

BENCHMARK



BENCHMARK RECRUITMENT LTD.

PROVIDERS OF CONTRACT AND PERMANENT STAFF
TO CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS

QUALITY POSITIONS WITH REPUTABLE COMPANIES
VACANCIES THROUGHOUT THE MIDLANDS

7 Orchard Court, Binley Business Park,
Coventry, CV3 2TQ

TEL: 024 7644 6120 Fax: 024 7645 9679

Web: <http://www.benchmarkrecruitment.co.uk>

**The White Lion Inn
Brinklow
01788 832579**



Geoff & Cathy Bedford welcome you to their Traditional Family Inn.

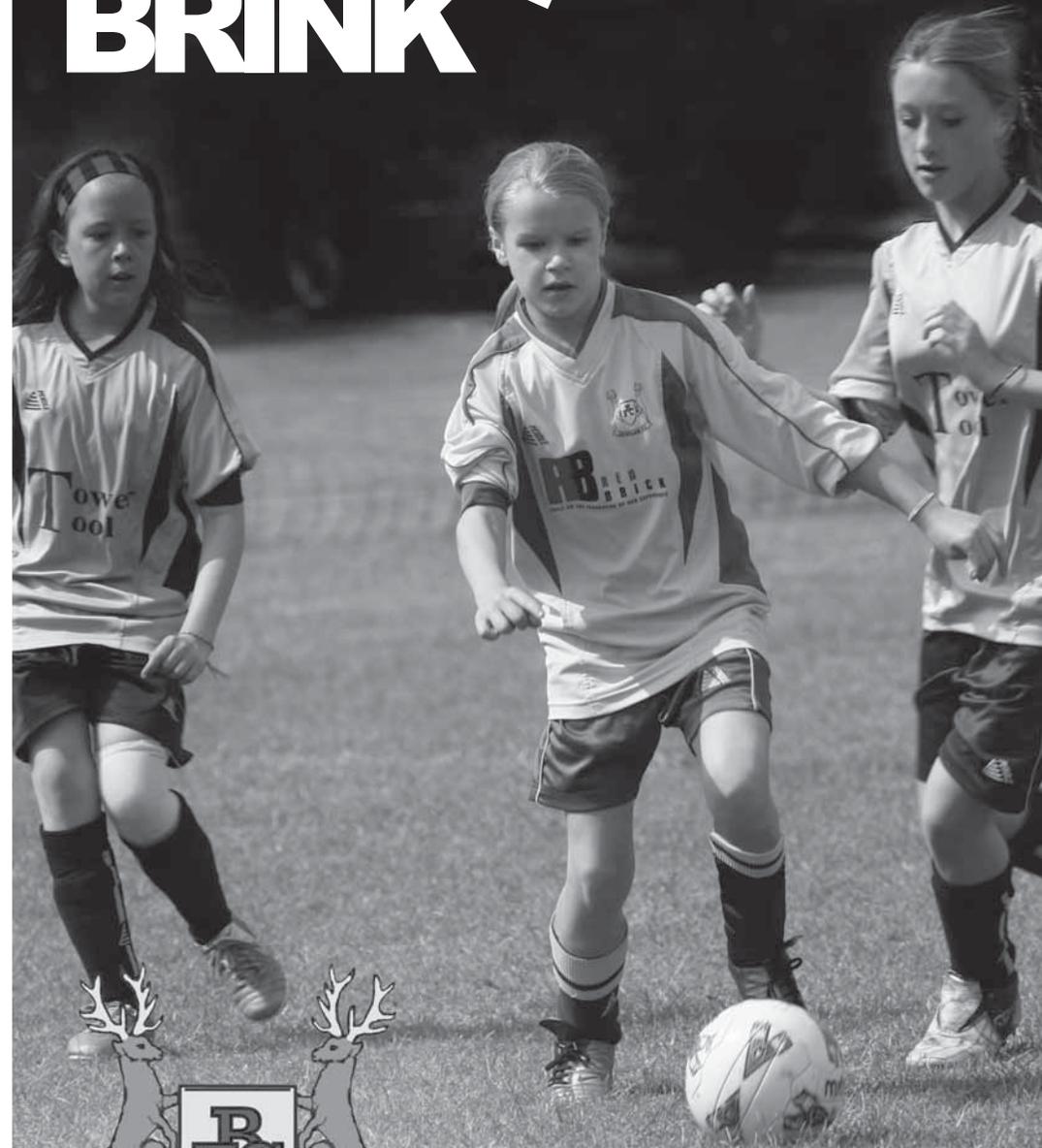
Big Screen TV showing all major events, Games Room,
Bar snacks, Comfortable lounge and Conservatory.
Beer Garden with Childrens Play Area.

En Suite Bed and Breakfast Accomodation

Outside Bar Licensed Caterers.

Setanta TV, Heated Smoking Area, Camping Facilities

ON THE BRINK



May 2008

For the latest news about the club visit our website at:-



www.brinklowfc.co.uk

Keep up to date with the latest news, view photo's
& be first to read **'ON THE BRINK'**

Want to share your views about the club?
or discuss the dodgy ref from latest weeks game?
Then take a look at the clubs forum on the website.

