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everything but score, hitting the woodwork many, many times, the goalie making very good saves for Binley. The blues eventually going down 7-0.

**Brinklow 2 Southam 1** (Goalscorers - Joe, Anthony)

The last game of the season saw the blues a sleep again, but not for long as there was a lot of great encouragement from the supporters (they've been great all season by the way). Bailey taking some very good corners leading to the opening goal, Haydn making excellent saves, long kicks, and controlling his area very well. Anthony smashed home the winner late on, smiles all round, a great ending to a great season. **MOTM - Haydn**

Final League Position - 6th Won 11 Drew 3 Lost 10

Goalscorers

Joe 21, Bailey 8, Tom 7, Teddy 5, Ben W 3, Ben K 3, Jake 3, Anthony 3

We are all very pleased with the blues this season by far the best season to date well done all! and lastly well done to Paul Wilby for all his hard work with the **ON THE BRINK** mag.

**Steve Wilson**



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# Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2010

*Brinklow Football Club will be staging it's 14th annual six-a-side tournament. The tournament will take place from 4th to 6th June 2010 with different age groups playing on the following days:-*

- Friday 4th June (late afternoon K.O.) - U15's and U16's*
- Saturday 5th June (am) - U7's and U12's*
- Saturday 5th June (pm) - U8's and U11's*
- Sunday 6th June (am) - U9's and U13's*
- Sunday 6th June (pm) - U10's boys, U11's Girls, U13's Girls and U15's Girls*



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As we quickly approach the belated business end of the season I am pleased to say Brinklow Teams are bringing home the silverware. With the risk of ruining my presentation speech I can proudly say following on from last years successes our rich form continues with Under 10's and Under 15's crowned as champions of their respective leagues. Under 16's are currently lying runners up in their league, whilst the under 13's & Youth are currently third.

In the league cup competition Under 9's won their competition in emphatic style whilst the Under 12's were galliant runners up in theirs.

You will all have to wait for my presentation day speech to see how all of teams have finally fared (can't wait, I hear you say)

Finally, I would like to formally thank Paul Wilby, the editor of 'ON THE BRINK' since time began, well since I can remember. Paul is stepping down from being our editor at the end of the season. Paul, who will continue to run the magnificent Brinklow website, has turned **ON THE BRINK** into an institution for the club. A great way to communicate to all our members, families and friends.

Paul will hand over the editorship to Amanda Kearney who I am sure you will give a big Brinklow welcome to as our new editor-in-Chief. Many thanks Paul from all at Brinklow FC.

See you all at the six-a-side and presentation day. Best regards

**Declan Mellett**  
Chairman

## 6-a-side Sponsors

The club are still in need of many sponsors for trophies for our 6-a-side. If you think you can help please contact Rich Farthing at [richard@farthing3868.freesserv.co.uk](mailto:richard@farthing3868.freesserv.co.uk) or speak to your manager

# Brinklow Football Club Annual General Meeting

The Brinklow Football Club AGM will take place at the Church Rooms, Brinklow on Thursday 8th July 2010 at 8pm

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

# REPORT FROM OUR HEAD COACH

Welcome to the 1st Head Coach's report. Let's start with a bit about myself. I have worked my way through the club over the past 13 years as a player ending up in the 1st team, so thanks to everyone who gave up so much time to make it possible. I spent a few years coaching our girls section until I began my Honours Degree in Sport & Exercise Science at University. Now that my 3 years in Lincoln have ended, it is time to give something back to Brinklow, ensuring that every player gets the best opportunities available.

My philosophy is primarily to offer a variety of enjoyable, yet organised & professional services to both coaches and players. Applying the relevant multi-disciplinary scientific principles "to the field" in a way which players actually understand is key (principles which The FA are beginning to employ at both grass roots and internationally). Being able to design and apply Progressive Training Plans, Schemes of Work & Athlete Development is important, by using various methods of; technical coaching, strength & conditioning, nutrition, remedial management & recovery for injuries, video & statistical analysis, and working with individuals; all by simplifying my experience of anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, motion analysis and psychology amongst many other things.

In order to successfully apply all of this, I felt it was very important to develop a group of modern "floating" coaches who do not have a commitment to one particular age



Head Coach Dale Huddlestone (centre) with Jamie Huddlestone (left) and Tommy Glasscoe (right)

group. When I approached the committee for the job, it was unanimously agreed that this was the best way to ensure that my time and expertise remained available to all, and avoid previous failures. So, I would like to welcome two young up and coming coaches to the "Club Coach Network" in the form of Tommy Glasscoe & Jamie Huddlestone. Two fine examples of how you can progress through the junior section, and firmly establish yourself within the seniors. Having started coaching within the club, Tommy and Jamie are already developing into mature coaches gaining experience, knowledge & enthusiasm with every session they take.

As many managers have done already, please contact me as soon as possible to begin developing a coaching strategy specific for your team/aims, book a session, or just for a chat; as I am shortly beginning additional courses to support my current qualifications.

