



# EDITORIAL



Welcome to the first edition of **'ON THE BRINK'** for the new season, hope you have all been well & are looking forward to the new season!

First things first, we have had quite a few new players join the club during the close season, so let me say a big 'Welcome'. If there is anything you need to know then please just approach your manager, alternatively you can always email me at the address below, I'll do my best to get your questions answered.

As the club continues to grow we have had several new managers join the club, too many in fact to mention, but you will find all the names of the managers (new & old!) over on page 3. We have also seen the retirement of several old friends, Rob Steel, Keith Bryne, Nick Skerratt & very recently Tony Glasscoe (although hopefully not for too long), thanks to all for your time & effort, hopefully we can carry on with the solid foundations that they have helped to build.

On a different note, the parish council have asked the club if we have anyone that could sit in on parish council meetings which have been organised to progress the building of new changing rooms on the Barr lane field. Peter Day will be attending the first meeting but we really need someone to help with this important task, any volunteers please give Mick Holt a ring on 01788 833681 or speak to your team manager.

As part of the clubs policy to follow the FA guidelines relating to child protection we have removed all photographs from **internetphotoservices.co.uk**. We will be uploading new photographs to **brinklowfc.co.uk** but only if a Photographic permission form has been signed by a parent or guardian, please see your manager for the forms. I'm still working on the website but you should see some developments shortly.

**Paul Wilby**

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Somewhere in **'ON THE BRINK'** you will find 5 footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you. Once you have got all 5, arrange the letters to make up the name of a Leeds striker!



Last issues answer was **'HARTSON'**.




**Peter Day is looking for new players for the u12's team, so if you are interested or know someone who wants to get involved give him a ring on 01788 832732**

# MICRO FOOTBALL



Firstly a warm welcome to all the new children and parents who have just joined the Brinklow "set up".

We have been training for a couple of months now and the children are really enjoying their Saturday mornings, (as we are) they have started to jell together and all the children have shown a great improvement in their football skills and I am sure that this will continue as their enthusiasm for the sport continues to grow. Watch this space Brinklow we have stars of the future in the making.

On Saturday 27th September we held a sponsored dribble and shoot at Barr Lane, this event was a great success and we raised the money needed to purchase the training tops and equipment we were after. A big thank you to all the parents and children who helped make it such a great a success, without your commitment we could not have achieved such a great result. Well done everyone.

We will be organizing some social events in the coming months so make sure that you keep your diary free.



Now everyone is back at school we need

you to spread the word so that we can swell our numbers, especially for the under 6 boys (year one), so come on grab your school mates and bring them along, you know they will enjoy it!



Finally could all the parents make sure that their child wears their shin pads, we really do not want someone to get injured whilst playing. It is now at the stage were we will have to ask any child not wearing shin pads to sit out of the game at the end of the session, which we really want to avoid.

Again thank you for your support

**Niall Murphy**



Q: why is a football stadium cool?

A: Because it's full of fans



# U7'S TEAM NEWS



Gordon hasn't had time to complete a report this month but we thought that you might like a few jokes instead so here goes.....



*One Elephants United match that has gone down in the annals of soccer history is the one they played against a team composed entirely of ants - Ants Athletic. Shortly before half-time, one of the Elephant defenders stepped on the Ants' striker and squashed him flat. 'Sorry about that, ref,' he said apologetically, 'I only meant to trip him.'*



*For the third time in the first ten minutes of the match the referee awarded a penalty against the home team. An angry supporter shouted, 'Oi, ref, are you blind or what?' The referee strode over to the touchline and demanded, 'What was that you said?'*

*'Blimey' the fan shouted back, 'Are you deaf as well?'*



*'Is your goalkeeper getting any better?'*

*'Not really. Last Saturday he let in five goals in the first ten minutes. He was so fed up when he failed to stop the fifth that he put his head in his hands - and dropped it!'*



# U8'S TEAM NEWS



Only Claudio Ranieri, the Chelsea boss can come close to feeling how I feel for the season ahead. He may have spent heavily to strengthen his side but none of his acquisitions compare to my two new additions in Joe Burton and Josh Smith. Welcome to BFC lads and I hope you enjoy your football with us.

