



Welcome to the first ON THE BRINK of the new season. We have been pretty busy in the close season organising various items, hopefully you will find these items useful.

The clubs' website has proved very popular over the last few months & with the introduction the clubs' forum lots have people have been posting, so why not go & take a look on brinklowfc.co.uk (enter the site & click on 'enter my forum' at the top of the page).

Also on the website is the new club calendar. this lists all the matches & the results as they come in. If your team's results aren't included then chase your manager, it's his responsibility to notify us of the results! If you have any other events that need to be added then please contact Gordon Betts (see contacts page for details) who is maintaining the Calendar. A hard copy of the calendar can also be found on the notice board in the White Lion. We have now put the finishing touches to the clubs equipment & merchandise catalogue. The catalogue contains T-shirts, Polo shirts, caps, jackets plus many other items all displaying the clubs name & badge. So if you want to turn up to support your team in the club colours then please see your manager for a brochure & pricelist.

This month I've included a copy of the league tables within the mag. It's pleasing to see so many of the teams at or near the top of the respective leagues. Perhaps we can attribute this to the improvements in coaching due to all those that passed the FA level 1 Coaching course & to the hard work put in by all during the clubs summer soccer camp which was well attended.

Please note we have called a EGM to be held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 19th October to appoint officers of the club following changes to the committee announced at the managers meeting on the 28th Sept, all members are invited to attend.

All annual subs should, by now, have been supplied to you manager; prices have remained as last year & compare extremely favourably with other local clubs (if you don't believe me go check it out!). We have managed to keep the prices competitive mainly due to our fund raising exercises (the 6-a-side tournament etc) & also because of our wonderful list of sponsors which has grown this year, a list of these can be found on the back page, a big thank you to all concerned.

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PS - All the managers contact details have been moved from the 'Club Officials' page onto their own teams page, we now have so many managers & teams that they physically wouldn't fit on a single page – a sign of how much the club has grown!



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Well here we are again, the start of a new football season and the start of a new school year for all the boys, doesn't time fly, just think we have now been training together for just over a year, so a big welcome back to all the lads and a big welcome to all the new faces who have joined the masses, I hope you we all enjoy the experience.

Some of you may already know but during the summer Brinklow F.C. put 18 coaches through their paces with the F.A. and we now have 18 level one F.A. coaches with in the club, two of which were yours truly and Wayne. This is a great step forward for everyone concerned and will definitely help with the development of not only our boys but everyone connected with the club. This course will hopefully be repeated at another date during the coming months so that those unable to attend the first sessions will be able to take the opportunity next time around.

Well back to the boys, they are all developing at a fast rate of knots and are starting to become accomplished footballers, if you think back twelve months and compare that to what they are able to do with a ball today then I am sure you will all agree that they have all come along way, and there is still more to come. Whilst it is important that they are able to develop their skills, it is also extremely important that they all have fun and enjoy their time learning, which I am sure they all do. The boys must all be praised for the way they behave and the team spirit that is building between them all. It is really great to see and this side of the game shouldn't be under estimated, it is really important in their development.

Now the boys are back at school we would again like to swell the numbers, especially the reception age group as we will at some stage be splitting them out from the older lads as we did last year. This will of course involve someone stepping forward to take the boys on and look after them as Declan did last year. We will of course give all the support needed to make this a smooth transition for the boys and we will give all the help needed to those people who step forward to do this, if they require it? So come on lads, bring your school mates down and let them have as much fun as you do.

Wayne, Jim, Paul and I are very proud of what the boys have achieved so far, and as parents, I am sure your are as well and we would like to thank you for your support and help, it is important.

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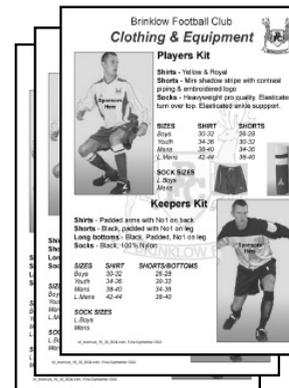
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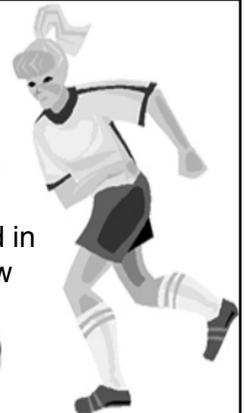
Please be aware that the committee is to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to appoint officers of the club following the changes announced at the managers meeting on 28th Sept 2004. All members are welcome.

