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March 2009

Brinklow Football Club Annual General Meeting

The Brinklow Football Club AGM will
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on Wednesday 17th June 2009 at 8pm

If you are interested in helping with any of the roles within the club then
please give Declan Mellet a ring.

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Dear Parent /Supporter,

The Brinklow FC annual soccer tournament is fast approaching once again. This event is the most important fund raiser of the season for our club and provides a whole weekend of fast and exciting soccer for players, parents and supporters. As you can appreciate there is a huge amount of work to be done both before and during the tournament to make sure things run smoothly, and this is where the committee would like your support.

We urgently need your help, and would ask you to consider where you can help by completing the form on page 2 and returning it ASAP to your team manager or committee member.

We are also looking for raffle prizes so any donations will be gratefully received.

If you think you can help with any of these items please contact Tony Glasscoe, our Tournament Coordinator or any of the committee.

Paul Wilby
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6-a-Side Referees

Rich Farthing will be the head referee for our 6-a-side. He is currently looking for referees to help over the weekend (29th to 31st May). To start he would like anyone interested to give a commitment of just 1 session. The sessions are:-

Friday Evening
Saturday AM
Saturday PM
Sunday AM
Sunday PM

We will supply whistles and stop watches, cards etc.

If you are interested in helping please contact Rich on 07703 065384

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Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2009



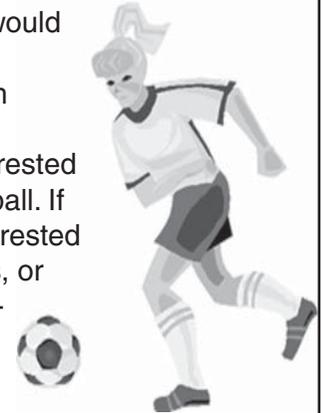
Brinklow Football Club will be staging it's 13th annual six-a-side tournament. The tournament will take place from 29th to 31st May 2009 with different age groups playing on the following days:-
 Friday 29th May (late afternoon K.O.) - U15's and U16's
 Saturday 30th May (am) - U7's and U12's
 Saturday 30th May (pm) - U8's and U11's
 Sunday 31st May (am) - U9's and U14's
 Sunday 31st May (pm) - U10's boys, U12's Girls and U14's Girls

Presentation Evening!! The Clubs Presentation Evening Will Take Place on Saturday 20th June 2009

Start Times for age groups as follows:-
 2.30pm - Micro, u7, u8, u9 & u10
 5.00pm - u11, u12, u14,
 u12 Girls & u14 Girls
 6.45pm - u15, u16, Youth & Seniors

Venue
Barr Lane, Brinklow

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



please contact Liz Clarke on
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GIRLS FOOTBALL

Task	Fri 29 th May		Sat 30 th May		Sun 31 st May	
	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM
General Set up at Barr Lane (Friday afternoon 1pm onwards)						
Car parking						
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Barbeque (cooking and serving)						
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Face painting						
Team Registration & Results Recording						
Tea/Coffee/ Refreshments serving						
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Raffle Prize Donation (we need prizes)						

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MICRO's TEAM NEWS



It's good to be outside at Barr Lane, all a bit restrictive inside at the Alan Higgs Centre.

Justin (Ellis's dad) has stepped forward to help with the reception boys and I am sure you have noticed the numbers for this section is starting to increase. Justin claims it's down to his training skills and his good looks, we are not too sure about either!

Adam (Joe's dad) has also stepped up to assist with the Year one boys therefore allowing us to split the boys into groups of ability and focus more on individual requirements rather than as a large group.

After playing a couple of friendly games, one against Norton Lindsey (their captain hadn't had a shave that morning!) in which all played a part and against the Under 7 BLUE produced good spirited games and showed where Simon and Gary need to work on for the forthcoming Brinklow tournament.

Not all boys will be able to play in the Brinklow Tournament, however we are aiming to have an exhibition game for all the Year 1 boys at some point on the Saturday morning of the tournament so as all feel included.

