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It's been a really good couple of months for Brinklow teams, at the time of writing all the older age group teams are at the top or second in their respective leagues and with the younger teams really enjoying their football things are looking rosey for the teams of Brinklow football club.

The committee have been hard at work preparing for our usual 6-a-side and presentation night events and at the time of writing we already have 20 teams entered into the 6-a-side tournament. We will be looking for volunteers to help over the weekend of the 6-a-side, so if you can spare some time with the items such as the car parking or the burger stall please contact myself or any one of the committee. We are also still looking for age group sponsors for the majority of the trophy's presented during the 6-a-side. The cost is £100, for this we promise to advertise your company in the programme and on our signage. You will also have the option and privilege of presenting the trophies to the winners and runners-up. Details for both events can be found in the adverts section of this magazine.

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What did the footballer say when he accidentally burped during a game ?
Sorry, it was a freak hic !



Did you hear about the football team who ate too much pudding ?
They got jellygated !



Tournament Sponsor

We are looking for a main tournament sponsor for our 6-a-side. If you are interested please contact myself or one of the committee. Cost is negotiable.

BOLTYS JOKE PAGE



Why do grasshoppers not go to many football matches?
They prefer cricket matches!

Why did the chicken get sent off?
For persistent fowl play!

Why didn't the dog want to play football?
It was a boxer!

Which insect didn't play well in goal?
The fumble bee!

How do you stop squirrels playing football in
the garden?

Where do spiders play their FA Cup final?
Webley stadium!

Hide the ball, it drives them nuts!

Why is it that birds are quickly sold when
they come up on the transfer market?
They tend to go cheap!

When fish play football, who is the captain?
The team's kipper!

How do hens encourage their football teams?
They egg them on!

Why should you be careful playing
against a team of big cats?
They might be cheetahs!

What's the chilliest ground in the premiership?
Cold Trafford!

What part of a football pitch smells nicest?
The scenter spot!

Why are football players never asked for dinner ?
Because they're always dribbling !

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

Why aren't football stadiums built in outer space ?
Because there is no atmosphere !

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

How did the football pitch end up as triangle ?
Somebody took a corner !



Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2009

Brinklow Football Club will be staging it's 13th annual six-a-side tournament.
The tournament will take place from 29th to 31st May 2009 with different age
groups playing on the following days:-

Friday 29th May (late afternoon K.O.) - U15's and U16's

Saturday 30th May (am) - U7's and U12's

Saturday 30th May (pm) - U8's and U11's

Sunday 31st May (am) - U9's and U14's

Sunday 31st May (pm) - U10's boys, U12's Girls and U14's Girls

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MICRO'S TEAM NEWS



A big welcome to all of our Micro's and families to Brinklow's Micro Football.

By now you will all have met Simon Asherfold who is the Brinklow micro's coach. A seasoned football coach who has coached football in Manchester, the Canary Islands and now Brinklow!

The purpose of the micro section is to develop young children football in the correct manner, in-line with FA guidelines and hopefully produce at least one under 7 team at the end of each season. This team will play in the Brinklow 6 a-side tournament at the end of May.

I am sure you have all met Gary Coward, Gary will be the manager of the under 7's and will look after fixtures, sponsorship and of course continue to coach the players (current year 1 children) - look out for fixtures once we get back outside.

Each season we look to identify budding managers from within the group of parents, so if you have the desire to put on shorts and assist please do so. Remembering Brinklow has female football coaches as well as male.

We are currently looking for a manager/coach to step forward for the current batch of reception children – don't be shy!

Spread the word, Brinklow Micro's are starting to get a great reputation within Coventry and Rugby with many of our current under 9's, 8's and 7's selected for training with Coventry City Academy.

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welcome but we need to make a decision very soon.

Various

From all connected with Brinklow F.C. Youth team our best wishes go to Martin Pulford and his family. I hear Martin is already back shouting and encouraging his players and we all look forward to his continued recovery.

Training will continue on Thursday nights for a few weeks yet. As soon as the evenings get a little longer we will be looking towards outdoor training at a more convenient time and location. Many thanks to Bob & Marie Kearney for their support and assistance. To Kevin Clifton for his linesman duties, but most of all to the lads for their hard work and commitment to the cause.

