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# Brinklow Football Club Annual General Meeting

The Brinklow Football Club AGM will  
take place at the Legion Club, Brinklow  
on Monday 9th July 2007 at 7.30pm

Along with the current committee positions of Chairman, Vice chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Club Welfare Officer, Communication, Publicity, Head Coach, Tour Organiser & Kit/Equipment the club is also looking to fill the following roles:- Health & Safety Officer, Club Photographer, Schools Liaison Officer' Database Coordinator.

If you are interested in helping the club with any of these roles then please give Richard Farthing a ring.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the clubs website at [www.brinklowfc.co.uk](http://www.brinklowfc.co.uk)

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As Martin Pulford so accurately summed it up 'where has the last 9 months gone', it seems like only five minutes since I was writing the editorial at the seasons start!

It's been a bit of a mixed month for the club, unfortunately we will be losing our clubs treasurer, Gordon Betts & our secretary, Dave Lowe at the end of the season, both due to work commitments. Dave had taken on the workload from Mick Holt at the start of this season & has carried on the good work. Gordon has transformed the book keeping of the club to a situation where we have access to accurate electronic details of the clubs finances at our meetings, something which we were lacking for several years. His knowledge & wisdom have also been a valuable asset to the committee during some tricky situations & hopefully he will find time to remain involved with the committee in some capacity. Both Dave & Gordon will be greatly missed.

### Treasurer

Have you got a couple of hours a week to spare? The club is in need of someone to act as treasurer for next season. Please contact one of the committee if you are interested.

### Secretary

Due to work commitments our current club secretary will be standing down at the end of the season. If you would like to help out in this important role then please contact a member of the committee.

On a more positive note following on from last years success in gaining the FA Charter Standard award, Brinklow FC has continued its development programme with confirmation from the FA that we have been awarded the prestigious FA Charter Standard Development status. Thank you to all for the work and contribution on this, especially

Tony Glasscoe who drafted the initial documents.

The club's 6-a-side is now only a few weeks away & we are still desperately short of volunteers, without help we cannot hope to maintain the usual high standard of the tournament, so if you think you can lend a hand please speak to your age group manager or one of the committee. Anyway, that's all from me, so roll on next season!

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# Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2007

- Friday 1st June (late afternoon K.O.) - U14's and U15's
- Saturday 2nd June (am) - U8's and U9's
- Saturday 2nd June (pm) - U10's and U11's
- Sunday 3rd June (am) - U12's and U13's
- Sunday 3rd June (pm) - U7's boys, U12's Girls and U14's Girls
- Saturday 9th June - Seniors (Including Youth, as a combined competition)

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One of the major difficulties a manager has to contend with is finding a referee if the league has failed to nominate one for a fixture. It is our intention as a club this year to try to eliminate this problem. To this end our head Coach Martin Pulford has found the details of a suitable referees course which will commence on Sunday 8th October at Oakfield Club on Bilton Road Rugby.

If you are keen to lighten your managers workload or are just interested in taking the course, please place your name on the forum thread on [www.brinklowfc.co.uk](http://www.brinklowfc.co.uk) or alternatively contact Martin directly using the contact details on the website.

### Presentation Night!!

**Seniors & Youth - 7pm  
 Saturday 9th June 2007 at  
 The White Lion, Brinklow.**

**Juniors - Sunday 17th June  
 2007 at Brownsover Hall,  
 Rugby.**

**Juniors Times:-**  
 4pm - u12girls, u13, u14, Micros  
 5.30pm - u7, u8, u10girls, u14girls  
 7pm - u9, u10, u11, u12, u15



.....Seniors report continued from Page 17

Brinklow found themselves two down midway through the second half and even though many more chances were created, could only manage a Justin Neal consolation in the final period.

**Bedworth Ex Res 2      Brinklow 6**  
Richard Nelmes 3  
Justin Neal  
Scott Vallance  
Chris Gray

After dominating the opening exchanges and playing "carpet football" it was no surprise that Brinklow took an early two goal lead by way of a deft chip from Richard Nelmes and a bullet shot from Justin Neal. Bedworth Ex then took advantage of a little complacency within the Brinklow defence to reduce the arrears; however a Nelmes free kick from 25 yards restored the two goal advantage. With five minutes remaining of the half Brinklow scored the best goal of the game when a quick free kick on the half way line, followed by a six man move, ended with Scott Vallance tapping home from 3 yards. Bedworth Ex plugged away however to again reduce the deficit in a very similar manner to their first.

The second half continued in the same vein with teenager Nelmes completing his hat trick and Chris Gray ghosting in to head home for a very convincing victory.

