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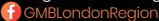
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### A WORD FROM The gaffer

They often say records are there to be broken and last Saturday against Stonewall was definitely a day not to be missed on and off the pitch. Our best performance of the season against the league leaders in front of a record crowd.

We went with the same tactics/formation that created so many opportunities in the reverse fixture, which we had somehow lost 4-0. The difference this time was we were able to make the breakthrough early in the game and maintain the pressure on their defence.

So many great performances and the fifth goal has to be one of our best of the season starting from Dan Anfossy in goal and ending with Lewis Owiredu! A great advert for our preferred style of play.

It was our first league victory against one of teams at the top end of the table and will only breed more confidence to the players to reach that level of performance every week from now. The bar has been set!

It was also our debut Football v Homophobia and Football vs Blood Cancer events which saw 100 people swabbing and registering before, during and after the game, including the Mayor of Hackney and Sporting Bengal captain Freddy Tandon.

Thanks to everyone who participated and we hope to see many of you again at the Stray Dog!

A break in league action for the next two weeks with cup games! Firstly the quarter-final of the Anagram Records Trophy. Chipperfield Corinthians will be the favourites on paper as they play in a higher level.

In fact, they're in the same Step 7 league as Letchworth Garden City Eagles, who we played earlier in this competition.

However we managed to beat them and I don't think we have been outplayed all season. So we'll embrace the underdog tag this weekend and will look to cause an upset!

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#### A TON FOR THE TONS!

Wow! 100 fans signed-up for the DKMS Stem Cell Register on Saturday - the Football vs Blood Cancer campaign. That's an amazing response from Clapton fans who came to our match against Stonewall.

It's more than 15% of the total attendance which is stunning when you realise that many members and fans had signed up previously following our campaign using word of mouth and social media.

As we signed up 100, that means statistically we've found 4 matches. That's 4 people who will be able to have a blood stem cell transplant and four families who's lives will include a future with their loved ones. That'sall due to the altruism of the Tons.

What the numbers conceal is that the swab-sign-up at

the match session nearly didn't happen. Our DKMS rep became very ill on Friday night and therefore couldn't run the launch

Hastily Eva organised a Plan B and C which resulted in a Clapton CFC member driving to Chelmsford in Essex to collect the swab kits while Eva ran through a phone and video tutorial. It also involved Clapton members rallying to the call for help and offering advice.

In the end it went better than we could have expected and sign-ups far exceeded what DKMS expected.

#### What did we learn?

Members have taken the lead in this campaign and we consciously took the decision that we would not subcontract it to others. 'A Match for Everyone' is a Clapton CFC campaign and its success depends on the intelligence and commitment of the membership.

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That's why now we're appealing to you for ideas and asking you to get involved. This isn't a UK based campaign as there are stem cell registries in over 61 countries.

The swab and sign-up at the match initiative created the opportunity to speak to each other, perhaps for the first time. This does help to add to the traditional warm welcome you receive at the entrance -many were first time attendees.

The voluntarism of fans was energising but also made signing up people a tiring process. Because of our campaign's initial success, we need more volunteers if we are to run it again.



Our message about the process is beginning to resonate. Many were familiar that it requires just 5 minutes of your time including a swab from the inside of your mouth to join the DKMS Stem Cell Registry. Many knew there was only a 4% chance of being matched and that 90% of donations are done via a process similar to blood donations.

#### What next?

We have formally launched our Clapton CFC mandated 'A Match for Everyone' campaign and we plan to take it into the community and raise awareness during every match. Obviously, this will require Clapton CFC members to join the campaign and contribute ideas.

The current ideas include:

- We should appeal to members to run a sign-up and swab campaign inside workplaces and other organisations. The Mayor of Hackney has already volunteered to helo facilitate it in the borough.
- We should encourage those who have signed up to turn their phones into a lifesaver too! "How many contacts do you have in your phonebook? If you can encourage just 24 of them to sign up to the register then YOUR 25 sign-ups have statistically found ONE match". How do we run this campaign?

If you would like to volunteer at a home match, or run a campaign or have ideas please do email us at info@claptoncfc.co.uk

#### LIAM'S CHARITY OF CHOICE

Left-back Liam Smyth will be running the London Marathon in just over two months' time, raising money for Clapton CFC's community work and Lola's Homeless. Here's more about their work...

Those of you who know our spiritual home borough Newham well may know that many vulnerable homeless people sleep rough in the Stratford Centre every night. Every day is difficult, precarious, and dangerous for them. As well the challenges around accessing shelter, food, clothes, washing facilities, warmth, and healthcare; they are often subjected to threats, abuse and violence by the general public.

These homeless people are also constantly moved on by security and police. Indeed, council officers kicked them out of the centre in the middle of the night, and even tried to ban them from returning.

Newham has the highest rate of recorded homelessness in the country with 1 in 25 people being homeless. Rough sleeping – the most visible manifestation of homelessness – is particularly apparent in the borough.

Official statistics recognises that rough sleeping in the borough has grown at an alarming rate over the last 5 or so years, but they still drastically underestimate the amount of rough sleepers in Newham.

However, local volunteers – by and large local, working class women – are working hard to make a real difference via Lola's Homeless.

