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Welcome to the first 'ON THE BRINK' of the new season. We have already seen some tremendous football from the lads – lets hope the rest of the season is as enjoyable to watch. I would especially like to welcome all the new players to the club & I hope you all enjoy the football that lies ahead. On page 16 you will find details of the club merchandise, I would particularly like to recommend the drill tops, my son has found his invaluable on the cold mornings we have already had this year.

You may have noticed some changes to this issue of 'ON THE BRINK'. Malc, who previously put together the magazine has had to step down due to other commitments (& probably through stress!). I'm sure you would all like to thank Malc for all the hard work he has put in to getting this magazine up & running, lets hope I do as good a job. I have only just started to get involved with the club, but the more I get involved the more I realise what a history this club has. Just the other day I was talking to a colleague at work, when I just happened to mention I was now putting together 'ON THE BRINK'. It turns out that he used to play for Brinklow back in the mid-sixties – Brinklow players seem to get everywhere!!

Paul Wilby

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Got any ideas for items to be included in the next issue or just general comments you want to make? Then note them down on a piece of paper, marking them as 'letters to the Editor' & hand to your team manager, I'm sure he will make sure I get them, or alternatively Email them to brinklowfc@hotmail.com

Jokes (Just for Peter)

What did the footballer say when he accidentally burped during a game ?
Sorry, it was a freak hic !

The seven dwarfs are down in the mines when there is a cave-in. Snow White runs to the entrance and yells down to them. In the distance a voice shouts out "Charlton are good enough to win the European Cup." Snow White says "Well at least Dopey's alive!"

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U7'S TEAM NEWS



07/10/00 Brinklow 7 Finham Park Rangers 2

In the first half Brinklow played up hill and Stuart Day got us off to a good start with an early goal, followed closely by a second goal from Craig Payne. Finham forced their way back into the game and scored a goal. Stuart Day hit back with goal number three and George Harman block tackled number four into the net. Finham came back with a well-taken goal from a corner making it 4-2 up at half time.

In the second half Brinklow were playing some good football, passing well to each other and this began to pay dividends. Callum Mobley came on for Adam Ford who had played well. Callum then scored his first goal for Brinklow and Stuart Day completed his hat trick with a sweet left-footed shot shortly after it hit the post. Matthew Pine did not have a lot to do in goal but when called upon showed good solid play. George Harman and Sean Russell built up a good partnership in defence. Lee Huddleston scored number seven and the rout was complete! What a pity England couldn't play a little better.

Well done to all the lads. This was a comprehensive victory and well deserved.

Man of the Match – Stuart Day

23/10/00 Brinklow 6 Rugby Admirals 1

Brinklow started the game slowly and went a goal down very early on. This was just what they needed to wake them up and Stuart Day quickly scored the equaliser with a nice left-footed shot.

This match saw the debut of Sean Russell who had a good game in defence, tackling well and cutting off the opposition many times. Craig Payne was working really hard along side Matthew Pine and scored a couple of well-taken goals to put Brinklow in front. Stuart Day then scored again to take us to 4-1 up at half time.

Teague Galvin came out of goal in the second half, being replaced by Matthew Pine. Lee Huddleston and George Harman were working hard in midfield, stopping the opposition from coming forward and turning it into an attack. Craig Payne scored again to complete his hat trick and Teague Galvin wrapped it up with number six

All the players worked very hard as a team and this was a well-deserved victory.

Man of the Match – Craig Payne

“A well-deserved
victory”

John Harman

SOCIAL DIARY

CRICKET, BEER & BARBEQUE

It seems that any day chosen by Mick Holt for any event is blessed with good weather, and Sunday 16th July was no exception.

A beautiful hot day combined with the lovely surroundings of Easenhall's cricket ground made it the perfect setting for a cricket match. It was also a great excuse to have a barbeque and drink lots of beer, which we did.

The turnout was good with two teams of about 11-a-side captained by Rob Steel and Terry Skelhon.