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable season and I eagerly look forward to watching everyone develop & progress over the coming years. Exciting times ahead!

**Dale Huddlestone**

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A fantastic performance from the Blues. Going into this game we thought we would struggle somewhat as a number of the players were missing but the team dug in deep, the first goal coming from Ben W, a great left footer from just outside of the box. The goal of the season came from Teddys excellent header clinching the win for the Blues. **MOTM - Teddy**

**Caludon 3 Brinklow 2** (Goalscorers - Bailey and Teddy)

Not a great game by any accounts, Caludon were very physical and the tackles were very questionable, a ref that was very one sided, a manager at one point looked as though he wanted to play as he spent most of the time on the pitch, and not to mention the parents! but any how the Blues under these conditions played excellently and deserved to win the game, no hard feelings though.

**Finham 3 Brinklow 0**

A very hot day and the Blues didnt cope with the weather as well as Finham, both teams needing regular water breaks. Finham dominated most of the game and deserved the win. the Blues looked very tied, but no worries the Blues have done great this season.

**Walsgrave 3 Brinklow 3** (Goalscorers - Teddy 2, Tom 1)

The blues were very much up for this one, we play much better when we have a midweek night match, think I may ask the league if we can play all next seasons games midweek! The Blues played an excellent passing game resulting in several chances, Teddy really improving of late, Haydn got injured late on in the game and had to come off, Ben M took the goalie gloves and played very well, and if it wasnt for a very late penalty the Blues would of won and deservedly. **MOTM - Teddy**

**Binley Woods 7 Brinklow 0**

I dont know what happend! Apart from I think the Blues remainEd in bed for the first 10-15 mins of the game, and before they new it we were 3-0 down. When the Blues did eventually wake up they did

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## PRESENTATION

The Clubs Presentation  
Will Take Place on  
Saturday 19th June 2010

Start Times for age groups as follows:-

1.00-1.30 Micros & U7

1.30-2.00 U8, U9

2.15-3.15 U10, U11, U12, U13

3.30-4.30 Girls section - U11, U13, U15

4.45-5.45 U15, U16, Youth, Reserves, Seniors

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back of the net within the first five minutes. Callowbrook were quickly forced into playing a brave, defensive game for the rest of the first half. There were a couple of clear cut chances that Brinklow failed to convert, leaving the score unchanged at the interval. Brinklow managed to press home their advantage when Hollie Craddock added a third goal. The goal of the game was saved until the final minute when Rebekah Wilby headed home a corner from Danni Beck.

### **Solihull Borough 1 Brinklow 3**

(Goalscorers: Hollie Craddock, Emma Myatt, Lauren Robinson)

Brinklow never looked like losing this game, they set off at an electrifying pace with none of their usual first five minutes jitters. The defence looked solid, midfield commanding and forwards threatening. It came as no surprise when Hollie Craddock latched on to a loose ball in the box to fire home after 17 minutes. The second half saw Brinklow maintaining steady pressure on the Solihull goal with Danni Beck firing in a succession of long shots all of which deserved a goal. The second breakthrough came when Lauren Robinson fired a long shot that evaded the Solihull keeper's grasp and slid into the net. Brinklow's third came after Emma Myatt slipped past three defenders to fire home. Solihull managed to pull one back with ten minutes to go but Brinklow hung on to record their second away win of the season. Player of the match went to Rebekah Wilby who didn't put a foot wrong.

### **Erdington 2 Brinklow 0**

What a great game played in dismal weather. This was by far one of the best performances I have seen from the girls this season. With Alice back in goal until half way through the first half when Georgia had to take over we constantly looked threatening but just couldn't get the ball into the back of the net. Every girl played their hearts out and played some lovely passing football.

Player of the match awarded to Hollie Craddock for a first class battling performance in midfield - well deserved.

At the time of print, we only have one match left and that's our first season of 11 a side football concluded. Our current league position is 9th

Played: 21 Won: 5 Drawn: 3 Lost: 13

We will be playing in 3 tournaments - Alveston on 30th May, Brinklow on 6th June and Leamington Hibs on 12th June.

It was touch and go whether this team would continue for next season but I am now pleased to report that the team will be moving on to U16s in the Central Warwickshire Girls Football League. I would also like to say a big thank you to those girls who continued to come to training and play for us when we could only manage to field teams of 9 or 10 for many matches during this season. They never let their heads drop when at times it was very difficult.

And finally, particular thanks Martin Baskerville and Paul Wilby for their great coaching, to Rob Robinson for running the line, to Adam Cooper for his ref duties and to all parents for their help and support during the season, come rain or shine, and for making my last season as manager so enjoyable. That's it - over and out!!

**Liz Clarke**



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### **Jessie Dharni**

Very few people get the better of Jessie in the tackle. However he also has great touch and plays some intelligent passes between defenders and into space for team mates to run on to. He is also excellent in front of goal.