Equipment & Merchandise Catalogue



Want to turn up to support your team in the club colours? Then please see your manager for a brochure & pricelist.

The Club would be pleased to here from parents or players interested in girls football. If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who might be interested please contact Dave Anderson on Mob: 07979 961364 or Tel: 01788 832472



GIRLS FOOTBALL

SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 0 C.R.C. 2

Barley Mow 2 Brinklow 2

Brinklow 3 Lawford 5

Jolly Abbot 3 Brinklow 5

Well here we are again and already well into the new season. As you can see from the above results we have not had the best of starts but all is not doom and gloom.

Our first game of the campaign was a difficult encounter at home to the C.R.C. and although the lads played well they were disappointed to leave the field as losers, knowing that they had created enough chances to have got something from the game. The following week was to turn out to be even more frustrating as this match should have been over long before half-time! With the game being played in a strong wind it would not have been unjust had Brinklow been four goals to the good within the first twenty minutes but due to lack of finishing, some basic defensive errors, and a battling Barley team, we had to be content with a very poor result in the shape of a 2-2 draw.

Our next game saw us back at the Revel against old adversaries Long Lawford. Looking at the results it would appear that we were the receivers of a good hiding but this was far from the truth. In fact in this game we were to witness some of the best football that I have seen from our side but in the end when pressing for a winner, we were to fall victim to a classic smash and grab! Even the lawford lads commented that they couldn't believe that they had beaten us, having been played off the park for large periods of the game!

The fourth match of the season was to see us at Featherbed Lane against the Jolly Abbot, and at last something to cheer about. With our squad stretched to the limit due to injuries and holidays it was down to the eleven available on the day to carry the banner (On that note I'm still not sure why the lads won't let me put my boots on?). Pleasing to say the eleven were to go on and play some cracking football, and although we still leaked 3 goals, an aspect of our game which is of some concern, the 5 that we did score were all good, and could easily have been 9 or 10, in an excellent 5-3 win, our first of the season.

On that note I feel that as in previous seasons, when we have a full squad to select from we will be able to gain the results that will see us climb up the table. This has been an indifferent start but the quality of some of our play gives us a lot of encouragement that we can improve our results, and go on to have another enjoyable season with Brinklow F.C

Yours in Football,

Barry Wilkinson

David Beckham and Victoria Adams were trying to mix with their posh neighbours when they were invited to a party. The conversation soon came to Mozart, "Absolutely brilliant... lovely... oh, a fine fellow... a genius of a man, Mozart." said one man to Beckham. David, wanting to get in on the conversation remarked, "Ah, Mozart. You're so right. It was just this morning that I saw him getting on the No.44 bus going to Old Trafford." There was a sudden hush and all eyes were turned towards him. Victoria pulled him aside and angrily snapped, "We're leaving right now." In the car on the way home David turned to Victoria and said, "You're really mad about something aren't you?" "How could you tell! I've never been so embarrassed in my life! You saw Mozart take the No. 44 bus to Old Trafford, huh? Showing me up like that, you idiot! Everybody knows that the No. 44 bus doesn't go to Old Trafford!"



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U7's TEAM NEWS

Welcome back to all our players who played with us last year and a warm welcome to all those new players who have just joined us.

Our main aim this season is for all our players to start developing as a team and have as much fun as possible. And, if possible conquer 'step overs' and 'cruyf turns' – see we did learn something during our F.A. coaching training.

One match confirmed:

November 6th – Coventry Jaguar in Coventry – time and venue to be confirmed.

I will try and organise a couple more games before winter sets in.

We will keep training outside for as long as possible.

Kit Information

We have ordered a playing kit (sponsored by Agfa Photo) – for match days only and some raincoats for general training and match day use (sponsored by Premier Artwork).

If anybody would like any more Brinklow blue training tops, please let me know – cost is £10.00 each.

Finally, watch this space – we've had an idea for the Christmas party!

Many thanks



Declan Mellett



*Why did the football coach give his team a lighter?
Because they kept losing their matches!!*



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U8's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 5 Hillmorton Juniors 2

Welcome back to a new season of football and some changes to the Under 8's. Firstly, Rob Holmes is stepping back from the team management, but will still be a regular supporter of the team. On behalf of all of us I offer a big thank you to Rob for helping to set up the squad. Stepping in to help with the running of the team is Moreno Francioso who like David and Gordon is also an FA qualified coach.