**THE BULLS HEAD
BRINKLOW
RESTAURANT & ACCOMMODATION**

01788 832355

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAYS**

INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS FOR KIDS

GOOD QUALITY FOOD SERVED IN A RELAXED INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE

**PROUD TO SPONSOR BRINKLOW UNDER 11'S
FOOTBALL TEAM**

EDITORIAL



FA CHARTER STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CLUB



CHARTER STANDARD CLUBS

We have had some disappointing news this month from the estate managers at the Revel prison College. Brinklow FC will not be granted the same facilities at the Revel as we have had in the past. Due to an expansion in the use of the college for HMPS staff and events the college can only give a commitment to providing one pitch every week. Security measures that come with the increase in the college's use are also a factor. The estate managers have assured the club that the teams from Brinklow FC have behaved perfectly and there are no issues of misuse etc. The club are now in the process of appointing a member of the committee to review current pitch allocation and investigate what other facilities are available. If you are aware of facilities that we may use to replace the use of the Revel please contact one of the committee as obviously this is a serious problem for the club.

We are still in desperate need of additional help for our 6-a-side for car parking, barbeque etc so if you think you can help please contact Alice Stenger using alistenger@yahoo.co.uk or any one of the committee.

We have had a complain regarding car parking in the doctors bays at the Revel surgery during club activities. Please ensure that the bays are kept clear at all times.

Also please keep an eye on the website over the next few weeks as we finalise details for the presentation night, as a reminder we ask that all players attend the presentation in either there club kit or, if they are on tour, then their tour tops.

And finally as this is the last ON THE BRINK of the season the club would like to congratulate all players and managers associated with the club for their performances over the season and specifically the u8's Blue team who are confirmed winners of the u8's Blue League.

WELL DONE LADS! For those teams still involved in promotion & relegation battles - the best of luck!

Paul Wilby

communications@brinklowfc.co.uk

Raffle Prizes

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



Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2008

Friday 30th May to Sunday 1st June

Friday (Early evening K.O.) - U15's & U16's

Saturday (am K.O.) - U7's & U12's

Saturday (pm K.O.) - U8's & U11's

Sunday (am K.O.) - U9's & U14's

Sunday (pm K.O.) - U10's Boys, U11's Girls, U13's Girls

Presentation Evening!!

The Clubs Presentation Evening Will Take Place at Barr Lane Playing Fields, Brinklow

Presentation for Juniors will be on Saturday 14th June 2008

Time - check website soon for details

(Seniors Presentation TBA)

WANT TO ADVERTISE IN ON THE BRINK?

CONTACT
PAUL WILBY
ON 07760 128221
OR EMAIL
COMMUNICATIONS@
BRINKLOWFC.CO.UK

OUR SERVICES OFFER YOU A 'ONE STOP REFURBISHMENT'

We pride ourselves in offering a quick, efficient professional revamp to any house.

● For your HOME

Painting & Decorating, Laminate flooring
Kitchen Refurbishment, Bathrooms, Tiling
Waste Disposal Supply, Fit and Service
House Clearances
House cleaning ready for re-sale/re-letting
(incl. carpet shampooing)



● For your GARDEN

Clearances, Landscape and design
Decking, Fencing, Pruning
Regular Maintenance

For further information please do not hesitate to call us.

STEVE & LEEANN PHILLIPS
Tel. 024 76728150 Mob. 07944 381826
www. palaceimprovements.co.uk

Supporting
local football

CALIFORNIA CLIFFS (Nr Great Yarmouth)

8 Berth, 2007 Model (Silver) Caravan.
3 Bedrooms (1 Double + 2 Twin)

On Site:

Indoor/Outdoor Pool (with Twisting Flume),
Superb Outdoor Play Area, Crazy Golf,
All Weather Sports Court, Go Karts, Cycle Hire,
Adventure Playground,
Cool-4-Kids Entertainment, Bar, Restaurant,
Darts, Pool Tables, Amusements, Bingo,
Childrens & Adult Cabaret,
Supermarket/Gift Shop,
Fish & Chips, Launderette

Large Discount off
Park Resort Brochure Prices

Information & Booking Contact:
Andy or Sue
on
01788 337322 or 07788 747719

Susan & Molly welcome you to

The Raven

Broad Street, Brinklow
01788 832655

Live Entertainment (Monthly)

Bar Snacks
Big Screen
Live Sport
Pool Table
Darts

Small Parties, Christenings and buffets
Catered for.

BRINKLOW STORES & POST OFFICE

Louise & Paul Thornhill

For all your Post Office needs including:

Motor Tax, Cash Withdrawal, Bill Paying,
Insurance, Holiday Essentials plus lots more.....

Newsagent – Confectioner – Tabacconist –

Off Licence – Greeting Cards – Toys – Ice Cream

23 Broad Street Brinklow

Rugby 832490

CLUB OFFICIALS

President

Mr R Chattaway

Vice Presidents

Mr P Edmunds, Mr T Bramley & Mr M Holt

Committee

Chairman

Richard Farthing

01788 833858 or 07703 065384
email: contactus@brinklowfc.co.uk

Vice Chairman

Tony Glasscoe

01788 833221 or 07768 646647
email: tonyglasscoe@aol.com

Secretary/ Equipment Coordinator

Mick Holt

01788 833051 or 07734 465995
email: secretary@brinklowfc.co.uk

Assistant Secretary

Andy Hunt

01788 535109 or 07966 404337
email: lancuthill@btinternet.com

Treasurer

Gordon Betts

01788 833886 or 07738 861429
email: treasurer@brinklowfc.co.uk

Club Welfare Officer

Neil Huddleston

024 7654 5963 or 07775 524191
email: nhuddleston@tiscali.co.uk

Communications

Paul Wilby

024 7654 3903 or 07760 128221
email: communications@brinklowfc.co.uk

Publicity Officer

Liz Clarke

07917 792217
email: publicity@brinklowfc.co.uk

School Liason Officer

Declan Mellett

024 7654 0727 or 07768 366965
email: declan.mellett@tichsa2.co.uk

Committee

Paul Huddleston

07802 422292
email: paul@flamex.co.uk

Seniors Representative

Martin Pulford

01788 570551 or 07920 865779
email: pulfordmart@aol.com

Committee

Gary Stothard

01788 330151 or 07745 367854
email: j.stothard@onetel.net

Committee

Peter Day

01788 832732 or 07791 856558
email: peterday2@hotmail.co.uk

Other Officials

Photographer

Steve Hyde

07738 609934
email: steve@pmetrics.co.uk

Database Coordinator

Dale Huddleston

07740 782159
email: huddy_ccfc@hotmail.com



Clubman of the Year

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

Because of a colour clash, Blackburn Rovers' players wore white evening dress shirts for their 1890 FA Cup final encounter with the Wednesday.