**Forthcoming Fixtures**

Sat 12th May	Home v Witherley Res	League
Sat 19th May	Away v Cov Uni Res	League

**Paul Huddleston**

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JJ: - "Trashing my dad's scooter!"

Glasgo: - "Ginge and John on the granny mobiles, and after the BBQ on Sat night!"

Rich: - "Goin swimming was da best cus most da lads were 2geva avin fun times on da slides n rapids!"

Alex: - "When we playd mini golf and dale was hitin it everywhere off the course and all sorts. He then put a serious face on and sed rite i am goin 2 play properly. He hit it and it ended up agen goin off the course and dwn the riva and with dale chasin afta it to stop it goin in it. I made so funy!"

Jack: - "My best part of the tour was when my dad knocked the arsenal fan off the stool with his mobility scooter and took him nearly to the TV screen!!!"



u14's & families at Center Parcs

Dale:- "The wild rapids just completed the fun! What a weekend!"

**Neil Huddleston**



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## Brinklow 0 Coundon 2

This was a good match, two early goals from Coundon due to our disorganisation was enough to win it for them. With lots of positives for the coaches to work with in the next matches.

## Brinklow 2 Southam 2

A much better performance, more organised. We went into half time 2:0 up thanks to two good strikes from Finley Troup. In the second half we gave some squad players a run out and we ended up drawing 2:2 with the last kick of the game. This was a good performance by the fringe players in the second half.

## Brinklow 0 Leamington Hibs 1

An end of day match with both teams hot and tired. The game was end-to-end with some good football played, separated by one goal in the last two minutes of the game.

Well done to all the lads for playing on a very hot day and thank you to the parents for their continuing support.

**Gavin Brigg**

## Lutterworth U6's v Brinklow Micro's

For the Micro's first away fixture, the excellent support from families and friends continued as a large convoy of cars travelled across the border to Lutterworth. Both Brinklow and Lutterworth were able to field 2 teams so we were able to get most of the players in the U6's squad to play a part in the 2 games.

Team 1 - Harry Keble. Oliver Craig. Danny Bull. Fintan Hanley. James Dean Sawbridge. Mason Harris. Finley Troop. Riley Davoile. Bradley West.

For the first match Brinklow lined up against possibly the stronger of the 2 Lutterworth teams but from the kick off the micro's immediately showed they had worked hard in training and showed a formation to the team that continued through the match. After only a couple of minutes Fintan crossed the ball into the box and hit the goal side netting. After a very promising start for Brinklow, Lutterworth did push forward and pressured the Micro's goal forcing Harry to make a save which rebounded back to the home team who then lifted the ball over the keeper and defence to make the score 1.0. Although disappointed Brinklow picked themselves back up and went back at Lutterworth. Oliver and Danny showed a strong defensive partnership and worked well covering each other. From defence the ball was passed through to midfield where James, Fintan and Mason battled it out. Soon Finley got through and was unlucky not to score with a cracking shot on goal which forced a good save from the Lutterworth keeper and even Bradley was quick on the mark to get a shot in off the rebound which forced another save. At one nil down at half time the match was very much up for the taking.

Soon after the break the Micro's were awarded their opportunity and Finley slotted in a perfect penalty. The celebrations were somewhat short lived as Lutterworth soon after scored a second goal from a corner when they found themselves unmarked in the Brinklow box. Final score 2.1 but the Brinklow team really did show vast improvement and could well have won the game by a couple of goals.

Team 2 - Owen Temple. Ryan Godson. Joe Cooper. Mathew Littler. Zac Brigg. Jake Nicholson. Daniel Ridges. Lewis Timms. Harrison Jenkins. Jack Burrows.

The second match kicked off in much the same positive fashion with the Brinklow players all showing that they had been learning in training. Brinklow's goal was under pressure quickly but Owen

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## Four Wins From Five As Brinklow Dominate Again.

**Brinklow 1 Cherry Tree 0** (Major Boyd Carpenter Cup Semi-Final)  
Justin Neal

An end to end encounter saw a vital penalty save within the first 15 minutes of the game by Brinklow Keeper Dale Huddleston and a fine Justin Neal header find the back of the net midway through the second half to book the Cup Final date.

**Hillmorton 0 Brinklow 4**  
Luke Kennedy  
Chris Gray  
Andy Mayne  
Justin Neal

Both sides started this game in a sprightly fashion, creating several chances within the first period. Hillmorton fired high and wide on a couple of occasions before blasting straight at Dale Huddleston in the Brinklow goal. Justin Neal and Chris Gray brought fine saves out of the Hillmorton keeper before Luke Kennedy rose to nod into an empty net for a 1-0 half time advantage.