I'm extremely lucky to have inherited such a talented squad from Nick Skerrett who worked such wonders last season but luckily for everyone concerned Nick has joined my boot room so along with Steve, Richard, Kim and Tony the coaching will remain consistent.

Pre-season has been action packed with bowling, lazerquest, a BBQ, a night out at a Chinese and a trip to Drayton Manor. I am also very proud to announce that four of our players were selected to train with Coventry City throughout the summer gaining invaluable experience. Although not all were successful in the final trials I am pleased to report that all were a credit to Brinklow FC and Coventry's loss is very much our gain. I'm proud of you all and well done.

Now to the business end of things, two results to bring you:

**Admirals 0 Brinklow A 2**  
**Admirals 0 Brinklow B 0**

Two excellent early season performances capped with two goals from Sean O'Reilly and great displays from all players involved.

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**Martin Pulford**



## *OUCH THAT HURT!*

*A selection of bizarre football injuries. And Roy Keane was not responsible for any of them!*



*Chelsea goalkeeper Dave Beasant, preceded Jose Canizares by several years when he severed a tendon in his big toe after dropping a jar of salad cream on his foot.*

*Imre Varadi of Leeds strained his back shovelling snow from a neighbour's drive*

*Alan Nielsen missed three games for Spurs after his new-born daughter poked him in the eye*



# U9'S TEAM NEWS



## Brinklow Bears 0    Chapelfield Colts 4

What a game to start the season, the score doesn't reflect how close the game was. The bears made a positive start putting pressure on the colts defence straight away, with runs down the right by Turbo (Josh Stothard) crossing in balls for Lineker Pepper (Lewis) and Josh Brennan, but we just

couldn't find a way through. The colts hit us with 2 lucky goals but the boy's heads didn't drop, Lineker Pepper (Lewis) had a shot on goal, which was pushed onto the bar by their incredibly tall goalkeeper.

We started the second half as we had the first, Phillip was a rock in defence with new players Harley and Adam putting in first class performances. But we just couldn't manage to put the ball in the net. The Colts scored two goals in the last five minutes, putting the game beyond our reach, Joe put in a brave performance in goal with AJ, Craig and Alex adding to the team performance

**Man of the match    Turbo (Josh Stothard)**

Match report Gary Stothard Co Manager

## Brinklow Bears 3    Binley Woods 3

The Bears were fired up for this one with a full squad and lots of fighting spirit. They took the lead after 10 mins, when Lewis pressured the defenders into a mistake and Josh "Zidane" Brennan rifled home a great right foot shot. Then "Zidane" returned the compliment as he floated over a great corner and Lewis was on hand to chest home on the line.

Binley rarely troubled the great defense of Phil, Connor and Harley and were lucky to pull a goal back after a goalmouth scramble, but after great work by Josh B and "Turbo" Stothard, Lewis "Lineker" poached another goal to take the bears in 3-1 up at half time. In the second half the bears lost their momentum and Binley scored another, then Joe pulled off a brilliant double save and it looked like our first win. However, with 5 minutes remaining the Binley striker was allowed to shoot from long range and it flew into the top corner. A good first point against a decent team and a performance we can build on. Man of the match went to Harley for his excellent passing and tackling and also Josh B. for fine skill and endless determination.

<u>Scorers</u>		<u>Man of Match</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Lewis Pepper	3	Josh Stothard	1
Josh Brennan	1	Joe Winbush	1
		Harley McKinniss	2
		Josh Brennan	1
<u>Assists</u>			
Josh Brennan	2		
Lewis Pepper	1		
Josh Stothard	1		

## Brinklow Bears 0    Dunlop 5

The Bears came up against a strong and athletic Dunlop side. We managed only two attempts at goal all match and the running off the ball and battling qualities shown against Binley were lacking. There were some positives to take out of the game however, Adam (Super) Cooper showed tremendous commitment and skill down the left wing and the defence of Phil, Harley and Alex did well to keep the score down. Also there were outstanding performances by Connor "Rio" playing at sweeper and man of the match Joe "The Salmon" who made several truly memorable flying saves.