Peter Day

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of confidence, maturity and footie skills. Even for an amateur spectator such as myself it's now more like a true game of football, with lads holding their positions rather than a swarm of yellow bees running after the ball! This team has great spirit and not one Saturday goes by without the lads enjoying what they are doing and smiling regardless of the final score. Many thanks to all involved with training the lads. May Lightning continue to improve and go from strength to strength for the rest of the season. Well done lads! Rich

Scott Craig

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Leamington Hibs 2 Brinklow 3

A first half into a fierce gale & sleet meant we really struggled and it appeared the luck was with Hibs when we turned around only to find that there was now little wind and the snow had abated. However we spent the majority of the 2nd period camped in the Hibs half but with only an equaliser to show. More pressure, but Hibs got a second from a free kick and left us only 7 or 8 minutes to get something out of the game. A crucial equaliser came with minutes to spare and whilst I was insisting that JJ clear the ball from his own penalty area and settle for the draw he casually turned the winger and launched a ball over the Hibs full back for Wendell to fly onto, run half the length of the pitch and smash into the back of the net – Wonderful!!

Brinklow 3 Canley 0

A similar situation to last time, with Canley working hard in the 1st half to deny us space and then the lads taking control in the 2nd as the Canley legs started to flag. Canley defensively are a very strong unit and we found it difficult on the very slippery surface to play our usual passing game, however after a team talk at half time where we asked the lads to take on the Canley fullbacks & get them turning we found the advantage and it wasn't long before we fired home the first. This meant we were able to relax a bit more & play rather than chase the game.

What was really pleasing to see was that the team did exactly as we asked them to do at half time with Tommy Glasscoe having an exceptionally 2nd half with his wingplay and Jack's finishing being the difference. We must also not forget the defence who coped exceptionally on a pitch that was a defenders nightmare. Restricting Canley to 1 clear cut chance was excellent on the day.

Paul Wilby

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I mentioned in the last edition of **ON THE BRINK** about entering the 'grind' of the season, when the initial excitement at the start of the season wears off, the weather gets colder and wetter, games are postponed at last minute and injuries take their toll. I wouldn't say I was a prophet, but all this happened over the last few months. We are also in a very tough league where every point has to be fought for and earned, there are no easy teams.

However the lads have rose to the challenge at this difficult stage of the season, their commitment has been exemplary. As a result the lads have worked incredibly hard over the Christmas and New Year period and continue their challenge for promotion. This hasn't happened by accident. With their commitment to the team, the lads have a good team spirit and work hard for each other both on and off the pitch. An example of this is training on a Thursday night in Rugby. Most of the players live in Coventry and we are aware of the travelling time investment and the inconvenience of the location to players and parent alike, but through this cold and wet period, where it would be easy to find excuses not to attend, the lads turn up in numbers, week in and week out.

Further credit to the lads should be noted for the discipline they continue to show on the pitch. History shows this age group is usually a very difficult one to 'control' but it has taken six months for the first yellow card to be produced to this set of players. I'm not saying the lads are all sweetness and light and things might come back to haunt me but, as mentioned above, we are in a very competitive league, against tough teams, some who try and intimidate and kick us off the pitch but the lads to their credit, remain resolute and focus on winning the game and push for promotion in the proper manner.

The Future

Since Christmas, the Brinklow Youth Team have been working very closely with Brinklow's First Team. Both teams train on the same night at the same time at the same location. The first team have welcomed a number of youth team players into their training sessions and consequently a number of youth team players are now playing for the first team on a Saturday afternoon, where they are heading for promotion and a number of cup finals. Well done to Jordan Wylde and Matt James for making the step up. Five other youth players are also signed on for the first team and hopefully will also get their chance to debut for the first team. Many thanks must go to Paul Huddleston and his squad for giving these players the opportunity to develop their game and continue their careers with Brinklow F.C. This also demonstrates how different BFC age groups can work together for the good of the players and the Club as a whole. In the past the coming together of a youth and first team has been very contentious and divisive. But if people can work out their differences and concentrate on the bigger picture it can only be good for player development and the reputation of Brinklow Football Club. Looking at next season, currently there are a number of options for our age group:

1. Second year of youth football with the current team plus additions.
2. Mix with next seasons new youth team (current U16's) and have a strong and not so strong youth team.
3. Take the current youth team and others and form a Saturday reserves team in the Coventry Alliance league.

