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What a fantastic month! We've seen the Saturday Seniors win their league, the Sunday seniors win the Chamber of Commerce Cup & the u13's girls into their cup final. To cap it off the tour to Yarmouth was a roaring success. We didn't win any trophies but it was a great thrill to see the lads pick up their individual trophies cheered on by the mass of red polo shirted supporters (Thanks for the shirts Bolty, they were excellent!!).

Whilst we are on about the tour, I'd like to thank all the age group tour organisers & particularly Martin Pulford & Gordon Betts for putting in such a tremendous amount of effort to organise the trip. I'd also like to thank all the lads for their impeccable behaviour during the weekend, you are a credit to your team & the club.

Please also don't forget that the Brinklow 6-a-side & presentation night are fast approaching, you should find adverts for both in the pages of this mag & on the website www.brinklowfc.co.uk so please take note of the details. We are still looking for help with the 6-a-side so if you can spare a few hours please speak to your manager.

Well that's your lot for this season, I'm off to get myself FA level 1 qualified – hopefully that will be enough to land the England managers job, Steve McClaren? Who's he then?

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Brinklow Football Club Annual General Meeting

The Brinklow Football Club AGM will take place on
Monday 10th July 2006 at 7pm (Venue TBA).

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Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament June 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)*

The Club would be pleased to hear from parents or players interested in girls football. If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who might be interested



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Peter Toogood Seniors Cup Final



*Pictures by
Gordon Betts*

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day was skilfully played into the landing net. As the officials gathered to weigh the fish, the competitors flocked to see history in the making. Six pounds 10oz of mirror carp was recorded. Well done to Sam and Martin who have both since recovered from the shock.

The landing of the heaviest fish by Sam and Ralf in their respective sections proved to be crucial. Well done to them both and indeed to everybody who took part on this thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you for your support.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

Senior section			Junior section		
Ralf Wilkinson	19lb 8oz	1st Prize	Sam Hayley	8lb 2oz	1st Prize
Mark Bird	8lb 6oz	2nd Prize	Callum Gardner	5lb 2oz	2nd Prize
Luke Kennedy	8lb 1oz	3rd Prize	Morgan Pulford	4lb 0oz	3rd Prize
			Scott McCulloch		Golden Peg (1)
			Kai Sud		Golden Peg (2)

Many thanks to Stuart Richards, Paul A'Barrow, Mark Bird and Tony Glasscoe for their help in organising the day. Thank you to Lanny for looking after us so well and especially the excellent bacon butties. Also many thanks to Brinklow British Legion Fishing Club, Tusseys and Rugby Tackle for their support and donations.

Peter Day

Brinklow F.C. Fishing Day

On Saturday 22nd April, thirty fishermen descended on Lanny's Lagoon to take part in Brinklow F.C. first ever fishing day. Fishermen from six to eighty years old all turned up with hopes of winning and catching 'the big one'.

Once formalities were out the way, everyone dashed to their pegs in anticipation of winning the big prize and all the bragging rights associated with winning BFC's inaugural fishing competition. All sorts of secret concoctions and unnatural substances were on display to tempt the fish out of the water – Martin 'Chalky' White laid on a veritable feast for the fish, but alas didn't land anything all day!

It was Alex Wood in the junior section who was to catch the first fish of the day. He kept it simple. Just five seconds after the whistle sounded, on a single maggot, he landed a 6oz perch.

As the morning progressed one and all (especially in the junior section) were pulling out fish. Everybody was looking furtively at everybody else to see what they were landing and what they were using as bait. The arms of Stuart Richards and Morgan Pulford must have ached with the regularity of fish they were catching and throwing into their keep-net. However this didn't put off their peg neighbours, Tom & Tony Glasscoe. With steely-eyed determination and frequent change of tactics to suit the changing conditions they kept pace with their rivals for the title.

To ensure fair competition for all, Mick Holt and Keith Byrne patrolled the margins ensuring 'strict rule' compliance, in particular, on the look out for dynamite and items from Tesco's fish counter !!