### **Sam Wash**

Sam gives much needed width to the team and uses his pace to great effect in these wide positions, both to support the attack but also will make crucial tackles in defensive positions. He has also acquitted himself well in goal on 3 occasions in Lachie's absence.

### **Ben Sotek**

Ben is another player with great touch. He links up well with his team mates, holding up the ball when required, uses his pace, and has also shown great composure in front of goal with both feet.

### **Shane Doherty**

Shane also has great pace. He uses it well to close down defenders and make it difficult for them to get the ball clear. He will hold the ball up well with his back to goal and look for the runners. However he also knows how to find the back of the net.

### **Taylor Ascroft**

Taylor has had a great first season with Brinklow. He is a natural in front of goal. He can finish off both feet, is always looking to poach a half chance, uses his strength and speed to turn defenders but will also work his socks off to defend from the front.

### **Goal Scoring (League and Cup)**

Taylor 15 Rhys 10 Ben 8 Shane 7 Jessie 7 James 5 Sam Wash 4 Thomas 1 OG 2

### **Clean Sheets**

Lachie 6 Sam Wash 1

Thanks to the boys for showing such a great attitude on and off the pitch and working hard to put into practice on the pitch what we work on in training. Thanks also to the great commitment shown by the parents and other supporters which is very much appreciated. Thanks to Wayne and Sarah from CDS for their sponsorship this season. Thanks to Ben Judge, Dale Cooper and Jamie Huddlestone for reffing our games. And finally thanks to Ian for all his support and commitment to the team, and taking the lead on the coaching side.

**Nick Wash**

### **u10s Blue**

**Team** - Bailey, Anthony, Ben M, Ben K, Ben W, Haydn, Joe, Teddy, Theo, Jake, Tom, William G, William W, Cieran  
**News For The Blues**

What with the bad weather over the winter it has been quite a long season, only just finishing in the early part of May. We would all like to welcome Cieran to the Blues, he is settling in well at training and will be playing his first game very soon, good luck Cieran, we wish you well.

### **Brinklow 0 Walsgrave 3**

On paper going into this game we should of had a better result than this, the Blues played well but a few errors led to a couple of good goals for Walsgrave. The second half saw the Blues come to life more, hitting the post and crossbar many times, but as luck was not going to go our way none of the Blues pressure paid off. **MOTM - Haydn and Jake**

### **Brinklow 2 Binley Woods 1** (Goalscorers - Joe and Tom)

A great local derby match saw the Blues come out on top. A very even and a well contested game. The blues passing and movement was much better than of late, Tom working hard all over as usual, getting a well earned goal. **MOTM - Tom**

### **Brinklow 2 Finham 1** (Goalscorers - Teddy and Ben W)

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# YOUTH TEAM NEWS

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The optimism of my last report faded quite quickly as we hit a bit of a blip. A couple of very poor performances, including a draw against a 10 man, second from bottom CTK came at a time when we were building towards a duo of games against Dunlop who were the form team of our league (and as it turns out the eventual winners). We contested the Dunlop games very well but without the confidence that a string of wins would have given. Only 1 point from 12 and we were out of the title chase. To be fair the lads have responded well since then & 3 wins have meant we will

probably finish third.

At the start of the season we weighted up the league and taking into consideration that the youth league is comprised of u17 & u18 players & we have just the one u18 player a top 6 finish was considered a target, so to attain the position we have and to have been in the running for the title has to be a massive achievement for the lads & something of which they should be proud.

On a more individual note some congratulations are in order. The success we have had has meant a couple of our players have come to the attention of other teams (both Brinklow & external to the club). Jamie Huddleston has progressed as far as the Rugby Town seniors first team who play in front of crowds averaging 250. And both he & Tommy Glascoe have successfully made the step up to the Brinklow First team with both getting 'Players of the Month' awards during the season. Hopefully this will be the first progression in their careers. The clubs philosophy is that we encourage this player development and it is something we shall continue to encourage over the coming seasons.

A few thanks are also in order. Coaching at youth level requires an improved level of ability, something I know both myself & Bolty have struggled with to some extent this year. The lads have a high level of technical ability & we have had to work hard to continue their development, we are therefore grateful to the help of Ryan Bryne who on occasions has helped out. We would also like to congratulate Ryan on attainment of his UEFA 'B' license (just one step down from the Pro license a premiership managers need to attain!). We would also like to thank Peter & Tony for running the line & also the lads for putting up with Bolty's jokes!!

Anyway, that's enough from me, go & read some of the other reports - it's a measure of the clubs progress that finishing third in a league is only an average result when compared to some of the teams!!

