



CLAPTON CFC vs
LUTON TOWN RESERVES
Greater London Women's
Football League Division-One
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WOMEN'S FA CUP

CLAPTON CFC vs MARGATE FC LADIES
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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.

Enjoy the game.

C'MON YOU TONS!



ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT – WE ARE THE CLAPTON CFC

- We accept that each of us is individually responsible for our own actions and we are collectively responsible for supporting those around us.
- We start from a position of believing and supporting people when they share their experiences with us.
- We accept that other people's lives and histories are invariably different to our own and try to avoid making assumptions about the opinions, background, cultures and identities of others.
- We try not to judge, compete or put each other down. We approach every situation with an open mind.
- We notice and respect each other's physical boundaries and understand the importance of always checking first before crossing them.
- We are mindful of the space we take up and if we are used to talking, we also need to listen to the wisdom that others bring to our organising and discussions.
- We try to communicate in an open, clear and uncomplicated way. We are aware of how the language we use can shut down other people's opinions and exclude participation, even when we do not intend to do so.
- Accountability means that each of us is ready, when challenged about how we act and how we speak, to take on board other's points of view, take responsibility for our actions and make amends in the ways that are asked of us. This accountability is also expected of people and groups working with us.
- If we witness actions or behaviour that is harmful, oppressive or discriminatory, we will challenge it constructively and not leave this to those who are most affected by it or assume others will deal with it.



PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN WOMEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH

GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE, AND AS THIS IS a double programme, please let me welcome both Margate and Luton Town Reserves. The Margate game is our first venture in the FA Cup, while Luton starts off our League campaign. Although I missed our last pre-season friendly game vs Tower Hamlets, I have watched the full match video and was delighted with the performance of the team. My thanks go to Josh for covering the match in my absence.

The game appeared to be quite a bit easier than we had anticipated, with Tower Hamlets just starting their pre-season properly. However, given we only had a squad of 12, we can draw a lot of confidence from it. Ideally a more challenging game in pre-season would have helped us to prepare for stepping up to a higher League than last year, but as this has not been

possible, we will have to hit the ground running.

Margate play at the Level we have moved up to, but in the South East Counties League, so we do not know a great deal about them. They finished 2nd last year so we can expect them to be strong opposition. Luton finished 7th in our new League last year, although we do not know how many players moved up to their First team. The Luton game precedes three tough away matches in a row against Regent Part Rangers, Islington Borough and Dulwich Hamlet Reserves, so it's crucial we start well at home.

I've been really pleased with the intensity of training throughout pre-season. At the time of writing we have one session left before our first game, which will help to finalise the starting line-up, from what is a very large squad. Enjoy the games!



PHOTOGRAPHS: MAX REEVES

NEW MERCH FOR NEW SEASON

We've got some new merch on sale at both men's and women's home games this season – while stocks last.

Summer scarves – £12 (£10 for members)
Flags – £12 (£10 for members)
Bottle openers – £2.50
New 'Lego' stickers – £1

We're still taking a break from online orders. If you want to volunteer to help get them back on track, drop an email to merch@claptoncfc.co.uk

BBC ESSEX PREMIER CUP DRAW

The Clapton CFC men's team have been drawn away to Runwell Sports in the BBC Essex Premier Cup. The tie will take place on Saturday, October 19 at 2pm.

Our hosts play in the Essex Olympian League Division One, which is one level below our own Middlesex County Football League Premier Division.

Last season CCFC were knocked out of the competition at the first attempt in a nine-goal thriller at home to Hutton FC, despite a stirring comeback.



DONATIONS TO CADFA

Thanks to all who contributed to the Football 4 Freedom campaign, which aims to bring a group of Palestinian girls to play football in the UK.

We held a bucket shake at the double-header friendly, which the club rounded up to £200.

Walthamstow Dogs also donated £40 of their profits from catering to fans at the Sporting Hackney game.

