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Many of you are aware that a little while ago the club attained Football Association Charter Standard Status. Several people have quite rightly questioned 'What have we gained?' The Charter status sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection for clubs working with young people. It demonstrates that we are professionally run & it will encourage players & parents alike to join the club. Think of it as a 'kite' mark or a 'MOT'. Would you buy a car without one? Perhaps! But would you then put your kids in the back?

In terms of progress, the club are putting together a football development plan for the next stage of the Charter and we are looking at funding oppourtunities. If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

Rich Farthing (our chairman) recently attended an event where he met Mark Palios (the ex head of the FA) – the first thing he asked Rich was 'Have you got your charter?' enough said!!!

The club is considering changes to the way it collects annual subs & indeed to the amount. As a club we are finding it more difficult to find sponsors. A view is that (& it is only a view at this stage) we should increase subs to include the cost of the playing kit, which would then become the players personal possession. This would then free up managers to find sponsorship for other items such as track suits etc.

At the start of the 2005-06 season we made the decision to split the subs into 2 payments, the idea being to avoid parents having to find a relatively large amount in one go. However it has become clear that this wasn't entirely successful, not only do we still have some outstanding subs requiring collection but we also feel that the second instalment happened around the same time that parents were asked to find the tour monies. For the coming season the expectation is that we will start collecting annual subs much earlier (probably in pre-season) to spread payments more evenly.

None of these ideas have been finalised & if you have any views on this subject we would be glad to here from you. I have started a new thread on the clubs forum which can be found at www.brinklowfc.co.uk. Please post any comments there. If you would like to make the comments private then please send a letter or email to the clubs' chairman Rich Farthing. This is your chance to have your say!!

Paul Wilby
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Raffle Prizes

The club are looking for raffle prizes for the 6-a-side tournament in June. If you think you can help then please contact one of the committee or speak to your team manager.

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**Brinklow F.C. Inaugural
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**Saturday 22nd April 2006
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Brinklow F.C. is holding its Inaugural Fishing Competition at Lanny's Lagoon on **Saturday 22nd April 2006**. The competition is open to all age groups and supporters of Brinklow Football Club. The peg draw will take place at 8:30am with the fishing taking place between 10:00am – 2:00pm. Prize giving 3:00pm.

Entrance fee £5.00.

Due to overwhelming interest, places will be limited. If you want to reserve a place please complete the application form below, attach a cheque or cash and return to **The White Lion Pub (Brinklow)** by **Sunday 26th March 2006**.

****** Entrants 12yrs old and over MUST hold a valid rod licence******

Name

Address

E-mail Address

DOB.....

Brinklow F.C. age group associated with

Contact Tel No.....

Player/Supporter (Delete as applicable)

I enclose £..... (Cheques payable to Brinklow F.C)

ENTRANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

I am under the age of 12 - my supervisor will be

Relationship to child

(Competition Rules will be advised nearer the time)

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Only 3 games played this since the last OTB. It's pleasing to say we've won every one. In the league we've had two great wins, the first over Allextion and New Parks who lie 3rd in the league. The amazing thing about this game was that we only had 8 fit players due to the flu bug which still seems to be hanging around. To be fair, we had two real chances which were both very coolly put away by Hollie Craddock (firm shots but not too hard, in the corner and low – goalkeeper had no chance). Defensively we were solid with Katie Thompson saving everything that came her way and Gemma Smith and Alice Clark holding everything together in defence. We hung on to the end and in the end came away with what must have been one of our grittiest performances of the season.

Our next game was against Stanton away. Much has been said about the game which unfortunately was our first ever where a bit of unrest ensued. All I will say is that it will be a long time before my memory dims of Hollie steaming down the pitch (literally) to score the winner. Rebekah Wilby and Harriet Lowe deserve special mention for their continuing harassment of the opposition in midfield.

Our 3rd game was our first ever cup game. We won 2-0

against Barwell Belles. The game itself was a pleasure with Barwell being brilliant sporting hosts. The game itself was close, however I felt we were generally in control and could have won by more on another day. It will be interesting to see who we get in the next round. In typical management talk, all we can ask for is a home draw.

