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If you've ever had dreams of owning a football club, you've come to the right place. With your first year of membership, you get a £1 share in the club and you can join our committees, keep our club going, and vote on important issues.

If you have any suggestions or want to lend a hand, page 10 has a list of all the committees and the emails to get in touch.

Enjoy the game. C'mon you Tons!



A WORD FROM THE GAFFER

Last Saturday I think we just have to hold our hands up and say we were beaten by the better team on the day. Had we had everyone available, would that had been the team I would have started with? Obviously not but we still could have done the basics better and it's a lesson to learn from to do better next time. I must also stress that it is only our second competitive defeat so no need to panic or to try and reinvent the wheel. Good teams respond to defeats and show character so that's what we will do today.

We should be closer to full strength on Saturday but a few injuries will have to be assessed closer to the end of the week before the squad is announced.

We've heard through the grapevine that Eastfield are an organised and physical side which is typical of many of the sides at this step. But as the home team, we will look to impose our style of play and make sure we allow our match winners to influence the game. As long as this happens then we are confident of a positive result.

The management and playing staff would just like to thank each and every member who has signed up and decided to become a part owner of the club.

To reach 1000 members in just six months is a great achievement for a club at this level and I'm sure it's only the start of great things to come. Keep an eye on social media as we may be posting a vid online to celebrate.

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Community Links - Christmas Toy Appeal

The Newham Recorder and Community Links have launched their annual Christmas Appeal to provide some of the most vulnerable children in the borough a gift.

Newham has the dubious honour of having the highest number of children living in poverty in London (36,780), with 43.21% of children living under poverty.

Community Links aim to distribute appropriate gifts to over 2,000 children referred to them, aged from 2 months to 16 years, so that they can wake up to a gift at Christmas rather than miss out.

The appeal is in its 41st year, but the situation is only getting worse with more and more children are being referred to Community Links from Newham's family support and welfare agencies.

These children are the most disadvantaged, vulnerable and at risk, dealing with the consequences of poverty.

Recipients of the Appeal have included children brought up under a variety of complex needs, from single parents in multiple low-paid jobs that need extra support, to those living in poor, inadequate temporary accommodation, children with complex mental health, emotional or physical needs, parents with disabilities, substance issues or who have passed away. These are just some examples.

How you can help

Clapton CFC members are collecting money for the Toy Appeal at today's home game so look out for the fundraising buckets.

CCFC & St Pauli fans: shoulder to shoulder against repression

At the cup game against Letchworth Garden City, the International Committee of Clapton CFC distributed a leaflet highlighting an attack on St Pauli supporters travelling to an away game by the North Rhine-Westphalia state police.

The leaflet was a translation of a press statement released by Braunweisshilfe – a campaigning solidarity project run by fans for fans.

Thanks to the Clapton CFC fans at the game, who donated a total of £60.68 to help Braunweisshilfe. For more information about their work, please visit <http://braunweisshilfe.de/>

Press Release from Braunweisshilfe 5/11/2018:

On 4th November 2018, about 300 St. Pauli fans travelled to Bielefeld for the away game. The Police boarded the train shortly

after in Osnabrück, and attacked the fans with pepper spray in a enclosed train wagon in an indiscriminate and large scale way. The reason given was an alleged regulatory offence.

Upon arrival at Melle station, St Pauli fans and other passengers wanted to leave the wagon to escape from the pepper spray: which caused many to suffer from shortness of breath, irritated eyes, and even induced vomiting for some of the affected. The police tried to stop the disembarkation by further use of pepper spray and batons (including blows at head height), which led to a panicked crush on the platform.

After further police units arrived, the journey went directly to Bielefeld with almost no interruptions. However, upon arrival, units of the North Rhine-Westphalia Federal State Police and also Special Detention Forces surrounded most of the fans as well as other passengers at the station forecourt – kettling and detaining them without arrest for the following six and a half hours.

The police then demanded personal details from all those detained, and this demand was met by part of the group. Those who refused to provide their details (despite no crime having been committed) were separated from the rest of the group and held in appalling conditions:

- The group were denied usage of a toilet
- No food or drinks were provided for another five hours
- Personal details were extracted under duress
- Minors were illegally detained and controlled without the involvement of their guardians

Whilst this was happening, the police stationed themselves throughout the away fan area of the stadium, forbidding late arrivals (including those who were released after giving their personal details) from entering the standing section. The police also prevented fans from leaving the stadium at the final whistle. We see this as a calculated effort to deprive the liberty of all fans in the away area.

The Federal State Police has already stated that these measures are meant to "send a message", but what kind of message are they sending?

- The undermining of basic human and civil rights
- The deprivation of liberty of fans both at the train station and in the stadium
- Physical attacks against fans and other passengers, including repeated use of pepper spray in an enclosed area
- The mass collection of personal data of people who were not charged with a crime

This is a message from a police state!

We call on the media to not take the police press releases at its face value, and thereby contributing to a narrative that feeds prejudice against, and criminalisation of, football fans.

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Our kit manufacturer - Rage Sport supporting local cause

Our brilliant and very busy kit manufacturers Rage Sport have donated some of their revenues to a good cause, handed over a cheque for 1500 Euros to the Laboratorio Millepiani, a community centre in Rage Sport's home city of Caserta.

The Lab offers study space, tutoring, computer access, wifi, library, photography, dance and music lessons – and all absolutely FREE.

Unfortunately the roof is in a bad condition and partially collapsed a few months ago, halting many of the activities they put on.