We're pleased to say the target has been hit and the visit is due to take place in October.

NEW RADIO SHOW FOR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

East Herts Radio is a brand new online radio station with a football show called 90 Minutes that airs every Sunday at 9pm.

Hosted by Symon Allemandy and Pete Hill, it mainly covers

all their local teams in the East Hertfordshire region.

However, it also covers wider non league football issues and has been recently reporting on issues at Clapton FC and the Old Spotted Dog.

Their interest was sparked after their local team Hoddesdon Town's first league match in the Essex Senior League was postponed due to the lockdown of the OSD.

They have been mentioning the drama in their last few shows and have also mentioned Clapton CFC positively every week.

You can catch their latest shows via the player on the website easthertsradio.co.uk or catch up on previous shows via speakr.com and searching for East Herts Radio and finding the 90minutes show. You can also follow them on twitter on [@90minutesehr](https://twitter.com/@90minutesehr)



East Herts Radio's
Symon Allemandy
proudly wearing his
Clapton shirt



CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A message from Akwaaba, a volunteer-run social centre for migrants that runs on Sundays in Hackney.

We believe that no one is illegal and everyone is welcome.

Our community is looking for friendly people who love football to supervise and support our children (age 3 to 17) so they can enjoy five-a-side games.

If you can spare two Sundays (3.5 hours per day) per month to join our non-hierarchical, anti-racist space, we would love to hear from you.

You need to have previous experience with children (although this needn't be in a football context), and we particularly encourage people of colour to apply.

If you're interested, send an email to kids@akwaaba.org.uk

The position requires a DBS check, and we can help you with this if you don't already have one.

Find out more at www.akwaaba.org.uk/volunteers

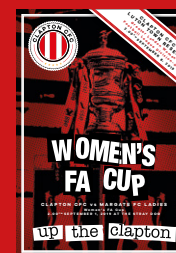
MESSAGE TO A TON

Support your favourite Clapton Community FC player for the 2019/20 season. Simply choose your player from the men's and women's teams, donate from as little as £5 and leave a message for a Ton. You will be listed as a player supporter on the website and in the matchday programme. The money raised will go towards the players' kit, training and equipment.

Visit chuffed.org/project/tonsmmessage to support your favourite player

FINANCIAL CHANGE

After some prodding, the Financial Conduct Authority has at last confirmed that our financial year has changed to 1 July - 30 June.



TODAY'S COVER ART

Today's cover art is inspired by our FA Cup opponents (Margate FC Ladies) shirt sponsors The Libertines.

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



AFTER GAINING PROMOTION TO Greater London Women's League Division 1, and moving from AFC Stoke Newington to Clapton CFC, the team has not only appointed a new manager, but also seen a lot of new players join the squad.

Some have already shown their footballing abilities on the green grass of the Stray Dog, some will be able to do so throughout the exciting season ahead. To get to know the squad a bit better, below is a short introduction to each player.



Keeper Sophia Axelsson warms up with Rebecca von Blumenthal, Phoebe Parthews (5), Alice Nutman (16), Esther Routledge (far left) and the rest of the squad



Saskia Walker, Hannah Wright (10) and Alice Nutman



Esther Routledge (9), Laura Wright, Ciara Monahan, Ana Holmes (3), Saskia Walker and Harriet Plows



Hannah Wright, Laura Wright and Phoebe Parthews

MEET THE PLAYERS

GOALKEEPERS

POLLY ADAMS GOALKEEPER

Polly is the unchallenged first goalkeeper of the team, with safe hands and a great command of her space (and the back four). She has previously played for Fulham and Queens Park Rangers.

SOPHIA AXELSSON GOALKEEPER

Sophia joined the team in 2018, and has recently moved from playing outfield to goalkeeping. She has previously played football for Kramfors-Alliansen and IK Virgo in Sweden.