In the second half Brinklow took the game by the scruff of the neck with Gray's free kick somehow finding the back of the net and substitute Andy Mayne being put through to slot home. Hillmorton didn't give up though, hitting on the break but only managing long range shots, one skimming the post with the keeper beaten. In the final period Brinklow scored the best goal of the game with a reverse pass from Gray finding Dave Anderson who in turn slotted through to Neal to skip round the keeper and fire into an empty net.

**AEI Rugby Res 1 Brinklow 3**  
Scott Vallance  
Chris Gray  
Justin Neal

A Scott Vallance goal within 46 seconds without the opposition touching the ball was followed up by a Chris Gray strike to give Brinklow a 2-1 half time lead.

The second half again saw Brinklow produce a stunning display of football culminating in a Mark Bird through ball being picked up by Justin Neal to beat three defenders and slot past the keeper for a comfortable victory.

**Christ the King III 2 Brinklow 1**  
Justin Neal

A very depleted squad, due to injury and fishing, saw Brinklow travel with the bare 11 but give a good performance on the day. Having missed several guilt edged chances in the first half

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## LEAGUE TABLE ON 3rd May 2007

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
STOCKTON RES	20	13	3	4	75	33	42
POTTERS GRN RES	21	13	3	5	46	55	42
PR SPORTING GNP	22	13	2	7	57	50	41
CHRIST THE KING III	21	10	4	7	44	39	34
WITHERLEY RES	16	9	2	5	33	23	29
<b>BRINKLOW</b>	20	8	3	9	54	46	27
COUNDON CT RES	19	7	3	9	44	48	24
COV UNI RES	15	8	2	5	39	24	23
BULKINGTON RES	22	5	8	9	34	46	23
AEI RUGBY RES	21	4	5	12	38	59	17
BED EX SERV RES	19	5	1	13	31	50	16
HILLMORTON	20	4	2	14	30	52	11

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Despite the poor weather causing fixtures to be cancelled the team selections have been managed to ensure that every player had their fair share of match selections. Last year we gained 20 points from 24 games (0.83 points per game) and won 5, drew 5. This year so far we have gained 35 points from 28 games (1.25 points per game) and won 10, drawn 5. In addition, our 62 league goals make us the third highest scoring team in our division.

This has been our fourth and final season of mini soccer and it is pleasing to see that from our current squad of 14 players 7 have been with the Club for all four of those seasons. Along the way they have been joined by new faces but all have made a contribution and virtually all have scored a goal whilst wearing Brinklow colours.

Those Yellow and Blue colours were provided, when we were Under 7s, by Faye from Sposa Bridalwear to whom we are grateful for her support. Although we have replaced socks and shorts, the shirts still look good and now fit! Could they last for another season?? Contrast the kit from our early Sponsor's publicity photo with the recent team shot from the Coventry Jaguar match to see how good the kit still looks. Also see how some of the original players have changed over the years.

The last four years have seen improvements in our game - we now beat teams that used to beat us. All of the players have developed their skills and understanding of the game and they have all been a pleasure to work with and we wish them continued success in the future.

#### The Future

Assuming that there are enough players for the team to continue into next season then training and friendly matches will take place across the summer to introduce the players to the bigger pitch and goals, the offside rule and the arrival of independent referees. The game will progress to its next level and this year's policy of fair rotation will start to give way to players earning team selection based on performance in training and matches.

As the game progresses so to do the demands made on the Management Team. Whilst it has been an honour and pleasure to manage this team for the last four years, off pitch events of the current season have brought me to the conclusion that it is time for me to take a slight step back into an assistant role and allow someone else to take on the team management. I hope that players and parents will now work with the new manager to ensure our current success and progression continues. Best regards

**Gordon Betts**

*Q: What does James Beattie do after Everton beat Liverpool?*

*A: Turn off the Playstation!*

*Q: What's the difference between an Everton fan and a supermarket trolley?*

*A: The trolley has a mind of it's own.*



## U7's TEAM NEWS

Well done to all the lads who took part in The Kenilworth Tournament. All of you worked hard resulting in reaching the final in our 1st Tournament of the season. The day didn't start off too well with the news that our regular goalkeeper was stranded in Stratford without his kit!!! A quick decision was made to rotate goalie duties between 3 of the lads. The first match was against Southam Utd where I feel we had the better of the play in a 0-0 draw. Match number 2, everything clicked as we beat Hinkley Utd Swifts 4-0 with goals from Liam (2) Rhys and Teddy. Match number 3 Hooray our Goalie arrives just in time for us to beat Kenilworth Jnrs 3-0 with a hat trick from Liam. Match 4 against Wellesbourne, who at that stage were undefeated league leaders - well not anymore as we beat them 3-0 with goals from Jessie (2) and Liam. Match 5 against Kenilworth Wardens Lions was a rout with another Hat Trick from Liam, Rhys(2)Jessie(2)and Ben, Resulting in an 8-0 scoreline with Liam's 3rd coming from a finely placed header unusual at this age group to say the least.