Lola's was set up in 2015 by Lorraine Tabone, who was born and bred in Forest Gate. Since its inception, Lola's volunteers have provided frontline, material support to rough sleepers and people living in sheltered accommodation.

Lola's conducts regular outreach sessions, in which they give out home-cooked food, clean clothing, toiletries, sanitary products, sleeping bags, travel cards, and information about local services.

They also host larger events where homeless people can access showers, haircuts, makeovers, medical advice, and a safe space – even if it's just for a short while.

Most importantly, Lola's volunteers treat homeless people with the warmth and dignity they deserve.

With Lola's support, rough sleepers are that little bit less vulnerable. Indeed, a number of people have been able to move off the streets and into a much more stable life.

Clapton CFC are proud to have been able to support Lorraine and her volunteers, with members raising cash and also volunteering to work with her.

If you have time, skills, expertise or resources to share, why not get involved. You can get in touch with Lola's Homeless directly on their Facebook group.

Please lob Liam a few £\$ here if you can. You can choose the money to go to Lola's only, or CCFC only, or both.

If you donate £30 or more, he will personally buy a beer for you at a Clapton CFC home game, just select that option under 'perks'.

#### You can donate to Liam's fundraiser at:

https://chuffed.org/project/running-for-the-homeless-and-clapton-community-fc

#### TWO FAN TEAMS WANTED

CCFC have been invited to field both a women's and a men's team to a 5-a-side fan tournament marking International Women's Day 2019. Hosted by Girls United FA and Peckham Town FC, it will take place in the Menace Arena, Dulwich, on the 10th of March.

Any members and fans who are interested in playing, drop us an email at community@claptoncfc.co.uk.

AND... We have also been invited to 2019 Antira tournament taking place in Prague from 21st-23rd June. The event this year is being hosted by our friends at Barflies United.

If you are interested in the Czech trip, please send an expression of interest ASAP to international@ claptoncfc.co.uk so we can get an idea of numbers!

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#### **LONG DISTANCE FANS**





Clapton CFC hosted what may be our longest distance fans on a matchday when two flew in from Barcelona specifically to watch the match.

Juanma and Helena came from Prat de Llobregat, the town next to the airport, to watch our 6-1 victory over Wilberforce Wanderers.

Juanma tweeted: "Excited to know the @ClaptonCFC and all fantastic people that surround it. Hope to get back soon. Thanks for a very nice moments. Hugs from Barcelona."

Helena added on Facebook: "The welcome and the atmosphere have been spectacular. Congratulations to the Clapton people and forward with your work."

You can follow them on Twitter at @ClaptoncfcB.

Do you know people who have travelled further for a game? Let us know on comms@claptoncfc.co.uk

#### TOLGA TO THE RESCUE

Goalkeeper coach Tolga Ulusan hit the headlines with a different kind of save when he rescued a boy from drowning.

Tolga was featured in the Waltham Forest Guardian for his heroics, which happened in the summer of 2014.

He sprang into action when he was leaving the Mela, the festival of Asian music and culture, in Walthamstow.

Tolga, who had been a lifeguard in his younger days, noticed the three-year-old boy lose his footing and fall in the fountain in front of the Town Hall.

He modestly told us: "I was coming back from the Mela and was walking away from fountain at the town hall.

"As I walked away I looked down the road and saw a kid fall into the fountain face down and not move as he couldn't swim.

"I jumped in and pulled him out just before he went unconscious. The ambulance came and checked him over and all good.

"Right place right time as they say. His mother was very thankful."

Well done, Tolga!

#### **TODAY'S COVER ART**

Today's cover is by illustrator Gavin Parker check his work out at @gavinparkerart on Instagram or his website: gavinparker.uk

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

## CAPITAL COUNTIES FEEDER LEAGUE TROPHY

#### An abridged history of the Anagram Records Trophy

The increase in ground and facilities standards for the Football Association Challenge Vase over recent years has resulted in a number of senior clubs no longer being able to enter the competition. Lack of finance, planning obstructions or restrictions on ground development by landlords have meant that many clubs have found it impossible to meet the requirements.

One league with member clubs having had applications for entry rejected over the years is the Chiltonian Football League and, in 1996, the then Secretary of the League, Tony Ford, put together a case on behalf of the league for the introduction of an additional, national competition below the Challenge Vase. The proposal was submitted to The Football Association and considered by the Challenge Vase Sub-Committee. Unfortunately, the proposal was turned down. In 1998, the Isthmian Joint Liaison Committee, comprising the Isthmian, Combined Counties, Essex Senior, Spartan South Midlands. Chiltonian, Essex Intermediate, Hertfordshire Senior County, Middlesex County and Surrey County Premier Leagues was reconstituted with the exclusion of the five lower feeder leagues. These, together with the three feeder leagues, founded a new Isthmian Lower Joint Liaison Committee under the chairmanship of Pat Burns, the chairman of the Spartan South Midlands League.