The new training tops look great, we are hoping to get another sponsor for some rain jackets, should anyone know of a sponsor please let Simon, Gary, Adam, Justin or myself know.

Finally, a date for your diary, Presentation afternoon for the Micro section is 20th June, on Barr Lane – we will let you have more details nearer the day, time etc

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were back to their best and showed everyone how they can play football. The desire to win any loose ball, the confidence in possession, two and three touch football, the discipline to maintain excellent team shape, good communication all put together resulted in a fine 4:0 win over a useful team.

Two matches left and with this type of football two good performances should ensure fourth position.

It has been pleasurable for the coaches to struggle most weeks when selecting a MotM for all the right reasons – long may it continue.

A huge thanks to our sponsors this year, Mark and Rucky Griffiths of the Bulls Head Restaurant, Brinklow and Scott Rammell of LangleBuild Ltd. It has been a real joy to have Ben Town Thorn's Retirement Home as our home pitch this season – it is a really inspiring setting and with the new stand that is being erected will be even more appealing next season. Many thanks to John Cross for all his help in maintaining the pitch this season – apparently Wembley have been seeking John's advice prior to the F.A. Cup Final.

Not too sure what to do about the rabbits though – what with the holes that appear both in the pitch and in the goal nets. Any suggestions would be very welcomed.

Darren Thorn



.....u14's Girls report continued from Page 12



U14 Girls celebrate the cup win

Special thanks must go to the vast number of our supporters today who cheered and encouraged the girls. Those hours of training in all weathers have certainly paid off big time. And of course many thanks must go to Martin Baskerville and Paul Wilby who deserve all the plaudits too. Without them this would not have been possible.

This is a remarkable achievement as it's first ever piece of

silverware won by a Brinklow girls team and they deserve every moment of their glory. I am sure by now that most people have seen the comments that have appeared on the forum as well as the photos that have been posted. If you haven't, check out www.brinklowfc.co.uk.

Last game of the season on the 16th May at Wolston - one point from this match and we've won the league too so do please come and support this superb squad of girls.

I have many people to thank – Martin Baskerville deserves a medal for coaching the girls – sometimes there's other distractions that he has to contend with (especially when we train on a Thursday night with all the other boys teams!) Paul Wilby who just stepped in to help us and Alice, our goalie, is indebted to him for his advice and coaching when it's been needed. To Dave Anderson for setting up the girls section originally and now being available for coaching assistance.

So this is my last **ON THE BRINK** report of the season and the end of my second season as a manager. So what next? Well we'll be playing in a couple of tournaments (Brinklow on the 31st May and Alveston on the 6th June) and, of course, there's presentation night on the 20th June.

We're moving up to 11-a-side next season in a new league which will involve some travelling and I'm glad to report that, at the moment, the squad will be staying together. A recruitment drive in the summer will ensure we have the numbers that we need to hit the ground running although I've already been contacted by some new players who are keen to join us.



Lauren and Holly celebrate a goal in the Westwood game

Liz Clarke

YOUTH TEAM NEWS

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What a fantastic season. Great lads, great football and a great season. This time last year we were full of apprehension about leaving behind junior football and entering the unknown territory of 'grown up' football with all its trials and tribulations. History has shown the Youth age group to be a very difficult one to manage, with little commitment to the team and Club coupled with indiscipline both on and off the pitch. The season just gone, has hopefully put all this behind us. We have been very lucky, the current crop of lads for the past ten months have demonstrated a commitment and attitude which has

been exemplary and they've been a credit to themselves and the Club as a whole. Despite our earlier misgivings both Bob and I have thoroughly enjoyed this season and loved every minute of it and it will go down as one of the most memorable ever !

Yet again, things move on. Next season we have decided not to move on to the second season of Youth. This season's Youth team want to build on the links they have forged with the Senior Saturday team. As a result the Club have decided to form a Saturday Seniors Reserve Team to play in the Coventry Alliance on a Saturday afternoon. There is no one in the current squad who should be afraid to be involved in this new challenge. Indeed we hope the current Youth team will be the backbone of the Reserves squad together with new recruits and more experienced players from the past and current senior team. For players who think this might be a step up too early, the current Under 16's will be forming a new Youth team next season and hopefully these players can be accommodated in their plans.