With three qualified coaches we are moving forwards with a new approach to training focusing on developing skills through a range of training drills that we will put into practice in matches. We want to learn from last year's games where we saw our opponents' routines for arrival and warm up. So as the children arrive at training or matches we will practice core skills whilst the whole squad assembles before we commence the training session or match. Hopefully this will develop the discipline that we can carry into our football.



So with a relaxing summer behind us, renewed enthusiasm and new training plans we have started the new season with a programme of training and friendly matches interspersed at three weekly intervals. The first game against Hillmorton Juniors took place at the end of September. Hillmorton kicked off and brought the game to us, catching us in an untidy defensive error that allowed them to score the opening goal. This seemed to have the right effect and we found our rhythm with good runs and passing moves that saw us attacking the Hillmorton goal to take a 2-1 advantage into half time. The second half saw us concede another early goal, but the team rallied to produce a winning result of 5-2, with a hat-trick from Ben and two goals (and a cart-wheel) from Georgia. This win owed much to good positional play and teamwork. Well done everyone.

Our match schedule is currently:
 16th October Whitley Juniors at home.
 6th November Coventry Jaguar away

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LEAGUE POSITIONS

Coventry League U8 Green				
Ernesford Dynamos	6	5	0	15
London Road Lions	5	5	0	15
Dunlop Jets	4	4	0	12
Firefighters	5	3	0	9
Pro Santos	5	3	0	9
Pinley Ndc	5	2	0	6
Brinklow Juniors	5	1	2	5
Coundon Cockerels	4	1	1	4
Coventry Jaguar Youth	5	1	0	4
Finham Park Colts	3	1	0	3
Binley Woods	4	0	1	3
Psa Peugeot Citroen	5	0	0	5

Coventry League U10 Green				
Dunlop Jets	5	5	0	15
Leamington Hibs	4	3	1	10
Brinklow Juniors	4	3	0	9
Christ The King Rovers	3	1	1	4
Finham Park Colts	3	1	0	3
Coventry Aquatics	4	0	2	2
Coventry Jaguar Youth	2	0	1	1
Keresley Sports	1	0	1	0
Gnp Sports	1	0	0	1
London Road Colts	5	0	0	5

Coventry League U11 Div B				
Chapelfields Colts Blue	4	4	0	12
Hillmorton Fc	4	4	0	12
Brinklow Juniors	5	3	0	9
Coventry Jaguar Youth	6	3	0	9
Mount Nod Highway	4	2	1	7
London Road Lions	3	2	0	6
Whitley Juniors	4	2	0	6
Binley Woods	4	1	2	5
At7 Youth (2004)	5	1	1	4
Athletic United	3	1	0	3
Coundon Cockerels	2	1	0	3
Finham Park Lions	2	1	0	3
Dunlop Dynamos	2	0	0	2
Rugby Town	2	0	0	2
The Boat	4	0	0	4

Coventry League U11 Div C				
Cov Jaguar Youth 2004	5	4	1	13
Finham Park Colts	5	3	2	11
Balsall & Berkswell	4	3	1	10
Keresley Colts	3	3	0	9
Wyken Fc	4	3	0	9
Dunlop Jets	4	2	1	7
Brinklow Juniors	4	2	0	6
Exhall Tigers	4	1	1	4
Leamington Hibs	4	1	0	3
Pinley Ndc	3	1	0	3
Pro Santos	3	1	0	3
Chapelfields Colts Green	4	0	0	4
Coventry Colts	2	0	0	2
Panjab Radio Sporting	0	0	0	0
Rugby Town 2002	3	0	0	3
Softull Juniors	2	0	0	2

Coventry League U12 Div B				
At7 Youth	5	4	0	12
Coundon Cockerels	4	4	0	12
Brinklow Juniors	3	3	0	9
Coventry Jaguar Youth	4	3	0	9
Dunlop Dynamos	4	3	0	9
Ernesford Dynamos	3	3	0	9
Christ The King Rovers	4	2	0	6
Wyken Wanderers	4	2	0	6
Coventry Aquatics	5	1	1	4
Keresley Colts	3	1	1	4
London Road Colts	5	1	1	4
Binley Woods	4	1	0	3
Pinley Ndc	4	1	0	3
Racing Club Warwick	1	1	0	3
Coventry Colliery	3	0	1	2
Finham Lions	3	0	0	3
Leamington Hibs	1	0	0	1
Mount Nod Highway	4	0	0	4