## Brinklow Bears 1    AT7 Youth 5

This game was an old cliché of "a game of two halves". AT7 ran in 4 first half goals with no reply. The Bears battled hard with Phil and Harley competing well in defence but the fluid passing movements we work hard on in training were again missing. 2 goals were needlessly conceded when the bears should have made simple clearances but instead gave the ball away to the AT7 forwards.

A fluke goal gave AT7 a 5 goal lead early in the second half, when a Brinklow clearance hit an attacker and flew into the net. Despite the gap in the scoreline, the Bears did not let their heads drop and proceeded to dominate the final 20 minutes. Joe pulled off one world class save and Adam, Josh, Turbo, Alex and Lewis all started to work together to take the game to the opposition. This tremendous display culminated in the goal of the game when Josh "Turbo" tackled an AT7 midfielder deep inside his own half. He then sent a great ball down the right for Josh "Zidane" who skipped passed the defender before playing an excellent pass into Lewis "Lineker" who coolly finished just inside the area. We proved again that we can compete in this league when we battle hard for possession and pass the ball quickly forward.

**Andy Pepper**

# U10'S TEAM NEWS (GREEN LEAGUE)



## **Athletic United 2 Bulldogs 6**

The season could not have got off to a better start! The Bulldogs came out all guns blazing. From the first whistle they grabbed the game like a rag doll and did not stop shaking it till the final shrill blast from the referee's lips. Ben Stone and Tommy Wright were unstoppable up front. Scoring a brace of hat tricks between them. Three players made their debut for the Bulldogs, Daniel Turner in goal, Joe Kemp left back and Luke Tailby left midfield. All three gave very confident performances. An excellent start to the Bulldogs campaign, 110% effort from the whole squad.

**Man of the match Ben Stone**

## **Bulldogs 5 Chaplefield Colts 1**

It could not have started any worse for the Bulldogs. Goalkeeper Daniel Turner injured his knee in the pre match warm up and took no further part in the proceedings. Into the breach stepped Willem "the wall" Main and played a blinder! Only being beaten once. Ben Stone was again in deadly form, scoring his second hat trick in as many games. On the right side of the field, Danny Wood had an exceptional game, which was rounded off when he converted a penalty. Luke Tailby opened his account for the club with a thunderous left foot shot from the edge of the box. With this kind of attitude, commitment and team spirit, the Bulldogs are going to be a force to be reckoned with this season. Especially in their own back yard.

**Man of the match Danny Wood**

## **Bulldogs 7 Coventry Athletic 1**

Different game, different opponent, same script! There seems to be no stopping the Bulldogs in this sort of mood. Danny Wood set the scene in the second minute of play when he scored direct from a corner. Ben Stone was yet again in deadly form, hitting his third hat trick of the season! Tommy Wright made it 5 nil at half time. With a few changes in the second half, Michael took over from Ben and banged in a brace of goals. The score could have easily been more had Henry Deboer's three fine shots on goal not brought out the best in the Athletic keeper.

**Man of the match Joe Kemp (a very solid game)**

## **Kersley Colts 0 Bulldogs 3**

On an extremely hard and bumpy pitch that looked like a hay field ready for mowing, the bulldogs started slowly. It took until late in the half for the Bulldogs to break through, with a sweetly struck right foot from, none other than Ben "Jimmy Grimble" Stone. In the second half it was business as usual, and the Bulldogs controlled the game. It seems the only way the opposition can stop Ben Stone from Scoring is to bring him down. Time and time again he was taken down. All credit to Ben he never complained or retaliated once. He just got on with his game and by the final whistle had completed his fourth hat trick of the season.

