



INKBERROW FC

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Seasons Greetings to you all! At this time we often reflect on events of the year and my word what a year. The highlights?

- ✂ U-16's winning their Cup Final
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- ✂ The second Club Ball
- ✂ The first Club Ball in good weather!
- ✂ The first Festivale of Football!
- ✂ The Chairman's 35 yard scorcher which 'kicked-off' the Festivale of Football!
- ✂ Becoming a Charter Standard Community Club
- ✂ Being announced County Charter Standard Club of the Year!
- ✂ Being announced Regional Charter Standard Club of the Year!
- ✂ Winning the above awards for the second time!
- ✂ Appointing an Italian manager before England! – Thanks Carlo!!
- ✂ Getting Planning Permission for the Club's 6½ acre pitch development!

Of course, I could go on and on such is the pleasure that this great Club provides. I am sure you will have your own highlights and I hope that the memories you have of Inkberrow Football Club will last many, many a year!

So what of 2008? I have lots of hopes but there other things of which I am certain:-

- ✂ That we will continue to aim to give huge enjoyment to everyone
- ✂ That we will begin work on the development of new pitches
- ✂ That we will be committed to the development of great players of great technique
- ✂ That our teams will develop a reputation for the quality of their football
- ✂ That such a commitment will result in a better standard of football
- ✂ That such a commitment will bring trophies
- ✂ That everyone is welcome at Inkberrow Football Club.

Have a great Christmas and the most prosperous New Year!

John Oxley – Chairman

Many Thanks to Committee members, coaches, parents and players who have made this such a great year



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Club Development

The Club has secured planning permission for its pitch development. Whilst many of you will be enjoying the festivities, we'll be hard at work putting the finishing touches to our Football Foundation Funding Application. This is due to be presented to the Worcestershire FA in January and to the Football Foundation in February. Our tendering process attracted bids within our estimates and negotiations with our preferred contractor are underway.

The Shortfall

We are likely to secure around 70% funding for the project costing approx £150,000. We have tried hard to build reserves of our own but will still have a funding gap of £20-30,000. This is not an insignificant sum. On Tuesday 8th January we are foregoing the usual committee meeting and are holding a special 'Find Some Cash' meeting. Everyone is welcome as long as they can come armed with some great ideas and a willingness to get involved and make the first part of our Development Plan a reality. Venue is The Bulls Head at 8.30pm.



Coach Development

Early this month the Club welcomed Chris Durham, newly appointed FA Regional Development Manager for the West Midlands, who put coaches and a number of senior players through their paces. This initiative was arranged by the FA and was an introduction to the beliefs that the FA are now promoting about the development of young players. Put simply, with street football now largely a thing of the past, youngsters are not developing the natural agility and technique that was once common place. Too many back garden goals and not enough 'Wally' or 'Kerb Football'! The session promoted the principle of every player having a ball and being able to 'master' that ball through close control, balance and ball manipulation. It was provocative but brilliant. My thanks to everyone who attended (it was a fantastic turnout) and it is a contact that will prove useful to us in the future.

We were also re-assured that our own principle of one ball for every player is one at the forefront of modern thinking.



CLUB OFFICIALS	
Chairman / Club Coach	John Oxley
Vice Chairman	Neil Guy
Secretary	Sal White
Treasurer	Malcolm McGillivray
Club Child Protection Officer	John Oxley
1 st Team Manager	Brian Parker
Academy Team manager	Dave Higginson / Eddie Hobson
Sunday Team Manager	Steve Yoxall
Veterans Team Manager	Carlo Longhi

Team Manager U/16's	Paul Tipper
Team Manager U/15's	John Oxley
Team Manager U/14's	Malcolm McGillivray / Tim Porter
Team Manager U/13's	Andy Crotty / Richard Coughlin / Carlo Longhi
Team Manager U/12's	Sal White / Dave Higginson
Team Manager U/11's	Andy Forbes
Team Manager U/11's	Rick Hughes
Team Manager U/10's	Tim Bray
Team Manager U/9's	Neil Guy
Team Manager U/9's	Mark Smith
Team Manager U/8's	John Barrow

6, 7 & 8's Coach Assistants	Neil Guy Darren Houlcroft

Snippets

Well done to Tom Forbes who attends the Worcs FA Centre of Excellence each week. Well done to Andy Oxley, Sam White and Charlie Teasdale who made the Reserve list. We will produce a professional in years to come!

Well done to Callum McGillivray who is now refereeing many of our junior games and doing a great job. Thanks also to Callum and Jonnie Price who do a fab job each weekend marking out all our pitches!