Until Presentation Night, Saturday 20th June (please put in your diary) we will be training on a Thursday evening between 6:15pm – 7:30pm. We have already entered a six-a-side tournament taking place in the middle of June organised by Chetwynd F.C. and also have an 11-a-side friendly against Nuneaton Borough F.C. followed by a BBQ at Shilton at the end of the month. Dates and times for both will be communicated nearer the time.

Although there is no Youth section in this year's Brinklow F.C. 6-a-side tournament, (29th - 31st May) the Club are always looking for help and assistance over the weekend. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with BBQ, car parking etc. It doesn't matter how much or little you can help out, it always proves to be an enjoyable weekend and any help given is greatly appreciated.

This is the last edition of **ON THE BRINK** for the season, so many thankyou's are in order. First of all many thanks to all at Shilton Playing Fields, especially Ron Lissaman for providing an outstanding playing surface and facilities which are second to none. To the Club and Committee for all their support, Steve Tyler (Squigy) for his refereeing duties. To Bob & Marie Kearney for the enormous amount of hard work and dedication and finally to all the lads who have provided us all with the best season ever !!!

Peter Day

Interviewer: 'Would it be fair to describe you as a volatile player?'

David Beckham: 'Well, I can play in the centre on the right and occasionally on the left side.'



U7's TEAM NEWS

The Reds have continued in their rich vein of form and since the last **ON THE BRINK** and have won all but one of their games against Chapelfield Colts, Ambleside, Norton Lyndsey, Brinklow U8 Blue and only losing to Sphinx U8 Blue in their last game, but went down fighting!

The boys have now gelled into a team and team spirit is starting to build with all of them playing with big smiles and giving me a bit of cheeky banter which is brilliant.

We now head into the six-a-side season with tournaments at Admirals, Rugby Town, Sphinx and along with our own will keep us busy but I have every intension of entering a couple more and hopefully get a few more friendlies in to set us up nicely for the fixture friendly league in September.

As always I am on the lookout for sponsorship to kit the boys out properly and also remind you that we need a sponsor for the Brinklow U7s section 6-a-side trophies at a cost of £100.

This might be late but don't forget the disco 9 May, White Lion.

Tour 2010 we plan to go to Weymouth and need a volunteer to organise things please.

Thanks to all for your support.

Introducing The U7s Reds:-

Robbie Hancox - Goalkeeper with monstrous Kick

Callum Williams - ricky, dribbling goal getter

John Coleman - speedy skilful midfielder

Connor Pulford - passing playmaker

Luke Kennedy - right place, right time defender

Kurtis Hall - rocket left foot midfielder

Ben Gregory - no nonsense defender

Josh Aspley - tough tackling defender

Todd Loviett - big, strong, any foot, versatile midfielder.

Wayne Pulford

"I did fax a transfer request to the club this week but let me state that I don't want to leave Leicester"

Stan Collymore



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U8's TEAM NEWS

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As we approach the end of season it has been a case of steady but constant improvement. There have been changes in the management and coaching along with changes in the teams structure. Thunder have developed at different paces through the season from being a team of strong individuals to a strong team that is now showing they can play some fantastically football when they play as a team. When Thunder play together and keep their heads through the warm up and into the match, they are quite frankly a match for any of the top teams around. At the start off the season Thunder were beating teams by rugby scorelines, down to capability gap displayed by the mismatch in league fixtures. Since January, Thunder have come up against much stronger competition and have been forced to develop quickly. The team has shown they can achieve this and play good passing football, some times at a level that is greater than their age deserves. In January Thunder played a top team and lost heavily due to playing as individuals and breaking up at the first sign of conceding a goal. In April however a completely different story, Thunder beat the same team two nil in a match that contended for match of the season.

Both teams playing quality football in a tough but fair encounter.