Clapton CFC's logo is on the cheque along with another 11 teams that Rage Sport have produced kits for and we are proud to have been a part of this.

Take a look around the Laboratorio Millepiani in the video below (in Italian) and find out more on their fundraising page. They still need more money to fix the roof for this winter.

Cover Art

Today's cover is by none other than our own goalkeeper Vlad Bendo (learn more about him on p.28). We asks him to explain his design:

"I thought of this design for the programme to represent what Clapton CFC means to me. It's not only a team to support on Saturdays. It is a sort of safe space open to everyone, joyful and uniting, where people go not just to watch a football game but to find other people with similar ideals, creating that incredible family sensation.

The idea of the two main figures to be father and son came natural to me after I noticed how many kids have been involved lately, which I think is amazing. I decided to set the image in the late 19th century to celebrate the history of Clapton (and because I liked the idea of a sort of nostalgic "good old days"). The combination between the figures and the set is meant to represent the perpetuity of ideas through generations, "from father to son".

I am really happy and proud for the opportunity of doing this and I tried to do something that is linked to my tattooing style, so it really is my personal celebration of Clapton CFC."

Thanks to Vlad and be sure to ask him about his new tattoo if you talk to him at the game :)

If you want to design a cover for one of our programmes this season, email us at comms@claptoncfc.co.uk or via Twitter or Instagram.



However you enjoy reading our programme, stay chilled - like Stef stretching it out while learning about Phil after the Hereford game.

If you had just caught the scoreline, you might have been forgiven for thinking that Clapton had switched disciplines and taken up Rugby Union.

Saturday's game with Hereford Palace provided, on average, a goal every 7 and a half minutes to entertain a brilliant crowd of 400-plus in the autumn sun.

Player-manager Geoff Ocran named striker Eliot Crosbie, back from a niggling injury, as his stand-in captain for the game, with club skipper Andrew Lastic on the bench as he recovers from his own injury. Also on the subs' bench were recent signings Tre Cartier and Jake Stevens.

The visitors, who have been improving over the season after some humbling scorelines early in the season, were dealt a cruel blow after keeping it tight for the first 10 minutes.

Sherwin Stanley, hot on the back of his recent hat-trick against FC Roast, was bundled over in the penalty area, having neatly turned toward goal.

The penalty call was possibly borderline, but the ref didn't hesitate in awarding the spot kick. Stanley stepped up and casually finished. So it began.

Just minutes after the opener, a direct corner was won in the air by the dominant Stanley, who flicked the ball backward, falling perfectly for Eliot Crosbie.

With the freedom of the penalty area, our number 10 directed a shot into the far corner on the half volley.

If Hereford Palace felt hard done by from the opening penalty, they could have no complaints about the second. A reckless, lunging tackle cleaned out Eliot as he shifted the ball on to his right foot. No protests followed from the offending player, more a resigned shrug.



The new Stray Dog scoreboard hadn't been designed to cope with double figures...

Eliot stepped up to convert the penalty he'd won. The keeper guessed the right way this time, but couldn't keep out Eliot's clean strike into his left hand corner.

The ease in which Clapton scored their opening three goals would have no doubt felt ominously familiar for Palace

At three down, though, heads were still held high and rare counter into the opposition half was rewarded with a goal.

A speculative volley from a decent cross deflected off Jordon Odojin and flew past the sprawling Vlad Bendovskyy.

Angered at losing a clean sheet, the 'keeper punched his post in frustration. The Tons' search for a clean sheet in competitive football continues.

Normal service soon resumed and following a concise passing move from Clapton, the ever dangerous Josh Adejokun fired in a good cross. Stanley trapped the ball dead, turned without challenge and belted the ball past a flailing Palace goalkeeper.

Clapton's fifth was the result of persistent closing down of opposition midfielders. Having won the ball on the right wing, Stanley unselfishly rolled the ball back to the incoming Louis Rene, whose low shot deflected past the hapless 'keeper

If the first half was rough on the team in blue, it wasn't getting any easier in the second half.

Despite having already shipped five goals, the Palace goalkeeper could have, up to the early phases of the second half, taken comfort knowing he hadn't been at fault.

However, following a jinky move from the buoyant Rene, the resulting shot hadn't quite matched the quality of the run. The Palace 'keeper duly spilled the ball over his shoulder, gifting Louis with his second of the afternoon. 6 – 1,

Five goals down, but credit to Hereford Palace who were still trying to play out from the back.

Odejokun's pressing of his opposing fullback forced a throw in, which resulted in a quick chuck into Crosbie's feet. The imposing striker, rolled his marker like he wasn't there and thundered in a shot, this time with his left foot, into the far corner.

Another stand-out performer in the Tons midfield, Nabeel

Hashim, was the architect of his side's 8th goal. A driving run and quick pass to Eliot, resulted in a shot and decent stop from the Palace goalkeeper – a parried ball which found its way back to Hashim at the post, who then cleverly back-heeled to his newly-signed teammate, Jake Stevens, recently subbed on, netting for a debut goal.

New boy, Stevens, who had been gifted his first goal on a plate, made a second goal for himself. Latching on to a good ball from deep, he won a shoulder-to-shoulder battle with the Palace defender, before cutting inside and brilliantly finishing with the outside of his boot.

Despite shipping nine goals, Hereford Palace continued to compete in good spirit and at no point let frustrations boil over into anything unpleasant.

Clapton's 10th goal seemed to be the result of the away side's understandably demoralised defence. Crosbie scored his 4th of the game in the closing stages, having received the ball into feet, he found himself with no-one within two yards of him, turned, feigned and finished.