On to the semi-finals, after topping our group we were to face Norton Lindsey, things started off well with us taking the lead through Jessie but then the signs of tiredness began to set in (had we peaked too early?) and we conceded an equaliser. On to extra time and up pops Liam with the winner, thank god no penalties! Final - Brinklow v Southam Utd, I admit to feeling fairly confident about this one after our earlier showing against them, but it was not to be as we appeared very tired and jaded and couldnt raise our game one more time after all our previous exertions the tanks were empty. We lost 3-0 but this doesn't matter, after showing amazing skill and ability all day, myself and Ian were so proud of everyone of you and it felt like a victory after beating some of the best teams in the area. Roll on the Southam Utd Tournament in 2 weeks where revenge could be on the cards.



*Brinklow u7's - Kenilworth Wardens Runners up*

**Mark Troughton**

Brinklow Eagles at the Kenilworth Wardens Six a side. I would just like to say how proud you should all be regarding our FIRST tournament on Sunday. As a team we showed great spirit, some good football, great defending and tackling only lacking a positive result. Our achievements should not be underestimated as we lost to two of the semi finalists two nil, and two other matches narrowly 1-0. It cannot be overlooked that these were very good teams that we were playing. The boys will learn from this and that will make them a better team, it was a new environment, lots of people, lots of good teams 5 games in quick succession. From Sunday we have some things that we will be working on. such as clearing or lines and not being as polite ! (parents please encourage them to play like the do at training and with their brothers and sisters. le no quarter asked or given!) Everybody played with a smile on their faces, were a sporting example gave 100%, we could not ask for more. Just a quick mention for Hemel and George who played their hearts out and exemplified everything good about our club. The eagles will be soaring again soon!

**Adrian Barratt**

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# U8's TEAM NEWS

Our first season is over and its been a memorable one for various reasons and one of many firsts:-

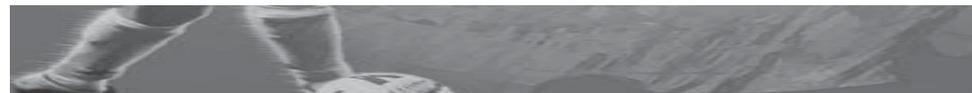
- The boys first ever competitive league match.
- Way back in September I remember walking onto the field at Cov Jags ground and everyone turned to look at us, Why? because we looked the bees knees in the new rain jackets. Not the result we wanted from the opening game but we were off and running and had the next 23 league games to look forward too.
- The boys first league win. First league goal. First clean sheet. Second league game was away to Leamington Hibs and the boys trounced the home team leaving Newbold Common with a 6-0 win. Alex Day getting our first league goal and Charlie Munro's first clean sheet.
- Our first home game. This didn't happen until October when Ernsford Dynamos visited but left with nothing. a 4-1 win.
- Our first comeback. Trailing to Chapelfield Colts 1-0 at the break we gained the initiative in the second half and two Morgan Pulford goals secured the win.
- Our first cup game. A dreadful draw in the cup pitched us against one of the two top sides in our league AT7. Soundly beaten 4-0.
- Our first Drawn match. This came against our old rivals Christ The King with a marvelous game ending 3-3.
- Our first Hat-trick. Morgan was again on target netting the first hat-trick (4 in all) of the season vs Caludon Yth in November.
- Our first Nap! Our First double. Joe Tresadern went nap (5) against Whitley in a 7-2 victory and our first double over a team.
- First reversed fixture. Having travelled all the way to Coundon to play CTK to find their pitch unplayable they agreed to come straight over to the Revel to get the game on, we won 1-0. Two more games in the season were switched to our home pitch both proving fruitfull resulting in wins vs Caludon Yth and Chapelfield Colts.
- First penalty save. The Alvis striker didn't stand a chance. Charlie diving to his right to catch the ball, quality.
- Our first home loss. It took until 17th March for us to lose at home, to top of the table AT7.
- Our first Mid-week match. First Free-kick goal. We visited Ernsford Dynamos for a 6.15pm Kick Off and a quality display earned a 7-0 win. Morgan blasting in a free kick at last!
- Our first game at the home of Brinklow FC, Barr Lane. Chapelfield Colts was our opposition who gave us a good game but left with no points.
- Our first goal from a corner. The last game of the season and we finally score from a corner. Jake Hope coming up with the goods and diverting the ball into the goal.