"My parents have been there for me ever since I was seven."
David Beckham



"Of the ten sendings off, nine have been different players, so it proves we're unlucky."
Keith Stevens



.....Continued from Page 15

Losing a 3-1 lead is probably a bit disappointing but considering the injury list we had last Sunday meant we could only field 9 players this match has to be seen as a real plus. No one could have expected a performance like this & the attitude of the players has to be applauded. Well done, 2 points clear at the top but lots of work still to do.

Report by Paul Wilby

Brinklow 2 Whitley 4

Goals came from: Jake McBride, Jack Farrant

Mount Nod 3 Brinklow 6

Goals came from: Jake McBride (2), Dale Cooper, Jack Farrant, Callum Flaxton, Spence Horne

Neil Huddleston



Visitors to Munich may drive under this amazing display of Oliver Kahn, Germany's goalkeeper of the 2002 World Cup

U16's TEAM NEWS

The Under 16's have only played one match since last month's edition of OTB, unfortunately a lacklustre performance against Kenilworth Colts. At the moment we have four more games to play to complete the season - two against Future Legends and one against Rugby Town & Kenilworth Colts. Although we are in a very small league, it is proving very difficult to play these outstanding four matches and it looks as if we will still be playing in May!!

We also have some six-a-side tournaments booked during the summer, dates and times for these will be communicated nearer the time. Talking of 6-a-sides, I have volunteered the services of the Under 16's parents to help at Brinklow F.C. own 6-a-side competition taking place on Fri 30th, Sat 31st May & Sun 1st June. It is important that all parents of all age groups find some time to support and help at this key event. It only requires an hour or two anytime over the weekend to help with car parking, bbq, selling raffle tickets etc. The 6-a-side is a critical fund raising opportunity for the Club and helps keep the Club's subscriptions at the modest levels they are. Therefore it is crucial that everyone rallies around over this weekend and finds a little time to ensure this event continues to be the success it is. After consultation with the Under 16's parents, we have volunteered our services for BBQ duties on the Saturday morning (31st May) – many thanks for your support.

Another date for the diary is Saturday 14th June 2008, when Presentation Night is taking place. Timings will be confirmed a little nearer the day, but it is taking place this year in a marquee at Barr Lane, Brinklow.

Looking ahead briefly to next season, it is Bob and mine's intention to run a youth team (a combination of under 17's & 18's). We are anticipating putting together a strong squad and are looking to recruit experienced players who will be 16, 17 or 18 years old next season, please give us a call if you know of any that may be available.

That's it for now, it just remains for the squad to keep focused on completing their last four fixtures in the strongest possible way and to perform in every match, to the best of their abilities.

Many thanks
Peter Day



Arnold, the Derby fan is sent to Hell for his sins. There he meets the Devil, who asks him, "How art thou finding the eternal damnation of Hades?" "Not too bad really," says

Arnold. "It's certainly warmer than Derbyshire in February, quite pleasant really" Satan is very upset that anyone should actually enjoy Hell, so he orders his demons to turn down all the heating, until it is so cold that the very air freezes. He then goes to seek out Arnold who is smiling broadly. "What art thou doing?" asks Satan. "Is not the bitter cold chilling thy twisted soul to the bitter core?"

"Yes," admits Arnold, "But I'm still happy, because this weather can only mean one thing: Derby have at last won the Premier League!"

Manager: Peter Day (FA Level 1 Coach) Assistant Manager: Bob Kearney (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 01788 832732 Mobile: 07791 856558 Tel No: 024 7664 3950 Mobile: 07704 663754

U7's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow Lightning – What a first season...

Last September saw the beginning of an exciting season for Brinklow Lightning. A group of young lads, some new, some graduating from the micros but all enthusiastic and ready to go. The team soon settled in to regular Saturday morning training sessions under the watchful and encouraging eyes of coaches, Gavin, Paul and Nino.

Despite the lads enthusiasm, the team lacked some basic skills and understanding of the rules. Regular shouts of "no your playing that way" from the coaches was quiet common! However, through rain and shine the Saturday morning training sessions soon began to pay off, with the lads skills and abilities steadily improving, until Lightning were ready for their first match! Despite the lads hard work and great encouragement from the large number of touchline supporters, they went down to an unfortunate defeat. Rather than let their heads drop, Lightning showed good team spirit, perseverance and left the field having still enjoyed themselves. Over the coming months the results began to improve, despite the winter weather, which proved to be more off putting for the supporters than the lads!

A memorable match was the away fixture with Leamington Hibs, when the rain failed to stop and the search was on to find the pitch underneath the 'lake'! Undeterred by the weather, the lads battled on regardless with little complaint, a determination to win and to have a good time, which they did.

Lately the team has settled in to a routine of training and matches, with the lads now developing and maturing into competent and capable young players. One other change since the start of the season is that the pitches and goals are starting to look smaller, as the lads grow up! The next big step for Lightning will be to prepare for their 'big move' in to the under 8 league.