The new Stray Dog scoreboard hadn't been designed to cope with double figures, meaning our young supporters had to improvise a "10".

The 12th goal of the afternoon might have felt cruel, if it wasn't so well-worked.

Stefan Nielsen, on as a second-half sub, played the pass of the match behind the Palace defence, finding Crosbie at the back post, who scored a remarkable 5th.

The game finished 11 – 1, the biggest league win by a Clapton side since the 1909/10 season, when they beat Shepherd's Bush 11-0 in the Isthmian League.

CCFC: Bendovskyy, Bouho, Odojin, Headley, Smyth, Rene, Ocran, Hashim, Adejokun, Stanley, Crosbie

Subs: Kilon, Cartier, Lastic, Nielsen, Stevens

Attn: 414



A challenging tie in the second round of the Anagram Records Trophy saw Clapton emerge with a highly impressive 2-0 win at previously unbeaten Letchworth Garden City Eagles.

Although the hosts had more of the ball in the early stages, the Tons looked more threatening, breaking quickly and utilising the strong holdup play of Sherwin Stanley and Stefan Nielsen.

Clapton CFC fired a few early warning shots, with Stanley blazing narrowly over from a Nielsen knockdown and defender Jordan Odofoin almost connecting with a lofted free kick just in front of the opposition goal.

On 15 minutes, the Tons took the lead in slightly contentious fashion. Dean Bouho's long throw-in from the right hand side caused chaos in the crowded Letchworth box.

Upon first glance it appeared to bounce past the hapless goalie straight into the net, but we have to give Stanley the benefit of the doubt that it brushed his head on the way in. As the first 45 progressed, the Hertfordshire side began to apply concerted pressure.

'Keeper Daniel Anfossy also came to the rescue on numerous occasions, with one particularly crucial reaction stop from a point blank header right before half time.

Just after the break Letchworth's standout performer Scott Piggott, who has already notched 20 goals this season, went

through on goal, but again Anfossy managed to stand up well to save.

The Garden City side continued to ratchet up the pressure and Clapton CFC seemed less and less able to break out and threaten at the other end.

On 65 minutes, Anfossy was beaten, only to see the shot smash off the underside of the crossbar and away to safety. With 79 minutes on the clock, a Letchworth ball bobbled across the Tons box only for a home attacker to knock it against the outside of the post.

Then, with Clapton desperately, nervously hanging on to their lead, an Eagles defender tried to cut out a Romelle Pile through-pass, only for the ball to drop invitingly in the path of Stanley. The on-form Tons striker coolly lobbed the onrushing goalie to make it 2-0.

Even though the result was then beyond doubt, there was still an agonisingly long injury time to endure until the final whistle was blown and the players could join in the euphoric celebration with the fans.

A quarter final home tie against Chipperfield Corinthians FC in February awaits.

CCFC: Anfossy, Bouho, Odofoin, Oshin, Smyth, Kilron, Nielsen, Ocran, Rene, Stanley, Crosbie

Subs: Hashim, Headley, Lastic, Pile, Panescu



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The evenly-balanced tie then tipped sharply in visitors' favour, when Galicia were reduced to ten men.

The fact that it was a Galicia coach running the line may or may not have something to do with the decision. The jury's out, but his apologetic shrug towards the Clapton support told a story!

Tons talisman Eliot Crosbie, who as well as grabbing goals does invaluable work absolutely monstering defenders off the ball, on this occasion went in a bit hard on Galicia's Karim Tayib.

The foul was given the home side's way, but the foulee petulantly kicked out to land himself a straight red.

At half time Bendovskyy was withdrawn due to a niggling foot injury and Ashley Headley – usually a defender but a quality keeper in his own right – took his place between the sticks. He was immediately forced into action, tipping a long range effort onto the bar.

CCFC took the lead shortly afterwards, Josh Adejokun breaking in from the wing after a neat interchange from a throw-in then slotting home confidently.

The advantage was doubled moments later when a lofted pass from captain Andrew Lastic was taken down by Crosbie inside the box.

Galicia keeper Jack Dillon came out and blocked the shot, but some freakish backspin compelled the ball to bounce back over his outstretched arm and into the net.

The physics of this goal were hard to understand and the easy thing would be to blame the plastic pitch. Let's blame the plastic pitch.

Then on 62 minutes the ten men managed to hit back when Headley rushed out to close down the angle on Gomes, who cunningly widened the angle before angling home from the corner of the penalty box.

But the Galician fightback stalled when Crosbie bagged his second, knocking in a Stanley cross from close range.

Victory was well and truly sealed when the on fire Stanley got his deserved goal late on. He reacted quickest to meg Galicia keeper Dillon, who had invitingly spilled a not-particularly-vicious Nielsen freekick.

The quarter final will see the Tons take on league rivals London Samurai Rovers.

CCFC: Bendovskyy (Headley 12), Adejokun, Smyth, Odofin, Oshin, Lastic, Nielsen, Cartier, Stanley, Crosbie, Panescu **Subs:** Headley, Ocran, Hashim, Bouho, Rene.

A tricky tie against a team with their roots in the western corner of Spain took Clapton CFC to the western corner of London, where they tasted away cup joy for the second week running.

The 4-1 win over Deportivo Galicia Reserves, in the shadow of Heathrow Airport, booked the Tons a ticket to the quarter final of the Jim Rogers President's Cup.

The home side had the majority of possession in the opening stages without many clear cut chances – as the taking-off planes outroared the Clapton faithful.