All these options are open for discussion and debate. Nothing has been decided and all views are

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Our first posting in the monthly mag with quite a bit of things to write. We have seen a couple of major changes during the season, the first being the U7's breaking away from the micros to establish a new Brinklow age group and just recently the forming of two teams, Red and Blue, within the age group.

In the last couple of weeks we have played in some games. Opening game was against Westwood Utd where all the boys played some part in three 20 minute games.

Our next challenge was vs Binley Woods in a Red team game where our two new boys, John and Callum, enjoyed themselves scoring all the goals to see us to a 5-1 victory. Our last game was a Blue team fixture which turned into a humdinger of a game which saw the boys come back from 3-1 down to take the win 5-4 with Sam and Cameron scoring their first ever goals. With more fixtures arranged the boys will gain more experience and develop more quickly than in just training.

Just a reminder that the Blue team needs someone to take them on and unfortunately no one, as yet, has enquired about what's required to become a manager.

If anyone of the parents that are reading this would like to write in the mag about any of the games, training or anything please let me know.

Wayne Pulford



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U8's TEAM NEWS

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Parents report

Thunder have continued to show strength, skill and determination throughout the team, reflecting in their good results in the Red league. Struggling with a squad of seven players (two new players have come and gone). The team are now enjoying the help from lightening players, rotating to take a turn to play for Thunder.

A tough start to the new year, with the team suffering their first defeat, after a run of poor weather caused match cancellations. Thunder have come back from this with a fine win against a strong Stratford team. Long may this form continue, with good passing play, the lads are obviously beginning to listen to their manager and coach, to build on their existing skills.

U8's Lightning continue to progress - The view from the touchline.

Lightning have had a mixed season so far with some close defeats and some great victories. Despite the occasional set back, there have been many positives with the lads showing an ever increasing level

The Season is progressing well and both Thunder and Lightning showing improvements in the key areas.

Thunder are showing that they are capable of some excellent passing football that produces fantastic wins when they play as a team. When the pre-match warm up is supported by the whole team and the players take to the field in the right frame of mind they are unstoppable. We have suffered a couple of lost matches in recent weeks which have shown that when we play as individuals we are exposed against good teams. When the lads all play together the strength of the team is awesome and the lads play with a great smile on their faces.

Lightning are picking up some great wins and showing that they can also play some good football as a team. The team has strengths in different areas and is also working better as a team at times. The support from the sidelines is important and really helps Paul to get the team prepared for the match .

We are also now rotating some of the players between teams to both develop players and strengthen teams dependant on player availability. What this is showing is that we really do need to recruit a couple more players to strengthen both teams.

If anybody knows any players who are interested in joining the U8's then please let us know and we can arrange for them to get along to training for us to take a look.

'We are also now rotating some of the players between teams to both develop players and strengthen teams'

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U16's TEAM NEWS

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With only 2 defeats in the league this season the prospect of silverware is now a real possibility. We must, however, maintain the attitude that we have continually displayed in training and during games throughout the remainder of the season. It's at this time of year that the benefit of a strong squad starts to tell, we have 16 players all of which fit comfortably into the team and bring there own strengths and abilities, this means we are able to change the shape of the team at will to suit the game and the circumstances. What is pleasing is that the players have understood this rotation which bodes well for the rest of the season.

Best wishes to Hydo who after the Binley Woods game went to hospital for an X-ray. Tom is out for 6 weeks with a suspected cartilage problem. For those that don't know Tom has had 2 knee op's in the last couple of years and so this latest setback is doubly disappointing.

Brinklow 9 Binley Woods 1

A positive start to this game meant we were soon 3 goals up and despite Binley Woods gaining a goal back that was clearly offside Brinklow saw the 1st half out without ever really looking in trouble. A goal early in the 2nd half effectively knocked the stuffing out of Binley & some fast flowing 1 touch football resulted in a further 3 goals and effectively killed the game off. Special mention to Jack for his 5 goals today and for reacting well to the intimidation from the Binley Woods defence. Also to Simon for his first assist in a Brinklow game.