At the inaugural meeting in July 1998, the Hertfordshire Senior County League representatives raised the possibility of staging a competition for those senior clubs excluded from the Football Association Challenge Vase. Several of their member clubs had found themselves no longer eligible, due to the increased ground requirements, and missed the inter-league rivalry the competition provided. The original proposals from 1996 were unearthed and circulated to the member leagues and, with a few updates and amendments, were found to be acceptable being approved at the following meeting in April 1999. It was agreed that the competition would start in the coming season, be restricted to those leagues within the Isthmian Pyramid and, following suggestions put forward by the various league representatives, the title of the competition was resolved; the Capital Counties Feeder Leagues Trophy.

Entry forms were submitted to the clubs within the Chiltonian and Hertfordshire Senior County League. Once the list of entrants to the Challenge Vase had been published by The

Football Association, all those clubs within the Combined Counties, Essex Senior, and Spartan South Midlands Leagues who had not been accepted or who had not entered the Challenge Vase were invited and forms were also sent to any club that had been relegated from a qualifying League or division at the end of the previous season. The intention being to widen the scope and ensure a reasonable inaugural competition.

Eventually, it was estimated that some fifty-eight clubs were eligible to enter the competition, forty clubs finally applied and all were accepted. Sanction from The Football Association was duly received and the competition was underway. Most rewarding was a proposal for sponsorship received from lain McNay, the Managing Director of Cherry Red Records Limited, who wished to add the competition to his stable of football sponsorships. The proposal was accepted by the Committee and approved by The Football Association, the competition was re-titled the Cherry Red Books Trophy with the winners receiving £200, runners-up £100 and the two losing semi finalists £50 each. In addition, a sponsor's advertisement was required to be published in the match day programme issued by each club for the competition matches. The 2005/06 season saw the competition renamed again, it is now known as the Anagram Records Trophy but still sponsored by Cherry Red Records Ltd.

#### PAST FINALS OF THE COMPETITION

YEAR/WINNERS/RUNNERS-UP/RESULT/VENUES

1999/00 TRING ATHLETIC BEDMOND SPORTS 1-1 AET 3-1P ARLESEY TOWN FC 2000/01 TRING ATHLETIC VIRGINIA WATER 1-0 YEADING TOWN FC 2001/02 ENFIELD TOWN PITSTONE & IVINGHOE 3-1 WARE FC 2002/03 WHITE ENSIGN TRING ATHI FTIC 1-0 WARE FC 2003/04 FRENFORD SENIOR MANFORD WAY 2-1 POTTERS BAR TOWN FC 2004/05 WINSLOW LINITED WHITE ENSIGN 4-1 NORTHWOOD EC 2005/06 WHITE ENSIGN MANFORD WAY 1-0 WEI WYN GARDEN CITY FC 2006/07 WHITE ENSIGN HATFIELD TOWN 4-1 BRACHE SPARTA FC 2007/08 FRENFORD SENIOR CANNING TOWN 1-0 ILFORD FC 2008/09 TAKELEY PARK STREET VILLAGE 2-2 AET 3-1P HERTS COUNTY FA HQ 2009/10 PADBURY UNITED THE 61F.C. (LUTON) 3-2 HERTS COUNTY FA HQ 2010/11 LETCHWORTH GC EAGLES ASTON CLINTON 4-2 HERTS COUNTY FA HQ 2011/12 BALDOCK TOWN RISBOROUGH RANGERS 1-0 HERTS COUNTY FA HQ 2012/13 BALDOCK TOWN KENT ATHI ETIC 1-0 AFT HERTS COUNTY FA HO 2013/14 KENT ATHLETIC GALLEYWOOD 3-0 HERTS COUNTY FA HQ 2014/15 LETCHWORTH GC EAGLES WHITE ENSIGN 3-2 AET HERTS COUNTY FA HQ 2015/16 LONDON LIONS SPRINGERE D 3-1 HERTS COLINTY FA HO 2016/17 LETCHWORTH GC EAGLES BRITISH AIRWAYS (Sat) 2-1 HERTS COUNTY FA HO

#### **ANAGRAM RECORDS TROPHY Season 2018/19**

#### **CUP DRAW/RESULT SHEET**

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MATCH No.	HOME TEAM v AWAY TEAM		
1	SPORTING HACKNE	Y 0 CATHOLIC UNITE	D 4

2 OLD BRADWELL UNITED 3 BOVINGDON 1

First Round - Saturday 13th October 2018 (in match-number order)

5 SOUTH KILBURN 2 CHIPPERFIELD CORINTHIANS 4

6 LONDON RANGERS 1 LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY EAGLES 8

7 WARE SPORTS 3 BUSH HILL RANGERS 2
8 NEW SALAMIS 8 TOTTERNHOE 2
9 MANFORD WAY 3 SARRATT 6 AET
10 BRENTHAM 1 NW LONDON 0

#### First Round - Saturday 20th October 2018

3 CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC 3 EPPING TOWN 1
4 MURSLEY UNITED 1 SANDRIDGE ROVERS 2

#### First Round - Saturday 27th October 2018

11 **PFC VICTORIA LONDON 5** NEW BRADWELL ST. PETER 2

12 CUFFLEY 0 FC HAMLETS 2

#### Second Round - Saturday 10th November 2018

SANDRIDGE ROVERS 0 CATHOLIC UNITED 9
 NEW SALAMIS 2 BEDMOND SPORTS CLUB 0
 PFC VICTORIA LONDON 3 RAYLEIGH TOWN 2
 OLD BRADWELL UNITED 5 EVERGREEN 0