Well done lads, thanks to the coaches for all their hard work and good luck next season - Come on Lightning!

Report from Richard

Match Report - Cov Sphinx v Brinklow Thunder

A bright, sunny, but very windy morning saw us away at Coventry Sphinx. We arrived to find 3 coaches & many fans waiting to travel to see their Senior team play in the quarter finals of the FA Carlsberg Vase against Kirkham & Wesham. A lucky omen for the Sphinx u7? We would soon see! Captain for the day, Lewis lost the toss but Brinklow attacked from the onset, matched by a more than capable Sphinx side, vastly improved from the last time we played them a few weeks ago. Some great play by Lewis & Jack sent the ball forward & good ball control by Fin kept the ball going in the right direction at first. Brinklow tried their best with some strong tackling but were repeatedly blocked by strong Sphinx players from getting the ball anywhere near the goal. Joe, defending well, pushed the ball back up front but again Sphinx were literally 'on the ball' and Lewis was forced to make a great clearance. Jack, Will & Fin kept the ball up front with some good passing but a great cross from Lewis which Fin tried to head in ended up hitting him full in the face. Moments later a free kick awarded to Sphinx just outside the area resulted in a great 1st goal for Sphinx. 0-1

A disappointed Brinklow lost the ball again moments later which Sphinx jumped on to score their second. 0-2

Brinklow started to fight back & a great run by Will ended with him being brought down. With the ball back in play Fin saw his chance & with a great strike got Brinklow their 1st goal! 1-2
Sphinx looked like scoring again twice but George was more than a match both times with great

Continued on Page 13.....

Manager: Gavin Brigg (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 024 7663 6312 Mob: 07814 430797

Assistant Manager: Scott Craig (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 024 7630 4578 Mob: 07801 023631

Assistant Manager: Paul Hanley
Tel No: 024 7630 5901 Mob: 07971 290978

Assistant Manager: Steve Burroughs (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 024 7630 2306 Mob: 07962 099974

U8's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow Blue Report

Our first season in League football and what a season!!!! We hit the ground running and actually went from Sept till March undefeated.....a fantastic achievement!!!!!! We scored goals in abundance and thanks to excellent defending and quality goalkeeping few were scored past us. Come April 12th and an all or nothing game at our rivals for the title... Eastlands..... after dominating we came away with nothing a 1-0 defeat!!!!!! Heads up and on to the Jag for our last game of the season...a 2-0 win clinching promotion.....not bad!!! But it was about to get better! Rumours started to circulate that Eastlands had lost to Whitley Juniors...a frantic hour was spent on the phone before it was confirmed.....**CHAMPIONS!!** Lads you won this playing great football and with a wonderful team spirit. **WELL DONE!!** you deserve it.

A big thank you to Mark for all his hard work over the last four years, it is much appreciated by the coaches, the players, the parents and Brinklow FC.

Ian Hartevel

No small part of this was down to the fantastic coaching from Ian Hartevel and Richard Moon and the magnificent support the lads received from family and friends. A huge thank you to Ben Judge for his entirely fair and uncontroversial refereeing.

WELL DONE ALL!!!!

The Future????.....Operation Red League!!!

Mark Troughton



Division - Under 8b	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts
1 Brinklow Juniors (Blue)	22	17	2	3	53
2 Eastlands JFC	22	16	3	3	51
3 Mount Nod JFC	20	15	1	4	46
4 Westwood United	22	14	4	4	46
5 Coventry Jag Youth (Blue)	21	10	3	8	33
6 GNP Sports Minor	22	8	4	10	28
7 Leamington Hibernian (colts)	21	7	4	10	25
8 Leamington Brakes	21	8	3	12	27
9 Pinley FC (rovers)	22	6	3	13	21
10 Pro Santos	22	5	6	11	21
11 Christ The King Rovers	22	3	2	17	11
12 Whitley Juniors (Blue)	21	2	5	14	11

Brinklow Green Report

Firstly a big, big congratulations to the u8's blue team on their fantastic season winning the blue league, from Steve, Nick, lads and parents of the green team. **BRILLIANT!!!**

Team: Will Wallace, Haydn Wilson, Theo Deboer, Ben Mully, Ben Sotek, Sahil Thakrar, Sam Wash, ketan Due, George Theobald, Paddie Barratt.

Continued on Page 9.....

Manager (BLUE): Mark Troughton (FA Level 1 Coach) **Manager (GREEN): Steve Wilson (FA Level 1 Coach)**
Mob: 07747 027235 **Tel No: 01788 833646** **Mob: 07949 651181**

Assistant Manager (BLUE): Ian Hartevel (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 024 7645 5852 **Mob: 07764 142775**

U15's TEAM NEWS

With the season nearly at its end, Brinklow under 15's still have 2 games to play, both against Cov Sector, these games will decide whether we finish first, second, or if we were to lose both, we would unfortunately end up in third place.

The season on the whole, has seen many a top class performance from all the players, and this has paid off by being league leaders or close, for a large part of the season.

Special thanks must go to Paul Wilby and Mick Holt, for all the extra work you both have put in this season, this has been much appreciated.

10 Years with Brinklow F.C.

The current U15's have just about completed their 10th year with the club, and there are still a few of the original's players that started when Peter Day, Tony Glasscoe and myself, first started all those years ago. So a special thank you must go to Jamie Huddleston, Matthew Wilby, Tarun Sud and Tommy Hyde for all your commitment to Brinklow, for two thirds of your entire life!

Binley Woods 1 Brinklow 5

Goals came from: Jack Farrant, Jamie Huddleston, Alex Linnell (2), (o.g.)