On 30 minutes, Sherwin Stanley tried to replicate the previous week's deadly chip against Letchworth, but his effort was narrowly off target.

Shortly afterwards, Vlad Bendovskyy made a good stop with his feet to deny the lively Galicia number 9 Bruno Gomes, who was rushing through on goal.

The next chance fell to Clapton when a Stefan Nielsen free kick from the halfway line swirled into the Galicia six-yard box. Three Tons went for it, but none of them managed to apply the touch it needed.

It was just before half time when the match really burst into life. There was controversy when a delicious Nielsen ball from the right was tucked in by Stanley, only for it to be deemed offside by the assistant referee.

Clapton Community endured a torrid afternoon in Southall, where a talented London Samurai Rovers side dispelled any illusions about how challenging it will be to escape the division.

The Tons were missing several key players, but there was no arguing with the quality of the opposition. Samurai dominated with well-drilled moves, bags of pace and technical ability.

From the word go, the visitors' goal was under siege. Stefan Nielsen and Jake Stevens held the ball up well when Clapton did get upfield, but it seemed impossible to get a series of passes strung together.

Tons goalie Dan Anfossy was busy. He made one particularly impressive one-handed stop from Samurai number nine Jungkun Hwang.

With 25 minutes gone, Samurai converted their pressure into a lead. A ball into the box fell kindly to Hwang who thrashed it into the net.

Three minutes later a cross from the left was nodded in by Rafiullah Andar to give Samurai a deserved two goal half time lead.

A tactical reorganisation saw Clapton get forward more in the second half, but at the cost of leaving more gaps at the back. This against a team who it turned out were very good at exploiting gaps at the back.

At the start of the half, Anfossy made another of his (now becoming trademark) point blank one-handed saves.

Clapton rushed up the other end and Nielsen was adjudged to have been pushed over in the box. After protracted Samurai arguments about the decision, Nielsen popped it in the bottom corner. 2-1 and a glimmer of hope.

The comeback could not be sustained as a



lapse in defensive concentration allowed Samurai to restore their two goal cushion. The Tons were slow to react to a short corner and a Ryoya Hamada shot from the edge of the box was deflected past a static Anfossy.

Things almost got worse for the visitors when a corner was headed in but disallowed as it came off an arm.

Then things just got worse anyway.

On the hour mark, the electric Hamada jinked past a couple of defenders and fired hard at goal. Anfossy managed to get a hand to it, but it looped into the top corner for 4-1.

Stevens and Romelle Pile were making occasional forays down the wings, but the disciplined Samurai defence were

efficiently containing them. No clear cut chances allowed.

A Samurai rebound from another Anfossy save was lashed into the net only for it to be disallowed by the lino. More specifically, it was disallowed by the Clapton sub deputising as lino.

But again the let off was merely a brief respite.

In the dying moments, Samurai's Koshi Takeuchi broke through on the right and Anfossy came out to narrow the angle. But Takeuchi unselfishly squared to Keita Kasai

sprinting through on the left for an easy finish. The 5-1 rout was complete.

Clapton will take on Samurai twice more this season, home ties in the quarters of the Jim Rogers President's Cup and the league. They will need a solid plan and excellent performances across the park to make it more competitive.

CCFC: Anfossy, Pile, Lastic, Bouho, Smyth, Stevens, Ocran, Rene, Hashim, Nielsen, Owiredu

Subs: Kadler, Headley, Cartier, Kwakye, Blakesley



At the home tie with Hereford Palace, Clapton fans paid tribute to legendary anti-fascist Max Levitas, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 103.

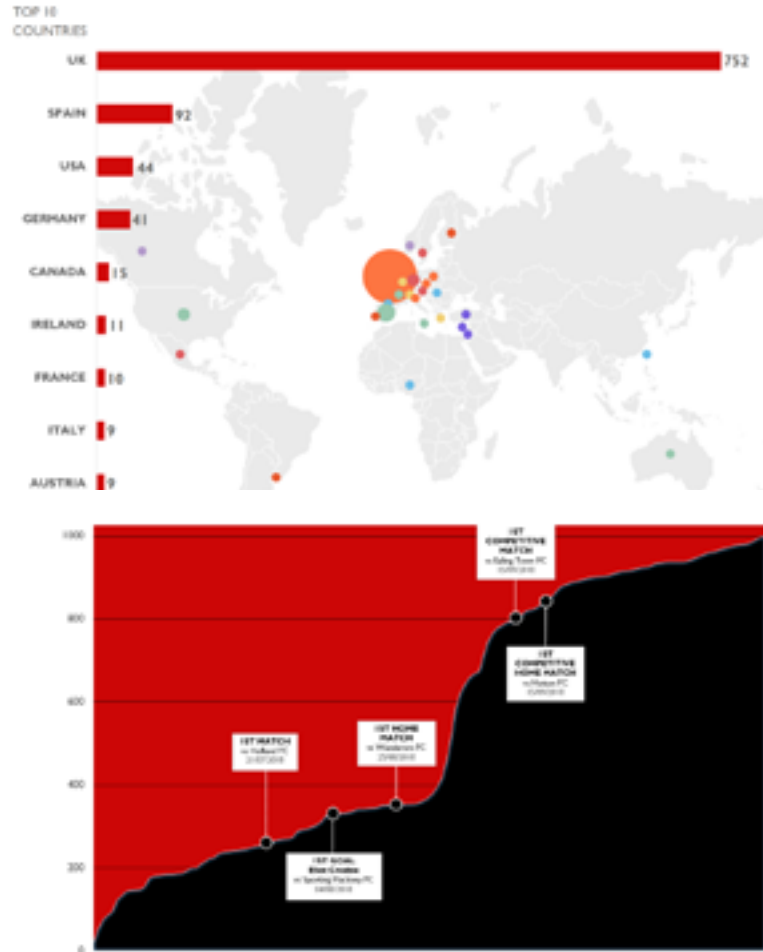
Born in Dublin, his family moved to Glasgow in 1927 before settling in London in 1931.