**Paul Wilby**

**'.....a massive achievement for the lads & something of which they should be proud'**

NAME	PLAYED	GOALS
MATT	25	0
AARON	13	0
JJ	12	0
LIAM	24	1
RICH	9	0
JACK T	20	3
NICK	19	17
GLAZ	13	6
MORLO	23	5
KYLE	22	5
DURAG	17	0
KARL	13	0
JACK F	12	4
LUIS	20	24
STEVE	18	4
CALUM	13	0
ELLIOT	2	16
ANDY	12	3
WOODY	3	1
CRAIG	3	0

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# U7's TEAM NEWS

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Jamie, Samuel and Ethan. The spine of the side looks strong now and with Stevie (GK) . Charlie (Def) and Jamie (Holding Midf) the team are not going to concede many. The Reds on the other hand faced a difficult proposition against a team that contained a couple of very good players. Although we had the best of it, things remained tight as both sides pressed for the opening. When the first goal came it was a cracker, by their centre half straight into his own goal from 15 yards. I'm still

not sure what he was thinking. A free-kick levelled it. But we took control in the second half. Our second goal was pretty to watch, as Robbie dribble past three players, deft pass with the outside of his right foot to James, whose first touch was sublime. Jo rounded things off with a good finish to cap his best performance of the season. All the lads played really well again today. Good win!

## April 10th - Cov Jag Tournament

The Red Team played in this round robin event attempting to defend our trophy. We did well with wins against Coundon Court, Ambleside, Norton Lindsey and Firefighters. Unfortunately the loss to Cov Jag, cost us dear and we failed to regain our trophy by one solitary goal. Goals from: Liam (4) Harry (4) Jo, Taylor, James and Robbie. MoM. Liam Aspinall.

## April 15th

The Red Team were unlucky to lose to a good Copsewood side. We had the lions share of possession but just couldn't find a cutting edge. It took an outstanding goal in the 1st half to beat us. MoM. R Armstrong.

## April 25th

The Blue team came up against two strong sides in Dunlop and Saracens and found it hard going. However, without a couple of key players, the boys displayed great attitude to continue battling to the end. Well done lads.

## May 1st

The Red Team travelled to play the Under 8s Blue Team. The game was an entertaining encounter and we learned alot from the experience. We played some great stuff at times and battled right to the end in quite warm conditions. There were plus points in every position by every player. The U8s manager, John (an excellent coach) said that our boys have all developed very well. What a wonderful compliment to all the boys! MoM Taylor Darby.

## Sponsorship

Many thanks to my brilliant Assistant Adam and his company Sear and Cowen Glazing for becoming the teams latest sponsor. These funds will allow the purchase of our new kit.

## Thanks

Thanks to JAMES DUNN who has kindly sponsored the U7s section for the 6-A-Side tournament. Finally thanks to all those who have offered to help at the 6 A side. It is much appreciated.

**Gary Coward**

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## U8's TEAM NEWS

### Under 8 Blue

The Under 8 Blue team completed their "friendly" league campaign with two fixtures that summed up the season, an impressive victory over Coventry Copsewood Blue followed by a reverse at Coventry Sphinx.

Over the season, the team have played at total of twenty four games, winning ten, drawing four and losing ten, managing to score over fifty goals. Now, on the face of it, results wise and following my opening comments about the final two games summing up the season, it may appear that this has been a mediocre season, with a mix of good, bad and indifferent performances and to a degree that may be true. However, at the age of seven and eight, to get footballers with consistency is somewhat of a rarity so I prefer to judge the lads on development as a team and development individually.

On the team front then; well, I think if at the start of the season, someone would have said we would have won ten and drawn four out of twenty four games, I would have been pretty pleased. But if you add that at least four of the defeats came in games where we could and probably should have won and also the four draws could have provided another four wins, it starts to paint an extremely positive picture. From a group of individuals who wanted to kick a ball around at the start of the season has grown a team who know and hold their positions on the pitch and a team who together share a real will to win for each other. In short - an amazing transformation, for which the lads can take all the credit.

At that early age though, results are not always the best form of indicator to gauge youngster's progression. The lads have all developed at different rates and at different times, but the important part of this is that all the lads have developed individually and by vast amounts. The level of dedication and enthusiasm shown throughout the season has been nothing short of amazing, even in the depths of winter, the turn out for training has been brilliant. It is fair to say the lads have been inspiring to me with their will to listen and learn and these attributes alone, I am sure have filled their parents with a huge amount of pride. I am confident that continuing to show this level of commitment will stand these boys in great stead not only in football but in life.

Finally, we come to the parents. Obviously, the lads would not have been able to get to training and matches if it weren't for the parents and for that I would like to say a massive thank you. Even though they were probably left cursing me a few times when the weather was less than pleasant, they were there, probably nagged by their lads but nevertheless they turned out. After games, as the paperwork was being completed, the goals were being packed away with increasing pace, so again, a huge thank you for all your commitment.

Overall, the season can be summed up by saying it has been hugely satisfying and productive for everyone involved, a season that should provide the lads with a solid platform from which to progress.

A huge well done lads

**John Halford**

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## U11's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

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**Brinklow 0 Leamington Hibs 2**

On Saturday 24th April 2010 the Brinklow U11 Girls, who have come together from other clubs in January 2010 took on Leamington Hibs for their first game.