As you can see from the table it is still possible for us to finish 3rd in the league. A feat none of us could have imagined at the start of our first league campaign. Having only lost 4 games all season we certainly can be proud of what we've achieved so far. I'm sure going into next season we will also have learned so much more.

Short outline of each player's strengths:

Katie Thompson – First ever season as goalie. As year has progressed her handling has got better and better. Kicking also improved out of hands and on the floor. If Katie really wanted to she could become an extremely accomplished goalkeeper.

Gemma Smith – Cool as a cucumber. Never gives up and is very strong in the challenge. Also reads the game well and has excellent vision.

Alice Clarke – Team captain and deservedly so. Leads by example and, at times, has proved to be inspiration to others. Possess wicked shot and has great set of skills – Cruyff turn etc..

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Oadby and Wigston United	13	13	0	0	62	7	55	39
2 Hinckley United	14	12	1	1	67	5	62	37
3 Allextion and New Parks	16	8	3	5	31	33	-2	27
4 Humberstone Rangers	14	8	1	5	25	21	4	25
5 Brinklow	14	7	3	4	23	27	-4	24
6 Stanton United	16	5	2	9	33	52	-19	17
7 Countesthorpe Athletic	13	4	4	5	25	21	4	16
8 Westfield Wanderers	13	5	1	7	21	36	-15	16
9 Bedworth Eagles	16	1	1	14	7	43	-36	4
10 Barwell Belles	15	0	2	13	6	55	-49	2

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Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2006

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday 17th - Seniors (Including Youth & over 35's, as a combined competition)

Presentation Evening!!

The Clubs presentation evening will take place at Barr Lane playing Fields, Brinklow

Presentation for Juniors will be on 18th June 2006 Time TBA

Seniors & Youth Presentation will take place on Saturday 17th June 2006 Time TBA (after the seniors 5-a-side tournament)

Tour Shirt 2006

Tour shirts for Great Yarmouth are now available from the club. Please order directly through your manager. If you are unsure about the size please contact the Secretary who will help.

Size	Price
Childrens	
3/4 yrs	On Application
5/6 yrs	On Application
7/8 yrs (128cm)	£8.00
9/11 yrs (140cm)	£8.00
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14/15 yrs (164cm)	£8.00

Size	Price
Adults	
Small	£9.50
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SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Coventry Alliance Division Four
Brinklow 5 Ambleside Res 0
 Justin Neal 2
 Iain Stockdale 2
 Scott Vallance

Brinklow 8 Fillongley Res 1
 Justin Neal 4
 Iain Stockdale 4

Heart Athletic 3 Brinklow 8
 Justin Neal 2
 Iain Stockdale 2
 Paul A'Barrow 2
 Micky Bullock
 Scott Vallance

Major Boyd Carpenter Cup (1/4 Final)
Dunlop Res 0 Brinklow 1
 Justin Neal

January has been a great month for our Saturday side, doing both the "nitty gritty" job of earning the 9 points available from our 3 league games, and also winning through to the semi final of the Major Boyd Carpenter Cup with a very hard fought 1-0 victory over Dunlop. With one of our main rivals from the league dropping 2 valuable points in the league last Saturday we are now also sitting in a very good position to fulfil our main aim of the season, which is to gain promotion.

We now have 5 major fixtures coming up over the next few weeks which could ultimately make or break our season. So all support would be very gladly appreciated by all Officials, Players, Parents, Relatives, and Followers of Brinklow Football Club.

Top Scorers
 Justin Neal 34 Iain Stockdale 25 Mark Bird 13

Fixtures

Sat 11th Mar	Away 2.15 KO	Hawkesmill v Brinklow	League
Sat 18th Mar	Home 1.45 KO	Brinklow v PR Sporting	Peter TG Cup qtr
Sat 25th Mar	Away 1.45 KO	Canley Sports v Brinklow	Boyd C Cup semi
Sat 1st April	Away 2.15 KO	Fillongley Res v Brinklow	League
Sat 8th April	Away 2.15 KO	Kenilworth Res v Brinklow	League