**Congratulations!!**  
Congratulations Penny, Craig  
and Ben on the arrival of Jamie  
from all the U8's.

Well what can I say? What a first season! What a start to the football careers of the boys. Thankyou to Andy Hunt for hios help and encouragement throughout the season. Thankyou to Pete Day for reffing so many of our games. Thankyou to Stu Hope for running the line throughout the season. Thankyou to Teapot Taffy for keeping us warm.

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Daniel Pfadenhauer	2
Griff Griffith	1
Ben Cross	1
Own Goals	2

## Looking Ahead

We have played 28 of our 30 league matches and are currently 10th from 16 in the league. Depending on how remaining matches turn out we could finish anywhere between 8th and 13th - most probably we will be 10th or 11th. Our two remaining games are:

- AT7 Away. To be scheduled.
- Ernesford Dynamos Away on 6th May

We are entered into the following tournaments:

- Admirals 12th May
- Brinklow 2nd June

For the Brinklow tournament we will be facing teams from Admirals, Coventry Jaguar, Pro Santos and Firefighters. We know that we can compete in this company and so we will be looking to finish on a winning note.

As we approach the end of this season we come to the end of our adventures in mini soccer. It will shortly be good bye to Samba Goals and hello to the offside rule. In order for the team to continue into eleven-a-side football it is important that we have a squad of 13/14 players but as yet there has been minimal response to the request in last month's **ON THE BRINK** for early indications of players' intentions for next season. So if you want to carry on playing in Yellow and Blue make sure you let the Management Team know.

## Looking Back

Our objectives for this year were to:

- Rotate the team selection so that all players had the same number of match selections (pro-rata for those that joined mid season), and
- Improve on last season's performance.

Both of these objectives have been met.

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Brinklow Under 7s (2003/4) show off their new kit sponsored by Sposa Bridalwear



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beyond our reach when a shot bobbed into the net.

The final score represented a well deserved win for Coventry Jaguar but it was not all one sided as Brinklow did have opportunities but just needed better finishing.

Overall a great game to end our mini soccer matches at St Margaret's. The pitch was in great condition, freshly cut and marked and allowed both teams to play to their best. Our thanks to the school for the use of their excellent pitch over the last four years. Thanks also to the supporters who made the trip to Wolston to cheer us on, and especially to Neil Huddlestone for helping to assemble a Samba goal whilst on crutches.

#### **Christ The King 3 Brinklow 4**

Brinklow took on Christ The King on the back of a tough game earlier in the weekend but showed no signs of tiredness and soon established themselves in control of the game. Continuous pressure from defence all the way through to attacks on CTK's goal was rewarded with a goal from Ryan Payne to give Brinklow the lead. This was followed by an excellent volley by George Lowe from just inside the CTK half that went over the defence and into the top of the CTK goal. Having gone two goals ahead we eased off and let the home side back into the game with a goal. Just before half time an unlucky bounce resulted in a handball and penalty that Christ The King converted to even the score.

Further goals followed in the second half for both teams but it was Brinklow who took more of the possession and had more chances on goal culminating in goals for Arron Girling and Ryan Payne to produce a final score of 3:4 in favour of Brinklow. Another very good match between teams keen to finish the season with wins. Player of the day was awarded to Ryan Payne for his brace of goals.

#### **Athletic United 2 Brinklow 1**

A game against another inform team brought out an excellent performance from the Brinklow Under 10s as we matched, and at times, stretched the Athletic team. The first half ended goalless and the home side knew that this Brinklow performance was stronger than at our meeting earlier in the season.

Athletic came out determinedly for the start of the second half and almost immediately scored from a strong attack on goal. Continued pressure from Athletic brought them a second goal from a goal line cross and head in that any Premiership side would be proud of. Two goals down and with ten minutes to play we changed our line up, leaving Robert Betts as the sole defender so that we could push more players into attack. The change worked and Brinklow got a goal back from Callum Thorn. Unfortunately there was just not enough time for an equalizer.

A great game against a strong team saw us play excellent football. Player of the day went to Robert Betts who did not put a foot wrong in defence.