17 THE 61FC (Luton) 0 CHIPPERFIELD CORITHIANS 4

18 SARRATT 0 FC HAMLETS 3

19 BRENTHAM 5 WARE SPORTS 6 (AET)

20 LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY EAGLES 0 CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC 2

#### Quarter Finals - Saturday 23rd February 2019

21 CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC v CHIPPERFIELD CORINTHIANS

22 OLD BRADWELL UNITED V CATHOLIC UNITED
23 PEC VICTORIA I ONDON V NEW SALAMIS

24 FC HAMLETS v WARE SPORTS

#### Semi Finals - Saturday 23rd March 2019

25 WINNER MATCH 24 v WINNER MATCH 21 26 WINNER MATCH 23 v WINNER MATCH 22

#### Final - Saturday 4th or 11th May 2019 (Date & Venue to be confirmed)

27 WINNER MATCH 26 v WINNER MATCH 25



**Photos: Max Reeves** 

A record Stray Dog crowd of 618. Over 100 signed up for the DKMS stem cell register. £400 raised for LGBTIQ+ homelessness charity Outside Project.

It was a massive triumph before a ball had been kicked.

But there were more big numbers on the pitch, as the Tons put five past runaway league leaders Stonewall FC.



From the word go, CCFC pressed their high-flying opponents. Wingers Josh Adejokun and Lewis Owiredu had early chances. These were signs

of things to come for the Stonewall

defence, who simply couldn't keep up.

Clapton's opener came from a defensive muddle. A long Stefan Kilron throw-in from the right was headed straight up in the air. It dropped to Adejokun on the edge of the six-yard box, who stabbed it home.

Shortly afterwards it was two. And again Stonewall were the architects of their own misfortune.

A sliced clearance from keeper Dennis Aware barely made it out of the box.

Owiredu bullied one defender off the ball, accelerated past a second and whipped in a delicious ball. The lurking Sherwin Stanley had time to casually trap and dispatch.

Clapton's third was almost walked in. Stefan Nielsen passed it out to Adejokun in the wing, who passed it across the box. Owiredu simply passed it past the keeper.

The fans had barely time to catch breath before the lead was stretched vet further.

This time it was all about Nielsen.

On 28 minutes, the midfielder jinked into a pocket of space saw his shot blocked by a Stonewall hand. Nielsen firecrackered the spotkick into the roof of the net.

Shortly afterwards, Stonewall were appealing for a Stonewall penalty, but were given a Stonewall freekick just on the edge of the box instead. The freekick was fired straight into the wall and there more Stonewall penalty shouts, which were waved away.

This was the only vaguely hairy moment for the home side in the first 45.

Just before the break, Stanley and Adejokun offered further tests for Stonewall keeper Aware, but he kept them at bay.

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4-0 at halftime in no way flattered the Tons. But knowing about the quality of the opposition, they were under no illusions that they could let their guard down.

Stonewall only took 30 seconds from the restart to get on the scoresheet. And it was an absolute belter. No nonsense midfielder Denisas Zadeikis wellied a bobbling ball into the bottom corner from 25 yards.

But that did not spark the comeback the Barnes-based side needed. Clapton, unshaken, continued to press forward for more goals.

Owiredu in particular was playing like a man possessed.

In one attack that really characterised his lung-bursting performance, the winger dribbled the ball halfway up the pitch himself. Approaching the Stonewall backline, he applied the turbo boosters and whizzed through on goal. But Aware managed to stand up well to keep out the shot.

Over on the other flank, right back Kilron was rampaging forward to supply more ammunition to Adejokun.

On 69 minutes, another nice goal.

Substitute Cemal Agdelen sandwedged it over the top for Adejokun, who unselfishly squared for Owiredu. The left winger slotted home his second and Clapton's fifth.





Then Stanley, a keen cricketer when the football's off, nearly hit Stonewall for six.

From tight on the touchline he beautifully Marco Van Bastened another chipped Agdelan through-ball. It rattled straight into the stanchion - but was adjudged to have been marginally offside.

The Clapton fans picked their jaws off the floor and berated the assistant referee for not showing a shred of human decency.

Still the Clapton chances kept coming.

Geoff Ocran, who had been the lynchpin of so much of his side's play made a rare foray into the box. He

couldn't get the goal that would have sent the crowd even wilder.

Clapton were only the second team to beat Stonewall in the league after London Samurai. And it was a stylish display that should see many of the bumper crowd back for more.

But this was about so much more than just the 90 minutes.

The game cemented CCFC's friendship with the famous Stonewall, based on a shared vision of what a better football culture can and will look like.

**CCFC:** Anfossy, Smyth, Bouho, Rabia, Kilron, Crosbie, Ocran, Nielsen, Owiredu, Stanley, Adejokun **Subs:** Agdelen, Lastic, Kyakye, Miller,

## CCFC's Football vs Homophobia game against Stonewall FC was a proud day for all involved.

A record-breaking crowd of 618 at The Stray Dog saw the teams and fans come together to show there is no place for homophobia or transphobia in our game.

Players from both sides wore rainbow laces and armbands, and signed pledges to use their position in the game to stand alongside our LGBT comrades.