The girls played really well as a 9-a-side team on a big pitch. All the girls worked really hard and played some lovely passing and movement. Emily Ferguson in goal was back on form with some great saves. The defence of Tia Stewardson, Rebekah Ryan & Regan Walsh played well as a unit and kept Hibs at bay for long periods of time. For Regan Walsh it was her very first game and improved as the game went out - well-done Regan. The midfield of Lauren Franklin Green and Kiri Gibson worked hard to support the defence and attack creating some good moves. The attack of Melanie McKay, Charlotte Roberts and Ellie Langhorn worked very hard with some good inter changing between them and producing some good shots. Charlotte Roberts was very unlucky with a saved penalty.

Leamington scored in the last 8 minutes of the game and the result did not reflect the outcome of the game.

A special mention to Imogen Humphries who played her part in the match. Imogen Humphries came to the match in the right frame of mind and wanted to be part of the Team and help her friends out. She came off after taking the ball to the back of her head. Well done Imogen for helping your team mates out. Same again in the return match.

**The Parents player of the match went to Kiri Gibson - Very well done.**  
**Manager's player of the match went to Ellie Langhorn - Very well done.**

We have a return match with Hibs in a couple of weeks time.

Well done girls from Scott, Summer, Parents and Myself. We are very proud of you all and lots of positives to take forward.

We are still looking for girls, so if you know anybody that would like to play please come along to training at Barr Lane, 11am - 1pm every Saturday morning. Or contact Martin on 07825853899



**'WOW-What a game.'**

**Martin Humphries**

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### Kieran Owen

Kieran is excellent at judging the flight of the ball and getting it clear on the volley and with his head. He reads the game well and will always look to make intelligent balls forward out of defence. He looks to be back to his old self after a mid season injury,

### James Judge

James looks like the complete footballer. He is quick, a great engine, an excellent first touch, can skip round players, has a great shot and is solid defensively and makes many crucial tackles.

### Rhys Harteveid

Every week Rhys gives great commitment to the cause and is a motivator for the rest of the team. He is solid in the tackle, great with his head, can control the ball on a sixpence and has an incredibly powerful shot off both feet.

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## U15's TEAM NEWS



# CHAMPIONS!!!!

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having recently passed his course. Must say he does look smart in his new outfit. I must also remember not to give him too much stick during the game. I'll leave that to Frank and Andy.

As mentioned earlier this has been a wonderful season and I'd like to express my thanks to Andy for stepping forward to manage the team and unlike other clubs we aren't looking to sack him, and to Frank for his invaluable coaching and motivational skills.

The supporters aren't bad either and as coaches we certainly feel that you are behind us and this helps enormously. We set out with three main aims this year. Firstly to enjoy ourselves and have some fun. Secondly to finish as high as we could with promotion being a realistic achievement and thirdly to ensure that all the lads played as much football as possible. The last point is important so that we can develop all the lads but at the same time it should be realised that some will play more than others and this will continue to be the case but we aim to be as fair as possible.

Once again the coaches and players express our thanks to our sponsors, Mark and Rucky Griffiths of the Bulls Head Restaurant, Brinklow and Scott and Mandy Rammell of Langle Build, who continue to offer fantastic support for the team.

A special thanks to Lee Buck of Errendale Roofing for his help with the roofing on the impressive Town Thorn's 'Doug' out. Although this was included in the December issue of '**ON THE BRINK**' many didn't receive a paper copy and we certainly feel that this deserves to be in print for all to read again.

#### Goal scorers:

Will 28. Luke 19, Josh 15, Callum 13, Faye 7, George 8, Ryan P 6, Jordan B 4, Ryan W 3, Alex 2, Ben 1

**Darren Thorn**

## U9's TEAM NEWS

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### Lightning

The lightning lads have had a tough season this year. They may have lost most of their matches but they have shown what a fantastic group of lads they are. They have worked hard and kept going through the hardest matches, with Paul, Carl and us mums and dads giving them the encouragement they need. They have dealt with the defeats with such courage knowing that we support them no matter what the outcome.

All the lads have learnt so much during their training with Paul and Carl and are developing in to fantastic little players. We have a good team who work well together. During the matches their courage and dedication keeps them going. I feel next season they will be in a better position and I just want to say the lads are a real credit and my win.

**Becky**

Lightning have had a tough season in a competitive 'B' league and despite some very challenging matches have continued to play with spirit and keep at it. Despite the score the lads have got on with and carried on playing. It is hard to enjoy it whilst losing but you have to remember it is a tough league. If Lightning had been in the next league down I don't think they would have developed any quicker by having a less competitive season. The team has won 25% of their matches and could have won a couple of other close encounters so there are a lot of positives. I have seen games where they have been on top of games despite losing by some unfortunate goals. What we need to do for next season is work on strengthening the side in a number of ways so as to ensure the lads enjoy football and get some winning results together. Importantly I want to offer credit and appreciation to all the lightning players for their efforts. Also thanks to the Spence and Colin for arranging the sponsorship over the past 12 months.