Levitas was one of the last survivors of the Battle of Cable Street where Oswald Mosley's Blackshirts were

prevented from marching through the East End. A true giant of the left, he campaigned tirelessly for oppressed, marginalised groups his entire life.

Levitas was a football fan too - his allegiances lay with Spurs.

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Clapton Community Football Club has reached the incredible milestone of 1,000 members, just four months after playing its first-ever match.

Our 1,000th member, eight-year-old Arlo, will be presented with his owner's certificate and member's badge during half-time at today's game against Eastfield FC.

Every single Clapton member – including eight-year-olds – can say they own a football club. Each of our 1,000 members received one share in Clapton Community FC, an equal vote and an equal opportunity to get involved by joining up to two of the club's 11 departmental committees.

That one share is symbolic of the club's egalitarian, DIY culture. Our strong stance against racism, sexism and homophobia has attracted members from around the world, particularly from Spain. Our away kit is adorned with the colours and the three-point star of the International Brigades, who travelled from far and wide to fight against General Franco's fascist regime.

The momentum generated by the kit's international appeal helped grow the membership in a matter of a few months, but it was far from the only factor. The support we receive every day from local and international supporters would not exist without a commitment to football that is owned, operated and played by and for the supporters.

Clapton Community FC was voted into existence in February 2018 after years of mismanagement at Clapton FC. The new club is a continuation of the old one, which was founded in 1878 as a member's club. Membership at the other Clapton has been closed due to "restructuring" for years.

Our aim is return to the club's historic home in Forest Gate, the Old Spotted Dog, and take full ownership of the land to safeguard the club's past, present and future. The fight to save the Old Spotted Dog, which is under threat from liquidators, is an ongoing and crucial part of Clapton Community FC's existence.

The fight has received backing from Lyn Brown, MP for West Ham; Roksana Fiaz, mayor of Newham; local councillors; and over 1,750 people who signed an online petition calling for the Dog to remain a community asset.

For now, Clapton Community FC plays in the Middlesex Counties Football League Division One, the 12th tier of English football, at The Stray Dog in Walthamstow. Despite the long journey across London for fans local to the Spotted Dog, Clapton CFC home matches consistently draw over 400 spectators.

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Remaining Clapton matches in 2018:
 December 8: The Curve vs. CCFC 2pm
 December 15: CCFC vs. Ealing Town 2pm

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The Comms Committee is CCFC's own mini media empire: bringing together our members' talents in design, web developing, journalism, video editing and tweeting goal GIFs. As merch falls under our remit, we have also accidentally become one of East London's most successful clothing retailers.

The phenomenal success of the away shirt has had a large impact our activities, in both negative and positive ways. On the one hand, the literally hundreds of ¿donde puedo comprar la camiseta? queries pouring into our emails and social channels have eaten into our time. And often patience.

But much more importantly, it has launched us to a global audience. It has given us a unique opportunity to introduce people to the deeper and more interesting stories, values and aims of our club.

To this end, we have liaised with friendly journalists to help them tell our story the correct way, while politely telling others to go away.

As a megaphone for the good work of the other committees, we have for example recently helped to promote campaigns such as On The Ball and FARE's anti-racism action week.

We are always grateful for any content that will help take heat off a midweek programme print deadline day or fill out a newsletter - drop us an email!

In terms of the football itself we aim to keep everyone in the know about the CCFC playing and coaching staff, give the lowdown on opposition teams and try to boost the profile of the Middlesex Counties Football League in general.

As well as trying to encourage as many people as possible to come to games and get involved, the Comms Committee also want to help Tons far and wide get closer to the action.

One proposal that arose from October's general meeting was the possibility of live-streaming matches. At the moment we are especially looking for new members who might be willing to take on that particular challenge.

We are ambitious and there is a lot of work still to do. We just need to grow our Twitter followers from 15k to 21k to overtake Dulwich Hamlet. Salford City's 142k make the Most Followed Non-League Club crown a tricky one to take. So how about we reopen negotiations with those BBC documentary-makers who got in touch...?



THE ARCHIVES

From the Clapton FC Archive
by Chris Tymkow

We have been here before!

History, we are told, has a habit of repeating itself. It has certainly done so in the following instance. A peek into the Clapton FC minutes from 1903 at the Bishopsgate Archive reveals that the club was looking for a ground on which its reserve team could play in the season to come. Clapton were at the time fielding two, sometimes three teams every Saturday, so the Old Spotted Dog Ground wasn't sufficient on days when two or more of its sides had home fixtures. The minutes of the Committee meeting on 7th April 1903, held at the Elephant on Fenchurch Street (reproduced here) confirmed an agreement with a Mr Bishop to use Wadham Lodge for the 1903-04 season, at a rental of £16.

Whereabouts in Wadham Lodge this ground stood, we do not know. Cricket was played there as well as football (as it was at the Old Spotted Dog in those days), and Clapton Reserves probably had no more than a bare pitch to play on. There must have been a dressing room, though, since an offer early in the autumn, by which time the team would have started playing there, to provide it with bowls was accepted with thanks.

