongside the surely over-hirsute David Seaman. Heartbreak quickly followed. Top marks to David Beckham for having a go by shaving his locks, but England haven't fielded a player with serious hair loss since Steve Stone fleetingly bustled his way into the reckoning. And is it any coincidence that we won the World Cup with the thinning Nobby Stiles in the side and only went out of the 1970 tournament when comb-over king Bobby Charlton was substituted? We say: Bring back Alan Cork!



**2) GET BETTER GIRLFRIENDS**

As they trudge home, weary from battle, the French know full well that the likes of Linda Evangelista, Adriana Skleranikova and the frankly well-upholstered Agathe Petit will soon be slipping a croque monsieur into the microwave, pressing play on that Vanessa Paradis CD in the boombox and preparing for a night of l'amour. Though Tony Adams' brief dalliance with Caprice did much to up the ante for England, our proudest boasts are, in descending order of loveliness: 1. Louise Nurding (for the one match a year when Jamie's not injured). 2. Victoria 'Posh Spice' Beckham - as beautiful as she is talented. 3. Sundry Essex bottle blondes called Debbie. The fact that our girls almost certainly have smoother armpits is no cause for complacency.



**3) COLONISE MORE SMALL COUNTRIES**

Marcel Desailly, Lilian Thuram, Patrick Vieira and a handful of others weren't actually born in France, instead hailing from French-connected places as various as Ghana and Guadeloupe. The closest England appear to have come to matching this worldwide recruitment policy is to unearth Graeme Le Saux (Jersey) and Michael Owen (used to go to Wales on his summer holidays). The way forward is clear: either use gunboat diplomacy to colonise a series of small countries like Blighty used to back in the Good Old Days or, if the former is deemed too politically incorrect, open an FA Centre Of Excellence for the 26 inhabitants of the Falkland Islands who are neither sheep nor penguins.

**4) THE SCRABBLE FACTOR**

Can it be any coincidence that even without the benefit of double- or triple-word scores, ZINEDINE ZIDANE' is worth 34 on the Scrabble board, while 'BIXENTE LIZARAZU' would get you an even more impressive 42. 'ALAN SHEARER', by contrast, is worth a scant 14. A good job he's retired from international duty. Oh for the days when Albert Quixall - surname worth 23 points alone!? - bossed the midfield for England. And surely more could have been done to prevent 51-pointer Muzzy Izzet playing for Turkey?



**Bears 3 Bulldogs 4**

Forget Spurs vs Man City, or Wolves and Leicester, Brinklow Under 9's and under 10's produced their very own topsy-turvy thriller.

The Under 9's were cruising with goals from JB, Adam and Becks, and it could have been many more. At half time we felt a little sorry for Under 10's managers Andy "Johnny Vegas" Main and Dave "Lefty" Wright and eased off our pressure. The under 10's pulled in their 1st team captain and with Lefty's help (as referee) the Bulldogs clawed their way back to 4-3.

Seriously though, a great game, played with fantastic spirit with both teams a real credit to Brinklow Juniors FC. Good luck to the Under 10's in their bid to win the league.

**Man of the Match Phil "the Brick" Barratt**  
 Man of training Stand in skipper Craig Kinross - outstanding at the back

**Dunlop Jets 2 Bears 4**

Now unbeaten in the last 3 league games, the Bears have climbed up to 9th place in the league with a fine victory over a decent Jets side. Jets stormed into the lead with a goal direct from a corner, and a free kick, but the Bears have a great deal of character and self belief these days and began to claw their way back into the game. Connor "Becks" was creating havoc with some excellent corners and the Bears got back into the game with a neat Lineker volley from one of them. Adam headed home the equaliser after tremendous work from JB, then Lewis poached his second from another good corner. Becks then made the game safe with a fierce penalty with 5 minutes to go.

Turbo worked tirelessly in midfield and created a solid base for the whole team, and Alex, Harley, AJ and man of the match Phil all played tremendously well. The lads always give maximum effort but when they work together as a team, it's a real joy to watch. Well Done!