However, back in the senior section things were getting serious. Mark Bird, all done up like the professional angler he is, moaned and complained his peg was no good and conditions not to the fish's liking. But like everyone else around his pool, his head dropped as Ralf Wilkinson, with considerable skill, deftly played and teased into his net what proved to be the biggest fish of the day. An 8lb 14oz carp was his reward. From Andy Main on peg 1 to Dale Huddleston (3lb barbel) on peg 65 as far as the competition was concerned, they thought it was all over. Did they not have faith in their own abilities to overcome such adversities? Although the seniors chucked everything possible into the water, including the kitchen sink (which I don't think the rules excluded), Ralf's landing of the monster fish was the defining moment.

Back on the other pool, Jim McCulloch, (after initial reservations concerning the location of Scott's peg), was landing fish on a regular basis. Scott (his 7 year old lad) had obviously had a quiet word with him, told him to stop moaning and concentrate on the fishing. With renewed vigour they pursued the fish, just failing to land what was thought to be a two pounder and could well have taken the top section prize.

However the biggest shout of the day came from Sam Hayley's peg. With calm measured instructions (or was it incoherent gibbering) from Sam's dad, Martin, the second biggest fish of the



Winner of the Junior Section - Sam Hayley

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I'm going to start with the clubs tour to the sunny Great Yarmouth. I have to say I think every one that went really enjoyed the whole weekend. I am pleased at how all in the U7's section got on with each other and how the boys stuck together and I'm sure a lot of friendships were made. At this point I have to say that everyone was jealous of Brandon's dad, Martin for winning the biggest teddy bear you have ever seen!

Eyes down SH! SH! SH! SH! SH! SH! SH! SH!

Football side of things, mmmm.... were do we start.

Congratulations to Conor McKiernan and Scott McCulloch for scoring their first and both brilliant goals, more to come no doubt. Well done Morgan Pulford for his excellent goal too.

Saturday was certainly the better of the two days having played 4, winning 1, drawing 1 and losing two, one of the loses against one of the best teams you will ever meet at this age. Sunday was a day for enjoying the sun, played 3 lost 3.

For over half the boys it was their first taste of tournament football and coupled with the excitement and the late nights they all played Fantastically.

We are now in the process of recruiting players to improve the squads. So if anyone knows of anyone get them to ring me or Dom.

The camping night is still very much a goer, probably in July?

Six a sides

Rugby Town	20th May
Brinklow	3rd June
Chetwyn	11th June. TBC at going to press.

Season Overview

With all the boys developing at the rate they are I am more than pleased. In friendlies we have had a mixed bag of results but lessons are still being learnt by all involved, parents, boys and coaches. I am pleased at the help that has started to come from the parents but in football we are all in it together and more hands make light work.

So to conclude this season, Well done to the U7 boys, lets have an even better U8 season

Many thanks

Wayne Pulford

Cov City's manager Micky Adams won't stand for any nonsense. Last Saturday he caught a couple of fans climbing over the stadium wall. He was furious. He grabbed them by the collars and said, "Now you just get back in there and watch the game till it finishes."



"The opening ceremony was good, although I missed it."
Graeme Le Saux



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U8's TEAM NEWS

Summer Tournaments

Summer tournaments have now been booked, we are looking to mix the teams up a bit during the tournaments so please don't forget, please do not leave it until the last moment to advise of non availability.

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

Great Yarmouth

A good all round performance at Great Yarmouth, 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses. Note, one of the wins was against the eventual winners who had not lost a game all season.

The last game of the tour I think sums up a lot about our team - Lots of passion and thunder, a bit of skill, score some goals and let some in, but always exciting to watch!

Next year we are going to go somewhere warm!

Football Matters

Both teams have completed their league fixtures. Training will continue on Thursday nights, we will try and concentrate on preparation for the forthcoming tournaments.

