



**INKBERROW FC**

# BULLETIN

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## Merry Christmas

.....and a happy New Year to everyone connected and involved with Inkberrow Football Club.

It's always a good time to reflect on the years' achievements and maybe our goals for the forthcoming year both on and off the pitch.

We're delighted to be making progress with the development of new pitches and the additional fund-raising events this year have been significant in supporting our efforts – the Big Breakfast, Summer Ball, Festive and 'Go and Play Up Your Own End' with Malcolm Stent have all proved popular events. A huge thanks is expressed to those who have been unstinting in their efforts to make them so successful. Consistent with our commitment to make a contribution to the terrific community we represent, we are also proud to have made contributions to the '1<sup>st</sup> Responders' through our fund-raising efforts.

Of course 2008 will always be remembered for the visit to the village of Sir Bobby Robson. This was a fantastic event, which lived up to its 'Once In A Lifetime' billing. Sir Bobby's battles with cancer are well chronicled and we are proud as a club to have made a £300 donation to his charity, The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation, and sent him a specially prepared photo album as a reminder of the day; it seems such a meagre gesture compared to the joy that he provided us all but I suspect true to the man it will be a gesture well received and much appreciated.

### Dudley's Coaches



Our fine players are always well kitted out in our distinctive 'Brazil' style yellow, green and blue strips. By comparison our managers and coaches look a little less well presented! That will shortly change thanks to Dudley's coaches who have agreed to become Coaches' Kit sponsors!

### Berrowlot

...is the official Lottery of Inkberrow FC. The cost is £30 per year with a chance to win £75 of prize money four times per year, draws taking place in March, June, September and December.

Full details and an application form are on the website. Special thanks to Betty Bullock for launching and managing this scheme.

[www.inkberrowfc.co.uk](http://www.inkberrowfc.co.uk)

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### Pitch Development

Finally, there has been some activity!  
An archaeological dig revealed no roman remains; actually no remains of any sort; not even the flesh of a hapless opponent on the receiving end of one of our 1<sup>st</sup> team managers more fearsome challenges!  
Trenches have been dug and new underground cables laid; this is not because our new pitch has undersoil heating but that Central Networks have now relocated the overhead electricity pylons!  
Solicitors have been finalising the terms of the lease documents and very soon into the New Year these will be signed and the major development work can begin.



We are all very excited by the project which seems to have taken an age to get underway but we are hopeful that you will be reading next years Xmas Bulletin having already played on our new hallowed turf!

### Coaching Stuff

All our coaches recently enjoyed a coach development session courtesy of Andy Poole, FA Coach Development Manager for the West Midlands. All coaches went away enthused, with some new practices for their players and with some new thinking that can be applied to their coaching.  
The club has worked very hard to develop some principles about the way football should be played and this is supported by its commitment to ensuring all coaches have an FA Coaching award.  
The club is also delighted to now have a Coach in place specifically for our youngest players. Paul Tipper is specialising in coaching the 5 – 7 age group and has been one of the first coaches in the UK to receive coach development training in 'age-specific coaching'. This means that all newcomers to the club at the age of 5 can be assured of the very best and latest skills coaching.  
If any parent wishes to get involved in coaching the beautiful game, please get in touch; the club funds all coaching courses for its coaches.

### RESPECT

Despite the antics within the professional game, we at grass roots level can set the very best examples of player, official and spectator behaviour.  
Be proud of our own Code of Conduct – available on our website - and learn more about the FA's very important initiative at [www.TheFA.com/Respect](http://www.TheFA.com/Respect)

### One's To Watch

Our four Under 10s teams have terrific potential. Teams are playing in both the AEFL and CWYFL and when they come together at 11 a side in a couple of years they could be a joy to watch! They could easily be the next team to follow our current Under 12s into the Midland Junior Premier League. Why not check out their fixtures and pop along to watch?

### CLUB OFFICIALS

Chairman / Club Coach  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Club Child Protection Officer

**John Oxley**  
**Neil Guy**  
**Sal White**  
**Malcolm McGillivray**  
**John Oxley**

1<sup>st</sup> Team Manager  
Reserve Team manager  
Sunday Team Manager  
Veterans Team Manager

**Brian Parker**  
**Dave Higginson**  
**Steve Yoxall**  
**Carlo Longhi**

Team Manager U/16's  
Team Manager U/15's  
Team Manager U/14's  
Team Manager U/13's  
Team Manager U/12's (2 teams)  
Team Manager U/11's  
Team Manager U/10's (4 teams)  
Team Manager U/9's  
Team Manager U/8's

**John Oxley**  
**Malcolm McGillivray / Tim Porter**  
**Andy Crotty / Richard Coughlin / Carlo Longhi**  
**Sal White / Dave Higginson**  
**Andy Forbes Rick Hughes / Lasse Hansen**  
**Tim Bray**  
**Neil Guy, Mark Smith, Mark Taylor, Alan Fitcher**  
**John Barrow / Darren Houlcroft**  
**Rick Hughes**

5 – 7s Coach

**Paul Tipper**