Thunder needs to keep the good work up but have excellent potential for a strong performance in the top league next season.

In my view Lightning have shown equally impressive improvement. The team have taken some

losses but have also achieved some impressive wins. The team has strenghts in all areas from Daniel keeping a constant vigil in the goal through to attack where goals can come from many of the players. Over the last few weeks of the season Lightning have adapted to differing player structures which now shows again a good potential for next season. Some times the players heads drop but the following week the team can bounce back to show that they can put bad results behind them and not dwell on them. This is down to the positive team spirit that Paul is installing and thanks to him.

Lightning have done well this season and I am sure will continue to enjoy playing football next season with what looks to be a stronger team taking shape.

Well done to all the lads. !

And if a parent feels they can offer some support in match reports for next season please come and have a chat.....

Special thanks to Darren and Carl for the invaluable support of refereeing duties which they have taken to admirably in their nice black kits...

'It has been a case of steady but constant improvement'.

Scott Craig

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U16's TEAM NEWS

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Brinklow 1 Whitley 0

Our best battling performance of the season! Whitley have probably been the form side in the past couple of months and this was therefore a great result for the side. A well taken goal midway through the first half by Elliott meant Brinklow went into half time with the goal lead.

After the break Whitley pushed on but were met with a Brinklow brick wall and made few chances. Spence was asked to sit just in front of the back four to act as protection and block off the service to Whitley's dangerous centre forward, this he did to perfection. A great performance mirrored by all the other members of the team.

CTK Rovers 1 Brinklow 3

With Rovers being next to bottom in the league I think the lads thought they could just turn up and win this mid-week clash. Rovers had other ideas and a 1-1 score line at half time was reward for a half where they were marginally the better side. The lads were struggling on a very poor pitch which was very bumpy down the middle and had grass resembling a paddy field on the wings. Into the second half and a couple of goals settled us down and we saw the game out – not our best performance of the season by any means but a wins a win.

Rugby Town Boys 2 Brinklow 5

It may be a cliché but this was really 'a game of two halves'. Playing into a very strong wind in the first halve we struggled and Rugby Town Boys had several chances to score but some sound defending and an excellent goal line clearance by JJ kept Town at bay. Just before half time we conceded what was a soft goal straight from a free kick and this was quickly followed by a well worked second by Town. Half Time 2-0 to Town.

At the break the instruction was not to panic, the conditions were now in our favour and provided we kept the ball and passed it we knew we would have chances to score. The lads took this on board and camped themselves in the Town half, it wasn't long before the first goal came and once we got the second it was clear there was only going to be one winner. An excellent fight back in the second half and a deserved win.

A pleasing point about the team this year has been the reaction to conceding the first goal. On many an occasion we have gone a goal down and have fought back for a win or a draw, a sign of the lads ability to raise their game when they have needed to and it has been the difference between a mid table position and where the lads are now.

The team have now completed their season, maximum points from the last 5 games gives the team a chance of runners up spot (and at the time of writing an outside chance of the league title) however things are now out of our hands so we will just have to wait and see. Whatever happens every single player has been an absolute joy to work with and has been a credit to themselves, their families and to Brinklow football Club. The intention is to take the team into the Youth league next season and we would like to invite ever player back for what hopefully will be a happy and successful season.

Paul Wilby

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Walsgrave 3 Brinklow 1

With the Coventry Telegraph there to take our photo's we were hoping for a winning result. With Haydn taking his new position in goal and William in defence we were ready. The whistle went and play began. 0-1 down within the first five minutes. This was not looking good. Some superb saves from Haydn again kept the score line down. Walsgrave were fast and once they had possession of the ball they left our players standing still. Another goal for Walsgrave before half time. The half time chat with the team should have left them fired up but another early goal from Walsgrave 3-0 down. Some great passing from Jake to Teddy and we got a goal back. 3-1. Haydn had a fantastic game in goal with some saves that had the opposition commenting on what a great goalie we had and thankfully the saves made by Haydn left Brinklow with a respectable score line although this could have been a lot worse.