Remember if you know any boys or girls, current Year 3's don't forget to invite them along to training.

Hinckley Tournament

Wow what a tournament – A fantastic display of football by both teams – Hibs and Hoops

Hoops – 3 draws and 3 losses, two thrilling games, a nil nil draw against our old adversaries Chapelfields Colts, as someone famously said there are nil nil draws and there are nil nil draws – this was definitely one of those nil nil draws. In the last group game for the Hoops coming back from 1 – nil down to pull it back to a credible 1 – 1. Well done boys.

Hibs – Lost in the semi final to Hinckley, however stormed the group stages – played five, won four, drew one, scored 10 conceded none, saved a penalty, won on penalties in the quarter final then put up a magnificent performance in the semi final in the Marsden Stadium (Has a Brinklow team at any level played in this stadium?). Again well done boys.

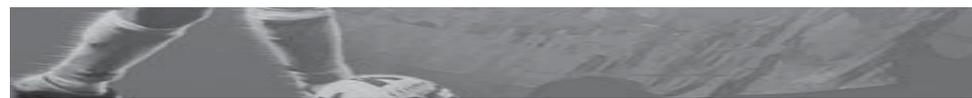
Both teams did Brinklow proud.

Declan Mellett

The first football club was formed in Sheffield, England in 1857. The Football Association was founded on 26 October 1863 by 11 clubs meeting in London. (The word association was abbreviated to assoc., which became "soccer.")



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Major Boyd Carpenter Seniors Cup Final



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Midfielders:-	Mark Bird Roger Lunt	Paul A'Barrow	Martin White
Attacking Mid:-	Justin Neal Chris Gray	Scott Vallance	Micky Bullock
Forwards:-	Iain Stockdale	Dave Anderson	

On behalf of Dave and myself I'd like to thank all of our players for their commitment over the season.

Top Scorers

Justin Neal 42 Iain Stockdale 28 Mark Bird 17

Forthcoming events

Brinklow Junior section 6 a-side tournament Fri 2nd June to Sun 4th June. Remember the seniors are doing the Barbeque on the Saturday and the bar for the whole tournament.

Coventry Alliance League Presentation is on Friday 9th June at the Peugeot Conference Centre at Ryton on Dunsmore.

Brinklow 6 a-side tournament is on Saturday 17th June with the senior presentation evening to follow.

Training for next season starts on Tuesday 11th July at Barr Lane 6.30 pm and is open to all players over the age of 16, both current and new.

And finally, I'd like to thank our sponsors Gordon and Jeanette Betts from Jeagor Ltd www.wonderful-people.co.uk for their sponsorship of our side this year. Gordon himself has attended the majority of our games this season and we very much hope to keep the same relationship with Jeagor Ltd for the forthcoming season.

Paul Huddlestone



U9's TEAM NEWS

Played: 24 Won: 5 Drawn: 5 Lost: 14 Points: 20 Goals: 33 (for) 55 (against)

GNP Sport 2 Brinklow 1

An evening match at Coventry's Memorial Park brought a display of good football from two well matched teams. GNP took an early lead but Brinklow drew level when Ben Cross lobbed the ball over the GNP keeper and into the back of the net.

GNP produced a second goal mid way through the second half. Despite battling hard Brinklow were unable to find another goal and the game finished with a victory to GNP.

Player of the day was Ben Cross for an excellent goal.

Brinklow 2 PSA Peugeot 2

Brinklow came to this game hungry for a win and applied pressure from the start. This was rewarded with first half goals for Daniel Westhead and Ben Cross and a first half advantage.

The second half saw the game swing the other way and PSA came back with two goals to earn themselves a draw. Overall a well balanced game between two sides playing good team football.

Player of the day went to Ryan Payne for work rate and positioning.

Great Yarmouth

Our weekend at Great Yarmouth saw us play 9 matches across two days against some very strong teams from around the country.