**Scott Craig. – U9's Manager.**

### Thunder

Thunder have also had a tough season but have had a contrasting result to Lightning. The team have competed for the league title but unfortunately lost a few games early in the season. If the 2 draws in the last couple of league games could have been wins then 2nd place in the 'A' league would have been deserved and what if that Alvis goal in the dying moments of the game in the 2-2 draw in Feb had not gone in. Would we have achieved the double. Its a clieshei but the league table shows the final result I suppose. However, a finish of 4th place in the A league is very respectable result. Added to a fantastic League Cup win is a massive achievement for the players as this is the first Brinklow Juniors team to win this Cup. I am particularly pleased at the determination shown by the players back in October to turn around a series of 4 loses and go on from strength to strength and climb up the table and finish the season in fine pedigree with yes, Cup winners medals and a trophy. It does sound great and rest assured it feels great.

It is also important to thank the parents for their support through the year as I think the performances have been partly down to the pre match prep and getting to games early to take the game in the right frame of mind. Special thanks also to Richard Moon who is instrumental in getting this

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## Under10s (B league)

Results since the last issue:

### Westwood United Blue - home

W 2-1 – scorers (James, Ben) – MOM (James) – Effort award (Sam Wash)

### Binley Woods – home

L 0-1 – MOM (Sam Wash) – Effort award (Thomas)

### Eastlands – home

L 0-2 – MOM (Taylor) – Effort award (Jessie)

### Hawksmill – away

W 5-1 – scorers(Taylor, Jessie, Rhys, Sam Wash, Ben) – MOM (Thomas) – Effort award (whole team)

### Whitley Colts – away

W 2-0 – scorers (Taylor, Jessie) – MOM(Jessie) – Effort award (Lachie)

### Southam United Devils – home

W 2-1 – scorers (Jessie, Rhys) – MOM(Sam Wells) – Effort award(Shane)

### Hawksmill Warriors – away

D 1-1 – scorer(Taylor) – MOM(Taylor) – Effort award (James)

### Westwood United - away

W 2-0 – scorers(Taylor, James) – MOM(James) – Effort award (Shane)

### Chapelfields Colts – home

W 3-2 – scorers(OG,Jessie,Rhys) – MOM and Effort award(whole team)

After a difficult spell of losing 3 games out of 4 (including the cup game mentioned in the previous edition) the team has finished really strongly. Particularly good performances against Hawksmill and Whitley , and the three points picked up against Southam (where we were 1-0 down with 7 minutes to play) were enough to guarantee a top two finish in the league. Then the win in the penultimate game against Westwood United meant we went into the final game against Chapelfields Colts 1 point behind them. In this game we went a goal behind, but the boys put in one of their best performances of the season to turn the game on it's head, and deservedly went on to win the match, and with it the Under 10s B League title.

# CHAMPIONS!!!!

### Lachie Coutts

Lachie has kept 6 clean sheets this season. He shows a great awareness of his angles, is brave, quick off the line and a great shot stopper. He also looks to release quick breaks with intelligent throws.

### Sam Wells

Sam is a terrier in defence, solid in the tackle, quick and very aware of what is going on around him. He also loves to get forward to

support the attack and has the stamina to run all day.

### Thomas Deakin

Thomas has developed an excellent defensive understanding with Sam. He too is solid in the tackle, shows great concentration and reliably gets the ball clear from the danger zone. He likes to get forward when the opportunity presents itself and has also had some good games in midfield.

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# U15s GIRLS TEAM NEWS

Well, the good news since the last edition of **ON THE BRINK** is that 3 players have returned to the squad, and we welcomed Georgia Clarke to the team. So we now have a squad of 16!!

The not so good news is that we lost our goalie, Alice Clarke, to a cartilage injury after our match on the 20th March and Lauren Robinson also struggling with a continued knee problem. However, full credit to Lauren for continuing to play but being sensible enough to come off the pitch when she was having problems.

### Brinklow 1 Alveston 5

(Goalscorer: Nicole Maunder)

On a thoroughly miserable morning at the Revel we welcomed our friends from Alveston. Both teams played some lovely football in the first half and yet again Brinklow went down to an early goal. We got our act together and Nicole Maunder got the equaliser - a beautiful chip over the keeper's head. But then Alveston pulled one back to make it 2-1 at half time. It was an even first half and either team could have won it - or so we thought.

The second half saw some great football from our opposition who scored 3 more goals, all from playing some lovely passing football.

Two quite worrying injuries today. Alice carried off with a knee injury and Lauren who gave a hero's performance despite struggling with a knee injury. Once again, all credit to Danni Beck for automatically stepping into goal.

Yet again, we played with only 11 players and with no sub to give tired legs a rest and to cover for injuries. I must take my hat off to the girls for not letting their heads drop.

Player of the match awarded to Lauren Robinson for continuing to give a first class performance even though she was obviously struggling with an injury.