Scorer: Teddy

Man of the match – Haydn

Brinklow 3 Binley Woods 2

What a game, after our previous match with Binley Woods we were ready but with only 6 players available for both teams we knew this was going to be hard and tiring for the Blues. The whistle blew and the game began with end to end play but Bindley Woods grabbed the 1st early goal. We told the Blues to keep their heads up, and that they did, with some superb passing between Bailey and Ben S. Joe scored with what we thought to be a great goal but unfortunately the ref had blew the whistle and awarded us with a penalty. The supporter's heart sank as the goal was disallowed and a penalty given. With some confusion over who was taking the penalty and the ref blowing the whistle for play to resume Joe took great advantage and blasted the ball in to the net 1-1. With the end of the first half fastly approaching Bailey missed a shot which could have taken us in to the lead, some more great end to end play and superb saves made by Haydn and the whistle for the end of the first half was blown. The Blues were highly excited with the score and were determined to play as well in the second half. The whistle went and off again with more end to end play, some great defensive moves made by William and Ben S covering the edge of our goal. A messy ball played by Binley Woods left our defence open and the score was 1-2, but we were still in the game and a great run made by Joe leaving the Binley Woods players wondered what was happening made the score 2-2. We thought we would have to settle for a draw in this game but with five minutes to go and a great pass to Bailey left her in front of goal and with a great right foot shot gently placed the ball past the goalkeeper and in to the net. 3-2 and desperate for the whistle to be blown, finally the time came and a great win for the Blues.

Scorers: Bailey, Joe x2

Man of the match – Joe and Ben Sotek

League Form W5, D1, L18

Goal Scorers	Joe	10
	Haydn	6
	Ben S	4
	Bailey	4
	Teddy	3
	Jake	1

Steve Wilson



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pointer game.

Binley Woods 1 Brinklow 5 - Best all round performance of the season, some great goals, enjoyable to watch.

Southam United 4 Brinklow 1 - Back to earth with a bump, the best team we have come across this season.

Brinklow 0 Mount Nod 3 - Didn't really apply ourselves, could have been different if we took our chances.

Brinklow 0 Whitley 2 - Started 100 mph, took game to Whitley, got hit on the break and never recovered.

For now I leave you with my fingers crossed, my four leaf clover next to me and my rabbits foot tucked away in my pocket and pray that other results go our way and that we can snatch something against Mount Nod away on the 10th of May. Yours in football as always

Ian Hartevelde

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U10's TEAM NEWS

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Palace Improvements

of goals.

At U10s its weird. It seems from the minute you come back for pre season everything has changed like a switch has been flicked. The goals are too small, the goalie is too big for the goals, some pitches are too small and the interest wanes from all involved and some teams can't stand losing and waver the rules to suit. With most team managers preparing for 11 a side, the U10 season somewhat takes a back seat. Are they ready a year earlier for 11 a side than the FA think?

Lets look at our final season as a mini soccer team. Up and Down describes it best. 'If only' is a phrase I have used too many times during the season. We are more than a match for any team and on our day can beat the best but this season we have come up just short by the odd goal in games against the top teams and can easily say that we haven't played nowhere near our best in these games either so that phrase 'if only' tends to leave the lips after such games. Finishing in the top 6 every year in the Red league is a fantastic achievement and one to be proud of. The draws in the cup have not been kind to us over the years either!

Anyway the mini soccer years have been great fun with the boys developing into good players and one of the best teams in the area and on their day the best team in the area, if only they believed in themselves more.

So, looking back over the last 4 years when we started the micros off it has been a pleasure to see the boys developing their footballing talents and forming great relationships, as I've said many times before they have made life long friends already.

But now to the real stuff, real positions, real rules and real games. Its as though we are starting all over again. Is the striker really a left back or defender a striker? The off side rule comes into play and goal kicks from the 6 yard box. Its a challenge ahead but one I think the boys are ready for so bring it on and let's see what the next 12 months hold for the boys, league and cup double?? I wonder!!!