As it turned out, Terry was one of the few people there who could actually play a bit – but there were nonetheless some impressive performances from one or two others as well. They included some international class catches by Mick off Keith Byrne and Karl Lee (with the bruised hand to prove it), the bewildered and bemused Belgian doctor Jeff who I'm sure was convinced we were playing baseball, and an accurate shot from someone resulting in Alun Yeend's bottle of Budwieser being smashed to smithereens. That particular instance being the last time that Alun and his beer were parted from each other for any amount of time.

We all had the chance to bowl an over (6 balls) and that was when the fun and games started, It's not quite as easy as it looks with most of us a tad inaccurate with our deliveries.

Rob Steel enjoyed his over so much that it took him about 19 balls to complete it. I'm not suggesting that they were going wide, but it was generously agreed that it would have been easier hitting the ball standing in front of the pavilion instead of in front of the wicket.

On the other hand some of us had to face Terry, who was a bit of a demon. I remember facing him and seeing this little red missile hurtling towards me at least 100 mph and wondering why toilet paper was consuming my thoughts. Needless to say I was out for a duck (thankfully) and was left to resume my other duties which included fielding and drinking beer for several hours.

All in all it was a great laugh with everyone entering into the spirit of the day. The ladies played as well giving good or better performances than some of the men (me particularly) and even the kids left us to our own devices by all going off together exploring, after quite quickly realising that there wasn't much to be learnt about cricket from us adults.

The eventual winners were Terry's team by a narrow margin, however it must be said that some of the better players sportingly declared after scoring a certain amount of runs therefore giving everyone the chance to play.

We would like to say thank you to Easenhall Cricket Club for letting us use their facilities and to Alun Yeend for the use of his barbeque and the beer he brought along. Lets hope we can have another match next year, just as long as Mick chooses the day.

Malc Coombs

THE MAN IN BLACK

Referee's Column with DARREN CLARKE

Yet, another season is upon us!

I hope to have, the next course dates available, for those who would like to become a referee, in the next issue of "On the Brink."

Those who are interested in becoming the next, "Paul Gurkin"!!!!
Contact me on **01788 330019**, leaving your name and telephone number.

LAW 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Direct Free Kick

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following ten offences in a manner considered by the referee to be **careless, reckless, or using excessive force**:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball
- Holds an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately

A direct free kick is taken from where the offence occurred. A penalty kick is awarded, if a player, inside his own penalty area commits any, of the above ten offences.

Indirect Free Kick

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following five offences.

- Takes more than six seconds while controlling the ball with his hands, before releasing it from his possession
- Touches the ball again with his hands after it has been released from his possession and has not touched another player
- Touches the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate
- Touches the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a throw-in taken by a team mate
- Wastes time

An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee:

- Plays in a dangerous manner
- Impedes the progress of an opponent
- Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands

This month's question is:

Name the five things, a referee must take with him onto the field of play?



U8'S TEAM NEWS

After a bit of shaky start to their season the Under 8's have settled down well with two well deserved wins, and two hard earned draws from their first six matches. After such an excellent season last year, we have certainly set ourselves a high standard, and we will need to work hard to achieve the same sort of results this season.

Perhaps the most noticeable change from last year is that the team is now playing in a superb new kit in the traditional yellow and blue colours of course. The lads looked very proud the first time they ran out wearing that kit I can tell you, although we had to laugh at the team photos – a team sponsored by a dental surgery and not one of them had a pair of front teeth!! I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of myself and the team, to Jason Print who is the proprietor of the Revel Dental Surgery in Pailton.