Coventry League U13 Div B				
All Nations	5	4	1	13
Hawkes Mill Colts	5	4	1	13
Pro Santos	5	4	0	12
Ernesford Dynamos	4	3	1	10
Pinley Ndc	5	3	1	10
Rugby Town 2002	5	3	1	10
Leamington Hibs	5	3	0	9
Finham Park Colts	5	2	2	8
Brinklow Juniors	3	2	0	6
Hawkes Mill Juniors	5	2	0	6
Binley Woods	4	1	0	3
Coventry Sphinx Juniors	5	1	0	4
Ryona Fc	4	0	1	3
Baginton Guild	5	0	0	5
Christ The King Rovers	3	0	0	3
Morris Rangers	4	0	0	4

Coventry League U16 Div B				
Brinklow Jun	4	4	0	12
Dunlop Juniors	4	3	0	9
St Nicolas Boys Diamonds	4	3	0	9
Allesley Aces	3	2	0	6
Westwood Heath Athletic	2	2	0	6
Coventry Jaguar Youth 04	2	1	0	3
Hawkesmill Colts	4	1	0	3
Chapelfields Colts	2	0	0	2
Pinley Ndc	4	0	0	4
Rugby 2003	3	0	0	3

Coventry League Youth Division - Blue				
Brinklow Juniors	3	3	0	9
Kenilworth Wardens	3	2	0	6
St Nicolas Boys	3	2	0	6
Finham Park Rangers	2	1	1	4
Sporting Athletic	3	1	1	4
White Hart Sports	3	1	1	4
Coundon Court Old Boys	3	1	0	3
Mount Nod Highway	2	1	0	3
Psa Peugeot Citroen	3	1	0	3
Whitley Juniors	1	1	0	3
Morris Rangers	3	0	1	2
Panjab Radio Sporting	3	0	0	3

Brinklow Youth Vs White Hart Sports

Well, a new season and what a great start for the youth team with a 4-1 win. Sam Lunt donning the captains arm band and Keith Byrne adopting his usual position on the line with a yellow flag and the resounding "off side referee". All players were available with the exception of Daniel "Greeny" Green who had only handed his registration in the previous night. The fact that it was completed in crayon only reinforced the attitude of the hospital not allowing him anything sharper!

It was evident from the start that the hard work in pre season training had paid off with a much higher level of fitness apparent and some excellent close ball skills, plenty of running off the ball and communication between the players. The game was not without incidents and the opposition, without the benefit of substitutes and by the look of things, pre season training, were the poorer side from the off. Ryan Byrne scored the first goal, a curling left footer after an excellent run from Lee Perkins had seen the ball fall to Ryan. The second goal came from Scott Vallance and the team could have had at least three others in the first half but for some good goal keeping.

The second half saw the same side start with White Hart scoring with probably their first genuine chance of the game. Youth replied almost immediately with a goal from Leigh Salisbury. Substitutions saw the introduction of Luke McKiernan, Lewis O'Sullivan and Jack Wiggins with Luke scoring the fourth goal. This was a hard fought game with youth having to retain their composure after some fairly basic tactics from the opposition. Well done lads. There will be much harder games to come from a lot more skilful teams so keep your focus!

St Nicks Vs Brinklow Youth

This match took us over the bridge to Nuneaton, the land of white socks and tanktops. We all met at the White Lion so we could travel in convoy taking the precaution just in case we were to get ambushed by the locals and we needed to circle the vehicles to fend off aggressors. We all managed to get to the ground on time with the exception of Jack Wiggins, which is worrying, as Jack is not used to being in a strange land by himself. Also Jack attends Lawrence Sheriff School and you know what the local natives like to do to public school boys! Jack turned up ten minutes late giving the excuse that the border patrol had searched him finding a suspicious substance in his bag. This turned out to be Vaseline – enough said.

As for the game, Brinklow were far the better side from the start, however we seemed to run out of ideas in the last third of the pitch. Keith told the lads to keep passing the ball around and their hard work would pay off. As usual the lads ignored Keith's advice and Richard Taylor launched a ball from his area and straight into their goal – 1-0. It was almost all one-way traffic with very little coming from St Nicks. Leigh Salisbury got our second goal with a fine long distance shot, which their keeper parried, into his own net. The game was almost over when Youth made a defensive error, which gifted them a goal. Too little too late for St Nicks – 2-1 Brinklow Youth.