So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dom, Jim, Andy and all the parents for their support throughout but more importantly I'd like to thank the boys for their immaculate behaviour and fabulous efforts and brilliant football, Well done boys you've been ACE!

Wayne Pulford

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U14's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS

LONDON RD 1:2 BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW 11:2 NUNEATON WHITES (BNC)
LEAM BRAKES 3:7 BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW 7:0 GNP SPORTS (L)
PINLEY 2:2 BRINKLOW (L)
ATTLEBORO' 2:0 BRINKLOW (BNC)
TRIUMPH 0:2 BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW 2:0 BINLEY WOODS (L)
COVENTRIANS 1:7 BRINKLOW (L)
MOUNT NOD L:W BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW 7:3 GURDWARA (L)
BRINKLOW 5:4 MOUNT NOD (LC)
BOURTON L:W BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW 6:2 LONDON RD (L)
BRINKLOW W:L COVENTRIANS (L)
BRINKLOW 4:1 MOUNT NOD (L)
WOODLOES 1:5 BRINKLOW (LC)
SB WARRIORS L:W BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW W:L BOURTON (L)
GURDWARA 2:0 BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW 3:0 TRIUMPH (L)
BINLEY WOODS 1:6 BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW W:L SB WARRIORS (L)
GNP SPORTS 0:5 BRINKLOW (L)
BRINKLOW 5:1 LEAM BRAKES (L)
CALUDON YTH 5: 1 BRINKLOW (LC)
BRINKLOW 2:4 PINLEY (L)

GOALSCORERS CHART

JOSH STOTHARD	67
ADAM COOPER	19
SEAN KIRWAN	18
KIERAN MCGREGOR	14
THOMAS LOVEGROVE	10
LLOYD PULFORD	10
HARRY FLYNN	5
JAKE PARNELL	5
BRANNEN	4
CAWLEY	4
FRAZER DEAKIN	2
LUKE ROPER	2
RYAN STOTHARD	2
JAKE BRITTAIN	1
CLEAN SHEETS	
NATHAN BIDDLE	9



Action from the title decider against Pinley

From no team to promotion in less than twelve months epitomises the under 14s season, incredible. It has been well documented why we decided to reform this age group, but we never really expected the boys to make the impact they did. Gary and I set simple targets for the lads which were to enjoy their football, trust themselves and each other, raise confidence and try to play our way out of this division in the correct manner.

All of the above were achieved and winning 19 from a possible 22 games enables the lads to continue their football development at a higher level next season.

All in all season 2008/09 has been a successful one, so congratulations to every player for all their hard work, effort, commitment and superb football skills, which won them the honour of League Runners-Up.

Well Done all !!! Come on you Yellow and Blues!!!

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U14's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

We're heading to the end of the season – the final season of 7-a-side football. I must thank all the parents and supporters for their continued encouragement of the squad this season.

Since the last edition of **ON THE BRINK** we have only had 3 matches – but what matches they were!

Cup Match - Brinklow 1 Bedworth Utd 1

On paper, we should have won this and the girls went into this match assuming that they would. A 'cracking' goal from Hollie Craddock put us 1-0 up but a soft goal from Bedworth levelled it near enough straight after. This was always going to be a hard game and the girls came off at the end knowing they'd been in a tough game.

Cup Match - Brinklow 11 Westwood 0

After the fright of the previous week we came out fighting. A terrific performance from each and every squad member and, to be honest, we never looked like we weren't going to win. We played the passing and moving game that we're capable of. The hard training session that we had the Thursday before the match paid dividends. Everyone took on board our guest coach's advice and I know he would have been so proud of you. So many thanks to Dave Anderson for taking that training session.

The girls did what we asked of them from the off and thoroughly deserved the win.



Ady shows good control in the game against Westwood

Goalscorers: Hollie Craddock 8, Adey Thandy 1, Lauren Robinson 1, Chelsea Smith 1

Manager's player of the match went to the whole team today for doing what I asked of them. Referee's player of the match awarded to Hollie Craddock for 8 excellently taken goals.