Scorers		Man of Match	
Name	Goals	Name	
Lewis Pepper	16	Turbo	4
Josh Brennan	14	Flying Joe	5
Josh Stothard	7	"H"	5
Harley McKittrick	1	JB Zidane	4
Phil Barratt	3	Lineker	3
Adam Cooper	5	Phil	4
Connor Jenkins	3	Becks	4
Own Goals	1	Adam "Super"	3
		Alex "Rio"	1
Total	50		

**Sponsored Fun Day**

Saturday 7th Feb saw the lads take part in a fun day to raise money for the Butlins tournament. The lads all performed brilliantly with everyone winning a prize. The events were Beat the Goalie, Through the Hoop, Obstacle Course, Passing Game, and Kick ups. We finished off with a bruising Dads v Lads game - no paternal sympathy shown here - the Dad's were awesome victors.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves and raised some cash at the same time.

**Brinklow Bears 2 Whitley Juniors 2**

You know it's going to be a good day when you wake up to a home made bacon and egg sandwich and a hot cup of Yorkshire tea.

And so it proved as the Bears continued their fine run of form outgunning high flying Whitley for long periods of the



**New Players Wanted!**

The unders 9's are after new players. If you know of someone please Contact -

Andy on 01788 833316 or Gary on 01788 832680

# U10'S TEAM NEWS (GREEN LEAGUE)

# U15'S TEAM NEWS

## Coventry Jaguar youth 2 Bulldogs 4

Despite going one nil down in the early minutes of the game the Bulldogs showed their steely resolve and fought back to take control of this game. Playing fluent passing football they found themselves three-one up at half time. In the second half a very vocal partisan crowd tried to lift the home team. It seemed to be working as the Jag had their best spell of the game resulting in a goal. With five minutes to go the Bulldogs had ridden the storm and were awarded a penalty when the Jag goalkeeper wiped out Glen Wright when the Bulldogs had a two on one attack and a certain goal. The resulting penalty converted, the Bulldogs cruised home.

## 'A purrfic result'

## Finham Park Colts 3 Bulldogs 2

This was just one of those games that it seemed no matter how much effort they put in the football gods were not going to give the Bulldogs a thing. The first quarter was going fine; the Bulldogs battled hard up a very steep pitch and were more than holding their own. Then Dan "Blocker" Turner took a nasty knock to the leg bravely going in on a fifty fifty ball, the Finham attacker coming out on top and scoring and the Bulldog keeper having to be helped off the pitch. Once again Willem "The Wall" Main had to take over goalkeeping duties. At half time The Bulldogs were two nil down. From the whistle Finham scored a quick goal and it looked all over for the Bulldogs. Attack after attack, the Bulldogs fell short; the ball just would not go in the Finham net. The goalmouth was fast becoming a paddy field. Several times the ball stopped short of the line after beating the keeper. At last Ben Stone struck home with a quick brace and a bulldog comeback looked on the cards but despite being camped in the Finham area for the last quarter and everyone giving 110% it just wasn't to be. Well battled lads!

## 'Bulldogs get stuck in the mud'

### Man of the match Willem Main

## Bulldogs 4 The Boat 3

As the sun burned through the early morning mist the crew of HMS Bulldog readied themselves to do battle with "Das Bot". Having limped back to port after their first encounter with this formidable foe; they were in no mood to get their feet wet.

When the attack whistle blew HMS Bulldog went straight into battle stations. With "Das Bot" high in the water gunner Ben Stone took aim and fired home a direct hit. Minutes later with "Das Bot" still floundering HMS Bulldog manoeuvred into position ready to fire again. Gunner Ben Stone let rip another volley into the bow of "Das Bot". The crew of "Das Bot" rallied and dived into action. After some hectic action "Das Bot" managed to fire off one of her torpedoes which struck home. Minutes to go to the cease-fire "Das Bot" strayed out of international waters and were penalised. With a free shot at his target Gunner Stone made no mistake. During the cease-fire the crew of "Das Bot" made some running repairs to their ship and returned to the battle with a vengeance. HMS Bulldog came under relentless attack, with all hands on deck bravely trying to repel the enemy. Through the mayhem captain Glen Wright steered his ship into firing range and gave the order for the big guns to fire. "Das Bot" was stricken again! With time running out "Das Bot" surfaced for the last time and released two torpedoes in successive minutes before total cease-fire was declared. As the smoke lifted and the sun shone brightly on the battle field HMS Bulldog was victorious, "Das Bot" was sunk. The crew of HMS Bulldog offered a friendly hand to the stricken crew of "Das Bot" and we all went down the pub.