**Man of the match Ben Stone**

## **Bulldogs 2 Mount Nod 0**

A second game in as many days, and our toughest test to date. Any worries I had of tired legs were soon forgotten. So keen and enthusiastic is the whole squad, I think they would play until their legs fell off. This was one of the Bulldogs best performances to date. Defensively they are so strong. With the safe hands and presence of Daniel Turner in goal and Phil "the hammer" Hibberd having an excellent game being ably supported by Joe Kemp and Willem "the wall" Main. Glen "the General" right controlled the game from midfield and the players up front caused havoc with the oppositions defence. No prizes for guessing who scored the goals, yep, a brace for Ben Stone, I think I might have denied him his hat trick by resting him for most of the second half, sorry Ben!

**Man of the match Phil "The Hammer" Hibberd**

**Andy Main**

# U10'S TEAM NEWS (RED LEAGUE)



**Brinklow 1 AT7 Youth 4** (M.O.M – Matthew Pine)  
**Brinklow 0 Chaplefield Colts 5**  
(M.O.M. – Matthew Mooney & Nathan Arundell)  
**Whitley 1 Brinklow 3** (M.O.M - Lee Huddleston)  
**Kenilworth Wardens 4 Brinklow 0** (M.O.M - Craig Payne)

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back, hope you all enjoyed your summer break as much as I did. This season hasn't started off too well, only winning one of four matches so far. Lets not get too despondent, at times we've played some good football and been a little unfortunate. At the moment we all need to be patient as we've lost a couple of good players at the end of last season, we've bought some new players in, who need time to gel. If we keep improving and competing the way we are then I think we can turn the corner and start stringing some results together, so let's keep encouraging and get behind them and together we can get through this.

## The Team....

**MATTHEW MOONEY** –Goalkeeper (Arsenal Fan) Slowly becoming a great allrounder, very safe hands, excellent shot stopper and getting better all the time.

**GEORGE HARMAN** – Defence (Coventry City Fan) Strong, solid and very quick which helps, as he is normally our last defender, another plus for George he is now starting to head the ball.

**CRAIG PAYNE** – Defence / Midfield (Liverpool Fan) Also very strong, reads the game well. A great passer of the ball, very good in the air, also holds his position wherever he plays.

**NATHAN ARUNDELL** – Midfield (Coventry Fan) A new player to the team, who seems to have found his position within the team, improving week by week.

**LEE HUDDLESTONE** – Midfield (Liverpool Fan) Flair player who is very good going forward, links midfield and attack, also scores his fair share of goals.

**STUART DAY** – Midfield (Coventry Fan) A great passer of the ball who brings others into the game well, neat and tidy player, who is fairly good in the air.

**MATTHEW PINE** – Attack (Coventry Fan) Quick, aggressive, a real handful for any defence, always full of energy, now looking up, passing the ball and bringing others into play.

**JASON TAYLOR** – Defence / Midfield (Liverpool Fan) Another new player to the team, looks useful and can use either foot, on the verge of breaking into the team.

**HARRY JEAUVONS** – (Coventry fan) A new player, not sure of his best position as yet but always gives 100% for the team.

I would like to congratulate the players on winning the Lillington 6 a side tournament for the second year running, plus reaching the final at the Brinklow Tournament. Well Done Boys

## Training

From the 10th October training will take place at Walsgrave all weather pitch between 6 – 7pm on a Friday night, at a cost of £9.00 every four weeks. First payment due now, next payment 31st October.

## Christmas Party

If anyone has any ideas for this years Christmas Party could they please let me know. - Thanks

**Dave Payne**

# U11'S TEAM NEWS



<b>Brinklow</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Binley Woods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>AT7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Brinklow</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Brinklow</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>CTK</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Brinklow</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Finham</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Wyken</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Brinklow</b>	<b>0</b>

A warm welcome to the new season for all those connected with the under 11's, especially those new faces who have joined us during the close season. After making as much preparation as we could during August, (thanks to Martin Pulford and Bolty for their help) we have finally made the step up to 11-a-side. I think me and the lads will be the first to say that its not easy, but we are learning with every game and we are having some fun. If we can keep our shape and stay organised for the full 60 minutes we'll give anyone in this league a good run for their money. We won't finish champions, but we are capable of mid table and can be proud of ourselves if we do just that! The 'A' league was always going to be a challenge for us, but so far we have put in some good positive performances and haven't really been outclassed by anyone yet. If we can just keep some shape in midfield we will be able to challenge more and keep possession longer - that's our aim for the next few games.