Coventry & District Girls League Cup Final Bedworth 4 Brinklow 5 (on penalties)

I never thought it would take me as long as it did to wipe the smile off my face after this match. These girls were never going to let anyone else win this cup today. They played their hearts out in what was a terrific final played in warm, sunny weather at Hawkesmill FC.

With the score at 0-0 at full time we went into 20 minutes of tense extra time. I was hoping and praying that we could snatch a goal in extra time and that we wouldn't have to go to the dreaded penalties. But it was 0-0 after extra time. The 5 penalty takers took it all in their stride - Boots, Jessica, Chelsea, Hollie and Alice. It was 5-4 to us with Bedworth to take their last penalty. Alice, as focussed as ever, stood big and strong and got the tips of her fingers to it to push it onto the post!! Then the place just erupted!

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U11's TEAM NEWS

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Miles of Tiles

With one league game left against Hillmorton the pressure is finally off with our position secure in the A-League for another season. Looking back over the last five games, since the first half of the Coundon game we have played our best football all season, enjoyable to watch, sometimes getting the points and sometimes not. If we had taken our chances against Cov Sphinx we could and should have been the only team to have beat them this year. Again against Cov Jag, until 10 mins from the end we certainly looked good for at least a draw, if not to steal a win. The much needed points to ensure our safety came against Alvis, despite an overeager Ref trying to send me for an early bath and on that windy evening over at Rugby Town's impressive but windy home ground.

What a great game that was, one nil down at half time, our cunning plan had backfired, play against the wind in the first half, hold out for as long as possible, then go with the wind in the second half. How were we to know the wind would stop at the start of the second half!! Pulling level within 10 mins of the restart and then going ahead with 14 mins left. A goal disallowed for offside, couple of penalty claims not given gave for a tense last few mins. We eventually came away with all three points and I had to apologise to the ref for snapping his flag! Lets go and enjoy the tournaments and recharge our batteries for next season (with some new players as well)

Training

Training will continue at Barr Lane on Friday evenings, starting at 6.30pm (we will stop for the summer months, times to be announced).

Tournaments

So far we have two tournaments in the diary,

Rugby Town - 16th May - one team entered, please let me know your availability.

Brinklow Tournament – 30th May, two teams entered, please let me know your availability

I will look to book one more, mid to late June before our tour.

Tour

Hopefully should have some more detail on our planned tour to the Hunstanton area on 11th/ 12th July, I have a meeting with a couple of the other teams this week, once all is finalised I will send a note out to all letting people know accommodation options, timings etc.

Match Day Reports

Many thanks for Donna continuing to compile and post our match day reports, a great read what ever the score, www.brinklowfc.co.uk click on Forum then under 11 thread.

Paint Balling

We need to re-agree a date for the postponed paintballing, ideally need to get it in before we all start going off on holidays, however if we can't agree a date before holidays (I know there are scouts / school trips coming up in June) we could do it as part of our pre-season training first Saturday of September, can you all let me know what your thoughts are.

Sponsorship

As mentioned in our recent parents meeting, Mark has secured and deposited a large sum of money for our team from E-on. This money will be spent on the boys for next season. We will be issuing each player their own match day kit bag, plus waterproof plus training top.

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Brinklow U9s Blues

Team: Bailey, Haydn, William, Ben M, Theo, Callum, Ben S, Joe, Jake and Teddy

News

U9 Blues would like to welcome Dave as the new assistant trainer and coach replacing Geoff who has had to step down due to work commitments.

'Microlease Calibration Services; will be sponsoring the U9 Blue team kit for next season.

Coventrians 3 Brinklow 0

The score line did not reflect how hard and well the Blues played and at least deserved a draw.