## 'Das Bot dis Sanken!'

Medals of honour were awarded to Gunner Ben Stone and Chief Stoker Philip Hibberd, the following were all mentioned in dispatches; Stoker Daniel Turner, Stoker Joe Kemp, Stoker Willem Main, Midshipman Danny Wood, Midshipman Tommy Wright, Midshipman Daryl Phipps, Second Gunner Michael Paul, Third Gunner Lewis Arlow and Captain Glen Wright. A fantastic result, ten out of ten to everyone.

**Andy Main**



*Fine turn by Bushy*



*Lee chases Jack!*



*Lee makes the keeper make a good save*



*Another good cross from Danny*



*Alex on the run*



*Jack being watched by the ref*

**Mick Holt**

# U10'S TEAM NEWS (BLUE LEAGUE)



....u10s report continued

game. Several early chances fell to the Bears but the Whitley keeper made good saves from "H" and "JB" and it was against the run of play when Whitley took the lead.

The battling Bears drew level on the stroke of half time as another "Becks" corner caused chaos in the oppositions box, JB's fierce shot was only parried by the keeper and poacher Lineker was on hand to smash home the rebound. Whitley were a good deal bigger and stronger than our lads and put us under pressure in the second half, but "Flying Joe" was again a hero with 3 world class saves. With 10 minutes to go Joe was finally beaten as a strong run down the right produced a second goal for Whitley but the Bears did not lose their spirit and with a minute to go secured a deserved point with a superb solo goal from Lineker.

With Adam and Turbo working hard in midfield and Phil and Alex solid at the back this was another terrific team performance and another reminder that our boys can compete with the best teams in the league.

**Man of the Match "H"**

(tackling hard, passing and moving into space)

## **Bears 7 Coventry Jaguar 1**

After a tough 1-1 draw against the Jag earlier this season, we entered the game with confidence but caution. The earlier game had seen both teams bunching together in small areas of the pitch, so we changed our formation and asked the lads to spread out and hold their positions.

After a quiet start we adapted well to the new shape, taking control of the game with some slick passing moves. Lineker started the rout, and a Phil volley and an Adam tap in sent us in 3-0 up at half time.

After conceding a sloppy goal from a free kick early in the second half we finished Jaguar off with a brace from JB and Adam and Lewis both added second goals too. Beck's corners again created goals for the Bears and Craig showed some great touches and determination.

*Grizzly in the tackle, despite the Polar conditions, these Bears sure know where the Koalas are.*

**Man of the Match J.B.**

(great skill, nice finishing and great teamwork)

**Andy Pepper**

*Gerard Houlier, Arsene Whinger and Alex Ferguson are standing before God at the throne of Heaven. God looks at them and says "before granting you a place at my side, I must ask what you believe in."*



*Addressing Gerard first he asks, "what do you believe?" Gerard looks God in the eye and states passionately, "I believe football to be the food of life. Nothing else brings such unbridled joy to so many people from the grim city of Liverpool to the bright lights of Wembley. I have devoted my life to bring such joy to people who stood on the terraces supporting their club." God looks up and offers Gerard the seat to his left.*



*He then turns to Arsene, "and you, Arsene, what do you believe?" Arsene stands tall and proud, "I believe courage, honour and passion are the fundamentals to life and I've spent my whole playing career providing a living embodiment of these traits." God, moved by the passion of the speech offers Arsene the seat to his right.*

*Finally he turns to Alex, "and you Alex, what do you believe?"  
"I believe ...." says Alex "... you're sitting in my seat"*

## **Morris Rangers 1 Brinklow 1**

If this match was a boxing match it would have been stopped well before the end, I've not seen a more one sided game in a long while.