The Outside Project, the UK's first LGBTIQ+ Community Shelter & Centre, spoke to fans at half time and outlined their amazing work and why it's needed now more than ever.





## FOOTBALL v



Tons fans dug deep and raised £500, covering running costs for nearly a month.

After the game everyone came together to tell homophobia where to go one last time, before retiring to the bar with both teams for some celebratory refreshments.



## HOMOPHOBIA





Thanks to everyone who helped out or donated and to Stonewall FC for their enthusiastic participation.

One last time - CCFC is and always will be a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation, come join us.





Tennis Borussia Berlin is deconstructing itself Last month saw a remarkably troublesome general assembly at former Bundesliga member Tennis Borussia Berlin.

With the help of a lot of dubious new members, club boss Jens Redlich has won the struggle for power against the fans. Redlich wished for the event to be entirely non-public, but it was documented very well on twitter (#tebemv).

Members were reporting of numerous unknown persons that had become members, and therefore eligible to vote, just the day before the assembly. A longstanding fan witnessed twice as many members as usual. Most of them were Bulgarian construction workers who confirmed they were sent there by their boss.

When Redlich was confronted with this, he told the media "If you want to make the club grow you have to 'acquire' new members". Also tempers where flying quite high during the assembly, and even fights among attendees were reported.

Tennis Borussia Berlin is not a stranger to high flying dreams. Though the club is also fairly familiar with crashing down from up high. The club located in Berlin-Charlottenburg has been prone to tempting offers from investors and patrons in the past.

Fans and staff were dreaming of promotion and international appearances, but instead witnessed several relegations and two bankruptcies.

Despite bad experiences with investors in the past, the general assembly voted to put the club's fate entirely into the hands of one financier. This is Jens



Redlich, a major shareholder of a gym chain who got engaged with the purple and white in 2016.

He started as the main sponsor of the 5th division team. In March 2017 he also became CEO, with a rather authoritarian way of running office.

At first glance it appears like JR, how some of the fans call him, is a kiss of luck for the struggling club. TeBe is doing pretty well, financially as well as on the pitch. Their chances of winning promotion to the Regionalliga (Germany's 4th highest league) this year are good.

Redlich claims to have put 2,5 Million Euros into the former Bundesliga team, thus saving the club from its third bankruptcy and setting up the framework for higher ambitions on and off the pitch.

With that the 38-year-old also drove the club into dependency from his money; as well as giving horrendous powers to himself. Furthermore, Redlich is not known for his diplomatic style.

From the beginning, TBAF (Tennis Borussia Aktive Fans) are in clinch with Redlich. About 160 Members of the club are part of TBAF. They are the main opposition to Redlich's new administration.

Not that these fans are against being successful, but democratic participation is equally important to them. They made Tennis Borussia a club that is fighting actively against racism,



#### Opposition is true friendship.

During the first few games of the fledgling Clapton CFC but one lonely banner could be seen, that of Blake Bloc, making us, arguably CCFC's first Ultras. Subsequently we are present at most games attached to the railing close to the Team Dugout at league games and opposite on the fencing for Cup ties.

Blake Bloc is an anarcho-activist group of poets, photographers, artists and writers etc taking inspiration from the ideas and art of the London radical poet/artist/proto-Psychogeographer William Blake.

Formed in December 2016 in response to a campaign to halt intrusive development around Blake's Grave in Bunhill Fields and besides supporting London's most democratic Team we have been on many actions from anti-fascist and anti-gentrification demos to intervening in the London Stone's unveiling ceremony...and we organised the first World Anti-Fascist Poetry Day each year on Blake's Death Day on 12th August to commemorate the Night of the murdered Poets.

The banner itself was designed by consensus decision and painted by New Zealand Artist Matthew Couper. It is dark brown reflecting Blake's own (erm...not so successful) egg tempera style and is 8' by 4'. At the centre is Blake's face based on his famous life mask by James De Ville framed by a golden square for Blake's four Zoas and a silver diamond to make a star shape. On the left is Orc in the flames of revolutionary passion who symbolises the spirit of rebellion and the love of freedom. The right depicts Jerusalem who represents Freedom and a new Society.

Surrounding them are the mind-forg'd manacles from London with a crow snuck in there because crows are cool. Central to Blake's thinking is the conflict between contraries as not only inevitable but beneficial as the higher synthesis of Wisdom can only emerge from the conflict between good and evil, Liberty and Authority. Hence 'Opposition is True Friendship'.

"I must create a system, or be enslaved by another man's. I will not reason and compare: my business is to create." William Blake, Jerusalem: The Emanation of the Giant Albion





#### **Blake Bloc Rocks**

Blake Bloc rocks! Let the pathetic fascists hiss Blake Bloc knocks the socks off injustice! Nobody mocks Blake Bloc!

Blake marches with our spiritual nation Trump is the Abomination of Desolation! Blake's muscles hold our proud banner high Through the battle we shall fly

We'll march the field from Islington to Marylebone Singing Jerusalem's coming home From Primrose Hill to St John's Wood We'll create Jerusalem's neighbourhood

From St Pancras 'n' where Kentish Town repose We'll keep the corrupt on their toes For we are the Tygers of the Blake Bloc Energy is Eternal Delight 'N' we are ready for the fight!