Brinklow did their position as league leaders no harm with a convincing win against local's Binley Woods. With only 11 players available through injury or illness, it meant a hard battle from the whole team to get what we wanted out of the game.

From the start of the game it was clear the team were up for a win with some excellent play from all areas of the field, and with all the pressure being applied they went in to the break 2-0 up.

Second half we had to start the game with 10 men as a hamstring problem from Striker Jack Farrant meant having to re-shuffle the positions to accommodate, and luckily he decided he wanted to re take his role about 15 minutes in to the half. Ongoing pressure from all allowed us to keep the goals coming, and a fine 'tipped on to the Bar save' from keeper Matty Wilby kept our comfortable lead going. More bad luck was to follow when with 15 minutes to go Shaun McBride suffered a nasty twist to his groin and meant he could not take any further part.

Binley did manage a consolation goal when they found a way through out defence to slot home from about 5 yards out.

Whitley 7 Brinklow 1 (started the game with 9 and ended with 8 Players through injury)

Goal came from: Jake McBride

Christ The King 3 Brinklow 3

Goals came from: Jake McBride (2), Jamie Huddleston

What a game! Played in the right spirit by 2 quality sides. First half we played our socks off, passing, movement, work rate were all excellent & but for some quality defending by CTK & a wonderful point blank save by their keeper we would have gone into the break by more than the single goal. Into the second half & more of the same, Spence was all over the midfield & we were flying. 2-0 before CTK got a goal back to make it 2-1 & then an outstanding 1-1 save by Matty & distribution which eventually found it's way to Jake who smashed the ball into the back of the net from 25yds out. It was at this stage that a couple of knocks & our long injury list began to take it's toll. Credit to CTK, a determination to get back into the match resulted in them deservedly drawing level & we were hanging on a bit at the end. Fortunately we could rely on players like Jack to drop back into midfield & do a job when needed.

Continued on Page 17.....

Manager: Neil Huddleston (FA Level 1 Coach) **Assistant Manager: Paul Wilby (FA Level 1 Coach)**
Tel No: 024 7654 5963 **Mob: 07775 524191** **Tel No: 024 7654 3903** **Mob: 07760 128221**

Assistant Manager: Mick Holt (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 01788 833051 **Mob: 07734 465995**



.....Continued from Page 13

net. 0-3. Minutes later, coming after more great team play, Fin shot the ball between the GK's legs. Half Time – 0-4

The second half saw more solid play from Brinklow but Southam also came back strongly and ensured they had enough players in the box to stop shots from both Will & Oliver. At this point, somehow Southam got loose & made 2 fantastic shots at goal which were well saved by George. Southam never gave up but were matched by great defending again from Oliver, Joe & Lewis. Brinklow scored again when Jack & Charlie raced forward & getting there first, Charlie slammed the ball in the net. 0-5

'Brinklow were great today'

In the last 7 minutes it was all Brinklow with a fantastic 3rd goal from Will 0-6 & then, brilliantly set up by Jamie, a great 4th! 0-7. In the last minutes the boys were still working hard, resulting in a fine pass from Jack to set up Will's 5th! 8-0

Brinklow were great today, the whole team worked hard & showed the development of all the boys over this season, individually and as a team, and just why they have been so hard to beat. M.O.M went to Jack for skilful play (you had to see it to believe the nifty back pass!) and great passing today.

Goals – Will 5, Fin 2, Charlie.

Southam Utd 1 Brinklow Lightning 1

This was a real test of character for this improving Brinklow team after getting out played by a very strong Ambleside team in our last match. After a week's break and two good training sessions this group of lads were ready for their next challenge, which was against a vastly improved Southam team. The game started with some good football being played in the middle of the park with some strong challenges from both teams. There weren't very many chances to score with the first half played very much in the middle of the pitch.

When the second half started Brinklow were flying, passing and moving, listening to instructions and keeping to their positions and the hard work paid off with the ball breaking down the left then squared for Jake Parsons to slot home 1-0. The game then opened up with Southam putting more and more pressure on us but it looked like our day when Southam missed a penalty with 5 mins to go but the pressure was too much with 2 mins left Southam scored 1-1. With the final whistle looming a draw looked a fair result but the lads kept going and created one last effort but it was well saved by the keeper. A fair result and a good match played by two equal teams. A big well done to all the lads and thanks to all our supporters.

Gavin Brigg

In September 1972, Jimmy Hill vacated his position in the commentary box at Highbury, to assume the duties of an injured linesman. With the league match between Arsenal and Liverpool in danger of being abandoned, Hill - who was a qualified referee - stepped in to save the day.



U9's TEAM NEWS

That's it! We've played our final two u9 league games, bringing down the curtain on another enjoyable season which has seen the boys mix it with the best teams in the area. Final Games....

Bedworth Eagles

Away to Bedworth is always a tough fixture, and having your top goalscorer missing made it even more of a tough task, but credit to the boys they were brilliant winning 3-2 and doing the double over them, a reverse of last season. This was one of the most pleasing results of the season in my opinion. Pulf 2, Ollie 1, bagging the goals.

Weddington Thistle

A quick return fixture after our 2-2 draw a couple of weeks earlier. Well, to put it bluntly, a poor end to the season being defeated 3-0 but these games happen and taking the positives out of things, it was our first defeat in the league in 2008, not a bad record!

With our final league standings still unknown all we know is that it is definitely no lower than fifth.

The tour is nearly upon us and several six-a-sides to play in so the season has not quite finished but can we look a little further into the future and to the next season, I am quietly confident we can push on and challenge for the top three at least.