Brinklow 2 Wyken 2

Certainly not our best performance and a 2-0 deficit at half time was deserved despite several very clear cut chances which were not converted. The players reacted really well to the half time team talk and started to compete better in midfield with Tommy Glasscoe being the pick and getting a well deserved and extremely well taken goal. The Wyken goal them seemed to have a charmed life with Elliot rounding the goalkeeper only to find his effort striking the foot of the post. 2 goal line clearances and some excellent goalkeeping from the Wyken keeper meant we hadn't found the equaliser. With less than a minute to go JJ pushed forward, spun on a loose ball some 20 yards out and unleashed an unstoppable rocket that gave the Wyken keeper no chance and which would still be travelling now if the net hadn't got in the way!

Brinklow 7 Leamington Hibs 1

One of those days where everything that we tried came off and with Hibs not being at their best for the first half of the game we were soon in command and 6-0 up at half time. Into the second half and Hibs managed to pull one back but by that time we were comfortable and ran out 7-1 winners. It's odd to say, with such a score line, but the defence today was magnificent with our fullbacks Arron and Rich being the pick.



Bolty on The Bench During the Rugby Town Game

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U9's TEAM NEWS

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Since our last **ON THE BRINK** report the weather has been our biggest opponent with only four league matches and one cup game being played in two months. With Whitley and Binley Woods being postponed due to the weather.

Welcome to Shane and Thomas who have signed up for the team and have been thrown straight into the lions den in the form of the U9-'A' league.

A mixed bag of results, generally the team have played well but there are things to take back to training for both individual and team development.

Below are some brief match reports of the last three months, more details can be found on the U9 forum page.

Enjoy.....

Westwood United Blue (Cup) 1 Brinklow 5

After a shaky start which saw our hosts pull back an equaliser the yellow machine went up through the gear box to come out with an impressive 5-1 victory. This was our third attempt at playing the game and based on the performance it was well worth waiting for. Goals Rhys(3), Jessie(2 X headers)

Man of the Match Rhys for three beautifully stuck shots

Leamington Hibs 1 Brinklow Juniors 3

Even a referee with an Alex Ferguson watch couldn't stop Brinklow from taking the three points from Leamington and getting revenge for our home defeat back in October November. The pitch conditions weren't ideal for playing the beautiful game but we managed to pass the ball around and create chances and when Leamington did threaten Lachie was there to protect our goal. Second half goals from Rhys, Sam Wells and Jessie saw the Yellows win three one with Leamington snatching one late goal in the 7th minute of extra time (?).

Man of the Match Lachie for a fine display of goal keeping

Brinklow Juniors 1 Coundon Court 2

The league visitors came to Woslton full of confidence, playing some outstanding football and looking like they were cruising to winning the league. Our pre-match instructions were simple, "don't let them play". The boys executed the plan brilliantly and Coundon didn't look comfortable with our players swarming around them every time they had the ball. The game was balanced and at times like a game of chess but in the closing moments of the 1st half the visitors nicked a goal due to some confusion whilst defending a corner, gutted wasn't the word. The half time talk was easy, keep playing as you are and take your chances when you can.

Brinklow came out hungry and took the game to Coundon. Chances were created from all positions and it was Jessie who netted the equaliser from a corner with a shot that went through a crowded box and into the net. Game on, we continued to create chances as did our visitors and then in the dying seconds of the game a miss hit Ronaldinho type cross dropped behind Lachie and into the goal to give the visitors all three points. We could have cried for our players, so much effort and no reward. A cruel but beautiful game.....

Man of the Match Sam Wells for what can only be classed as world class defending

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Brinklow Juniors 1 Copsewood 1

Second from bottom Copsewood were our next visitors and after the high of the performance of the previous match it seemed that a little complacency had crept into our game. Our opponents made it difficult for us by defending deep and also at times with aggression with some nasty tackles as a last gasp effort to stop a run through on goal. We really didn't get going and it was Copsewood who took the lead with a break away and a shot finishing in our goal. We scored the equaliser with Jessie creating space and placing a well hit shot into the goal. The second half was uneventful with Copsewood throwing men behind the ball to take a valuable point from Wolston.

Man of the Match Thomas

looked comfortable in defence and made some great defensive clearances.

Brinklow Juniors 1 Cov Sphinx 4

This was our most disappointing performance to date. Our players weren't up for this game at all which was surprising as we had taken all three points in December at the home of Sphinx. After going down 2 nil in the first half the only thing that we could do in the second half was improve. The message was taken back on to the pitch and for 6 minutes or so we took the game to Sphinx and got back in the game when Rhys drove a powerful shot low past the impressive keeper. We continued to cause problems for Sphinx but a lapse in concentration saw three players go to one Sphinx player leaving two opposing free in the box to slip the ball past Lachie. This was a nail in our coffin, it even resulted in some plastic cones flying in the air on our touchline, and pure frustration as our boys had started to show signs of a recovery. The fourth goal finished off any chances of a recovery when a low shot crept past Lachie.