With nine players available - Theo off ill- the Blues started off brightly and had the best of the first 15 minutes. William was confident in goal, Ben M and Jake were dealing with everything at the back. Haydn was busy up and down the pitch whilst Joe, Ben S and Teddy were working well up front. The Blues had several chances but just lacked the killer touch near Cov's penalty area. Coventrians were pretty much pinned back but then broke away and scored with their first shot of the game. Callum and Bailey made good impressions as subs. The 2nd half started off brightly looking for an equaliser. Ben S had a long range shot that was narrowly wide, but then another Cov break away lead to a 2nd goal. A great cross was met by Joe whose header was just over the bar. Coventrians moved the ball into the Blues' penalty area, the Blues had chances to clear the ball, but after 3 attempts the ball was slotted home to leave the final score 3-0.

Man of the match – Teddy

Brinklow 4 Coundon Cockerels 1

With only 8 players available and torrential rain, Jake and Callum missing, it looked like a tough match against the Cockerels. The match looked even more difficult when the Cockerels won the toss and elected to play with the howling wind behind them in the 1st half.

However it was the Blues who got stuck in straight from the kick-off taking the play into the Cockerels' half. After some good early play an excellent cross found Teddy in the area who neatly struck the ball with his left foot to beat the goalkeeper. With their confidence up the Blues were playing good football and a couple of minutes later Joe made it 2-0.

Five minutes later and Joe hit a good shot into the area from which Teddy met with his right foot for his 2nd. A shocked Coundon Cockerels team tried to come back and a great long range shot hit the post. Ben S was all over the pitch creating chances of his own and a long range shot was nearly turned in by Bailey. CC had another long range shot which again hit the post. Half time 3-0 a score line which made up for the dismal weather conditions.

Thankfully the rain eased off and the 2nd half started with more pressure from the Blues. Ben S had a couple more shots, one of which was well saved, before another corner from Haydn was met by Joe who smashed the ball high into the net to make it 4-0.

Theo who had a great game in defence, was feeling frozen solid - and had to come off. This led to a bit of confusion as to who was helping Ben M in defence and CC took advantage of this and pulled a goal back.

Coundon Cockerels had another quick break-out and got their striker clean through only for William to save well with his leg.

Scorers: Joe x2, Teddy x2

Man of the match – Ben Sotek

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U12's TEAM NEWS

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lads adapted to really well.

The match against Pro Santos Colts, the league leaders, always promised to be a feisty affair with Colts looking for revenge for the 4:3 defeat earlier in the season. All that were there were not disappointed and were treated to a fabulous exciting, end-to-end game. With some wonderful flowing football Brinklow turned around a 1:0 deficit to lead 3:1 at half time but unfortunately were pegged back to 3:3 at the end. Every single player gave all that they had and should feel very proud of themselves – this was one of the best displays of the season.

The following week was an anti-climax with a 1:1 draw at home to Christ the King. The team were lacking in determination, losing their shape and rushing their passes, which was the complete opposite to the previous week. An improved result in the next match against Binley Woods (5:1) took the unbeaten run to 18 games but the signs were not looking good with the lads losing some of their team spirit and hungriness.

Sure enough, the next game, a mid-week return match against Christ the King, saw the lads defeated for the first time since mid-September with a lack lustre display. A draw would have been fair but a 1:0 defeat and an unfortunate own goal at that was a little cruel.

If that defeat was unlucky the defeat in the following game against PSA Peugeot Citroen was totally unfair. The Peugeot pitch looks great from a distance but it is extremely hard, sandy and bumpy. Brinklow pegged the game back to 1:1 at half time only to fall behind again early in the second half. The football was more positive and meaningful and how Brinklow didn't equalise we shall never know. In fact Brinklow did score a perfectly good goal only for the referee to disallow it for offside – absolutely bizarre decision. Even the Citroen players found it hard to accept that they had won with some seen and heard to be embarrassed.

The penultimate game in this sequence was an away match to Coundon Cockerels. After the previous match against this team Brinklow requested an independent league appointed referee and it was a good job that we did. The referee was a character but totally impartial and overruled numerous offside flags from the Cockerels linesman. The 5:2 victory was very sweet and the lads thoroughly deserved it with a fine team display.

And finally, an away match against Pro Santos Samba played on a very tight pitch. The lads

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