Our first game saw us concede an early goal but then we drew level with a Ben Cross strike. Unfortunately the opposition came straight back from the kick off to take a second goal and went on to win the game.

Although we played good football we struggled to make an impact and were often caught out by the footballing abilities of our opponents and in one match also by the physical nature of the game which saw Griff Griffith receive a heavy challenge to his knee which put him out for the rest of the day whilst Robert Betts' shin was gashed by a studs up tackle.

Our second day matches continued like those of the first day until our last game against Waveney. From the start we looked confident and put pressure on their defence from which Billy chested a corner kick into the net to put us ahead. In the second half we pushed Matthew Holmes up from defence to centre forward where he delivered not one but two goals to put his name on the Under 9s score sheet. The game finished as our sole victory of the tournament but to see the faces of the players and parents you would have thought that we had won the final.

Players of each day went to Ben Cross and Matthew Holmes for their great goals.

Goal Scorers so far this season (league 33 and tournament 4):

Ben Cross 15
Daniel Westhead 9
Ryan Payne 3
Billy Smith 3
Robert Betts 2
Matthew Holmes 2
Daniel Pfadenhauer 1
Griff Griffith 1
George Lowe 1

Gordon Betts

See the tour pictures on Page 8.....

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u9's Tour Pictures



SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Coventry Alliance Division Four

Kenilworth Res 1 Brinklow 3
 Mark Bird
 Dave Anderson
 Paul A'Barrow

AEI III 4 Brinklow 5
 Justin Neal 5

Brinklow 0 Witherley Res 0

Peter Toogood Cup (Semi-Final)
Brinklow 4 Potters Green Res 1
 Justin Neal
 Scott Vallance 2
 Micky Bullock

Peter Toogood Cup (Final)
Brinklow 1 Folly Lane 1
 Paul A'Barrow
 (aet Folly Lane Won 4-2 on Pens)

Major Boyd Carpenter Cup (Final)
Hawkesmill 2 Brinklow 1 (aet)
 Mark Bird

LEAGUE TABLE ON 6th May 2006

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BRINKLOW	22	18	3	1	109	24	57
WITHERLEY UTD	21	13	5	3	69	25	44
POTTERS GREEN	21	12	6	3	57	31	42
KEN WARDENS	21	10	3	8	44	44	33
AMBLESIDE	22	9	4	9	32	40	31
HAWKES MILL	21	8	6	7	53	36	30
HEART ATHLETIC	22	8	6	8	48	59	30
COLLYCROFT	22	8	3	11	50	57	27
BILTON SOCIAL	22	7	2	13	36	74	23
A.E.I RUGBY	22	5	4	13	35	57	19
FILLONGLEY	22	5	3	14	38	73	18
SHILTON	22	2	5	15	21	72	11

League Champions, two Cup finals, and the Coventry Alliance Golden Boot winner in our first season!

Despite the disappointment of losing two cup finals within one week, our Senior side should be very proud of their achievements throughout our first season in Saturday Football. Yes, we did lose in the two finals, but we took our opponents, (who both admitted to fielding the majority of players from their higher league teams), into extra time with one of the games going to penalties. That in itself means that we know we can compete against Premiere league and Alliance 1 league opposition.

At the start of the season we set out with one aim in mind, to gain promotion and to have a good cup run. Well I feel we have more than surpassed this aim by winning the league by more than 10 points and having two excellent cup runs with the majority of our victims being higher league opposition. On our journey we scored 109 league goals, 40 Cup Goals, and also boast Justin Neal as the Coventry Alliance Golden Boot Winner. This is something that Justin can be very proud of as he has set up more goals for us than he has actually scored.

To win the league and get to two cup finals you need a good squad of players and I will now introduce them to you.

Goal Keepers:- Danny Bell Dale Huddleston

Defenders:- Simon Dunkley James A'Barrow Simon Bullock
 Luke Kennedy Trevor Forrest Shaun Tiernan

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U13's TEAM NEWS

With the season just about at its end, the boys got time to enjoy themselves, having a cracking time on tour. The football played by all teams was of an excellent standard and the final winner was Nuneaton based Weddington Thistle. I wish to thank guest players Sam Skerratt and Alex Linnell for helping us make a squad.