Brinklow Youth Vs Coundon

We were expecting a hard fought game having heard that Coundon were both physical and skilful. This was the case, however once again Youth came out on top with a 5-3 victory. Coundon were using the long ball in the main but Sam Lunt and Rajen Patel were equal to their tactics with comfortable marshalling in the centre of defence. Coundon were gifted their first goal when an unfortunate slip left their player with an unmissable situation. Youth fought back well with Luke McKiernan levelling the score for all of thirty seconds. Whilst Youth were congratulating each other Coundon took the centre kick and scored from the half way line!

Youth eventually went to 4-2 with another two goals from Luke (one a penalty) and an individual goal from Rajen who had won the ball in his own half and carried on up field to receive the ball back and score. Coundon were reduced to ten men after a disagreement with the referee and then scored after a mix up in the Youth defence. The final word came from Leigh Salisbury who scored Youth's fifth but only after the Coundon goal had been peppered with five previous shots!

Keep it up Youth.

Clive Morton

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I welcome you all to the new campaign, I hope you are all looking forward to it as much as I am, I'm sure you are. Well, what a busy summer we have had having to rebuild one side and gel another due to an influx of some very talented young men all chomping at the bit to wear the yellow and blue jersey. Firstly I'd like to wish all the guys who have left us for pastures new all the very best, and on the upside welcome all the new players who have joined us and hope they enjoy being a part of Brinklow F.C.

It gives me great pleasure from all of the Under 9s in congratulating Bolty on his fantastic recovery and we're all chuffed to see you back where you belong.

(Due to space match reports for the u9's have been issued as a separate sheet - editor)

U9's objectives

- Continue development of squad towards 11-a-side football
 - Keep all players who began season for entire season
 - Maintain enjoyment at all times
 - Continue with technical and tactical development both individually and collectively
 - Maintain good team spirit
 - Enter both teams in league and cup
 - Enter both teams in various tournaments(possible tour)
 - Try to retain position in respective leagues
- Off the field
- Organise quarterly parents meetings
 - Arrange sponsor events
 - Arrange a couple of social events for the squad
 - Arrange social events for the parents
 - Create a phone directory for parents
 - Encourage both parents and players to use u/9s forum on website (brinklowfc.co.uk)
 - Issue regular newsletters

Martin Pulford



U9s RED



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U10's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow Bears 3 Dunlop Jets 6

Not a good start to the season but with a depleted squad and people playing out of position, the lads battled and carried on trying to pass the ball. The encouraging thing is that we still managed to score 3 goals. JB did a magnificent job as stand in keeper. Im sure the lads will be up for the game against Cov Aquatics next Sunday.

Coventry Aquatics 1 Brinklow Bears 4

Well last weeks defeat certainly got the boys up for this one, they started brilliantly, with some beautiful passing and running off the ball, Phill and Adam were solid in defence linking with Turbo, H, Lewis and Rooney. The ball seemed to just flow from the defence through midfield to striker, all this good football paid off with a brace from H and Rooney. The moment of the game for myself was the save by JB from a penalty and deserved to be a match winner. Alex came on and as usual put in a solid performance.

Well done guys and keep it up for next week.

Brinklow Bears 4 Finham Park Colts 0

What another great performance, continuing from the previous week. Again the lads passed the ball well, opening up the opposition to create goal attempts, only one slight criticism, when the lads play well they get a bit complacent and put themselves under pressure but all in all another professional performance. A brace from Turbo and a goal from Phill and Rooney rounded off a good display.

GNP 0 Brinklow Bears 7

What another good performance from the Bears from the kick off we passed the ball well and opened up the opposition, the link up play from centre midfield pushing the ball wide on both flanks, Turbo and Linekar producing those penetrating crosses which always put the opposition under pressure. Before half time the pressure told and H finished well on three occasions to get his first hat trick for the Bears, Rooney came close with some good free kicks but their keeper held on well and with Adam Phill and Connor solid at the back they never put us under any pressure. In the second half we introduced JB and Alex and the lads carried on from where they had left off with Alex solid at the back and JB tormenting them down the left with his speed and skill, this led to 4 more goals with 2 from JB a calmly taken effort which Rooney slotted nicely into the bottom corner and a well taken header from a corner by Linikar [Lewis]. Connor came out of goal and played on the left coming close on four occasions and producing some beautiful crosses with that sweet left foot of his. Well done again lads you're all working as a unit and not individuals which is why we are winning games, scoring goals and not conceding. Andy probably won't see this but from everybody associated with the u10s we wish Andy Michelle Lewis and Leanne all the best in America.