Paul Huddlestone

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LEAGUE TABLE ON 4th Feb 2006							
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BRINKLOW	17	14	2	1	94	17	44
POTTERS GREEN	18	12	4	2	50	23	40
WITHERLEY UTD	15	10	2	3	48	20	32
HEART ATHLETIC	20	7	6	7	45	54	27
AMBLESIDE	19	7	4	8	29	38	25
COLLYCROFT	17	7	2	8	44	45	23
HAWKES MILL	15	6	4	5	43	28	22
KEN WARDENS	16	6	3	7	31	38	21
BILTON SOCIAL	17	6	1	10	29	59	19
FILLONGLEY	18	4	3	11	32	58	15
A.E.I RUGBY	15	4	2	9	20	36	14
SHILTON	21	2	5	14	19	68	11

U7's TEAM NEWS

Back outside at last! As you are all well aware the squad has been divided into two teams, and I have named them 'Red' and 'Blue' for no other reason than ease. Sadly the Blues first two attempts at friendlies have fallen victim to the weather but there are plenty to come. The Reds have managed to play one against Coundon Court securing a 6-2 victory.

It has been decided that the parents meeting will take place in a month or so. This is so a few friendlies will have taken place and this will give us all an opportunity to talk through any issues that have arisen, ie communication, travelling etc. Hopefully none!

Well done to everyone going on tour for paying their final balances on time, and it's not long now till you can all buy me a drink.

A big thankyou to Graham Albrighton for getting all the tickets to watch Coventry City. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and Cov even obliged with a win.

I have just recently purchased a change of strip (well, shirts) for the boys in case there is a clash of colours.

I am extremely pleased with all the boys' progress in recent months and I am looking forward to what will be a busy spring/summer. Thankyou for your continued support.

Wayne Pulford

Manager: Wayne Pulford (FA Level 1 Coach)
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Question. Why was Cinderella thrown off the team?

Answer. She ran away from the ball!

Question. Whats the difference between a dog and a basketball player?

Answer. One drools, the other dribbles!

Question. Why did the football quit the team?

Answer. It was fed up of being kicked around!

Question. Why can't you play sports in the jungle?

Answer. Because of the cheetahs!



Clubman of the Year

Nominations are invited from managers & assistants for the award of 'Clubman of the Year'. This could be a player, parent or indeed another manager who you feel has embraced what Brinklow Football Club is all about. Nominations with a written explanation of why you think the person should be our first Clubman can be forwarded to me at communications@brinklowfc.co.uk. The committee will look at the nominations & the presentation of the award will take place at the clubs presentation night in June.

SPRING SALE!!!!

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„ „ „ 9/11 12/13	£8

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U8's TEAM NEWS

Training

From Thursday 30th March we shall be moving our training to Barr Lane, Brinklow, same day Thursdays, same time 6pm until 7pm.

Summer Tournaments

We now have the dates for all the summer tournaments we will be entering.

Our aim is to enter two teams in each tournament – The teams will be called Hibs and Hoops

We will pass a list around to ensure availability of the following dates, please do not leave it until the last moment to advise of non availability:-

7th May - Hinckley Tournament
20th or 21st May - Ajax Tournament
3rd June - Brinklow Tournament
7th or 8th July - Dunlop Tournament
15th July - Christ the King Tournament

Finish for the Summer after the Christ the King Tournament

Assistance at Games

Getting better but always seem to be the same people helping. Can you all please remember, both teams parents, please help after the games with tidying up, putting away the goals and flag posts – Many hands make light work, please don't just walk away.

Great Yarmouth

All monies now paid. I am going to arrange a couple of games during April for the tour team, in order to get some practice in as a team. I have ordered the tour t-shirts for all the players, they are FOC to the registered players, should you want any others, for other children and or for parents attending please let me know, have a look on the website www.brinklowfc.co.uk, prices and sizes are there (the sizes seem to be a bit on the small size, honest it's not the pies !)

Football Matters

With our first year of league football now nearly complete we now need to look forward to how we are going to develop as a team. The aim is to achieve 11-a-side football in two seasons time (one team). Currently we have a very strong team, the red team and a development team, the blue. The red team first, this team lacks numbers, we are regularly coming up against teams who have a min of 10 players, some have 11 or 12. The issue these teams have is that some players do not receive the same amount of football as others.