When not playing football the boys entertained themselves by hiring peddle carts, playing pool and even playing more footie on the all weather courts. Finally I must say how good the conduct of the boys was on and off the field, this made me very proud to be manager of the team for what can only be said to be a top weekend that will never be forgotten.

Neil Huddleston

The lads entertain the crowd!!



Time for a teamtalk



u13's Great Yarmouth 2006



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U11's GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well our first season in the Leicestershire league is now over. As you can see from the table we managed to secure 3rd spot which was our aim once we knew Hinckley and Oadby could not be caught. Some statistics that stick out:

- Only 4 games lost in the league
- Only 1 team (Hinckley) did the double over us
- Of the 32 goals we conceded 13 were in two games (Hinckley again!)
- 5 clean sheets kept (all in 2005, none in 2006!)
- The highest amount of goals we scored in a game was 3 which we did 5 times – something to work on I think there girls. Maybe we're too nice and don't like to punish teams too much???
- Only 1 game lost at the Fortress Revel

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	
1	Hinckley United	18	16	1	1	91	6	85	49
2	Oadby and Wigston United	18	14	2	2	77	13	64	44
3	Brinklow	18	10	4	4	33	32	1	34
4	Humberstone Rangers	18	10	2	6	30	26	4	32
5	Allextion and New Parks	18	8	4	5	36	34	2	31
6	Countesthorpe Athletic	18	7	5	6	30	24	6	26
7	Westfield Wanders	18	6	1	11	31	46	-15	19
8	Stanton United	18	5	2	11	35	69	-34	17
9	Bedworth Eagles	18	1	1	16	8	55	-47	4
10	Barwell Belles	18	0	2	16	6	72	-66	2

I think the stats pretty much tell the story. Over the season we've turned into quite a hard team to beat. Only once did we get a thrashing and that was just after the xmas holidays when I think the girls hadn't quite got back into their stride. It would have been nice to have scored more goals but that might be down to how we've set ourselves up positionally, again because it was our first season, to be more cautious rather than too aggressive. The main thing that jumps out is how hard we work as a team. All the girls support each other and seem to already understand that to give themselves the best chance of winning they need to stick together and look out for each other.

Already we're thinking ahead to next season. We are continuing to train through the summer which will allow us time to work on some technical skills and we will be entering some 6-a-sides and looking for the odd friendly. Sam and I will also be taking our Level 1 badge which, I'm sure, will stand us both in good stead for next season.

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U13's GIRLS FOOTBALL

The final set of League Central Venue games were played in Leamington back in February in almost gale force winds. Have you ever seen a ball kicked out by the keeper coming straight back!! The scores were irrelevant that day it was almost impossible to play, great fun though, Holly running up pitch into the wind, hair and shirt at right angles, hardly moving even though she was pushing forward as hard as she could, funniest thing I've seen all year. The girls league effectively finished at the end of February, we finished third overall.

We then had a friendly against Rugby Admirals that was a side of predominately very large under 14 girls. It was very hard, a real gritty hard hitting game, we have never played a team like this before, lots of hard hit high balls. We were the better team in the first half but it was the first time we have played 25 mins per half and I think this showed towards the end when we lost a bit of momentum. This was a game that was very useful to us however - it's all experience!

Training has continued, changing to a Tuesday evening now we have the light nights and also on a Saturday morning. We have been working on general football skills and SAQ'S which Dale has been putting together. All the hard work the girls have been putting in really paid off when we played Pinley Girls FC on 22nd April at the Revel in the semi final cup round. A really convincing 6-0 win, with the girls passing and moving really well around the pitch. "This is the best I have seen you play, you played as a team, and looked for the pass. I am so proud of you all, you ran your socks off, the score does not reflect how well Pinley played, they kept you battling, and if you had slowed down for a second, they would have been in there. Everybody played well, but I feel a special mention should go to Kimberly, who did us proud in goal, and where did those goal kicks come from Kim, you hadn't done anything like that in training, superb".