#### **Goal scorers this season**

Daniel Westhead	19
William Naul	17 + 1 in the Cup
George Lowe	6
Callum Thorn	5
Sean Dowsing	4
Arron Girling	3
Ryan Payne	3

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#### **Season Review**

Both teams completed their respective league programmes on Sunday 29th April. Reds at home, Greens away. The progression both teams have made this year has been marvellous. Green team lead their league for much of the season only to slip outside the promotional spots with three games to go. The Red team came tantalizing close to reaching the cup final, our semi final was classed as the final due to the way the draw worked. It wasn't for the want of trying. We threw everything at Colts that day, just would not go in.

Not only did we both teams come closed to winning silverware, more importantly both teams are filled with a great bunch of boys, great team spirit, plenty of laughs and the parents aren't too bad either, especially our Russian Linesman!

#### **Training**

Our training will continue on our usual night, Thursday now at our summer site - Barr Lane. Our last training session will be 5th July, we will probably re-start on 9th August but will confirm nearer the time.

#### **Summer Six-a-Sides**

Some important Dates for your diaries,

May 13th Sunday AM – Admirals Tournament, will be 9am meet

June 2nd Saturday AM – Brinklow Tournament, will be 9am meet

June 23rd Saturday – Lillington Rangers Tournament (Warwick), Time to be confirmed

July 7th Saturday – Christ the King Tournament, Time to be confirmed

We will finish for the summer break after the Christ the King Tournament

During the tournaments remember to pack some sun block (well I can hope can't I). Tournament cost will be £3.00 per player

#### **New Kit / Sponsors**

We will be purchasing a new kit during the summer break, some of the shorts on the Red team are starting to look like hot pants, maybe that's what's been putting the other teams off. In the Red team virtually all of the players have long hair and the shorts look like they come from the seventies!

Serious for a moment - we need to raise between £500-£600 for a full kit. We currently have raised £200 towards the new kit. If parents can have discussion with their employers, or if they are self employed how about making a contribution towards the new kit, in return we will place logo's on our shirts - Front chest, Rear top, Rear bottom and Sleeves. We will also place logo's on our annual calendar too. If you are interested in sponsoring all or part of the team please contact either Will or myself.

[www.brinklowfc.co.uk](http://www.brinklowfc.co.uk) - Don't forget you can see all info about your club, click onto the forum link for all the latest news about each age group.

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## U10's TEAM NEWS

Played: 28 Won: 10 Drawn: 5 Lost: 13 For: 63 Against: 68 Points: 35

Our final mini soccer season is drawing to a close and so I write this edition of **ON THE BRINK** with a hint of sadness. Another busy month. Five games, one win and one draw. Not as strong as the previous run of form but our mid table position looks to be consolidated.

### Firefighters 4 Brinklow 0

Having won two games the previous weekend Brinklow took on Firefighters and hoped to carry on their winning streak. For the first 10 to 15 minutes both teams had opportunities as they tried to find the measure of each other but then the home team took control and fired home three goals in quick succession.

The second half saw Firefighters continue to dominate and score a fourth goal. William Naul came close for Brinklow on several occasions but was effectively marked out by the Firefighters' defence. Brinklow had good opportunities during the final five minutes but never looked like beating the Firefighters' goal keeper who made some good saves.

The final result was a well deserved win for Firefighters and a reminder to Brinklow to keep focussed and maintain positions. Player of the day was Callum Thorn who played with determination in defence.

### Mount Nod 1 Brinklow 1

No report on this game but those who were there know what happened. Brinklow's goal from William Naul. Player of the day was awarded to the whole team.

### Brinklow 0 Coventry Jaguar 3

Brinklow under 10s played their final mini soccer home game at Wolston St Margaret's School against Coventry Jaguar. The visitors were the in form team of the league and were on schedule for a top three, if not top two, finish for the season. Previous matches against Coventry Jaguar have always been great occasions

and this game held good promise. The first 15 minutes were very even with both teams having opportunities but being unable to finish, until a blistering shot from Coventry Jaguar beat the outstretched hand of Daniel Pfadenhauer in the Brinklow goal and put the visitors ahead. A second goal before half time gave Coventry Jaguar a strong position to start the second half and they came out looking for more goals. Brinklow made some good runs from defensive positions and came close on several occasions but were unable to get past the Coventry Jaguar goal keeper. Catching Brinklow on a break the visitors were able to put the game



*Brinklow and Coventry Jaguar line up before the start of the final match at Wolston St Margaret's*

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## U14's TEAM NEWS

### U14's End of season

The Under 14's have now completed all their league games at Under 14's level and with the early finish this allows us to concentrate on upcoming 6-a-side competitions. We have entered the Admirals tournament taking place this weekend on Saturday afternoon, and also our own which is Friday 1st June, 6pm start time. As well as these 2 tournaments I will be looking to enter 2 other tournaments at equally spaced weeks over the summer, and all competitions we enter we will be putting in 2 teams to allow all players and guests to feature in all these events.