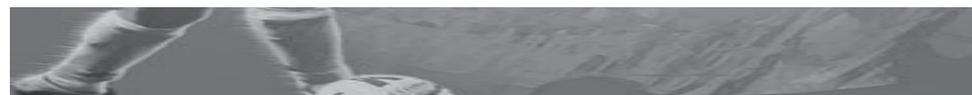
Blue team, the first time some of our players in the blue team ever played football was when we started the league fixtures. The boys have developed really well since these early games. Although the elusive win has not happened, we are scoring goals, unfortunately leaking goals right at the end of the game.

Players in both teams have received plenty of game time this season. The aim for next season will be to increase our numbers, currently at 18 signed on, 20 players would be ideal, but maybe 21/22 depending on what happens. Once we re-start training after the summer we will hold some trials for any new players. If you know of any boys that wish to join us, please start sending the word out now. They are most welcome to join us for training and maybe be able to get some game time during the forthcoming tournaments (our current players will obviously have first refusal to these tournaments)

I have heard there is no under 8's team in Binley Woods, does anybody know anyone who lives there or goes to school there. I will get some leaflets and posters made so we can hand out to the local schools.

Declan Mellett

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Jasmine Craddock – Possibly our most improved player this season. Very strong in the tackle with passing skills improving all the time. Deceptively quick also.

Charlie Huddlestone – Brilliant attitude. Rarely misses training or games. Another player who's strong in the challenge and never gives up.

Rebekah Wilby – Possibly our most physical player. "Bex" covers every inch of the pitch and can always be relied upon to put her foot in where it hurts. Passing has also improved immensely during the season.

Harriet Lowe – Another terrier who shows excellent fitness and will run all day, gets stuck in but likes to play football also. Has great attitude and always gives her best for the team.

Hollie Craddock – Our midfield maestro. Has everything a footballer needs. Skill, balance, fitness and, most of all, a great attitude. Top goalscorer so far this season.

Georgia Anderson – Our whippet on the left wing. Uses her speed to great effect and is also not afraid to get stuck in. Weighed in with steady supply of goals this season.

Rosie Johal – Possibly our most intelligent player. Makes space for herself and others and keeps her position brilliantly. Lovely passer of ball.

Eleanor de Boer – One of the quickest players in our team. Nimble on her feet and is also prepared to get stuck in when required.

Shelby Baskerville – Joined us half way through the season from Coventry City. Possesses a poacher's instinct and can sniff out a goal. Shows great skills and also has excellent eye for a pass.

Catherine Barrett – Unfortunately Catherine's appearances have been limited this season due to house moves. Very strong in the tackle and shows a great attitude. Gives impression she'd run through a brick wall if required to keep the ball.

Dave Anderson

Where does the word "soccer" come from?

In the 1880s students of Oxford university abbreviated words by adding "er" to the end; for instance, breakfast became "brekkers" and "rugby rules" was referred to as "ruggier." When one student, Charles Wreford Brown, was asked if he'd like to play ruggier, he was the first to abbreviate "association rules" (Football Association rules) by answering, "No, soccer." Brown later became an England international and Football Association vice-president.



YOUTH TEAM NEWS

Results

Home v Christ the King	Cup	Won	6 - 2
Away v Kenilworth Wardens	League	Won	4 - 1
Home v Baginton	Cup	Won	4 - 1
Away v St Nicolas	Cup	Lost	3 - 2
Away v Olton	League	Won	4 - 3
Home v Hawksmill	League	Lost	4 - 3
Home v Leamington	League	Won	6 - 1
Away v Hawksmill	League	Lost	3 - 2
Away v Chirst the King	League	Lost	5 - 2
Home v Kenilworth Wardens	League	Won	6 - 1
Away v Knowle	League	Won	2 - 1

Goal Scorers

B Clarke	20
S Clusker	8
D Carter	5
M Jones	5
D Sinclair	4
A Keay	4
C Burrin	3
S Walder	3
L Harris	2
D Newman	2
S Tyler	1
S Wallace	1

Mick Holt

Car Flags!!