The team remains essentially the same as last season, although we lost a good midfielder, Brandon Hodder, to Rugby United. Sam Skerratt has started the season in an outfield position bringing both strength and pace throughout defence and into midfield – he scored a rocket of a goal against Bedworth Rangers. With Sam moving outfield, we have a new goalkeeper Matthew Wilby who is making excellent progress. Jamie Huddleston continues to be a tower of strength at centre half, and the Tommy Glasscoe/Zack Bevins combination continues to produce some excellent goals, with Tommy getting a hat trick against Cov Sphinx recently. Tommy Hyde and Alex Stage have also turned in a solid performance against Bedworth Rangers, when Brinklow were unlucky not to win the game.

“we will need to work hard to achieve the same sort of results”

One or two players in particular, have made some real progress since the start of the season, the most notable of which is Joe Partridge playing at left back. With several new players joining us already this year things are looking pretty positive for the rest of the season. A warm welcome to Andy Tymam, Adam Conboy and Andrew Walsh and Benjamin Lees who have all joined recently.

By the way – if any of our supporters wonder where we are on a Saturday morning these days, we have moved up to Bretford where we have a new pitch and training facility. Please come down and support the lads if you get the chance – I think they miss the home crowd a bit !

RESULTS

Chetwynd 5	Brinklow 0
Wyken 0	Brinklow 1
Brinklow 2	Cov Sphinx 1
Bed Rangers 2	Brinklow 2
Brinklow 1	London Rd 4
CovSphinx 3	Brinklow 3

Tony Glasscoe

Neil Huddleston

U9'S TEAM NEWS



Can I first of all welcome everyone back after the summer break and I trust everyone had a great summer. The lads have returned to training full of enthusiasm and eagerness and they, together with the management team, myself, John Cramp, Ged Wood, Gary Wilcox and Kai's dad Bip (a new addition) are thoroughly looking forward to the season ahead.

We took the decision not to enter any leagues this season because, amongst other things, we did not feel the lads (still only 8 years old), were physically or mentally prepared for a match and all its demands each and every week. We will instead continue to concentrate on training and developing skills with a 'friendly' match every three or four weeks. The season ahead and everything we do on and of the pitch, will be geared wholly towards entering a fully prepared and competitive squad in an Under 10s league in the season 2001/2002. Difficult decisions will have to be made over the coming months to achieve this aim, but the good of the squad as whole will have to take precedence.

Team Names

The 'A' team is now called the 'PUMAS'
The 'B' team is now called the 'TIGERS'

Team News

Congratulations to Chris Brennan for being voted last season's 'Players' Player of the Year' and to Josh Pointon for being voted 'Manager's Player of the Year', both thoroughly deserved. This season they face some stiff competition, not just from the existing squad, but also from our 3 new players, Anthony Donnell, James Withers and Thomas Twynham, who will no doubt be after their trophies! Anthony, James and Thomas have already proved to be valuable additions to the squad.

Congratulations to Alex Cramp for being nominated as team Captain and Milan Sud as Vice Captain for the Pumas.

We will continue training from 10.30 am sharp to 12.30 pm whilst the weather holds. When the weather is particularly bad or conditions are bad under-foot then training will be cut short or possibly cancelled.

As mentioned, welcome and thankyou to Kai's dad Bip who has volunteered to help with training. Parents are more than welcome to help in any way, from assisting with training on a weekly basis to helping set up or take down goals whenever they can – any help however little and however often is always greatly appreciated, so don't be afraid to ask!!

Due to the success of the club (we're running out of room), it is intended that all our matches and some training sessions this season will now take place at Bretford (one mile from Brinklow). Pitch conditions should be better there and more importantly there is the distinct advantage of having access to the village hall on a cold wet Saturday morning. More details to follow.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PLAYERS WHO SUFFER WITH ASTHMA OR POTENTIAL BREATHING DIFICULTIES TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BEFORE TRAINING OR MATCHES AND ENSURE INHALERS ARE AT HAND AT ALL TIMES.

As always, if there are any queries, problems or concerns please feel free to speak to me at any time.