Gary Stothard

The seven dwarves 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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U16's TEAM NEWS

After finishing joint third in the table last season, and with all the emotion of the closed season which included winning the Brinklow 5 a-side tournament, seeing the return of Bolty and the departure of some longstanding servants of the team namely: Joe Shore, Shane Hunt and James Parker, there was a danger that the focus required for this season might somehow get lost in all the turmoil. Evidently this has not been the case, pre season training has been excellent thanks to Wayne Pulford who willingly stepped in to help Mick and Dale coach the lads and it must be said they all have responded and acquitted themselves brilliantly, giving 100% in the training and the games. The side has also acquired three new players in David Sinclair, Sean Clusker and the return of Ben Clarke, all of whom have fitted in extremely well in a very short period of time. During the pre season the side continued where it left off at the end of last season with wins against Bilton, Cotton End and a credible draw against Christ the King. Draper Engineering have also sponsored the new team kit and our appreciation and thanks go to Draper Engineering and all the kind sponsors of the club.

The first game of the season which was away to Rugby Town showed the teams intentions this season with a 13-1 win with goals coming from all areas of the field, was as good a start as anyone could wish for. The attitude, commitment and determination set a high standard, which if maintained should see a fitting reward at the end of the season.

Pinley offered a sterner test and having narrowly beaten them in the last but one game of last season the lads were under no illusion that to take all the points would not be easy, in fact it took 20 minutes of the first half before Danny Carter broke the deadlock after hitting the woodwork and missing a number of chances. The wind didn't help and by the end of the half David Bush and Daniel McDonald had added to the score, with only one goal offered in reply. In the second half it took 17 minutes for Danny Carter to add another 2 and Jack Draper added another one, after that the game was simply about creating and taking the chances which came in abundance, hitting the wood work four times and numerous near misses, Brinklow must have been in a generous mood not to take the score into double figures.

The first home game of the season against Hawkswill was met with eager anticipation, as last season had seen Brinklow take all six points. In a tightly contested first half early goals from Daniel McDonald and Danny Carter saw the home side go in at the break one goal up as Hawkswill had replied midway through the half with a well worked goal. They say football is a game of two halves and in the second half Brinklow put into practice some of the coaching they had received in recent weeks making it look very much like an exhibition game with goals from Craig Burrin, David Sinclair, Sean Clusker adding two and Daniel McDonald adding another four to take the final score up to 10-1. The manner in which the team passed and moved coupled with some excellent build up play and superb finishing showed just how simple the game can be when everyone is focused on the task.

Success breeds success and the meeting with Allseley Aces showed that regardless of the opposition the team have the self belief that by playing for each other they can accomplish anything, the first half was a somewhat scrappy affair not helped by an official who seemed to want to keep stopping the game and disturbing Brinklows flowing football. It is fair to say the team did not play anything like as well as they have done recently and it took 30 minutes before Daniel McDonald opened the scoring and the floodgates with goals coming from Dave Sinclair, Sean Clusker and Jack Draper within the next 7 minutes. Unfortunately the dismissal of Sean Clusker late in the first half had a detrimental effect on the second half and caused Brinklow to reorganise and reshape a side that had just started to perform. Against a side with a one man advantage Brinklow continued to press but were cautious not to leave themselves exposed and with a four goal advantage felt the job was done providing they did not over commit. Ben Clarke added another in the 32nd minute to show Brinklow were not at a disadvantage even with 10 men.

The coming weeks have Westwood Heath Athletic at home, St Nicholas boys away, and a cup game against Leamington Juniors to contend with. If the team keeps working hard in training and continues in their current form, this should be a season to remember. After only four games they know the league is a marathon and not a sprint. The measure of how successful the season has been will be measured at the end of the season and not after only four games.

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U13's TEAM NEWS

A warm welcome to the new season for all those connected with the Under 13s. This season brings us a new captain, vice-captain and a number of new signings. Congratulations to Milan Sud for being selected as Captain and Callum Day as Vice Captain and also a big welcome from all at Brinklow F.C. to Sanjay Sanghera, Gary Rothan, Joe Entwistle, Arjan Sahota and Dan Fossick, our new summer signings.

Looking back for a minute, the 'close season' has been very busy. With the summer soccer school taking place, the F.A. coaching course being run over two weekends and early pre-season training, it seems as if there hasn't been a break at all. However, all this activity seems to have stood the Under 13's in good stead. The early signs are encouraging, with two wins and only one defeat in the first three matches. All the 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 and everyone within the team will have to be flexible with their positions, but I have no doubt about the Under 13s 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 after analysing the first month of the new season, the lads have already proved their commitment and dedication to this season's campaign. To this end, a challenging schedule of training has been programmed. In addition to Friday nights at Walsgrave WMC, I'm proposing regular training sessions on grass every two or three weeks on Saturday mornings. I know this will require a lot of commitment by both players and parents alike, but it can only benefit the team in the long run.