Thankyou to our sponsors, The White Lion and The Frogs Squad for kitting the boys out. Thanks to Andy for his immense encouragement to all. A big Thankyou to the parents for your support and patience throughout the season. And a bigger THANKYOU to the boys for being a such a joy to coach. I still dont think there has been a cross word said between any of them. The way they conduct themselves is absolutely brilliant and I am very proud of everyone of them, they are a special bunch of kids. Well done boys, Yellow and Blue Army!

2008/09 Red League Champs ???

Wayne Pulford

*There was a young player called Kelly
Who couldn't play 'cos of his belly
When he ran on the pitch,
He caused a big ditch,
So he just watches games on the telly.*



Manager (RED): Wayne Pulford (FA Level 1 Coach) Manager (BLUE): Dominic McNaney (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 01788 832778 Mob: 07929 306722 Tel No: 024 7644 4917 Mob: 07707 696386

Assistant Manager (BLUE): Jim McCulloch
Tel No: 01788 833164 Mob: 07766 835870

U10's TEAM NEWS

Important dates for the diary

- Sunday 4th May, 10.30am, Barr Lane - 11 a-side against Rugby team
- Sunday 11th May - 11 a-side against Coventry Sphinx. Venue and time to be confirmed.
- Thursday 15th May - 11 a-side against Hillmorton, 6.30pm at Barr Lane.

Tournaments:

- Brinklow tournament - Sunday 1st June: pm kick-off
- Hillmorton tournament - Saturday 7th June: am kick-off
- Ajax tournament (Warwick) - Saturday 28th June: pm kick-off

Presentation:

Brinklow Presentation Day - Saturday 14th June, venue - Barr Lane - time to be confirmed.

Training night

As previously mentioned, we may have to move training to either a Tuesday or Friday night, please can you let me have feedback to which night you would have preference for

Committee

Brinklow FC are currently looking to recruit new members to its committee. If you can spare a couple of evenings per month and are willing to help to steer and deliver the future of the club, please let me know, not just restricted to parents, brothers or sisters over the age of 18 plus and also any willing grandparents.

Brinklow Tournament

Don't forget - we are looking for volunteers for the Brinklow tournament, car parking, BBQ assistants and programme sellers.

Finally - Will Barnes

After four years of running the green team and general management of the under 10's, Will has decided to step down from his position. The old cliché of 'it only seems like yesterday' springs to mind when Will and I stepped up to take on the running of our team when the then micro's managers kept moaning because our boys kept whipping their posterior's. It's almost five years ago, incredible.

So many memories, lots and lots of good times with lots of boys playing lots of football. You will still see Will about, assisting with training when his hectic schedule will allow.

A big thank-you from myself, the boys and the parents from all sides of the Under 10's.

Declan Mellett

Manager (RED): Declan Mellett (FA Level 1 Coach) Manager (GREEN): Will Barnes (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 024 7654 0727 Mob: 07768 366965 Tel No: 01788 833630 Mob: 07791 144070

.....Continued from Page 5

saves. Back to Brinklow with some great passing, but defended well by Sphinx. Then Charlie, who was certainly on form today, passed the ball forward to Will who crossed to Jack, who narrowly missed the goal. After Will got brought down again (!) a free kick failed to get Brinklow anywhere & moments later the half time whistle was blown.

Brinklow started the second half as they meant to go on (so obviously their half time chat with Scott had worked!) with a great strike from Jack towards goal which was saved by the GK who then slipped & Charlie made the most of a rare mistake by Sphinx to net Brinklow's second! 2-2 A confident Brinklow playing well as a team now pushed the ball forward to Will who scored a cracking goal! 2-3

Will heading for goal again moments later was brought down for the 3rd time just outside the box & Oliver's superbly taken free kick almost found the back of the net but was saved by the GK. After some fantastic defending by Lewis, amazing today, the ball was pushed forward again, but a great strike by Jamie was saved by the GK. Play was then end to end with great tackling & clearing from Oliver, Joe & Lewis. A great run down the wing by Fin & a good cross failed to find the goal again but moments later a fabulous long ball by Oliver at the other end of the pitch was picked up by Jack who scored a great goal! 2-4

Jack & Will both playing well tackled & won the ball several times but each strike was saved by the GK. Then Fin found the back of the net with a great shot to make it 2-5, Back to Sphinx who made a great shot count to score their 3rd. 3-5

Play is end to end to the last second & a tired but happy Brinklow celebrated their win as the whistle blew on a closely fought game.

Sphinx, a relatively new team who we played earlier in the year were fantastic & only our defenders, who were outstanding today stopped them scoring many more goals.

With nominations for Lewis, who played brilliantly & was a great Captain today, & Charlie, a constant presence in midfield, Man of the Match was awarded to Oliver, big & strong who defended so well today.

Report from Jacqui

At 2 nil down Brinklow heads dropped a little but the whole team showed real strength to pick themselves up and fight back to win the match. Brinklow had to play some real good football as a team to earn the win which was really important for the management to see what they are capable of. WELL DONE TO ALL THE LADS.

Report from Scott

Match Report - Brinklow Thunder v Southam Utd

Sunny but very cold & very windy weather greeted us at Southam in another away game for the Thunder team. Brinklow won the toss and started strongly, producing great teamwork. This set the tone for pretty much the whole match in a great display from all players. After very little time, Will produced the first goal after good passing in midfield between Fin & Charlie sent the ball up front. 0-1 Southam fought back but great defending by Joe stopped the ball going anywhere. Southam then had to defend well when Fin found the box twice with great corners. Then an excellent ball from Lewis & more good midfield action sent the ball forward to find Will, on fire today, who scored his second. 0-2 When tested, Lewis & Joe were fantastic in defence making sure Southam didn't threaten. Then after some great play from Oliver & Jamie & an unfortunate fumble from the GK, Fin kicked the ball into the

Continued on Page 14.....