Some of us wandered around Wadham Lodge this summer, checking the place out before deciding to go ahead and sign a ground agreement for this season. Little did we know that we were following in the footsteps of our Claptonforebears.

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After the large amount of shirt orders, and funds, which were received at the end of August, the amount of expenditure in September has dramatically risen. The largest amounts were instalments to Rage Sports so that they could start producing the kits to fulfil all the orders we had received. This isn't the full amount we had to pay for all the orders as the payments were staggered so will appear on future month's expenditure as well. There was also extra costs incurred due to the rise in membership which meant that more badges and share certificates had to be printed.

Aside from this, the rest of the expenditure related to general running costs for the club; with programme printing costs, a banner for The Stray Dog and a machine to help us count all those coins you are kind enough to donate among them. The Finance Committee are working with our appointed accountants to finalise all our tax commitments in both the UK and Spain and will update the wider membership accordingly.

Expenditures (October 2018)

Payment to for shirt manufacture	£33,202.97
Payment for replica shirt distribution	£20,560.88
Production of CCFC scarves	£2,239.04
VAT registration fees	£900.00
Professional fees for VAT return	£720.00
Printing of match programmes	£600.00
Payment for security	£554.40
Training kit	£327.75
Membership certificates	£270.00
Purchase of stickers	£205.54
Comms camera equipment	£204.93
Postage	£204.02
Payment for physio	£163.31
Match officials fees	£144.00
Membership cards	£103.20
Purchase of league match balls	£90.00
Walter Tull Banner	£90.00
Laundry costs	£90.00
Envelopes for membership packs	£85.00
Kitbag purchase	£69.98
Food for teams at home games	£60.00
Travel costs	£48.30
Payment for physio	£40.00
Purchase of hot water urn	£40.00
Purchase of portable table	£34.95
Printing of papers for Member's Meeting on 25 Oct 2018	£30.00
Match day equipment	£29.95
Essex FA - payment of fines	£20.00
FA approved First Aid Training course	£20.00
TOTAL	£61,147.24

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HISTORY

Clapton and the FA Amateur Cup.

by Gary Price

In 1883 Blackburn Olympic defeated Old Etonians in the FA Cup Final, an event that was to mark the end of the amateur clubs hegemony of the competition. Increasing professionalism among the midland and northern clubs had led to a decline in the performances of the amateur clubs. By the early 1890's the FA was coming under increasing pressure to introduce an alternative cup competition for its amateur members. On the 8/2/1893 rules were drawn up, similar to the FA Cup, for a competition solely for amateur clubs, to commence later that year.

81 clubs entered the inaugural competition due to start on 21/10/1893 with 9 qualifying matches. Clapton were drawn away to Norwich Thorpe and created history by being the first club to 'scratch', a common practice during the cup's early years, as it meant clubs could avoid expensive travelling costs. The following year at least Clapton took to the field, only to lose at home 0-4 to the Kings Own Lancs Regiment in their only game. This was to be Clapton's last game in the competition until the next century.

Clapton's return to the cup in 1904/5 saw them reach the final, played at Shepherds Bush. On the way to the final Clapton recorded their record victory in the cup, beating Ipswich Town, then of the South East Anglian League by 9-0. The final itself saw Clapton lose narrowly by 3-2 to West Hartlepool. West's eased into a three goal lead but Parnell reduced arrears with two late goals.

Team: Wilding, Bayley, Langthorne, Milton, PH Farnfield, Hollis, Folks, Brown, Purnell, H Farnfield, AJ Farnfield. The Farnfields were brothers, and a fourth brother, GS, missed the game due to injury.

Two seasons later Clapton went one better and lifted the trophy, defeating Stockton, at Stamford Bridge. On an unusually hot day for late March, Clapton triumphed with goals from Russell, following up a parried Parnell penalty, and a late winner from Rance.

Team: Wilding, Bayley, Ewan, Parkinson, Randall, Olley, Eastwood, Russell, Rance, Purnell, Harvey.

Clapton won the cup again two years later, as Eston United, a team of ironstone miners were thrashed 6-0 at Ilford. Rance became the first player to score a hat trick in the final, a double from Purnell, and one from Attwood completed the scoring. Walter Tull created three of the goals. Eston's Callaghan became the first player to be sent off in a final, for a second half foul. Clapton's six goal winning margin remained a joint competition record.

Team: Jackson, Bayley, Duce, Parkinson, Rist, Olley, Attwood, Purnell, Rance, Tull, Harvey.

Clapton's defence of the cup lasted until the following season's semi final, going down 1-2 to Middlesbrough based, South Bank at Stockton. Another semi final appearance followed in 1913, as fellow Isthmian League



side, Oxford City, defeated the East Londoners 2-0 at Reading.

A fourth final in 11 seasons was achieved as Clapton faced holders Bishop Auckland at The Den on 17/4/15. Clapton avenged the previous season's 4th round defeat at The Dog, winning with a solitary 18th minute Sherwood goal. Bishops who had much of the play missed an early penalty.

Team: Wood, Sharpley, Bartlemeh, Ward, Prescott, Millers, Walden, Cox, Lloyd, Sherwood, Cordell.

The war and indifferent cup form meant Clapton had to wait until 1923/4 to experience amateur cup success again.

BELOW

Clapton v Stockton Final 1906-07. A Stockton defender heads clear after a Clapton corner.

A record cup final crowd of 32,000 was drawn to The Den on 5/4/1924 to see Clapton take on Erith and Belvedere, from the Kent League. Erith never got going as a Potter double and one from Bernard settled a one sided contest.