At the moment goals often flow very freely as all the teams come to terms with the extra space and bigger goals. Our first away outing at AT7 was probably our best game so far, with three well taken goals and a well organised performance. JJ was first to score

<b>Goals this season</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Goals</b>
Taz	3
Glazgo	3
Murph	2
Taylor	1
Dale	1
Steve	1
Danny	1
JJ	1

for Brinklow with a quality strike from just inside the area. By half time we were three up and the team soaked up a lot of pressure in the second half as the home side hit back with two goals.

Anyone who watched the eventful match against CTK will no doubt have seen the worst ever refereeing performance. Three penalties inside a few minutes left us reeling, but again we showed great character to come back and almost sneak a point.

Keeper, Matty Wilby already looks excellent in those big goals and at the other end the



*Tom Morrison powers the ball away in the game against Binley Woods*

usual culprits of Glazgo, Murphy, Hydo and Taz all look threatening. Danny and Taylor have now secured a regular place in the starting line up and have made excellent progress in the first few games. The two full backs Sam Hayley and Joe Partridge have been worked hard by the opposition in every game, and both have responded with maximum effort. JJ has been solid at the back as usual, despite missing his partner in crime Tom Morrison through an ankle injury. Get well soon Tom! Steve Brannen has stepped in and done a great job at centre half while Tom has been injured.

A big welcome goes to three new players this season, Jonathan Smith, Kyle Atkins and Charlie Millidge who won Man of the Match in his debut against Wyken. I also need to thank Arthur Hale and Smiths Concrete for their sponsorship of our new kit this season.

**Tony Glasscoe**

# U12'S TEAM NEWS



I hope everybody connected with Under 12s has had a good summer and are looking forward to the new season ahead. For this season, congratulations to Josh Pointon for being selected as Captain and Chris Brennan as his deputy. Also congratulations are in order for Arron Steele for winning last seasons Players Player of the Year and to Kai Sud for winning the Managers Player of the Year.

## Season 2003/2004

Season 2003/2004 promises to be a tougher season than last. With the advent of three leagues, this season for our age group, coupled with a shortage of players, is going to be a hard but hopefully a worthwhile adventure for the Under 12s. It's only the end of September and it seems as if there hasn't been a summer break at all! The opening four games have resulted in a draw, two wins and a defeat. All games have been very tight and competitive and could have gone either way. My guess is that this will be the trend for the rest of the season. There will be no easy games (as there was last year) and everyone within the team will have to be flexible with their positions. But I have no doubt about the Under 12s capabilities. The title race could be an exciting one and every point and match will be vital. To this end the management team will be pushing the lads even harder, but again, after analysing the first four matches played, the lads have already proved their commitment and dedication to this seasons campaign.

<u>Scorers</u>		<u>Man of Match</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Josh Pointon	2	Callum Day	1
Alex Cramp	1	Jordan Thompson	1
Arron Steel	2	Alex Wood	1
Chris Brennan	1	Milan Sud	1
Miles Wilcox	1		

On a lighter note, a new initiative has been introduced for this season.

**'THE MAGIC MOMENT AWARD'**. A prize will be awarded to any player who during a match does something a little out of the ordinary. It might be a show of skill, some humorous banter or something just plain daft, it doesn't matter. Please let me know if you spot something that makes you smile and the prize will be awarded accordingly.