#### King Mob's Glad Day

Drink the burning rivers of ain and die! Newgate prised open in blood by His Majesty King Mob

Trampling down the motheaten orthodoxy of oppression King Mob - born of Bedlam for a Glad Day riot Its a Glad Day to see the prisons burn 'n' Liberty walks - hands outstretched - a phoenix of Hope

Come out! Come out!

Wherever you are King Mob

Walk the sunlit mountains of Freedom today Break free of your chains to Urizen's Dark Mills

London's aflame - and the magistrates who read out the riot act -

We know where you live and within hours your rooftops'll burn

Your books 'n' bedding thrown in the streets King Mob of Bedlam rules today in his Glad Day-'N' Orc's pitchfork prods the burning flames

Poems by Stephen Micalef. The Unofficial Poet Laurette of the East End



## HISTORY

## "TAKING A GANDER" Sutton United v Clapton, Isthmian League 14/11/1970

by Gary Price





On the 24/01/70 Sutton United played Leeds United in the 4th round of the FA Cup at their quaintly named Gander Green Lane ground.

It was the quintessential David v Goliath cup tie, the non-league amateurs against the current league leaders and reigning champions of the old 1st division. Sutton's capacity was increased from 8,000 to 14,000 with benching borrowed from The Oval cricket ground. The notion of resting players and squad rotation was unheard of then as Leeds sent their strongest side to the Surrey suburbs. The Leeds side that faced Sutton contained nine full and two

future internationals, with the likes of Bremner, Giles, Clarke and Lorimer facing non-league opposition in a competitive match for the first time in their careers.

Leeds under the shrewd guidance of Don Revie were a ruthless side and brushed Sutton aside 6-0, with four goals from Alan Clarke and two from Peter I orimer

Less than ten months later Clapton crossed the river to use the same dressing room and play on the same pitch as the illustrious Yorkshire side.

And that is where the similarities ended.

Sutton United were formed in 1898 through the merger of Sutton Association and Sutton Guild Rovers. After progressing through the Surrey Junior League and Southern Combination, Sutton joined The Athenian League in 1921. They were moderately successful in the Athenian, lifting the title three times and losing to neighbours Wimbledon in the 1963 Amateur Cup Final.

On the way to the final Sutton defeated Clapton 4-1 in a first round tie at Gander Green Lane. The sides had previously met three times in the competition. In 1927/8, as Sutton triumphed 2-1 in a 1st round tie at The Dog, while Clapton won a 1st round replay by 3-2 at The Dog in 1955/6 after a 1-1 draw in Surrey. Another 1st round meeting resulted in a 7-0 home win for Sutton in 1965/6.

Sutton accepted an invitation to join The Isthmian League to compete in the 1963/4 season. They were to enjoy top half finishes in each of their first seven seasons, winning the title in 1966/7 and finishing runners up to Enfield the following season. Two 3rd place finishes ensued as Sutton prepared to host Clapton.

Since joining The Isthmian League, Sutton remained undefeated against Clapton, winning 11 of the previous 14 meetings. Clapton suffered its record away league defeat losing 1-11 at Gander Green Lane in 1966/7.

Clapton's record against Sutton made poor reading:

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Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	
14	0	1	6	4	22	0	2	5	5	25	

Clapton came into the game with very little hope of reversing the trend as both sides were experiencing vastly different seasons. Sutton were currently top while Clapton were kept off the bottom by Corinthian Casuals.

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Sutton	20	16	1	3	40	17	33
Clapton	18	2	4	12	13	46	8

Sutton's team sheet contained three England amateur internationals, Trevor Bladon, Dario Gradi and Terry Howard. Bladon became a Sutton legend scoring 205 goals in 512 games while keeper Dave Roffey joined the Sutton Hall of Fame completing 403 games. Roffey, Gradi, Bladon, Drabwell and Howard had all featured in the Sutton team that lost to North Shields in the 1969 Amateur Cup Final. In 1974 Drabwell and Howard were to appear in the last ever Amateur Cup Final playing for Ilford, Drabwell scoring a consolation goal as Bishops Stortford won 4-1. Dario Gradi went on to enjoy a successful coaching career notably at Crewe.

Clapton belied recent form to lose a hard fought encounter to the game's only goal. The win maintained Sutton's 4 point lead at the top over Enfield, while Clapton remained next to last. Though they won 12 of their remaining 17 games, Sutton lost out on winning the title to Wycombe Wanderers by a single point. Clapton won three of their remaining fixtures to finish 5 points clear of wooden spoonists, Corinthian Casuals.

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Clapton	38	5	7	26	33	101	17
Casuals	38	2	8	28	23	103	12

Clapton's wins came at home against Tooting and Wealdstone, and away at Tooting, Corinthian Casuals and Walthamstow Avenue. Corinthian Casuals failed to win at home all season, their victories coming at Dulwich .....and Clapton!

The following season saw some improvement for Clapton as Dulwich seperated them from last place Corinthian Casuals. Normal service was resumed the following season as Clapton again finished above last place Casuals. True amateur sides such as Ton and Casuals were finding it impossible to compete with the less scrupulous clubs. Within a couple of years the FA had dispensed with the term "amateur" and promotion and relegation was introduced to the Isthmian League for the first time.