### Brinklow 3 Solihull Borough 3

(Goalscorers: Emma Myatt, Nicole Maunder, Chelsea Smith)

Yet again, it was touch and go whether we'd be able to field 11 players but with the return of 3 girls today and a new signing we had 12 girls available to chose from - luxury!

With Alice still injured Danni Beck wore the goalie shirt in the first half and really didn't have much to do. On paper, we should have won this game but we went a goal down early on which gave us a fright. However, we came back at them with a great goal from Emma Myatt. A first class performance from our new signing, Georgia Clarke, in defence and Harriet Lowe who looked like she'd never been away. So 1-1 at half time.

The 2nd half saw Georgia Clarke pulling on the goalie shirt and Danni Beck playing in midfield. And then the goal of the season so far. A screamer of a goal from Nicole Maunder from just outside the box went over the keeper's head. We were missing chance after chance in the 2nd half but went 3-1 up with a well taken corner from Danni Beck finding the head of Chelsea Smith. With not long to go, our opponents pulled it back to 3-2 and with only minutes left our defenders got caught out and it was 3-3.

So a game that we really threw away today. Midfield lost their shape a little and sometimes we were lacking some pace at the back. A great Captain's performance from Lauren Robinson who encouraged the team well and was sensible in having a break when her knee caused her concern again.

Player of the match awarded to Sarah Johnson for a solid, battling performance in defence - she just didn't give up.

### Brinklow 4 Callowbrook Swifts 0

(Goalscorers: Chelsea Smith, Emma Myatt, Hollie Craddock, Rebekah Wilby)

Brinklow set off at a lightning pace, with Chelsea Smith and Emma Myatt both finding the

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lads that are 12 or 13 want to pursue other interests, particularly in the summer term such as cricket, athletics (which I fully support as this was my sport), tennis etc and should be encouraged to do so. We are a family club and school holidays should be for families without the pressure of having to rearrange commitments for football matches. Anyway sorry for the moan but you probably knew it was coming.

For anyone that has seen our matches will probably have noticed another disadvantage that we have experienced this year. Brinklow U13s are a small team and whilst other teams have watched their lads grow we haven't had that pleasure. This I can quite confidently lay the blame at the parents, including me. I'm sure that it just a time warp that exists in Brinklow and that during the summer and next season the lads will catch up with their counterparts. Having said this, the lads have shown great determination and have battled admirably but at times the additional height, physical strength and acquired speed has shown. Can't wait until next season when this evens out.

So far we have played 28 league games, won 18, drew 6 and lost just 4. The lads have scored 104 goals whilst conceding 52. There have been several memorable matches with some real gutsy displays. The ones that stick in my mind are the 1:0 win at home to Pro Santos Samba, who will more than likely win the league, with Luke scoring after a couple of minutes and the entire team giving their all to ensure that we maintained the lead. The 5:0 home win against GNP was also sweet after losing 3:2 on the tiniest pitch of the season. The 2:2 draw at Alvis following the 4:1 defeat in the corresponding fixture. We were easily the better team and all three points should have been ours but the performance was excellent. Finally although we lost 6:2 the spirit that the lads showed against Athletic in the cup was a pleasure to watch and the score didn't fairly reflect the activities on the pitch.

We have a mouth watering last game of the season against Pro Santos so hopefully a great end to the season. Just to add a little spice to the occasion Liam, Callum's brother, will be refereeing

This report was compiled with two games of the season remaining so I'm unable to provide you with the complete story. However here is what we know so far. For the last chapter it will be on the forum or if you want more details just ask.

This has been a fabulous season with the entire team giving their all and showing a distinct improvement from last season which was also an impressive season. It is likely that the lads will finish 3rd or 4th in a strong league of sixteen teams. We could have possibly secured promotion but fell away in the final quarter of the season. The team is more than capable of competing in the league above and this is something we will be discussing over the coming weeks. The dip in form is hardly surprising with the number of matches that we were expected to play this season. I, personally, feel that 30 league games plus a cup match (once again drawn against a top team from the highest division) is far too many. Even without the poor winter,



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team to the level they have achieved.

## Brinklow U9 Cup Winners

Brinklow U9 showed just how much they have developed this season by going all the way and winning the John Bryan Minor League Cup on Saturday 8th May. This was an awesome day which began with a massive game a few weeks back in the semi final at Alveston. Brinklow won 0-2 in the semi and they showed determination and quality to come through a game where the odds looked like it was going against them prior to the day.