## Training

Saturday morning training will replace winter midweek training this season. I propose to do Saturday morning training every two or three weeks instead (weather permitting). The first session will take place on Saturday 11th October at Barr Lane. 10:30 to 12:30. It will be imperative that everyone attends these sessions as they will become the only times we'll be able to meet to talk about tactics and practice moves. Your support to fulfil these sessions will be invaluable.

## Dates for your diary

Sat 29th November - Adults fun golf afternoon. No experience necessary. Meet with partners afterwards for meal. Everybody welcome. See Simon Thompson for details.

Tues 23rd December. Annual Dad's night out. See Bob Sud for details (if you dare).

Ideas for the boy's Christmas bash would be most welcome, the more original, the better.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the lads for the effort they've put in over the last month or so. As mentioned previously, they are being worked hard, but they are responding magnificently. Well-done lads, keep up the good work.

**Peter Day**

# U14'S TEAM NEWS



## Rugby 2003 2 Brinklow 6

(Rory Higgins 1, David Brannen 1, Dan Gyselynck 3, Tom Pye Ford 1 pen)

After suffering the disappointment of missing their first game of the season the u14's responded well against an organised Rugby Town side.

Finding themselves 1-0 down within 20 seconds of the kick-off, a 10 man Brinklow had to reshape their formation accordingly. This took the lads a while to get used to but they soon had Town on the back foot, going in at half time 2-1 up with goals from Dan Gyselynck.

With our keeper arriving for the start of the second half, the lads were able to revert back to their normal positions, with David Brannen coming out into midfield, growing in self belief as the game progressed, and with Dan Giles long throws causing constant problems Brinklow soon cruised into a 4-1 lead.

Although Rugby grabs a goal back causing a few jitters the boys pushed forward with some good football going on to record a 6-2 victory, even having the luxury of missing a penalty. The highlight of the game was not only Dan Gyselynck's hat-trick but the superb attitude & commitment shown by the side that made for an enjoyable afternoon for the players, parents & management team.

### Forthcoming Fixtures

Sun 12th Oct Home v Leamington Hibs

Sun 19th Oct Home v Ernesford Dynamos

**Paul Huddleston**  
**Barry Wilkinson**

*A man was being interviewed on television after winning £1,000,000 on the football pools. 'What are you going to do with all that money asked the interviewer?' 'I'm going to spend the first £250,000 on wines, spirits and beer,' said the winner cheerfully, 'and the second £250,000 on horses, dogs and cards.' 'I see,' said the interviewer, somewhat taken aback. 'And then,' continued the winner, 'I shall spend £250,000 on women and loose living generally.' 'Quite, quite,' the interviewer interrupted hurriedly. 'And what will you do with the remaining £250,000?' 'Oh, I'll probably just fritter that away,' he replied*



*Not only does a glance at the French European champions' team sheet reveal the openly girlish Lilian Thuram, Fabien Barthez and Emmanuel Petit, but the French also insist on giving Laurent Blanc and Nicolas Anelka a touch of femininity by refusing to pronounce the final letter of their first names. Alas, this only seems to work with Christian names, so there's no need to call up Darren Eadie or persuade Steve McManaman to become the less sexist Steve McWomanawoman. The only option appears to be judicious deed polling, leaving us with a line-up including Paula Ince, Denise Wise and Phyllis Neville. Perhaps former England skipper Emma-Lynn Hughes could see to it?*



# U15'S TEAM NEWS

## Dads v Lads

Towards the end of last season we had a series of Dads v Lads games, we started with rounders, the lads won the first game but once the dads changed the rules we won the second game.

Next we moved on to football, 'Bolty's World 11 v Under 14's. The team for the World 11 included Winston Steel from Jamaica, Jock McHarris from Scotland and Louigi Tailby from Italy just to mention a few. The star of the game was a young Brazilian Revelation Bolt. The World 11 started really well taking an early lead 4-0 thanks to some fine attacking by Steel and



Tailby, but then they started to struggle, this was due to the World 11 being out numbered 17 to 11 - the game finished 8-5 to the under 14's. I would like to thank Charles Charley Kelly from coming out of retirement and refereeing the game.