I can only take my hat off to the Morris Rangers players especially their goalkeeper who made some outstanding saves. Shots were pounding their goal from the first minute to the last. A fine goal from Stuart, the only consolation for all the boys effort in the first half.

A slight mix up in the second half led to Rangers one and only chance of the game, which they took advantage off. Matthew, Lee Huddlestone, Jason, Craig and Nathan all went close with Matty beating the keeper with a fine shot only for the ball to stick in the mud right on the goal line. This pressure continued right up into the last minute, when a shot from Huddy Junior looked a certain winner when his shot lobbed their keeper only for the ball to come back off the post into the goalies hands. Unfortunately after all their effort the boys had to settle for a draw.

**Man of the Match Matthew Pine**

## **AT7 0 Brinklow 2**

The boys were determined to get all three points this time. Two fine goals from Stuart Day in a frantic first half. George and Jason not letting AT7 have sight of Matthew Mooney goal, with Nathan Craig and Stuart in full control of the midfield and Matthew Pine leading AT7 a merry dance every time he got hold of the ball. Unfortunately Matthew isn't having any luck in front of goal at the moment, but not for the want of trying. (if he keeps playing the way he is the goals will soon flow again).

Little Harry came on at half time and put in one of his best displays so far. (Keep it up Harry!). We were unlucky not to add to our score with several chances going begging. Well done boys another solid display.

**Man of the Match Nathan & Jason**

## **Ernesford Dynamos 6 Brinklow 0 (Cup Match)**

**Man of the Match Lee Huddlestone & George Harman**

## **Chaplefield Colts 3 Brinklow 1**

**Man of the Match Craig Payne**

I would also like to mention Saturday mornings game between the Under 10's and Under 11's. I can only say as a Manager and Parent how proud I was of all the boys, some of the football that the lads played was outstanding. It just goes to show the hard work that John, Andy, Dave and Myself have put in as had some effect on the boys.

Well done boys, keep up the good work!

**Dave Payne**



*Portsmouth are being predicted to stay in the premiership for three seasons.  
Autumn, Winter, Spring*



# U11'S TEAM NEWS



Over the month of February, the under 11's have two new names to add to their squad to strengthen it for the future, so I would like to welcome Aman and Gianni to Brinklow and hope they get as much out of the club as everyone else has from our team. Aman likes playing in a defensive role while Gianni plays his football in midfield or an attacking role.

With a break of two weeks for the bad weather we had at the start of February the under 11's managed to get two games in, the first being home to Whitley and the other being away to our old rivals Rugby Town.

## Brinklow 1 Whitley 2

With the inclusion of the new players, Brinklow looked one of the best balanced teams we have been for quite some time. The game started evenly for both teams with some good football being played all over the park. As the game progressed we were matching Whitley in every department and could have gone One Nil up with a Taylor Cross shot going just wide of the post. This encouraged Whitley to up there game and a superb tip over the bar from Matty prevented an almost certain goal from hitting the top corner of the net. H.T. 0-0.

The second half started with the same passion as the first did but as the game went on we made a couple of mistakes at the back and got punished by Whitley for these by them going 2-0 up. But to our credit we carried on battling and a break down the centre of the park split Whitley in half which left Taylor with a One on One which he slotted in the back of their goal. Still fighting to the final whistle Brinklow could not find that all important equaliser they deserved. F.T. 1-2.

**Man of the Match Tommy Glasscoe**  
(He worked his socks off and encouraged all)

## Rugby Town 4 Brinklow 0

Playing our old rivals for the first time away in 11-a-side was never going to be easy, with the game being played on a very blustery pitch made the going hard for Brinklow having the wind against us for the first half. We started the game strongly again and held off any attempts on goal by Rugby until about Five minutes from half time when Rugby won a corner, they floated the ball high above Matty's head about half a meter from the by-line and it was so easy for them to put it in the net, H.T. 1-0.