***It is important that we can have good commitment to attend 6 a sides as entering 2 teams in all we need 14 players available for these.***

Presentation will this year be held at Brownsover Hall in Rugby on Sun 17th June, 4pm start for the under 14's session.

### U14's Tour - Center Parcs (Elvedon Forrest)

The under 14's have just returned from their end of season tour with a difference, the difference being there was no competitive footie played, and instead we enjoyed a vast amount of all



*Mrs Glasgo cheating again!*



*We did do lots of sport, honest!*

other activities including Golf, Swimming, Ten Pin Bowling, Snooker, Badminton and racing around as fast as they were able on Mountain Bikes.

Many thanks to Paul and Jackie for arranging this, and by far, in many ways, this proved to be the most enjoyable of all the tours we have done.

Quotes from the weekend:-

Ginge: - *"My highlight was when watching the Arsenal v Chelsea game, John decided to offer an enthusiastic Arsenal fan the chance to see the game at a closer angle by shunting him in the back of his bar stool with his mobility scooter and knocking him and his stool 4-6 feet closer to the screen!!!"*

Paul Wilby: - *"If Carlsberg made football tours....."*

Matty: - *"Dale chasing after his golf ball down the hill after he hit it out of the adventure golf made me laugh!"*



*I've never seen Ginge move so quick!*

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## U11's TEAM NEWS

Under 11s League Season 2006/07

### League Results:

Brinklow 0 : 4 Chapelfields Colts  
Mount Nod 5 : 1 Brinklow  
Bedworth Eagles 2 : 1 Brinklow  
Brinklow 0 : 2 Rugby Town  
Brinklow 2 : 1 AT7 Youth  
Christ the King 1 : 2 Brinklow  
London Road 2 : 2 Brinklow  
Rugby Town 3 : 0 Brinklow  
Chapelfields Colts 3 : 1 Brinklow  
Brinklow 2 : 2 Cov Sphinx  
AT7 Youth 1 : 2 Brinklow  
Brinklow 1 : 2 London Road  
Cov Sphinx 2 : 0 Brinklow  
Brinklow 2 : 3 Christ the King  
Brinklow 1 : 1 Bedworth Eagles  
Brinklow 1 : 3 Mount Nod

### Goalscorers Chart:

Connor Molloy	5
Thomas Lovegrove	3
Lloyd Pulford	2
Thomas Ridding	2
Ryan Wareham	2
Thomas Barnes	1
Joe Burton	1
Jack Perdue	1
Joshua Smith	1
Jack Tipper	1

### Managers End of Season Report

Our first season in 11-a-side as predicted has been a tough one, but one thing is for certain the boys can enjoy the close season knowing that they have gained the reputation for being a very competitive, resilient side. As I write this report we still do not know where we will finish in the division, however the results above show that the vast majority of our games have been extremely close and we hope we are able to pit our wits against the big guns in the "A" Division again next season.

Our team, has been for the most part, a tenacious, work-man-like defensive unit, with counter-attacking qualities, and Richard and myself have continually battled throughout the season to instill belief in the boys to trust their own abilities and express themselves a little more, and this has been gradually realised by the boys as the season has progressed.

We are absolutely delighted with the way the whole team have adapted to 11-a-side and have been extremely pleased with every player's contribution and improvement. This season was all about laying solid foundations to build from for next season and that has most certainly been achieved. I have continually swapped and changed players positions to find the right balance and that has also been achieved with us also creating flexibility in our ranks. As with all sides we found it extremely difficult to generate any continuity and momentum due to the constant weather postponements and free weeks caused by the odd number of teams in our division, however the teams performances against Cov Sphinx, Bedworth Eagles, CTK and Mount Nod will live long in the memory.

As always with our age group it has been a roller-coaster of a journey, with highs, lows, smiles and tears, but one thing is for sure it has been enjoyable, and as always Rich, the parents and especially the players have been dedicated, committed and well "Simply the Best!"

Well Done to all, and Thankyou.

**Martin Pulford**

PS - All of our thoughts are with Anthony Molloy and his family, see you all soon.