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(keep an eye on the website for more details)



U9's TEAM NEWS

Played: 17 Won: 3 Drawn: 4 Lost: 10 Points 13 Goals: 24 (for) 43 (against)

February saw our brief foray into Cup football and some good team play producing points scoring results in the league. We also had a reminder from Finham Park Colts that we have to focus on the game, communicate and most importantly pass the ball.

Cup Match – Leamington Hibs 4 Brinklow 0

Our first experience of a cup match was away from home and with a squad recovering from colds and sickness. The first half saw fine football with Brinklow putting some good moves together and having slightly more possession than Leamington Hibs. Unfortunately possession counted for nothing when the opposition broke through and took a goal. The Brinklow team came back strongly but were unable to find an opening until a Leamington handball gave us a penalty. A strong strike from Daniel Westhead produced an excellent save from the Leamington goalkeeper who pushed the ball round the post and out of danger.

The first half ended with a single goal lead for the home team, but the second half saw the effect of recent colds sapping the energy levels of the Brinklow team and gave Leamington chances to get through our midfield and defence to score three more goals. Opportunities came to Brinklow but we failed to capitalize on them.

Player of the day was Daniel Westhead for commitment throughout the game.

Brinklow 2 Hawkes Mill Juniors 0

A great game between two sides similarly positioned in the league produced excellent football from both sides. Brinklow kicked off and immediately had the ball in the Hawkes Mill goal area. Sustained pressure by Brinklow during the first five minutes produced a shot from George Lowe on the edge of the penalty area which skimmed off Griff Griffith and into the Hawkes Mill goal. Brinklow passed the ball confidently in the midfield and brought it up from defence to Griff in the Centre Forward position and we were rewarded with a trademark Daniel Westhead strike that produced a first half score line of 2 : 0 to Brinklow.

Hawkes Mill had more of the game in the second half and had attempts on goal including one which brought a goal line clearance by Matthew Holmes. Opportunities came Brinklow's way as well and with better finishing we could have had another two or three goals. As it was the final score of 2 : 0 and three points helped to move us up the table.

Player of the day was Daniella Francioso in goal who produced some fine saves and kept a clean sheet.

Brinklow 3 Christ The King 3

Another well balanced game saw good competitive football from the first minute to the last. Christ The King took an early lead but were soon under pressure from Brinklow and conceded a goal to a strong left foot strike from Ben Cross. A Brinklow mistake set up a goal for CTK which allowed them to go into the break with a one goal advantage.

More pressure from CTK at the start of the second half saw them extend their lead to 1 : 3, but the Brinklow team showed great character and determination and from a Daniel Westhead corner George Lowe had a clean strike into the CTK goal. Sensing that the game was still there to be played for the Brinklow team turned the pressure onto CTK and were rewarded with a last minute equalizer

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U10's TEAM NEWS

Latest Results:

Green Division:

Brinklow 2 Cov Jag 2
Brinklow 2 London Road Colts 4

Red Division:

Bedworth Eagles 1 Brinklow 1
Whitley 2 Brinklow 4
Wyken Boys 0 Brinklow 1 (cup)

Goal Scorers Chart:

Andrew Skerratt	14
Ryan Wareham	8
Jack Tipper	7
Taylor Williams	7
Keenan Sangha	6
Thomas Barnes	4
Rhys Thomas	4
Connor Molloy	3
Joshua Smith	3
Ben Kimberley	2
Thomas Lovegrove	2
Joe Burton	1
Thomas Ridding	1
OG	1

Footballing Matters

Well the last month has been a bit of a mixture with games being cancelled and fixtures being altered, although you can still see that progress is still being maintained at 7-a-side level with some encouraging results (shown above).

The green division boys have quite a few games to get in before May and we are looking for a top half of the table finish which will have been a remarkable achievement after the lowly league position of last term. All of the players in the Green Team are showing a massive improvement and now that we are gearing up towards the 11-a-side step up they are very much enjoying training on a more frequent basis with the boys from the Red Team.

The Red division boys are still keeping their fine run going in 2006. They are still unbeaten, still have a chance at Runners-up in the league mathematically and are still in the cup competition, so once again great strides are still being made in their football development and a huge improvement on last season.