Second half, making just one change, bringing Dale on for the shattered Taylor, but what ever we tried we just could not get that little bit of luck you need sometimes in football and we found it hard to break the all round strength of Rugby and they got their second. To add even more bad luck we lost the ever reliable Aman at the heart of the defence being carried from the pitch with what looked a nasty ankle turn. As the game went on we started to gamble in the middle of the park by pushing JJ and Tom Morrison up to give some muscle in the centre of the park, this seemed to inspire the worn out midfield but we still could not peg back these goals and Rugby took advantage of this by adding two more making the final score. F.T. 4-0.

**Man of the Match Aman**  
(Doing everything asked of him with a shining performance)

Let's hope we can keep these performances up and next year we will compete with most.

## Neil Huddlestone

Additionally we have a well written report from Sam Hayley:-

*With two games being cancelled recently, the boys were ready to get back into action against a Whitley side who are near the top of the table. The game started evenly with both sides having their chances. It was a much improved performance and there was a lot more determination and desire in the team. We went in at half-time with the score at 0-0.*

*In the second half we had two early goals put past us, but our heads didn't drop. Taylor Cross put us back in the game with a great goal that seemed to take forever to cross the line, but it wasn't to be our day with the game ending 2-1 to Whitley. Special mention to Matty Wilby for his point blank reaction save near the end, also some great defending & midfield work from our new boys Aman & Janny. Over all a great team effort, well done lads.*

# U12'S TEAM NEWS



## Matches & Training

On the match front, things have been a little quiet for the Under 12s, with only one game against Allesley Aces, being played since last months edition. However, there has been a lot of movement on the training front and also in terms of team organisation. The squad has now been broken down into four groups - strikers, midfielders, defenders &

goal-keepers and every member of the squad now has a designated position in one of these groups. As a result, training will now be concentrated on individuals within these positions and the lads will be coached in the skills and be made aware of, the responsibilities and expectations of their selected positions. To assist with this training programme, other coaches have been invited to assist and advise. Because of this commitment, it would be beneficial to the team and its future performance, if as many members of the squad as possible could attend as many of the scheduled training sessions.

You will see from the schedule below that there are a number of four-hour training sessions. Even if a player cannot make the whole session, attendance in part would be valuable. These long session will be structured in such a way as not to exhaust a player and as well as being instructive and informative, they'll also be fun and hopefully will conclude with some sort of social activity e.g. bowling. If you can help in any way, no matter how little or often, it would be very much appreciated.

Scorers		Man of Match	
Name	Goals	Name	
Josh Pointon	2	Callum Day	1
Alex Cramp	2	Jordan Thompson	3
Arron Steel	3	Alex Wood	1
Chris Brennan	4	Milan Sud	2
Miles Wilcox	1	Alex Cramp	1
Alex Wood	1	Arron Steel	2
Milan Sud	2	Ben Tranter	1
Jordan Thompson		James Kearney	1
		Josh Pointon	1
After Allesley Aces 22/02/04			

Sat 28th Feb Training 10:00 - 14:00 (Revel) Bowling - Coventry Megabowl 14:00 to 16:00  
 Sun 29th Feb Match (Home) KO 12:00 Finham Park Colts  
 Sat 6th March Training 10:00 - 12:30 (Revel)  
 Sun 7th March Match (Home) KO 11:00 Leamington Hibs  
 Sat 13th March Training 10:00 - 14:00 (Revel) Bowling - Coventry Megabowl 14:00 to 16:00  
 Sun 14th March Match (Away) KO 11:00 Finham Park Colts



Opposite is a photo taken a few years ago of the present Under 12s squad. There's a prize to the person who can name most of the players on the photo. Entries close on the 21st March!!

## Team News

Welcome to Karandeep Sharma and his family from all at Brinklow F.C. Karandeep hasn't been with the team long, but already is proving to be a very proficient player and will be an excellent addition to the squad. It's also good to see Milan Sud back after his long lay-off. I'd also like to take this opportunity to

thank Josh Pointon for the excellent way he is carrying out his goal-keeping duties and his conduct as Under 12s Captain. Well done Josh.

## Thank you

Thanks to all the guys who help and assist me with the running of the Under 12s team. But again, a big thank you must go to all the lads of the Under 12 squad who continue to show superb commitment, effort and spirit despite these challenging times. Well-done lads, keep up the good work, winning ways are just around the corner.