Team: Moore, Penstone, Blake, Williams, Bryant, Cable, A Riley, Earle, Gibbins, Potter, Barnard.

The following season Clapton returned to The Den to beat Southall 2-1 in the final. AN Ryley and Miller replaced A Riley and Earle in an otherwise unchanged side. Earle had moved up the road to West Ham. In the final an early Southall goal was cancelled out by Gibbins, who added a 71st minute winner.

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BELOW

Clapton Winnrers 1914-15. Players only. Middle row: Ward, Olley, Wood, Carter, Mellows. Front row: Barthelmeb, Cox, Lloyd, Sharpley, Cordell, Sherwood, Hepworth.



Gibbins also gained fame at The Boleyn , while retaining his amateur status.

The victory over Southall proved to be Clapton's fifth and final success in the FA Amateur Cup. A semi final defeat to Leyton at Ilford in 1929 was the last time Clapton was to reach the last four. Clapton defied continuing mediocre league form to reach the last eight in the cup in 1933 but were embarrassed by a 3-8 defeat to Whitehall Printeries.

While the competition gained in popularity, reflected in the final being played in front of capacity Wembley crowds in the 1950's, Clapton were in steady decline. Clapton so long exempt , due to their status, until the first round, now had to enter the qualifying rounds. In 1953 Clapton had already played 4 games before being knocked out by Storey Athletic, later East Ham United, in the 2nd qualifying round. To put this in perspective, the tie was played on 18/10/1953 and Wembley was still seven rounds away. The following season seven games were played before a 4th qualifying round defeat to Grays Athletic ended Clapton's interest.

From this point onwards, until the competition's demise in 1974, Clapton rarely featured in a FA Amateur Cup draw in the new year.

By the early 1970's the competition had fallen into terminal decline. Falling final attendances and increasing evidence of 'shamateurism' had caused the FA to take a hard look at the competition. The FA decided to do away with the term amateur, there were to be only 'players'. The last FA Amateur Cup Final was played in 1974. Clapton's interest in that year's competition ended on 8/9/1973 , as Ford United triumphed 2-1 in a preliminary round tie.

Clapton's story in the cup had started and ended with barely a whimper , but a glorious chapter had been written in the first quarter of the 20th century. Only Bishop Auckland with 10 final victories, had bettered Clapton's 5, also achieved by Crook Town. Thus Clapton were the south's most successful FA Amateur Cup team , an achievement both remembered and celebrated to this day by the 5 stars that grace the badge of Clapton CFC.

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Goalkeepers

Daniel Anfossy

Gravy Ultras aka CCFC Northern Supporters.

Vladyslav Bendovskyy

Keep 'em out keeper.

Martin

Defenders

Andrew Lastic

Good luck, skipper.

From CCFC Northern Supporters aka Gravy Ultras

Dean Bouho Available

Ellick Coleman Available

Ethan Dixon Available

Liam Smyth

... and we both looked at each other and said "Bobby Moore!"

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Yacine Rabia Available

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Romelle Pile

Keep it up!

East London Workers and Peasant's Red Army.

Tom Carding

Monday Night Football's very own has made it to the big leagues!

TB

Midfield

Callum Keir Available

Geoff Ocran

C'mon Geoffrey Ocran, score a goal for George and Charlie.

Tré Cartier Available

Joshua Adejokun

Fly down that wing.

Paul Rutherford

Maxwell Nwofor Available

Stefan Kilron Available

Paul Oshin Available

Prince Kwakye Available

Phil Blakesley

Best of luck for the season.

The Homer Tons A&E Disco Division

Louis Rene

Louis Rene - the only good thing about the right wing

Paul HL

Sham Darr

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Keep on keepin' on!

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Ben Kadler Available

Louis Rene Available

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Attack

Bogdan Panescu

Forza Clapton!

Danny Daly

Eliot Crosbie

Wishing you a great season and lots of goals - Come on you Tons.

Stan, Austin and Cole

Stefan Nielsen

Tons' very own Michael Laudrup.

Gary Price

Jon Akaly Available

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Saiid Jaffa Available

Sherwin Stanley

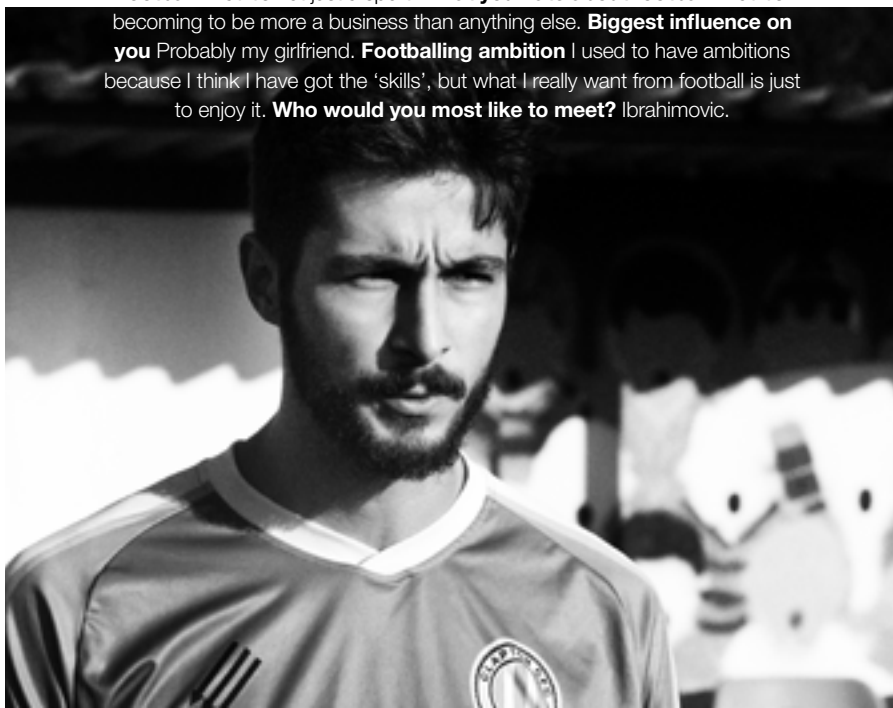
Good Luck for the rest of the season.