Although we in the bootroom are all really chuffed with the way the season has gone and is still going, we are fully aware that this pre-season is going to be really tough in terms of adjusting to bigger pitches and different rules, which is why we have already begun our preparations, by holding a 11-a-side Development friendly. We learned an awful lot about how much work we have to do in this friendly, simply because we looked completely out of sorts on a bigger pitch and struggled to find any rhythm at all. But hey, that was the very reason we held the friendly, to give ourselves an insight into what the real game is all about.

All-in-all, another good solid month from the under 10s boys with all of the good work in training still paying off.

Terrace Talk

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for their continued support in what may possibly have been a frustrating month. This could possibly have been caused by both Mick and me swapping and changing the teams, so that we could experiment with different personnel in varying

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U14's TEAM NEWS

I don't know about you but I'm asking the club for free healthcare! It ought to be compulsory for all Brinklow Managers to be supplied with blood pressure pills, defibrillators and after our last two matches against Baginton Guild & Elite Colts – post match counsellors as well!! I don't know how parents feel, but Sunday mornings are playing havoc with my health. Can someone please explain why the young men in the photo below, conspire to make things as hard as possible for themselves to win matches against teams they should easily put out of sight but then perform heroically against teams that some might say are stronger. The management team has pondered long and hard on this question and still hasn't yet come up with an explanation. We've asked the lads and they have no answers. The lads continue to train hard, we discuss tactics, we talk about expectations, we carry out specialised training but the inconsistency continues.

The one reason I can suggest and I've mentioned it before, is the lack of playing matches on a regular basis. The lads all have the necessary footballing abilities and skills, we've seen it on display from time to time in matches and all the time in training, but without playing regularly it seems that team performances are suffering. However I'm pleased to say that I'm not reporting this after a string of bad results, I'm reporting this after winning three matches on the bounce. Can you imagine what I would be like if we'd lost!! It is hard to play consistently well whilst matches are being called of every other week. You can't build any rhythm or pattern of play when the lads are playing one, maybe two games a month. Despite this, it is great credit to the lads for showing immense spirit and character when they can string results like this together in this frustrating stop/start season. Well done lads.

Baginton Guild 2 Brinklow F.C. 6
Brinklow F.C. 4 Elite Colts 3

Help needed

The time is approaching when things are starting to get very busy within the Club. Parent volunteers are needed for the Brinklow F.C six-a-side competition, running between the 2nd – 4th June. If you can spare an hour or two over this weekend for parking & BBQ duties etc please let me know. Also Presentation Night is being planned.

For those of you who have IT skills, admin skills, organisational skills please come forward and volunteer your services as these much needed abilities are needed by the club to ensure a successful and enjoyable day.

In the near future (Sat 22nd April) the Club are holding a fishing competition. Volunteers are needed for 'patrolling/supervision' and 'light refreshment' duties. Again, if you can spare an hour or two please speak to me as soon as you can.

Speaking of six-a-side tournaments – it's that time of year again when I like to relinquish the reigns and hand over the responsibilities of managing and coaching the lads, to others!! If you fancy having a go at running one of the teams in the two or three six a sides we usually enter, then please come forward – I promise you, you will enjoy it and it'll be an experience you will never forget !!

Thanks

Can I finish by thanking everyone connected to the Under 14's team. Thank you to Bob, Gary & John who help and assist me. Thank you to all the parents for your support and finally a big thank you to all the lads for their hard work and dedication.



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U13's TEAM NEWS

The Under 13's have continued their good run of form in the league due to some solid performances from the whole team. We must keep our concentration up as this showed a little in the cup game against Racing Club when we seemed to so easily switch off, allowing the other team so many opportunities.

I am please to welcome Alex Linnell who along with Sam Skerratt will be joining us on tour this year.

Rugby Town 2002 1 Brinklow 1 (Goal: Dale Cooper)

Brinklow started the game with only ten men but our spirits were up. In the first ten minutes Rugby Town were awarded a penalty, this put the Brinklow heads down but the penalty was missed. Brinklow upped our game and within 15 minutes Dale Cooper capitalised on a blunder by the Rugby Town goalkeeper to put us 1 nil up. The second half started with Brinklow in the lead. Rugby town pressured but with some excellent goalkeeping from Matty Wilby kept Brinklow in the lead. Ten minutes from the end Brinklow legs were tired and this showed, a long ball over the top of the Brinklow defence finished by Rugby Town and the game ended 1-1. This was a well deserved point for Brinklow.