#### **RESULTS/FIXTURES**

All fixtures subject to change, please check our website for the most up to date list.

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT	STARTING (SCORERS IN <b>BOLD CAPS</b> )
15/9/18	А	Ealing Town	MCFL	W 2-1	Anfossy, Coleman, SMYTH, Bouho, Lastic, Ocran, Rene, Adejol
22/9/18	н	Hutton	BBC(1)	L 4-5	Anfossy, Pile, Smyth, Lastic, Bouho, OSHIN, Darr, Blakesley, Nie
29/9/18	Α	S. Kilburn Res	JRC(1)	W 4-2	Anfossy, Pile, Smyth, Headley, <b>BOUHO</b> , Ocran, Rene, Oshin, <b>Ni</b>
6/10/18	н	FC Roast	MCFL	D 4-4	Bendovskyy, Pile, Smyth, <b>BOUHO</b> , Headley, Ocran, Nielsen, Ha
20/10/18	н	Epping Town	ART(1)	W 3-1	Bendovskyy, Bouho, SMYTH, Oshin, Odofin, Headley, ADEJOR
3/11/18	н	Hereford Palace	MCFL	W 11-1	Bendovskyy, Bouho, Odofin, Headley, Smyth, RENE(2), Ocran,
10/11/18	Α	Letchworth GC Eagles	ART(2)	W 2-0	Anfossy, Bouho, Odofin, Oshin, Smyth, Kilron, Nielsen, Ocran, R
17/11/18	Α	Dep. Galicia Res	JRC (2)	W 4-1	Bendovskyy, ADEJOKUN, Smyth, Odofin, Oshin, Lastic, Nielser
24/11/18	Α	L. Samurai Rov's	MCFL	L 1-5	Anfossy, Pile, Lastic, Bouho, Smyth, Stevens, Ocran, Rene, Hasi
1/12/18	н	Eastfield	MCFL	D 1-1	Anfossy, Bouho, Odofin, Pile, Smyth, Kilron, Darr, Cartier, Ocran,
8/12/18	Α	The Curve	MCFL	W 2-1	Anfossy, Smyth, Odofin, Lastic, Bouho, Stevens, OSHIN, Cartie
15/12/18	н	Ealing Town	MCFL	L 1-4	Bendovskky, Bouho, Owiredu, Kilron, Lastic, Nielsen, Hashim, Oshin,
5/01/19	н	FC Star	MCFL	L 1-3	Anfossy, Bouho, Smyth, Akanbi, Headley, Ocran, Nielsen, Hashir
12/01/19	Α	Stonewall FC	MCFL	L 0-4	Anfossy, Stevens, Smyth, Rabia, Kilron, Ocran, Adejokun, Kadler
19/01/19	н	L. Samurai Rov's	JRC(3)	D 1-1 (5-3p	) Anfossy, Kilron, Smyth, Oshin, Rabia, Akanbi, Adejokun, Ocran,
2/02/19	н	Wilberforce Wands M	CFL	W 6-1	Anfossy, Headley, Smyth, Rabia, Bouho, Ocran, Stevens, ADEJ
9/02/19	Α	NW London	MCFL	L 1-2	Anfossy, Bouho, Coleman, Rabia, Lastic, Kilron, Blakesley, Hash
16/02/19	н	Stonewall FC	MCFL	W 5-1	Anfossy, Kilron, Smyth, Rabia, Bouho, Ocran, ADEJOKUN, NI
23/02/19	н	Chip. Corinthians	ART(3)		
2/03/19	А	Wilberforce Wands	JRC(SF)		
9/03/19	А	Wilberforce Wands	MCFL		
16/03/19	А	FC Star	MCFL		
23/03/19	А	FC Roast	MCFL		
30/03/19	Α	Eastfield	MCFL		

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**NW London** 

L. Samurai Rovers

The Curve

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Figure in bracket indicates playing substitute. Up to and including 16/02/19 , 12 league and 6 cup games.

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Agdelen, Lastic, Kwakye, Miller, Coleman

#### **LEAGUE TABLE**

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1. Stonewall	14	10	1	3	44	20	34
2. NW London	15	10	1	4	61	37	31
3. The Curve	15	8	1	6	53	26	25
4. Samurai Rovs	12	11	0	1	52	5	21
5. Clapton CFC	12	5	2	5	35	28	20
6. Wilberforce Wands	15	6	2	7	45	45	20
7. FC Star	12	6	1	5	31	25	19
8. Ealing Town	15	3	3	9	25	37	12
9. FC Roast	10	2	2	6	22	37	11
10. Hereford Pal	13	0	0	13	8	116	3

**Adjustment:** London Samurai deducted 12 points for fielding a suspended player. Opposition teams given the 3 points.





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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.

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stefan Kilron I've joined the DKMS register. Have you? 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

Sham Darr Thatcher Died Alone

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#### Attack

**FORZA CLAPTON!** 

Danny Daly

Check Crosbie Oh Eliot Crosbie - Keep banging in the goals

Stan, Austin and Cole

Stefan Nielsen
TONS' VERY OWN
Michael Laudrup.
Gary Price

Sherwin Stanley Good Luck for the rest of the season.