Please find below an up to date training & match schedule

Fri 1st October	Training (Walsgrave WMC)	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sat 2nd October	Training (Revel College)	10:30am – 12:30pm
Sun 3rd October	Match (Leamington Hibs Home)	KO 10:30 am
Fri 8th October	Training (Walsgrave WMC)	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sun 10th October	Match (Pinley NDC away)	KO 11:00am
Sat 16th October	Training (Revel College)	10:30am – 12:30pm
Sun 17th October	Match (Cov Sphinx away)	KO 11:00am
There will be no training or matches on the weekend of Sat 23rd & Sun 24th October (first weekend of half term)		
Sat 30th October	Training (Revel College)	10:30am – 12:30pm
Sun 31st October	Match (Away)	KO 11:00am

Over the coming editions of **'ON THE BRINK'** I'd like to incorporate more match reports and anything else you'd like to see. So please let me know of any ideas you may have and also please feel free to submit or contribute anything you'd like to see or read on the Under 13s page.

And 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.

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U11's 'A' TEAM NEWS

Welcome back everyone, hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays. Whilst you've all been away enjoying yourselves, myself and several of the other managers have been on a F.A. Coaching Course and I'm pleased to say we all passed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Ridley from Woodside Motor Services for sponsoring us to the cost of our new kit and I would also like to thank Alan and Paul from Alan's Ice-Creams for enabling us to order the boys rain jackets.

We have signed up four new players for this season Robbie Dharni, Alex Evans, Kieran Monahan and Ben Simpson and hopefully all four will settle in really quickly and help improve the team.

Two wins and two defeats so far.

Although we have lost two games, one to Chaplefield Colts after going two goals down the boys rallied and levelled the score with only minutes to go, but for a silly last minute goal we would have taken a well deserved point.

The other defeat saw us go down 3-2 again to Mount Nod, who took an undeserved 3-1 lead with only minutes to go which proved too much for us, even with a last gasp goal from George. Our other goal an absolute stunner from Matty.

Our two wins came against Dunlop Dynamos, the other against a very good Cov Jag Team. Both with the same 3-2 scoreline.

Results so far:-

Brinklow 3 Cov Jag 2

(Craig Payne 2)
(Nathan Arundell)

Chaplefield Colts 3 Brinklow 2

(Craig Payne)
(Mathew Pine)

Mount Nod 3 Brinklow 2

(George Harman)
(Mathew Pine)

Dunlop Dynamos 2 Brinklow 3 (Craig Payne 2) (Jason Taylor)

Brinklow got off to a good start and had control of the ball most of the first half. Craig scored our first goal taking us into the lead and another goal a short time after. Stuart had a good game in midfield, keeping the other team on their toes. Dunlop scored a goal also in the first half. In the second half Jason scored a great goal, taking us even further in the lead. Then in the last two minutes Dunlop scored.

Man of the Match Stuart Day (had a great game)
Craig Payne (scored two goals).

Brinklow 2 Kenilworth Wardens 'A' 6 (friendly)

(Craig Payne)
(Nathan Arundell)

Overall not too bad a start to the season but we must learn to defend right up until the final whistle and not give silly goals away right at the end of a match.

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**Congratulations to
Dave Payne who will be 40 on
Saturday 2nd Oct
From all your friends
in the U11's**

U11's 'B' TEAM NEWS

Balsall and Berkswell 8 Bulldogs 3

On a scorching September morning, playing on a hay field in the back of beyond the Bulldogs got their league campaign rolling. Not the auspicious start that they wanted but a spirited display never the less.

The score line really flattered the opposition, the referee's words not mine. Ben Stone started where he had left off scoring a brace of goals and a hat full of near misses. Left back Joe Kemp scored a corker of a free kick from thirty yards. Newcomer Chris Ward made an outstanding debut, winning man of the match. The Bulldogs showed a lot of promise and it was good to see they hadn't lost that famous fighting spirit during the summer break.

Bulldogs 2 Finham Park Colts 5

A fifteen minute spell of chaos at the start of the second half cost the Bulldogs their first home win of the season. Ben Stone put them in front after five minutes only for Finham to equalise ten minutes latter. Another goal by Ben put the Bulldogs back in charge. On the stroke of half time Finham pulled level once again.