Peter Day

SENIORS TEAM NEWS

This Season has seen some major changes for the Brinklow Senior side. Having dropped down into Division 2 of the Rugby League, coupled with the loss of several key players, it is obvious that this will be a transitional season for the team. At present, although we have experience and quality within the squad, it has to be remembered that we also have some very young players experiencing their first taste of senior football. However, taking this into account along with injury to our goalkeeper and social secretary Paul "Huddy" Huddleston, along with the loss of five first choice players for one particular game, our results have not been too bad. to date we have played 6 league games, winning 3 and losing 3. We also lost out in the Hospital Cup, somehow contriving to lose a thrilling game 6-5 after extra time.

One of the features of our season so far has been that even in our defeats the team has created chances and had good spells when we have controlled the game. We feel that if we can build on this, maintain a positive attitude and team spirit, coupled with giving 100% support to the management, then we can grow stronger as the season progresses. even so, it is felt that we still need to sign quality players in key areas to strengthen the squad. However, it is up to every individual player to work on their own fitness and commitment, so as to play their part in once again making Brinklow FC a serious force to be reckoned with.

“We have experience and quality within the squad”

RESULTS

Avon Mill (H)	Won 2-0
Courthouse (A)	Lost 6-3
GEC Alstom (A)	Won 5-2
Yelvertoft (A)	Lost 5-2
Raglan Arms (H)	Lost 5-1
Newmans (H)	Won 3-0

Barry Wilkinson

U14'S TEAM NEWS



**“The season has started
incredibly well for the
under 14”**

The season has started incredibly well for the under 14'. Having won four games and drawn one in the league. One of the main reasons for this is the acquisition of six new players for the season. I hope they are enjoying their football at Brinklow.

Players list for 2000/01 season

Ryan byrne	Steve Stanley
Sam Lunt	Matty Farey
Gareth Yeend	Martin Russell
Eddie Allen	Paul Lewis
William Allen	Peter Sharpe
Ragan Patel	Alex Pouncett
George Ashwell	Ben Chatwin
Tom Aspinal	Richard Taylor

Results

17/9/00	Brinklow 4	Bulkington 2
24/9/00	Brinklow 3	Sporting Club Coventry 2
1/10/00	Brinklow 3	Earlsdon 1
8/10/00	Brinklow 6	Finham Park 5
15/10/00	Brinklow 2	London Road 2
22/10/00	Brinklow 2	London Road 4 (Cup)

Goal Scorer's

Gareth Yeend 5	Alex Pouncett 3
Steve Stanley 4	Sam Lunt 2
George Ashwell 3	Pete Sharpe 2
Ragan Patel 1	Matty Farey 1

Keith Byrne

U10'S TEAM NEWS



No Report

U11'S TEAM NEWS



The start of a new season has seen a difficult transition from 7 a-side to eleven, however the boys have shown remarkable spirit, producing great football that brought them some tremendous results last year. It is now our task to try to convert the spirit and talent into a full sixty minutes

and we look forward to playing the rest of the season. Under 11's have been struggling for numbers and are pleased that we are to sign two new players taking numbers up to 15 in the squad. We are however still looking for players and would welcome any new boys to training. We would also like a mention for Rory Higgins who has been off for two weeks and will be off for a further two weeks after having his appendix removed, we hope your fully fit soon Rory.

May I remind the few remaining boys who have not paid their subs that these are over due and I would appreciate it if these could be paid as soon as possible.

The Revel College

The Under 11's would like to thank the Revel College for their support with what has to be the best Junior pitch in the league. The grounds staff have made a great effort and all the visiting teams have paid compliments to the facility. Many thanks from all the boys, parents and Manager.