Holly scored four of the goals and Rosie the other 2, but Hannah Rankin supplied some lovely through balls and with Lesley playing on pitch it gave us three strong players in midfield. Hannah Pierce was really fast down the wing, Lizzie stuck to their forward like glue effectively putting her out of the game, and Rea was as always solid at the back, with some fantastic lofted passes. Well done to everybody who played.

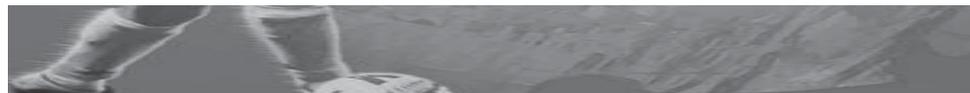
Another Friendly game against Tazmanian Crusettes last Saturday at the Revel. Not so positive this time we lost 5-1. I do have to say that the girls played really well in the first half with Holly scoring and putting us in the lead. Even when Holly got injured and had to come off, you continued to play well with both Hannah's having scoring opportunities. Kimberly was sending those goal kicks down the pitch, Rebecca "chopper" Garner really got stuck in, in the middle and made some good calls, Rosie worked really hard on the wing, the back two stayed solid and Lesley again showed us all how valuable she is on pitch. Taz then got a penalty to level the game and they scored again in the last few seconds of the first half making it 2-1.

When we came back on in the second half we started ok with several chances on goal, and I think if one had gone in it may have spurred us on. Lesley made some fantastic saves in goal to keep us in it, but towards the end of the game as they scored a couple more you could see all the fight had gone. Never mind, it happens, learn from each experience, and we as coaches also need to learn from each game good, bad or indifferent. Thanks must go to Dave Wright for reffing both the Pinley and Taz games for us.

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Overall this season, our first season playing football in a league, I think you have all done extremely well. You have continued to improve, you are not the same team you were at the beginning of the season, you can pass and move, and most of you can lift the ball now, a major milestone in my book! You are all a cracking bunch of girls, your behaviour on and off the pitch is exemplary, you should all be very proud of yourselves.

We play Alcester in the Cup final, 13th May at The Coventry Sphinx Sports Ground, Kick off 11am. Good Luck for that one, but if we play as well as we did against Pinley, we will give them a run for their money!

Thank you all for a great first season and thank you to all the parents family and friends for supporting us.

Janine Stothard

In May 1970, England captain Booby Moore was sensationally arrested for suspected theft of an emerald bracelet in Colombia, as England stopped over on their way to the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico. Moore was arrested and detained in Bogota but was granted special permission to exercise regularly under the supervision of guards. During this time, Moore organized practice kick-arounds involving himself, the guards and the local children. This made him immensely popular with the Colombians who pressured for his release. After four days under arrest, he was allowed to rejoin the rest of the squad in Mexico before the charges were eventually dropped.



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On behalf of myself and Sam a very big thank you to all the parents who've stuck with us over the season. I'm sure none of us really knew what we were letting ourselves in for when we entered an actual league, especially in Leicestershire. But it's not worked out too bad and you've done us both proud with your dedication over the 8 month period. Also, many thanks to Red Brick for sponsoring us this season. The girls have taken great pride in wearing the Brinklow shirt with your name emblazoned over the front.

Lastly a huge thank you to all the girls who've made everyone of us so delighted to watch you progress through the season. There have been many highlights; Hollie charging through against Stanton, Alice scoring a scorcher off the underside of the bar, Rosie turning the ball in against Humberstone to secure our 3rd spot..... the list goes on.... I guess however the most special moments are when the girls are all together, running around and enjoying themselves.

Dave Anderson