Colin

Tashan Benjamin Available

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PROFILE



VLADYSLAV BENDOVSKYY

Full Name Vladyslav Bendovskyy **Place of Birth** Ukraine **Birthdate** 2/3/92
Height 6"3 inches **Weight** 13.5st (85kg) **Home** Stepney Green (I'm moving to Surrey Quays) **Day job** Tattoo artist **Previous clubs** Shadwell FC and lots of Italian clubs **Favourite player** Ronaldinho **Favourite team, apart from CCFC** Sampdoria **Most memorable match played in** Semi-final of a tournament in Italy, where we won on penalties and I scored the equaliser in the extra time **Favourite ground played at** Dagenham Stadium **Biggest high in football** Reaching the step below professional in Italy. **Lowest point in football** Right the year after that, when I got injured and didn't play much. **Likes and hobbies** Art, music, traveling and IPAs. **Dislikes** Close-minded people and curling. **Favourite charity** Can't really say I've got a preference. **Favourite country visited** Italy **Favourite food** Any Italian food and sushi. **Favourite music/performers** Pink Floyd and Caparezza. **Favourite TV shows** Too many to decide. **Favourite film** Borat. **What you love about football** That it's not just a sport. **What you hate about football** That it's becoming to be more a business than anything else. **Biggest influence on you** Probably my girlfriend. **Footballing ambition** I used to have ambitions because I think I have got the 'skills', but what I really want from football is just to enjoy it. **Who would you most like to meet?** Ibrahimovic.

Eastfield FC was formed in the summer of 2012 while Chairman Jermaine Fagan was working at the London Olympics. The objective was to start a club that would be part of the legacy of the Olympics here in East London. We have started the football club as a social enterprise and work mainly with young footballers from the age of 16 upwards.

We will have a full time scholarship programme for talented players from next summer. Not every player in our programme will become professional footballers but we work with them to identify a pathway that works for them within sport. We have a youth academy which works alongside the club and also now have management company to push the players that are ready, further up the footballing pyramid.

We want to keep players in the system and get them opportunities to make career in the game. We are a club that brings players together from all cultural backgrounds that want develop and forge a future in the industry. We work alongside other clubs within our network to give young players a opportunity to play men's competitive football. We work on a semi professional basic with the club funding everything for the right players.

RESULTS

2018/19 Season

Cherry Red Records Middlesex County Football League Div. 1 unless stated

Sep 15 Ealing Town FC 1 **CCFC 2 (Smyth, Oshin)**

BBC Essex Premier Cup Round 1

Sep 22 **CCFC 4 (Oshin, Crosbie, Stanley 2)** Hutton FC 5

Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup

Sept 29 South Kilburn Reserves 2 **CCFC 4 (Crosbie, Bouho, Nielsen 2)**

Oct 6 **CCFC 4 (Stanley 3, Bouho)** FC Roast 4

Friendly

Oct 12 Walthamstow FC 1 **CCFC 0**

Anagram Records Trophy Round 1

Oct 20 **CCFC 3 (Adejokun 2, Smyth)** Epping Town FC 1

Nov 3 **CCFC 11 (Crosbie 5, Stanley 2, Rene 2, Stevens 2)**
Hereford Palace 1

Anagram Records Trophy Round 2

Nov 10 Letchworth Garden City Eagles 0 **CCFC 2 (Stanley 2)**

Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup

Nov 17 FC Deportivo Galicia Reserves 1 **CCFC 4 (Crosbie 2, Adejokun, Stanley)**

Nov 24 London Samurai 5 **CCFC 1 (Nielsen)**

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. NW London	7	5	1	1	26	7	19	16
2. London Samurai	6	5	0	1	19	5	14	15
3. The Curve	9	4	1	4	19	10	9	13
4. Stonewall	6	4	1	1	12	4	8	13
5. Wilberforce W'ers	8	4	1	3	24	20	4	13
6. Eastfield	6	2	2	2	15	12	3	8
7. Ealing Town	8	2	2	4	14	13	1	8
8. CLAPTON CFC	4	2	1	1	18	11	7	7
9. FC Roast	5	2	1	2	11	15	-4	7
10. FC Star London	4	2	0	2	6	1	5	6
10. Hereford Palace	8	1	0	7	4	65	-61	3
12. SC of London	6	0	0	6	1	6	-5	0

FIXTURES*

Dec 1 **CCFC** v Eastfield FC 2pm

Dec 8 The Curve v **CCFC** 2pm

Dec 15 **CCFC** v Ealing Town 2pm

Jan 5 **CCFC** v Wilberforce Wands 2pm

Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup

Jan 19 **CCFC** v London Samurai 2pm

Anagram Records Trophy Round 3

Feb 23 **CCFC** v Chipperfield Corinthians 2pm

*All fixtures subject to change (please check our website for the most up-to-date list).

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Joshua Adejokun
Louis Rene
Maxwell Nwofor
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