Man of the Match Shane, made a difference when he came on and looked to chase every ball.

Finally.....

Thank you to all the people who come and support the team on a weekly basis and for your words of encouragement to them all.

Ben Judge has refereed all our matches at Wolston this season and provides a completely unbiased and supportive environment on the pitch for all the players during the game. We all know that refereeing is a thankless task but it is highly appreciated by myself and Nick so it's a big thank you to Ben from all at the club.

A big thank you to Geoff and Kathy for arranging for sponsorship of the Juniors, it is much appreciated by the players and the coaches.

Ian Harteveld

Brinklow u9s Blue

Team - Bailey, William, Ben S, Ben M, Callum, Haydn, Joe, Jake, Teddy, Theo.

The last indoor training session will be on the 24th of March, from then on we will resume outside at Wolston St Margarets school Tuesday nights. This year we will probably only do the one tournament (Brinklow) as this season has been extended to the end of May due to all the bad weather we have had.

C.T.K Juniors 1 Brinklow 3

A very good performance by all the team, everyone giving 110%, a great game to watch, getting

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Well what a busy/eventful period we've had in the 14s since Christmas. Firstly we managed to climb our way to the top of the pile, secondly we managed to knock an "A" division side out of the cup, and unfortunately we lost our unbeaten run in the league only last week.

At the beginning of the season the main criteria we set the lads was to regain some confidence, play with smiles on faces, try to win more games than we lost and if at all possible play our way out of this division. Well I can honestly state that nearly all the boxes have been ticked and with 6 league games to play the boys have put themselves in a fantastic position to jostle for a share of the spoils with the run in now upon us.

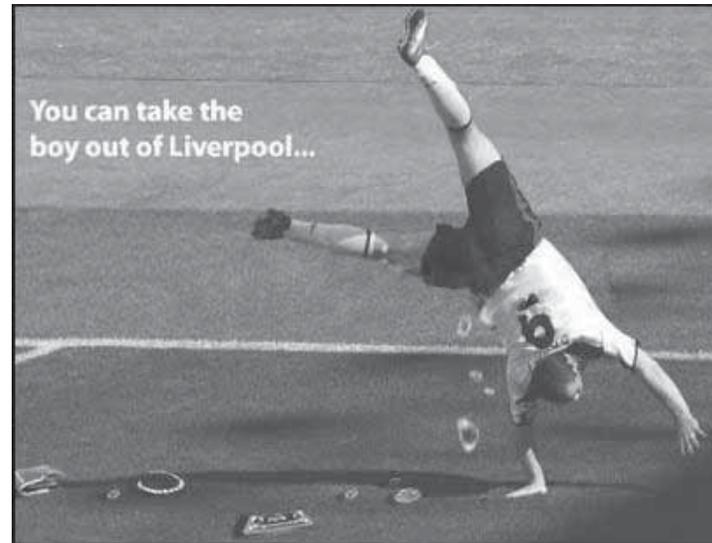
All you can ask as a manager/coach is that the team continues to blossom and develop as the season grows and as the boys have put themselves in such a strong position this has obviously been achieved.

The onus at this stage of the season swings hugely onto the players, and this is what can improve football development and team building skills. We will find out who has the desire, commitment and hunger to finish the job. I only hope that the boys play out the remainder of the season in the same vein as they have competed all season long, with confidence in their own abilities, trust in their teammates, playing with relaxation and not with any fear.

All that remains for me to say is, all the very best to all of the lads and go out and get what you deserve!!!

Come on you Yellow and Blues!!!

Martin Pulford



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U14's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

The bad weather meant no training and no matches. So we've only played one match since Christmas.

Westwood 1 Brinklow 5

Bethany "Boots" Morrison put us into the lead in the second minute and it wasn't long before she scored her 2nd. There were many, many missed chances in this half and to be honest we should have been much further ahead at half time.