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showed real improvement in goal with some good saves with his hands and then kicking the ball well up field from goal kicks for his team mates to use. In defence, Joe really impressed and looked alert and in total control clearing and tackling all game. The micro's all battled it out well together for the first half and finally Harrison made a break which forced a save from the Lutterworth keeper. With no score at half time a couple of changes to the team allowed a couple of new players to join the action. It was not long before Joe made another clearance from the Brinklow penalty area and passed to Ryan in midfield who took the ball past a couple of players before passing through to Jack who turned and broke away on goal to slot in a great shot to make it 0.1 to Brinklow. Back in midfield , Jake showed determination to chase back and finally get his man. The team then went from strength to strength and Jack scored a second with a cracking shot into the top of the net. Jack's debut only got better scoring a total of 5 goals. Lewis, also on his debut got on the score sheet and with the final score 0.6 to Brinklow celebrations were finally in order. With all the goals it was just as important to mention Owen again who showed credit to the team, keeping a clean sheet.

Even with the different score lines , both teams really pleased the coaches and by combining the strengths of both teams the Micro's surely have a very positive future as they develop as a squad.

All the coaching staff will be really pleased with the results and efforts shown by the players. Thanks also to Lutterworth for the friendly welcome.

**Scott Craig**

*Q: How do you define 144 Chelsea fans?  
A: Gross Stupidity*



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Thankyou to the you, (parents) for your continued support and dedication. You have made things easy for me.

Thankyou to Shelley for putting up with me when we lose.

Thankyou to all the boys for being so special. I'm very, very proud of you all.

Thankyou and well done to Dom for all his efforts and support.

Thankyou to Palace Improvements for sponsoring the kit.

Thankyou to Allen's Ice Creams for sponsoring the rain jackets.

Thankyou to The Frog Squad for sponsoring the U8's six a side at Brinklow.

Blue team - Congratulations on your first season in league football. Early in the season results went well but on many occasions you were not getting your just deserts for the football you were playing. Even when the results went against you the enthusiasm in training was second to none and you kept battling on. Losing your first choice goalie didn't help matters but slowly the results changed into your favour. What if the season was just starting?

As we said from day one, we are building towards an 11-a-side team, things look very rosey from where I stand. Every boy in the U8's section has improved greatly over the season which is our, Dom and myself, aim!

Yellow and Blue Army! - I wonder who our first game is next season?

**Wayne Pulford**



**U12's GIRLS TEAM NEWS**

Firstly a big thankyou to everyone who's been involved this season. For the last few weeks we've been concentrating on some pretty intense training which I'm sure will stand us in good stead for next season. With Liz and Martin taking over next year it's also been an excellent opportunity for them both to be able to get more involved with the training again in readiness for the future. In addition, with the team entering the Coventry League next year, I'm sure the reduced travelling will be a help and assist us with attracting more new players. It's also great to see all the girls including the younger ones training with us now. When you see all the girls together you can certainly see that the girls section is here to stay as part of Brinklow FC.

This is my final contribution to **ON THE BRINK**. I would like to thank everyone associated with the club for helping to create the opportunity for our girls to play football and to all the parents for putting the time in to ensure their girls made it to training etc, especially in the deep mid winter. I would especially like to thank Janine for stepping forward at such a crucial time when we desperately needed coaches to keep things going. I would also like to say a special thank you to Liz and Martin for stepping forward to keep things going for next season. Finally, a huge thank you to all the girls who've played during the last few seasons. It's been an absolute pleasure to train you all and watch you steadily grow into the extremely competent footballers that you all are. Your spirit and positive attitude has always shone through and I'm sure this approach will continue in the coming years. Good luck to each and everyone of you in the future.

**Dave Anderson**

This really is the end of an era. Dave Anderson was heavily involved with the start up of the girls football section for Brinklow Football Club. He has now decided to finish his Manager's career and hand over the reigns to me. On behalf of all the girls that he has brought into the club, and the current U12's girls team I would like to say a big thank you to Dave for everything he has done - it really has been appreciated - and I know we don't thank him enough! A special personal thank you to Dave for training me up for next season's task.

I am really looking forward to being the Manager of this team next season. They really are a great bunch of girls (and the parents aren't too bad either!) and as I look forward to taking the team into a new league next season I am sure I can still count on everyone's commitment and support. Can I further add that I am looking to further strengthen the squad next season so if anyone will be in year 7 or 8 from next September and fancy joining us then just give me a call.

**Liz Clarke**

*David Beckham goes shopping and spots a Thermos flask. 'What's that for ?' he says. 'It's to keep hot things hot and cold things cold,' says the salesman. Beckham buys one and takes it home to show Posh. 'It's to keep hot things hot and cold things cold,' he says. 'You ought to take it to work,' she tells him. So he takes it in to training the following day. 'What've you got there, son?' asks Sir Alex. 'It's to keep hot things hot and cold things cold,' says David. 'That's a good idea,' says the manager. 'What have you got in it?' 'Coffee,' says David. 'And some ice cream.'*



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**Kevin Keegan**