Colin

Jon Akaly Available Charlie Fagan Available Saiid Jaffa Available Tashan Benjamin Available Lewis Owiredu Available

## AWAY! AWAY! AWAY!

After this week the Tons embark on a series of games on the road that won't see them return to the Stray Dog until the beginning of April. As we wave them off on their travels, we continue our review of some of the highs and lows of away football so far this season. Looking at the venues that ground hoppers should mark off their lists, and where they can head for some post game refreshment afterwards.

At the end of the season you, dear reader, will have the opportunity to vote for your choice of Away Day of the Year.

#### 12th October Walthamstow FC: Wadham Lodge Stadium

The shortest away day in football, Wadham Lodge Stadium is less than 50 metres from the Stray Dog at their

AWAY! AWAY! AWAY! nearest points. Tons fans have regularly been made to feel welcome here and this Friday night friendly was no different. A small but noisy home support sang throughout and had glitter cannons to hand for when they scored. A fundraising raffle for Walthamstow also got it's usual warm reception from the Tons fans ("Raffle, La La La La La!"). The covered stands at each end offered plenty of atmosphere and noise for the bumper crowd getting their weekend off to a blast.

#### 10th November Letchworth GC Eagles:

The hardy Tons fans who made the trip to Letchworth were met with a deluge of rain that barely let up for the entire duration of the match. A special mention goes to the Brigata who inexplicably stood out in the rain rather than under the covered stand throughout. A pleasant ground that has been gradually built up by the team over the years whenever they've had money available. Club house also provided decent hot food and reasonably priced booze to the cold and damp travelling support.

#### 17th November Deportivo Galicia Reserves:

It's not often that the nearest public transport option for a ground is an international airport. At times the faithful struggled to make themselves heard over the jets at this early kick off cup encounter. For the fans it was very much a game of two halves, with the sunny end of the pitch being t-shirt weather and the shady end requiring at least four layers. The club house was well maintained with a good range of beers and a pool table. However, a kick off immediately after our game meant the Tons had to decamp to the nearby Duke of Wellington, home to some fine Indian food and one of the largest mixed grills I've ever eaten.





It's another clash of old versus new today as we take on a club founded in 1902 and currently in the Hertfordshire Senior League Premier Division, one step higher than CCFC.

Actually it was Chipperfield Football Club that was formed 117 years ago, initially to play friendly games. Within 2 years this had become a more serious pastime and they joined the local West Herts League in 1904, which covers the Hemel Hempstead and Watford district.

In the late 1960s to early 1970s they had a very successful period winning everything in sight including the West Herts Premier League 7 times in succession. They joined the Herts County League in 1975.

They became the Chipperfield Corinthians in 1987 through the merger of Chipperfield and Tudor Corinthians. Tudor Corinthians could not reach Premier Division status due to the facilities at their council pitch in Croxley Green. Chipperfield were languishing in the bottom half of Division Two.

In their first season, the merged club won Division One, the Rickmansworth Charity Cup and also the Herts Intermediate Cup. After a tremendous effort a new clubhouse was completed to coincide with promotion and ready for the first home game in the Premier Division.

Since then they've won plenty more silverware including the Apsley Senior Cup, the Aubrey Cup, the St Mary's Cup, the Ricky Charity Cup. They've had two relegations back to Division One since, but bounced back quickly both times, and have been in the Premier Division for a decade.

This season they're in a creditable sixth out of fifteen clubs, with nine wins and nine losses. In the Anagram Records Trophy they've already knocked out Middlesex County Premier League side South Kilburn, and Luton-based The 61 FC, both away from home.

# Full Name: Benjamin Kadler Place of Birth: Stockport, just South of Manchester Birthdate: 06/03/1992 Height: 5'9 (175cm) Weight: 11st 13lb (76kg) Place where you live: Capophury London Payright:

# **ZHYK**

11st 13lb (76kg) Place where you live: Canonbury, London Day job: Doctor at the Royal London Hospital Previous clubs: Stockport County and Macclesfield Town back in the day. But mostly local clubs around Manchester Favourite player: Of all time? Ronaldinho Favourite team, apart from Clapton CFC: Manchester United Biggest high in football: Playing for this club. I've never played for a team with a fan base before and it's great Lowest point in football: Our under-18s team went to a football tournament in Sweden and lost 14-0 in our first match... Games were 20 minutes long, so it was brutal Likes and hobbies: Mostly playing sport and going to the pub Favourite charity: I don't have a favourite, but I'm all for wildlife conservation Favourite country visited: South Africa Favourite food: Pies Favourite TV shows: I'm a sucker for trashy TV - Made in Chelsea and Love Island... I know I know Favourite film: Victoria - a real nail-biter What you love about football: It's a huge part of our culture, it brings people together and has become a medium for education and charity work - all good stuff What you hate about football: When it gets too competitive. It needs to be fun Footballing ambition: Stay injury free forever and



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Cemal Agdelen

#### ATTACK

Bogdan Panescu Charlie Fagan Eliot Crosbie Jon Akaly Saiid Jaffa Sherwin Stanley Stefan Nielsen Tashan Benjamin Tre Cartier Lewis Owiredu

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