The second half saw us with the wind behind us but it took quite a while before the 3rd goal, which unfortunately was an own goal, although it initially looked like the credit would go to Hollie Craddock. So we were fired up again and Adey Thandy scored our 4th goal soon after. Bethany Morrison then scored again to give her a well deserved hatrick.

Overall a good performance today, a game we were never going to lose and we were without a couple of our squad members. However, our defence, led by Harriet Lowe and Sophie May and then Megan Bradley were solid and confident today. The midfielders of Hollie Craddock, Adey Thandy and Chelsea Smith worked well together and Bethany Morrison up front deserved her hatrick.

Well done to Westwood for scoring their first goal ever. I don't think Alice Clarke, our goalie, expected it to go past her!

Manager's player of the match awarded to Harriet Lowe for her control of the defence and her constant battling, with Referee's player of the match going to Hollie Craddock who never gave up.

Goal Scorers Chart

Hollie Craddock 9
Bethany Morrison 6
Jessica Linnell 5
Adrianna Thandy 4
Sophie May 1

At the time of writing we are 9 points clear at the top of the league with only one match to play. A win or draw will make us champions.

A warm welcome goes to Lauren Robinson and Sarah Johnson and their families who joined us in January. I'm sure you will enjoy being part of this great football team and friendly club.

Brinklow 6 a Side Tournament

Our tournament takes place over the weekend of 29th to 31st May. The girls will be playing on the afternoon of the 31st. As always, help over the weekend is very welcome so if you can assist in any way on any of the days, please let me know. I will be receiving the managers' task sheet soon and will be asking all of you if you can help in some way.

We're also looking for a trophy sponsor. I know times are difficult, but if you know anyone who would be willing to sponsor our trophy (£100) please let me know. Likewise a tournament sponsor is also required.

Other Tournaments

Hopefully we'll be playing in the Admirals tournament on Saturday 9th May and I'll be entering us in to one other (to be confirmed)

Presentation Night

This will be taking place at Barr Lane on the 20th June – further details on timings to be advised.

www.brinklowfc.co.uk – for all up to date information about the club

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U11's TEAM NEWS

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Miles of Tiles

I thought I would write down a few notes to let you all know what's happening over the next few weeks and months.

Players

Unfortunately Toby has gone back into plaster and probably won't be able to play again this season, a real shame for Toby, not just for the team but for him personally starting to feel excluded and all that. We will encourage him to come and be part of the team even if he helps make the tea!

Even before Toby's misfortune we have been light on players. We currently have adverts for players running on the league website plus

advert cards in Morrison's.

Can I please ask you all to get your thinking caps on and the boys to see if we can find three new players, especially for next season - dig deep, think deep.

We have secured the services of one new player, he will be joining from another local team, but unfortunately won't be eligible to play league games until next season but will be available to compete in our summer tournaments.

Fixtures

Connected to players' numbers is players' availability for training and match days. Whilst realising Sunday football is not the only thing happening in all of our busy family lives but can we all try to do our utmost to be available for match days.

To encourage the boys to attend all training and all Sunday match days between now and Easter (and full effort on the field at both) we in turn will take the boys 'paint balling' (lads v dads) in April.

We are expecting some money to come in from E-on which will enable us to take the boys paint balling plus purchase a new kit for next season. We will be looking for dads to come to the slaughter!

Seriously, please think about Sunday mornings and secondly training nights, Tuesday at the moment, soon to be Friday nights.

Parents Meeting

In order that we can have a chat about these issues and others such as summer tournaments, possible tour for May Day and next season I have arranged a parents meeting for 20th March, 8pm at the Raven. Please make a note in your diary.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Declan Mellett

Where do football directors go when they are fed up ?
The bored room !



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our noses in front makes all the difference to the teams confidence. Joe scoring a brace and Ben Sotek with a well deserved goal.

Man of the Match Ben Sotek

C.T.K 6 Brinklow 0

Not the same C.T.K team as last week, and we seemed to be a different team too!!! Our performance was a complete reverse of last week, we started OK but soon as we went a couple of goals down, we basically gave up. Never mind we must try to keep our heads up when things aren't going too well.

Man of the match Joe

Binley Woods 6 Brinklow 2

Binley woods have vastly improved this season, we went into this game expecting to win, we played well enough but Binley were a team with a lot of determination and very hard tackles??? Our lads and lass aren't used to this, I think we need to toughen up a bit. Second half was better though with goals from Ben S and Joe.