As the whistle blew for the start of the second half it was as if the whole team had had their brains short circuited, they were running around like headless chickens, everyone save Daniel Turner in goal completely out of position. By the time normal service was resumed Finham had a three goal buffer. Despite finishing strongly the Bulldogs could not close the gap. Yet again loads of promise, it's just a matter of time before the Bulldogs click. Man of the match was Henry Deboer, outstanding effort.

Bulldogs 6 Coventry Colts 2

Clickety click click! And didn't they just! I love it when a plan starts to come together. This game was never in doubt. The Bulldogs, although still a little raw looking, took command from the off. Yet again Ben Stone was in devastating form scoring five goals. Danny Wood scored the Bulldogs sixth and his first of the season. The team is gelling nicely, 110% effort given by every one. Man of the match was Ben Stone.

Leamington Hibs 0 Bulldogs 5

Another step up and the Bulldogs first away victory, they just keep on improving. Ben Stone continues to hit the target in style scoring another brace of goals; but this a team of not individuals but of a fighting unit all pulling for each other. This is starting to show on the score sheet. Phil Hibberd playing in his new position as sweeper scored the third goal, Henry Deboer slotted a well-deserved goal to make it four. With five minutes to go a rejuvenated Micheal Paul returned to the field of play and muscled in the fifth. Down the other end Daniel Turner kept a clean sheet, not the busiest game for Daniel but a couple of outstanding saves to shut Leamington out. Well done everyone man of the match Phil Hibberd very solid.

Rugby Town 1 Bulldogs 7

Firing on all four the Bulldogs quickly took command of this game. Rugby Town's only goal came from a penalty early on and they never looked like scoring another, such was the resolve of the back four. Glen Wright and Henry Deboer dominated the mid field. Chris Ward and Danny Wood persistently beat the off side trap to speed down the wings and zip in fine crosses. Chris Ward scored a fabulous individual goal, starting his run deep in his own half, beating four or five players and rifling the ball into the net. Lewis Arlow opened his account with a brace of goals, the second was a brilliant header from a Danny wood cross. Glen Wright also opened his scoring account; Mr Consistency Ben Stone scored a hat trick. Another excellent performance from everyone. The Bulldogs season is up and running! Man of the match Lewis Arlow.

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U12's TEAM NEWS

With summer gone this brings the start of the football season for Brinklow under 12's. We have lost a couple of players, Taylor, Charlie and Kyle but we wish them all the luck with what they choose to do. I must say a welcome back to Tommy Hyde and a warm welcome to the new boy Elliot Lascelles and hope he enjoys his football as much as the rest of us.

This season sees the under 12's playing in the B league, the first time since we started playing league football. So we find our selves in unfamiliar territory by not knowing the teams we are playing. With this on our minds the whole team seem to be sharing all responsibilities and they know deep down that results will not just come our way but we will have to work for them. So far with all the hard work the lads have been putting in we have managed to win our first 4 games of the season and they seem to be enjoying it a lot more than last year.

Brinklow 9 Cov Aquatics 4 (Goals from Zack 3, Hydo 2, Glazco, Gianni, Dale, Steve)

Brinklow 3 Finham Lions 2 (Goals from Zack 2, Glazgo)

Kerseley Colts 2 Brinklow 5 (Goals from Zack 4, Glazco)

Brinklow 3 Dunlop Dynamos 1 (Goals from Taz 2, Own Goal)

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I would like to say a big thank you from all the under 12's to Halkett Associates for their kind sponsorship of £500.00 towards buying the new playing strip with the rest being put towards buying new tracksuit tops for our squad.

Birthdays

Danny Hale 20th October (Happy Birthday for the 20th)

Neil Huddlestone



Steve Brennan challenges for the ball during the win against Keresley Colts.

What a match!

This took place at White Hart Lane, of all places in 1945. Arsenal were playing Dynamo Moscow when a dense fog descended on the pitch. The referee refused to abandon the match because the visiting team had come all the way from Moscow. The game swiftly reduced to farce! One Arsenal player was sent off for fighting, but sneaked back on again in the fog. The Russians substituted a player, but never sent their player off. Indeed, there were strong suspicions, that throughout the game, the Russian side secretly increased from 11 players to 15! The problem was that no-one could actually see enough to count them. The final confusion happened when the Arsenal goalie became disorientated in the fog, ran into the goal post and knocked himself out. He was replaced by a member of the crowd.



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