U13's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

We've only managed to play 2 games since the last OTB but what a time it's been. Although the girls lost their cup semi-final vs Leamington Hibs the match is being replayed due to circumstances that I won't put into this report. So, we have another chance – please come and support the girls at Wolston Leisure Centre on Saturday 26th April, K.O. at 11.00 a.m.

The girls are second in the Coventry and District League and with 2 games remaining - Leamington Hibs at home and Alcester away and I'm sure we can maintain that position.

Westwood 0 Brinklow 0

Our first game after the Easter break and it took us a long time to get going. We were 3 squad members short which meant we only had one sub. A good team performance from all the girls today but unfortunately we didn't have many shots on goal. An injury to Adey Thandey meant a change round in positions at half time. Very brave goalkeeping from Alice Clarke kept us in the game.

*Referee's player of the match awarded to Alice Clarke
Manager's player of the match awarded to Bex Wilby*

Brinklow 3 Westwood 0

A tremendous team performance. The first half saw some great football with our left footed demon Georgia Anderson playing like her life depended on it and just not being able to get the ball in the back of the net. However, her time came and a great goal it was on her right foot which broke the deadlock after 23 minutes.

The second half saw us with the wind in our favour and we really stepped up a gear playing some exhibition-style football at times. Adey Thandey increased the lead on 43 minutes and Bethany "Boots" Morrison opened her scoring account with five minutes to go.

*Referee's player of the match awarded to Bex Wilby.
Manager's player of the match - the whole team.*

Thanks to all parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters etc. etc for their continued help and support throughout this season. My appreciation to Martin Baskerville, Paul Wilby, Neil Huddleston, Peter Day and Gordon Betts for their assistance.

Goalscorers Chart

Shelbie Baskerville	8
Chelsea Smith	7
Georgia Anderson	2
Adey Thandey	2
Harriet Lowe	1
Bethany Morrison	1

So, this is the last OTB report of this season. I've enjoyed every minute of my first season managing the U13s girls. They're a credit to themselves, their parents and to Brinklow FC.

What next? Well, we'll be playing in the Admirals (11th May) and Brinklow (1st June) tournaments, attend the presentation night (14th June), continue training throughout the summer (maybe with a short break?), have some friendly matches and come back to do it all again next season and the girls want me to continue with them so that's encouraging.

Liz Clarke

Manager: Liz Clarke
Mob: 07917 792217

Assistant Manager: Martin Baskerville
(FA Level 1 Coach)

.....Continued from Page 6

Results:

Christ The King 2 Brinklow 0

A very good performance by the boys. C.T.K went ahead from a corner which was taken 5 yards up the pitch due to mud in the corner, the ball sailed straight in the net! the lads not realising what was happening. After they went 2-0 down the lads played their best football, but just couldn't find the net. We just need that little bit of luck!!

Hawks Mill 3 Brinklow 0

A last minute change of venue, Hawks Mill ground flooded, so we played the fixture at home. Again the lads played very well against one of the top teams. Again not much luck in front of goal. When will our luck change! We didn't deserve to lose this game 3-0.

Brinklow 2 Firefighters 0

At last a great win, and a very gritty performance. The defence played brilliant keeping the Firefighters at bay. A great corner by Haydn saw the ball end up with Sahil who buried the ball in the bottom corner of the net. 2nd half saw George go on a great run, ending with a pass to Sam who poked the ball home. After all the bad luck in recent weeks it was great to see lady luck shine on our boys! One game to go April 26th home to Coundon Cockrells. GO FOR IT LADS!!

The season for the greens has been excellent. In my mind at the start of the season I set a target of 20 points, they have surpassed that and with a bit more luck in a lot of the games they would have broke the 30 point mark. They are a gritty and determined bunch of lads never giving up! Here's to next season.

WELL DONE BOYS.

Steve Wilson



The 'Fighter Pilot'

Popular with players who do not normally score. Because of this they go completely batty when a goal does manage to scrape in. As you score, extend both arms straight out at right angles to the body. They should now look like 'wings'. Without stopping, turn sharply away from goal & run around your team mates, arms still outstretched IMITATING A FIGHTER PILOT! Yes it's amazingly stupid. One small tip: Do not run too near as serious injury can result.



U11's TEAM NEWS

First and foremost, Frank and I would like to say thank you to all the parents who have supported their child throughout the season. We are overwhelmed with the support we have had and continue to receive, despite facing some difficult circumstances with the team early and late in the season. We would also like to express our thanks to those committee members who supported our battle with the league, to allow Daniela to continue as goal keeper. Sadly one we didn't win. However, Daniela continues to train with the team and will always be regarded as part of the team.

With the clocks going forward with the start of spring, the team have pulled together and shown that they really do have Brinklow written inside them, having only suffered one defeat in the last 5 games. This is a great team effort, keep it up lads and Chloe.

At the beginning of April the team began to settle following the loss of Daniela, with a great performance's from Sean, our new goal keeper, ensuring a 1 all draw between Brinklow and PSA Peugeot. The off side rule caught the team out having 2 goals disallowed, a match I felt sure we should have won. Griff, Chloe and Fayez played extremely well and while this was a good team effort, they caught the admiration of the parents through their gritty determination to play football.

Sadly the teams performance momentarily faulted with a 6-2 defeat against GNP Sport. However, the team bounced back with a fantastic performance against PSA Peugeot, 3-1 to Brinklow. This match saw the defence working hard, with Kieran, the team Captain, successfully controlling the defence, allowing the midfield to feed balls forward to the strikers who finished the job with ease.