Brinklow Juniors 3

Nuneaton Boys Club 4

Nuneaton Boys started the game more settled than Brinklow and Nuneaton were soon up two nil. The first goal was a own goal from a corner that Brinklow failed to clear and the second came from a mistake by the Brinklow keeper. However Brinklow showed great grit and battled back with two great goals from Phillip Allen with assists from Rory Higgins and James Skelhon. Brinklow came close to going ahead when Dan Gyselynck hit the post from six yards so the score was 2-2 at half time. Five minutes into the second half and it seemed like deja-vous, as Brinklow were unsettled and Nuneaton looked the stronger team going two up again. At 2-4 Brinklow put up a great fight and in the last ten minutes of the game they were the stronger side pressing hard to get back in the game. Dan Gyselynck and Phil Allen came close before Phil Allen was brought down for a penalty. The penalty taken by Phil Allen looking for his hat trick was saved well by the Nuneaton's keeper but Allen followed up well to score to make it 3-4. Brinklow continued to press hard and from a throw-in got the ball into the box were Dan Gyselynck put the header just over the bar with the final whistle blown. This game was play in great spirit from both sides and The Parents and Managers of both sides would like to congratulate the boys for a fine game.

Christ the King 0 Brinklow Juniors 1

Well following a poor start to the season Brinklow under 11's got their first win of the season. The weather conditions were not ideal and on top of this Brinklow started with 10 men, however they showed no signs of being short handed. Christ the King found it difficult to contain Brinklow who had the wind in their favour the first half and in was not long before Brinklow went one up with a goal from Dan Gyselynck. Not long after Brinklow were up to a full team with the arrival of the eleventh player and they had a number of chances to add to the score line if it was not for some great saves made by the Christ the King Keeper, managing to hold the score to one at half time. Brinklow were going to have to battle to hold the lead in the second half as the wind advantage went to Christ the King, this made for an exciting second half with Christ the King pressing hard for the equalizer. Brinklow defended well despite the wind and managed to hold on for the first win of the season.

“The boys have shown remarkable spirit”

Rob Steel

U12'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 11 AT7 1

Trailing 0 -1 for the early part of the first-half Brinklow levelled the score through a Joe Shore goal to make it 1-1 going into half time. Brinklow however, came out in the second half with all guns blazing scoring to take the lead almost immediately with a fine solo effort from Sean Drake.

From that point Brinklow displayed some ruthless finishing including outstanding

performances from Sean Drake 5, Joe Shore 3 and a goal each from Shane Hunt, Ricky Lee and Daniel Carter.

Man of the match was a hard decision, it was shared between Sean Drake and Dave Sinclair, but it was a great performance from the whole team.

“A great performance from the whole team”

Brinklow 6 Mount Nod 3

Brinklow kept up their winning performance with an excellent win. Mount Nod opened the score shortly after Joe Shore placed the ball to make it level. Brinklow piled on the pressure, a well-taken corner cleared by Mount Nod fell just right for Ryan Wood to thump a 30-yard half-volley into the net. This boosted their confidence. Brinklow played the ball down the right hand side for Ben Clarke to drill the ball home, and then from another corner Dave Sinclair shoots giving the keeper no chance 4-1 at half time.

Second half Brinklow still looking for more goals, Mount Nod still battling away pulled one more goal back, this only boosted Brinklow, Joe Shore scored another two making his second hatrick in a week. Man of the Match when to Jack Draper, a superb performance in defence.

Good Start for Brinklow

Well didn't the break go quick, here we are already the start of the new season. As you can see by the above results we had a bit of a shaky start to the season but since the Finham game we seemed to have turned the form around, lets hope we can keep it up.

We have virtually the same squad this year apart from the loss of Brett Ford to Rugby (the game not the club) and we have gained Lewis Noble who I think has great potential for the team.

I hope to organise a weekend away to the 'Butlins Minehead Tournament' on Friday 25th May to Monday 28th May the price is £63.00 per head. This weekend is open to anyone in the club so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible.

Bedworth	6	Brinklow	1
Brinklow	4	Marconi	5
Sphinx	8	Brinklow	2
Brinklow	4	Finham	0
Brinklow	11	AT7	1 (cup)
Brinklow	6	Mount Nod	2
Chapelfield Colts	6	Brinklow	8

Mick Holt