Two weeks later we had the cricket competition, this was held at the Easenhall

Oval. It was a fantastic day, the game being played in great spirit - I'm not sure of the result but I think the Dads won because I think the lads fiddled the scores.

## Season 2003/2004

Well hope you all enjoyed the long hot summer break. Martin and I decided to step up the pre-season training to try and improve the fitness and shooting - it seems to be working (so far!). The team have responded well and have started doing warm up running before training! Dale (beer belly) Draper has been involved with the training but the lads keep getting myself and Dale mixed up. I would also like to thank the parents who have been helping with the training by fetching the balls out of the hedges - there has been a few gone home with nettle rash!!

I would like to welcome David Bush to the squad and also a welcome back to Sean Drake. I think they will both be a great asset to the squad.

We have had a couple of pre-season friendlys one won, one lost - both games were very useful training exercises, trying players in different positions. The squad looks good for the forthcoming season.

## Match Reports

I would like to know if any parents would be interested in doing an occasional match report - it would make a change from my waffle.

## Running the Line

I would like to know if we have any volunteers to run the line, Dale is trying to start a rota so the same person does not have to do it every week - your help would be very much appreciated.

## Subs

Subs are now due, they have gone up to £40 this year, a letter will be issued from the Club with an explanation of the increase.

**Mick Holt**

# YOUTH TEAM NEWS

This season we will virtually have a completely new side. We have only retained 5 players from last year's team, namely Scott Burrows, Greg Wright, Andy Houston, Alec James and Danny Vincent and possibly Tom Muldoon, providing he can find a new job! If any one knows of a part time job, for a hardworking reliable 17 year old, that doesn't include working on Sunday's please let me know.

There are 5 players who have joined us, from last seasons Under 16's namely Gareth Yeend, Richard Taylor, Paul Lewis, Peter Sharpe and Martin Russell.

There are also a total of 6 new players, namely Big Johnny Brewster, Charlie Healy, Anthony Dell, Marc Belcher and Ashley Roche.

I feel it will take time for the lads to gel, so the first 4 or 5 games will be challenging, but once the lads develop an understanding and get to know each other better, we should hopefully do well.

Many thanks to everyone involved on the Committee in making the Revel our home ground this season. Also a special thankyou to Andy Main for preparing a cracking pitch - as always!

## Christ the King 3 Brinklow 4

Our first league game of the season, went extremely well taking a 4 v 1 lead into the interval, with all 4 goals coming from one of our new pacey strikers Anthony Dell (Delly) , who was on top form throughout this game, combining well with Charlie Healy.

The second half was a different story, as we were suddenly hit with several injuries, including Gareth Yeend (ankle), Andy Houston (Dodgy leg), which quickly saw Christ the King grab 2 early goals, but we held on to the lead, running out deservedly 4 v 3 winners.

Throughout the second half the local natives were getting restless, with constant abuse, from their sideline, but we managed to survive. So I would like to thank everyone, (including Dolphin Man who was in the bar!), for leaving me at the end, to sign their team sheet, what a joyful experience .... not !!!

**Man of the Match Delly**  
(great strength and stamina - clinical in front of goal!)

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID !!

# Town Youth beat Brinklow

## COVENTRY MINOR YOUTH

**Knockout Cup Final**  
Rugby Town 4 Brinklow 0: This performance by the Rugby Town Youth team proves there is still talent within the ranks for the club and it all bodes well for the future of the club.

On a blustery day at Coventry University the sun shone and after an early breakfast and light training session Town entered the field of play against a tough Brinklow side who were determined to have their day as well.

The game started at a frantic pace and Town should have taken the lead in the second minute when a through ball from Critigan found Mulhern in acres of space he screwed his shot wide.

The Steve Hunt's raid down the right in the fifth minute brought dividends with Francis finishing off a pin point cross from the lively Hunt. It was two three minutes

later when Town sprung the offside trap and it was Francis again who provided the clinical finish.