More recently at Leamington Hibbs, Brinklow secured a 2 all draw, with an amazing goal from Sean, the goal keeper and George from a penalty. A third goal was disallowed from an indirect free kick. When the referee asked Will, our striker if he had kicked the ball, he replied no. The goal wasn't allowed. After the match his father again asked did he kick the ball, and again he replied no, and added it just touched my knee. It's a privilege to work with a team that's so honest.

At the time of writing, Sunday the 20th April, Brinklow secured a 3-2 win against Christ the King, with a good solid performance from the whole team with goals coming from Ryan, Will and Ben. Again the team went 1 nil down, but truly played with the head high and equalised through balls won in the midfield, well done Callum. The determination from Daniel and Jordon in defence ensured the team went forward at every opportunity.

Frank and I look forward to next year and welcome the addition of Dave Payne and Darren Thorn to the coaching staff, who I am sure, will bring invaluable experience to the team, some 90 years plus!!!

Well done team.

David Lowe



At the end of the day, football means not having to go to Sainsburys on Saturday.

Manager: Moreno Francioso (FA Level 2 Coach)
Tel No: 01788 833267

Coach: David Lowe (FA Level 1 Coach)
Tel No: 01788 832599 Mob: 07881 857759

U12's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 0 Coventry Sphinx Juniors 1 (League)

Leamington Hibs 2 Brinklow 3 (Cup Quarter Final)
Thomas Lovegrove hat trick.

Rugby Town 2 Brinklow 1 (AET) (Semi Final)
Thomas Ridding

Brinklow 1 Rugby Town Juniors 4 (League)
Bradley Hall

The players continue to give everything they have and our performances have been encouraging. Coventry Sphinx were pushed very hard and scored late on in the second half. After a superb hat trick from Thomas Lovegrove we dispatched Hibs out of the Cup to come up against the current Champions and League leaders. The game was very exciting and after full time both sides had failed to score. Thomas Ridding put us in dream land with a cool finish but unfortunately with only 11 fit players we tired and conceded two late goals. Two days later Town visited Barr Lane and unfortunately were just too strong for us after the semi-final exploits.

I would like to thank all of our fantastic supporters who have cheered the players on all season. I felt very proud after the semi-final for the conduct of our supporters and how fairly you treated our opposition. You really help Martin and myself because even when things are tough there is always somebody on hand to smile and say thanks!

Rich Farthing

The 'Slide'

A very simple dance which involves almost no practice. after scoring, run anywhere on the pitch and hurl yourself feet first along the grass.

WARNING! Do not attempt this on an artificial pitch or anywhere near the goalposts.



Manager: Martin Pulford (FA Level 2 Coach)
Tel No: 01788 570551 Mob: 07920 865779

Assistant Manager: Richard Farthing (FA Level 2 Coach)
Tel No: 01788 833858 Mob: 07703 065384

NEIL HUDDLESTONE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS

Custom Built Systems
Upgrades
Repairs
Spyware & Virus Removal

Tel 024 7654 5963
Mob 07775524191

nhuddlestone@tiscali.co.uk

DOMESTIC &
COMMERCIAL
INTRUDER
ALARMS
FIRE SYSTEMS

For skilled,
speedy instal-
lation and
service of the
latest alarm
systems



FOSSE SECURITY

SECURITY LIGHTS

C.C.T.V.

LOCKS & SAFES

FITTED TO B.S.4737

24HR. SERVICE

Call the local
specialist for a free
no-obligation survey

01788

812662

Mobile 0973 311570
premium rate charges apply

1, South View, Sawbridge Road, Grandborough,
Nr. Rugby CV23 8DH

GREAT YARMOUTH

SEA FRONT CARAVAN TO LET ON HAVEN SITE
QUIET LOCATION WITH EXCELLENT VIEWS

GOLD / SUPERIOR - 8 BIRTH - 3 DOUBLE / TWIN BEDROOMS
FULL GAS CENTRAL HEATING - FULLY DOUBLE GLAZED
BEACH SIDE - FULL SEA VIEW

ON SITE -
INDOOR / OUTDOOR SWIMMING / SPLASH POOLS
SUPERB OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS
CRAZY GOLF
2 HAVEN CLUBS WITH LIVE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR ADULTS AND KIDS
BARS/PUBS / RESTUARANTS
POOL / SNOOKER / AMUSEMENT ARCADES
TAKE-AWAYS, BURGER KING
CONVENIENCE STORE
PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE

PLEASANT SEA-FRONT WALK TO PLEASURE BEACH / TOWN
MASSIVE DISCOUNTS OFF HAVEN BROCHURE PRICES

PLEASE NOTE -
EARLY BOOKING IS ADVISED AS DUE TO THE LOCATION AND QUALITY OF THIS
CARAVAN AVAILIBILITY GOES VERY QUICKLY



TELEPHONE

01788 577977

07802 422292

SPONSOR'S PAGE

Brinklow Football club acknowledges and thanks the
following sponsors for their valuable support:

The White Lion, Brinklow
The Wood Glaister Partnership
Red Brick
Sposa Bridalwear
Jeagor
Cwikskip
Nuneaton Precisions Ltd
The Bulls Head
The Training Matrix
Marleens Cards and Crafts
Fish Recruitment Ltd
Fosse Precision Ltd
Palace Improvements
Benchmark Recruitment Ltd
Alans Ice Creams
Nationwide
R&S Aquatics
David Gilkes Removals
Financial Distinction Ltd
Micom Computers
Miles of Tiles
Costa Del Hols
Ecas Services Ltd
e-on
K. Stuart Plastering Services

"It's the only way we can lose, irrespective of the result."
Graham Taylor