Brinklow 3 Cov Jag 1 (Goals: Jake Bourke (2), Gianni)

A 3-1 against a quality Jaguar side was great, but it was the manner in which the win came that was so pleasing. I'm sure you have heard the phrase 'A team is built from the back', well, never has the phrase been more true than on Sunday! 1-0 down at half time against a side that tanked us earlier in the season, you would have forgiven the lads if they had accepted defeat but you could sense that the team were really up for the second half. Having got the equaliser soon after the break the remainder of the game reminded me of Arsenal from a couple of seasons ago. Rock solid defence & blistering counter attacks. The midfield worked their socks off for this game, closing down Jaguar in front of our 18 yard box & giving great protection to the back four (Matty came home complaining that he'd hardly had a save to make in the second half). Combine this workrate with the perfect positional play of the back four & you can see why we never really looked like conceding in the second half.

All this is great, but if we then don't take our chances in front of goal all that effort would have gone to waste. This however was not the case, our lone striker & attacking midfielders were sharper than a serpents tooth, pinching three clinically taken goals & scaring the life out of the Jaguar defence at ever opportunity.

Mount Nod 1 Brinklow 7 (Goals: Glazgo (5), Elliot, Gianni)

Brinklow continued their run of good form with a comfortable victory away to Mount Nod. For the first 15 minutes they were stuck in Mount Nods half but could not manage to open the scoring with some good goal line clearances some how keeping the score level. On the twenty minute mark the goals started going in, 3 nil up and Mount Nods' first chance of the game fell on the half hour mark when Brinklow's keeper was called upon to make his first touch of the game, denying the home side a great chance of a goal. Half Time 3-0 to Brinklow.

Second half saw Mount Nod try to chase the game allowing Brinklow to capitalise on their defence pushing more up field, giving Brinklow 4 more goals to Mount Nods 1.

Racing Club Warwick 7 Brinklow 1 (cup) (Goal: Elliot Lascalles)

Today was a cup game and we started with high hopes. Unfortunately in the first half we let in two goals but we continued as planned and hoped to get back from this score. In the second half they put in another goal but we didn't let our heads drop and Tom Glazgo took a shot causing the goalie to push it away straight into Elliot Lascalles feet, to make it 3-1. Racing Club Warwick didn't weaken as they scored another 4 goals to make it 7-1. The game had finished and Brinklow came off the pitch disappointed. There was a great team effort but more focus is needed for the next game.

This Game was Managed by Tommy Hyde Match Report By: Tommy Hyde

Finally, Brinklow under 13's are now looking for a Kit sponsor for next season. If anyone is interested your sponsorship will be gratefully appreciated.

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U11's TEAM NEWS

Cov Sphinx Red 6 Brinklow Juniors 0 (cup)
Brinklow Juniors 3 Hawkes Mill 2
London Road 5 Brinklow 2
Brinklow 1 Binley Woods 0

The cup game was a game of two halves, we held our own in the first period with a high work rate and were only one down at the break. Thinking the lads would come out fighting, we were sensing an upset but not to be, the lads had run out of energy. If they can learn to pace themselves better and as a team, all start working a lot harder, they would do even better. In the league we have had 2 wins and a loss that keeps us in 4th place.

We have so far got a result from every team this season which I think is a great achievement for our first season in 11-a-side.

The tour will soon be up on us, let's have a good time as a team and a club, and let's play some nice football.

Congratulations to Jamie for completing the first week of his Level 2 Coaching, so as a squad we all need to support and listen at training.

Let's all have a good run in, and let us put the best performances in for our remaining 3 games.

The date for the presentation is the 18th of June at Barr Lane, times to be confirmed.

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When Wales played their first ever International - a 4 - 0 defeat against Scotland in Glasgow, all 22 players wore different coloured shirts. The only way you could tell who was in which team was by their caps - Wales wore red ones, Scotland wore blue ones.