Brinklow were finding hard to get out of their own half but a counter attack involving Sam and Muldoon ended with Leokly scoring easily. Chances then went begging from both sides Kinney and Houston for Brinklow and Cowley and McGregor for Town.

It was no surprise when on half time Town increased their lead after some good approach play from McGregor, Francis beat his man and laid it back to Millburn who volleyed high in to the net.

The second half was a quite affair with only a couple of shots from the Brinklow forwards troubling the impressive Leokly and Town wrapped a fine win up when a Steve Hunt cross was met by the head of Andy Murrisey.

Town now need to concentrate on piph-

ping Brinklow for the title needing three points from two games against Chapletfields & Couadon.

Rugby Town Youth finished a creditable third in the Eastern Division of the Midlands Football League.

Their final game was held last Thursday against Highgate which they lost 2-1. Highlight of the year was an excellent 3-0 win at Leamington and the involvement of six youth team players in the first team.

## Midland Football Youth League

Eastern Division (final table)	Youth League
Leamington 18 14 1 3 76 23 43	
Highgate U 18 12 2 4 64 21 38	
Pug Town 18 10 4 5 63 35 34	
Marcors 18 10 5 5 51 25 33	
Stratford T 18 9 2 7 57 34 29	
Cov Sprix 18 9 1 8 39 36 28	
HC Warwick 18 9 2 8 57 44 26	
Highway 18 7 1 10 52 71 22	
Ken Tam 18 7 2 18 71 5	
Southern 18 0 0 18 12 152 0	

## Brinklow 2 Bilton Ajax 3

A game of two halves if ever there was one ! We were leading quite comfortably 2 v 1 at half time, with

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most of the possession and 2 good goals from Charlie Healy and Anthony Dell. Bilton looked very ordinary and did not trouble us in the slightest in the first half and in fact were quite poor.

Early into the second half Bilton scored an equaliser, which affected our rhythm and shape. We were once again hit by a couple of injuries and a lack of fitness was start to show mid way through the second half. We also showed a lack of discipline with 2 yellow cards and a sending off.

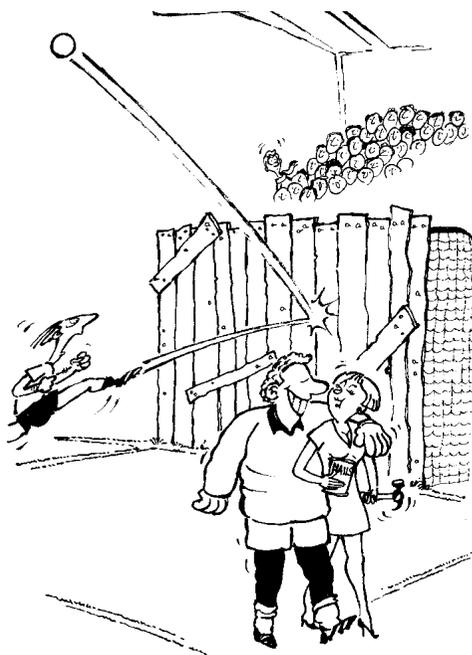
Finally the killer goal came from Bilton with 10 minutes to go and although we had several chances throughout the second half, we were unable to add to our goal tally.

### Man of the Match Sam Lunt

(Who never gave up throughout, showing plenty of determination - well done Sam!)

Lads: Please do not forget your annual subs of £40.00 for this season, which must be paid a.s.a.p.  
(Thanks for those players who have paid already).

**Dave Wright**



*A fan took his girlfriend to a game for the first time. She couldn't understand what was going on at all and had no idea about the functions of each player. 'What's that man doing standing at the big net?' she asked.*

*'He's the goalkeeper,' said her boyfriend. 'He has to make sure that the ball doesn't go into the net.'*

*'And how much does he get for that?'*

*'Oh, I don't know - about £20,000 a year.'*

*'Good gracious,' said the young lady. 'Wouldn't it be cheaper to have it boarded up?'*