The match kicked off and immediately the ball was played out to Lewis Timms on the left wing who took the ball on and laid a great pass over the top of the Southam defence to put the ball at the feet of Jamie Wilkins who scored Brinklow's first goal within a minute and get us off to a dream start. Despite a great start by Brinklow, the Southam players looked strong all the way through the game and even when Brinklow got a second goal, every player on both teams was putting in a gritty performance for the Cup final. Joe Cooper made some great saves in goal to keep Brinklow ahead. Jaime Nalus was having an awesome game at right back clearing many attacks from Southam. Charlie Cleaver was as ever rock solid at left back doing a vital job bringing the play forward. Jasper Moon continued to create play in the centre linking well with his wings. Jamie Wilkins pressured the Southam defence from the right wing and scored 2 goals in the game. Oliver Craig and Lewis Timms worked well on the left wings and also did important jobs at left back when asked. Brinklow kept pushing forward putting Southam on the back foot and Finley Troup scored 2 typical striker goals eventually gave Brinklow a 4-0 lead. I thought we might even have a 5th when Oliver dribbled the ball into the box and looked like an Ossy Ardeliss contender but the goal didn't come. Credit to Southam who kept pushing and got a goal back in the last minutes to make the final score 4-1 Brinklow.

Celebrations began in earnest on the final whistle for the young Brinklow team who have worked hard all season to challenge at the top of the league whilst also going all the way to the final and bringing the cup home to Brinklow. Seeing the lads go up into the stand to receive their Cup winners medals and lift the trophy is something that made me immensely proud and gave me some memories I will never forget. Thanks to the players for giving me that moment. I know Richard Moon also feels the same but special thanks to him for the work with the team. It was also great to see support from the other U9 team and also Alex Smith who was cup tied so could not play but came to support his team. Thanks also to Southam who made the final a good game and deserved their place in the final. It was also great to receive congratulations from other teams especially Alveston on Saturday night. One more time. – **Brinklow U9 – Cup Winners.....**



# CUP WINNERS!!!!

**Scott Craig**

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### Cup Final

A great day was had by all, it was always going to be a tough one against Sphinx Red, but we contained their threat for all but four mins at the end of the game. There were many great performances as all players gave their best.

The fun started at the Raven at 10am, then the largest Hummer you have ever seen took the boys, mascots and poor Dale H off to the Oval with the music blaring.

Once the game started, our parents took over where the boys left off, the Brinklow Roar was loud. After the game and the presentation returning by the Hummer. The weather was kind and the BBQ wrapped off a fine day. Many thanks for Mark, Dale & big H (who was cup tied,

made a fine sponge & bucket man)

We must now return to league duties, our remaining League fixtures are:-

Weddington Thistle (a)  
Christ the King (a)  
Massey Ferguson (a)  
CRC (a)

### Summer Tournaments

Over the next couple of weeks we will book some more tournaments, so far we are in:-

Brinklow tournament – 2 teams – 5th June am  
Hillmorton – 1 team – either 12th or 13th June  
I will try and book at least two more

### Summer Tour

Following our recent parents meeting, and now we have the cup behind us, I will confirm our tour dates (end of June / Early July over the next two weeks). It shall follow a similar format as last year!!!! As soon as the dates are confirmed I will contact the hotels and the corner house.

### Training

We will finish training on Friday 25th June with a lads vs dads game, Barr lane 6.30pm kick off. Pre-season training to commence Friday 6th August at 6.30pm (Don't worry if you on holiday, just let me know)

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## U13's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

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Despite a disappointing final league position of 6th (out of 9) the girls can take great pride in what they have achieved this season. This was their first foray into league football after 3 years of intermittent friendlies, and an adventure being undertaken not only with a couple of new faces, but also having had one or two mainstays of the previous years having moved on.

Overall the girls have played 17 competitive games this season, winning 7 and losing 10 and they have scored 44 goals (with 8 different scorers) and conceded 45 (with 3 different goalkeepers!). Despite the seasons record, I can safely say that they have not been outplayed in any single game, in fact

they have even been applauded off the field following a couple of narrow defeats. There has been a little bit of bite added to the team that has begun to ripple round to all players. I am also sure that the step up to 11-a-side next season will benefit the girls, particularly if we can get some consistency in the team.

In summary, the season itself has been one of many highs, including victory in their very first match versus Thurmaston, beating Bedworth (a bogey team from previous seasons) home and away, and an away win at Loughborough with only eight players to name a few. However the biggest and most pleasing plus points to take away from the season has to be the way in which the girls have really come together as a team and the friendly spirit in which they have played the game. They are an absolute pleasure to work with and have made myself and Janine very proud coaches with their efforts.

### Players (app, goals)

Georgia Watters (15,2) \*9 Games in goal  
Ellis Walton (16,1)  
Lucy Olorenshaw (8,0)  
Emily Vincent (3,0)  
Olivia Vanstone (4,0)  
Alex Gibbs (1,2)  
Emily Haywood (14,6) \*7 Games in goal, 1 Clean Sheet  
Lucy Granger (11,2) \*1 Game in goal  
Ceri Garner (13,0)  
Alison Mulley (16,3)  
Grace Berridge (12,0)  
Emma Higginson (16,0)  
Danielle Hughes (17,24)  
Alex Woodhead (12,0)  
Ashleigh Wilson (14,0)  
Emily Greenway (10,4)

**'The season itself  
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Here's to next season!

**Chris Brain**

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