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positions. We have been trying various things for two reasons, one for the fact that we need to see what options we have for 11-a-side and two, because we need options for when we are on tour when tired limbs begin to show.

I'd also like to thank the parents for continuing with the trek to training on Tuesday nights.

Finally I'd like to finish by congratulating Dave Ridding on co-ordinating our age groups tour, and for everyone for being so prompt with their payments.

One of the reasons our age group is so successful is because of the fantastic Parental support, that and the fact that we have so many gifted young footballers.

Here's to another great month of football and further 11-a-side development.

Martin Pulford



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from Ryan Payne.

A gritty performance from the whole team earned a point. Player of the day went to George Lowe for midfield effort and a fine goal.

Finham Park Colts 4 Brinklow 0

A game we never really got into saw Brinklow gift two goals to Finham as we gave them too much space to play. At half time Finham had a single goal advantage and they came out in the second half and pushed even harder winning a penalty. This was saved by Daniella but Finham were soon back on the attack and scored three more goals in the second half to finish the game as 4 : 0 winners.

Brinklow did have their moments, with the best chance coming from a Ryan Payne volley that just went over the bar and Ben Cross denying Finham a fifth goal with a goal line clearance. Player of the day went to Billy Smith who held his position and kept pressure on the Finham defence.

Goal scorers so far this season

Daniel Westhead 8
Ben Cross 8
Ryan Payne 3
Billy Smith 1
Robert Betts 1
Daniel Pfadenhauer 1
Griff Griffith 1
George Lowe 1

Future Matches

We have seven matches left to play and still have point scoring opportunities if we remember to play as a team, keep our positions, communicate and pass the ball. If we play as we know we can then we can consolidate a mid table position.

Six A Sides

The Six A Side tournament season will be on us soon and we will shortly be deciding which tournaments to enter. Please let the managers know if there are weekends that you are not available to play.

Great Yarmouth

All balances have been paid and we will be off to the seaside in a matter of weeks. Don't forget to pack your buckets and spades.

Gordon Betts

*"It's like a toaster, the ref's shirt pocket.
Every time there's a tackle, up pops a yellow card."*
Kevin Keegan



A Evertonian and a Sunderland fan are walking along the street outside and suddenly the Sunderland fan says "ooh, look at that dead bird!"
The Everton fan looks skywards and says "where?"



Two Derby fans are walking along.
One of them picks up a mirror,
looks in it, and says "Hey, I know that bloke"
The second one picks it up and says "Of course you do - its me!"



In 1998, Coventry City signed Croatian international Robert Jarni from Real Betis for £2.62 million. To his credit, he did watch the Sky Blues entertain Espanyol in a friendly, before he joined Real Madrid two weeks later. By then, his transfer value had bizarrely risen, meaning that Coventry made a cool £750,000 profit on a player who had failed to make a single appearance for them! Amazingly, the club managed to shift a good number of cut-price Jarni 27 replica shirts. Fans were apparently keen to get their hands on one for "novelty value". Nice work!



During a cup match between Coventry City and Man Utd a thunderbolt struck killing both captains. As Robert Page and Gary Neville arrived in Heaven, God appeared to them. "I am so sorry guys", He said. "I love football and I am afraid I made a terrible mistake. Still, let me show you where you will be spending the rest of eternity".

"This will be your home Gary," said God as they came to a beautiful little cottage. It had a thatched roof in the shape of the European Cup, Laura Ashley curtains with a pattern of Red Devils, and inside the walls were hung with pictures of Mr. Alex Ferguson and his greatest players. After God and Robert Page had left to continue their journey, Gary happened to look out of his kitchen window and beheld a wondrous sight. Just a short distance away was a magnificent castle. It had a sky blue drawbridge, statues of Jimmy Hill, Steve Ogrizovic et al around the sumptuous grounds, a heavenly choir singing sky Blues songs, and an enormous flag depicting the famous elephant motif flying proudly from the highest tower.

Very upset at this apparent favouritism, Gary later confronted God. "Why have you given Robert Page this fantastic castle as his home?" complained Gary. "That's not Robert's home", replied God....."It's mine."

