



INKBERROW FC

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME!

Our pitch development project gathers pace! Within the next few days we shall discover whether our application to the Football Foundation for funding of around £100,000 is successful; we're not counting our chickens but we are very hopeful. This of course still leaves us with a significant funding gap and a great many people within the club have been working hard on initiatives that will generate us that much needed capital. None more so in that category is Lasse Hansen, one of our Under 11 Coaches. His efforts have managed to secure the services of the legendary **Sir Bobby Robson** who will be visiting the club to support our project.

This has given us a fantastic opportunity to stage the most prestigious event we have ever attempted. On **Wednesday 23rd April** a 3 course lunch in the Village Hall will be served, followed by a Question and Answer session and to conclude the visit, a chance for Sir Bobby to see some of our youngsters being coached on the Playing Field. We expect around 80 people to attend the event; we are currently developing a Guest List (club members, past members, sponsors and invited guests). As a fundraising initiative all Guests will be pledging a minimum of £50 but an additional 20 places will be available by 'auction' or 'sale'.

Parents and players are **all invited** to attend the event at around 3.00pm where they will have a chance to see Sir Bobby and to take part in the coaching sessions. We will be asking the various Headteachers of the local schools to allow our players to leave school a little early in order that they can attend. I obviously cannot stress how incredible an opportunity this is and how fortunate we are to have such a guest visit us. If we were looking for the '**ideal**' person to support our club and our venture I guess most of us would select Sir Bobby as epitomising the principles and values that we work so hard to promote; a passion and deep seated love of the game and the commitment to the development of raw talent. It really is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we should work hard to respect that opportunity and celebrate it.



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Sir Bobby Robson – Fact File

Born County Durham, 18 Feb 1933
Played for Fulham and the Baggies and won 20 full England Caps scoring 4 goals.
Managed Ipswich Town to FA Cup glory in 1978 and won the UEFA Cup in 1981. Won 2 league championships in Holland with PSV, 3 in Portugal with Porto and the European Cup Winners Cup with Barcelona in 1997.
Took England to the quarter finals of the World Cup in 1986 (beaten by the 'Hand of God') and the semi-finals in 1990 (beaten by Germany...and our inability to take penalties!
Returned to his beloved Newcastle Utd in 1999 and rejuvenated the club leading them to successive Champions League qualifications.
Arguably, the most successful English Manager of all time, certainly the most endearing...and he's coming to visit us!

Our Club Philosophy

"If we do everything well, a win comes as a consequence. A player must also love the team's badge, the colour of the shirt. That's more important than money. The coaches teach you not to win, but to grow in ability as a player. It's all about the ball. We played games on tiny pitches where we could only take one or two touches. That makes you think very quickly. We played in different positions so we could see games from other players' perspectives. We were taught to finish and use space. Of course fitness was important but we had the ball at our feet in almost everything we did. This coordination work really helped."
These are the words of **Lionel Messi** about the **youth system at Barcelona!**
Anybody struck by how close the principles are to our own. Makes you think, heh?

Season's Success!

A terrific performance by all our teams this season. It's getting close to the end now and some of our teams have already made it to finals (U10's, U11's) other trophies are still to be decided and many of ours are in the hunt to win their respective leagues. Check out match reports on our website or the League and Cup details on www.yellowjersey.co.uk
In addition to trophies our Girls squad have shown terrific development this year and we have welcomed around 18 new children to our 5-7's Development squad. Well done!

CLUB OFFICIALS

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| Chairman / Club Coach | John Oxley |
| Vice Chairman | Neil Guy |
| Secretary | Sal White |
| Treasurer | Malcolm McGillivray |
| Club Child Protection Officer | John Oxley |

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| 1 st Team Manager | Brian Parker |
| Reserve Team manager | Dave Higginson / Eddie Hobson |
| Sunday Team Manager | Steve Yoxall |
| Veterans Team Manager | Carlo Longhi |

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| 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 |

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