

## Chairmans Report Season 2011/12

4<sup>th</sup> July 2012

My fourth year of my tenure as Chairman of Brinklow Football Club

Activities on the pitch :-

For those who work ensuring the smooth running of the club it can be a fantastic feeling to see the fruits of our labour. As Chairman I have the privilege of watching football at all ages. I can go from watching Senior football on a Friday night, the final at the sphinx ground springs to mind, and all that went with that game to the following morning watching our under sevens playing against Mount nod, both of our teams played with the same intensity and passion. Watching these spectacles makes all of off the field activities worth while

Under 10's had a fantastic season, wearing their winning kit. To be our first ever junior team to win an A League last year, to retain the league the following year and go one better and win the cup is an outstanding achievement. We are in discussion with Wayne to see how far we can push this team I certainly would like to further investigate the possibility of trying to bring Midland Junior league football to our club.

Other notable achievements in the Junior Boys section

Youth	- Runners up B Division
U12A	- Runners up B Division supplementary cup
U12B	- Runners up D Division supplementary cup
U9R	- Runners up Mid Warwickshire league cup

Our Ladies / Girls section faced quite a few challenges this year, with both staff and players moving on for a numerous reasons. However, next season we should be back to running three teams in this section with a brand new team at u13 and a first for Brinklow, Brinklow Ladies FC.

As for the senior section, there is very little I can add and to be honest all the credit for their success goes to the team, Tony, Paul, Martin, Marie and Bob and of course the players. The only point I would like to raise, have we included all the silverware on our insurance?

Competing at a level that matches your ability is important at Brinklow FC and I believe we as a club are able to provide football at what ever level you wish.

Activities off the pitch:-

This year we have been challenged, as have all clubs by the weather.

Over the past 15 years the 666666 hasn't been challenged by the weather. Rich and his hard working 666666 team have worked endlessly and took the brave but correct decision to delay our tournament at the beginning of June. Those who witnessed the car parking issues at the Copsewood tournament on a level surface would only agree that the correct decision was made. The revised date, w/e 13<sup>th</sup> July is still under threat

due to the adverse weather we are experiencing. Challenges can be the making of teams and I am positive we will overcome these challenges presented should we have to cancel the tournament. Our balance sheet is strong to take the effect of not running but we will need to move some stock on to local establishments plus ensure subs for 2012/13 are collected in a timely manner to assist with cash flow

Presentation was moved at the last minute to Broad St Rugby club, thank you for all that helped with this event. Although not the same as having this occasion in the Village the format worked well and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Broad St RFC who came to the rescue with the venue at such short notice.

Next season we will not have any gaps at the top end of the boys section, (there was no 16's team this season) although we don't believe we will be running a under 7's team due to most of the micros team being reception year children. With this in mind I have asked, and I am pleased to say he has agreed, for Rich Farthing to step back in and assist with the overseeing of this section of the club. Arguably, the most important part of the club. This tends to be the entry point for most players to Brinklow FC, I do recognise that players come and go at all ages, but players won't come to older age groups if the team is not there in the first place. Rich will need assistance with this area, so please don't be shy, if you have a free Saturday morning, come down to Barr Lane and give a hand.

Ladies / Girls section, following the successful blueprint established for the senior section and we introduced a ladies / girls sub committee, to be headed Karen Stewardson, a new committee member. I have to say when I attended the last sub committee meeting for this section I was very impressed by the enthusiasm and drive by all of those who attended. I am confident this will give the focus required to this section, by people who are involved.

Wayne Pulford has agreed for next season to be Managers Rep and run the managers meeting, ensuring the managers meeting are generally about football issues. This will add the focus required to ensure maximum attendance and participation.

To all the managers and assistants of all our teams, being the manager of two teams I know what difficult but rewarding roles these can be. A thank you for all your work throughout the season

My final comments go to all the extremely hard working committee, the club continues to grow and without the work by the committee behind the scenes we would not have the platform to allow this growth. With this in mind we would like to increase our numbers. We are in need of a member who would look after our PR requirements and another member who would search out team / club sponsorship. These are critical areas to be filled, please spread the word.

I submit this report to the meeting

Declan

Ps Did I tell you about the goal I scored at Over 35's