Man of the match Joe

Brinklow 0 Southam 4 and Southam 3 Brinklow 0

A double header due to the fixture problems. Southam are top of the table but our guys applied themselves very well this week matching them in every aspect of the game. The way we played was very pleasing to watch if only we hadn't given away two silly goals right at the start of the first game I'm sure we would have gotten a point or two from these two games!

Man of the match William and Haydn

Brinklow 0 London Rd Lions 8

Oh dear, we only had 7 players at the start of this one! Haydn had to play in goal, he hasn't played in this position for quite sometime and we had to keep on reminding him that he could use his hands, but he did make plenty of very good saves. I'm afraid they all tired very quickly and the goals soon started to go in. William turned up at half time so that was good to have the goalie back and the second half was much better with Ben Mulley playing very well in defence. The team looking more settled with most of the players back in their regular positions.

Man of the match Ben Mulley

League form - Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 11

Goal scorers - Haydn 6, Joe 6, Ben S 4, Bailey 2, Jake 1

Steve Wilson

*What is a goal keepers favourite snack ?
Beans on post !*



U12's TEAM NEWS

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Bulls Head, Brinklow

Only six matches to report since the last publication of **ON THE BRINK** but it is a real pleasure to be able to detail what a fantastic time the lads have had on the pitch. The statistics speak for themselves - matches played: 6; games won: 6; points 18; goals scored: 30; goals conceded: 6.

The lads continue to develop with some excellent controlled football playing to their strengths, stretching the opposition with wide play and battling hard to win the ball back when not in possession. This 13 match undefeated sequence stretches back to mid September and includes a run of eight consecutive victories. The team, which were joint bottom of the league, have moved up to fourth and are looking towards a strong end to the season.

The first of these six matches saw a 3:1 victory at home to PSA Peugeot Citroen Colts. A wonderful fifteen-minute display in the first half was rewarded with three fine goals and although Peugeot reduced the deficit early in the second half the result was never in doubt. It is hoped that the exciting football is remembered more than removal of a Peugeot player for foul and abusive language.

Game two and the final game of 2008 saw a Brinklow side not gelling like they had done in previous matches but still comfortable with a fairly comprehensive 6:2 victory away to Firefighters.

A friendly against the U14s over the Christmas period provided an excellent opportunity to play a well organised side and even managed to score a few times. Not sure that the referee was really on form today as he failed to spot the thirteen U12s on the pitch towards the end of the game. The lads gained plenty of confidence from this match and all were grateful for Martin's coaching prior to the game and positive encouragement both during and afterwards. Thanks Martin and Gary.

2009 opened with a 4:0 win at home to Bedworth Eagles with all four goals coming during a dominant fifteen-minute display in the first half. The lads are destroying defences and creating so many chances through their wide play that the only surprise is that only four goals were scored.

Match four was a home game against Coundon Cockerels, a game that the lads knew was likely to be tough. With determination and direct play the result was never in doubt and Brinklow fairly destroyed the opposition finally turning out 6:2 winners. This was a really exciting game with the Cockerels' woodwork as well as the net taking some punishment.

The penultimate game was a 9:0 drubbing of Leamington Hibs at Town Thorns but it took a while to get going today. We must be focussed right from the start of matches and not assume that all games are going to be easy. However once the first goal went in after 25 minutes the whole team relaxed and there was only going to be one outcome.

With fifteen teams in the league, 28 games to play and many cancelled matches due to the weather the League insisted that the first weekend of the half-term break was changed from a 'non fixture' weekend to a normal match weekend and with half the team away Brinklow had no choice but to request a stand-down and with only one stand-down allowed per season were forced to play the following weekend with ten players. Fortunately Chapelfield Colts could also only field ten so both teams were on equal terms. A really gutsy display saw a fine 2:1 away win. This has been a fantastic run of results and with the right attitude there is no reason why it can't continue. All the coaches, parents and grandparents are extremely proud of your achievements - let's keep it up for the rest of the season.

Special thanks to Scott Rammell of Langle Build for supplying the team with drill tops and gloves as well as contributing towards the six-aside tournament – thanks Scott.

Goalscorers	
Will	26
Fayez	14
Alex	12
Callum	8
Ryan	6
Ben	2
George	2
Griff	1
Sean	1
Riz	1
Luke	1

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Tim Vine