SUSANA ROCHA FERREIRA GOALKEEPER

Having not played football for almost 10 years, Susana joined Goal Diggers FC in 2018, and Clapton CFC earlier this year. Injuries have kept her from competitive football so far this season, but fantastic saves can be expected for the future. She has previously played for Hampstead FC.

DEFENDERS

GEORGIE BROPHY DEFENDER

Georgie joined the team for the 19/20 season, and showed great composure in central defence in the friendly against Santacruzense. She has previously played for Collier Row, Dagenham & Redbridge, and Leyton Orient.

ALICE NUTMAN DEFENDER

Alice has been an integral part of the team since its second year of existence. Being a strong person on and off the pitch, she took on the role of player-manager in the 18/19 season. She has previously played for Colchester United.

PHOEBE PARTHEWS DEFENDER

Phoebe is known for being a reliable central defender, with a great command of the play. Last season she started every game. She has previously played for Leeds United Ladies and Leeds Vixens.

ANNIKA QUARTEY DEFENDER

Annie is an experienced central defender who has a penchant for driving the ball from her own half to start an attack, and perfectly timed slide tackles. She scored her first goal for Clapton CFC in the friendly against Tower Hamlets. She has previously played for Regents Park Rangers.

ALICE WILLIAMS DEFENDER

After a 17 year hiatus, Alice took up football again when she joined Goal Diggers and AFC Stoke Newington. She has proven to be a reliable left-back, and was in the starting line-up for every game during the 18/19 season.

LAURA WRIGHT DEFENDER

Laura joined the team for this season and she showed both experience and calmness in defence in the first two friendlies on the Stray Dogs. She has previously played for Clapham (now Comets).

MIDFIELDERS

ZHANE AMOATEN MIDFIELDER

Zhane joined the team for last season, and with her quick feet she is an expert in finding her way through tight spaces on the pitch. In the 18/19 season, Zha scored 7 goals in 10 appearances. She has previously played for Haringey.

REBECCA VON BLUMENTHAL MIDFIELDER

Rebecca (Becks) has great pace and technique, which she puts to use on the wings. She has previously played for King's College Women's.

ANA HOLMES**MIDFIELDERS**

Ana joined the team earlier this year, and is best known for her incredible speed and physical strength. She will not shy away from any challenge on the pitch.

ELENA HOLMES**MIDFIELDER**

Elena (Lenny) is known for her great speed and high energy, which she puts to use running down the wings. She has previously played for Bristol University, Exeter City, and Exmouth Amateurs.

CIARA MONAHAN**MIDFIELDER**

With quick feet and a fantastic eye for the game, Ciara is a natural leader on the pitch. Last season, she used her footballing abilities to help coach and captain the team to great successes.

VERITY PHILLIPS**MIDFIELDER**

Verity joined the team for the 19/20 season. She has previously played for Goal Diggers FC.

HARRIET PLOWS**MIDFIELDER**

Harriet joined the team last season, when she mostly played on the wings. For the two friendlies at the Stray Dog she has impressed as a left-back. She has previously played for Whetstone Wanderers, Camden, and Leyton Orient.

CAPUCINE RIOM**MIDFIELDER**

Capucine (Caps) is best known for her speed down the wings, which she makes use of when finding goal scoring opportunities. In the 8 games she played last season she scored 5 goals.

ESTHER ROUTLEDGE**MIDFIELDER**

Esther joined the team this year, and has already shown a fantastic work rate, running up and down the wings. She has previously played for Knowle Town Girls.

LUCY ROLINGTON**MIDFIELDER**

Lucy joined the team last season and is a physical player with great technique. She has previously played for Stoke Newington and Goal Diggers FC.

LUCY SPOURS**MIDFIELDER**

Lucy made her debut for the team in the friendly against Tower Hamlet FC, and made a strong impression in central midfield. Last season she played for AFC Stoke Newington's opposition Enfield in the Greater London Women's League Division 2 North.

HANNAH WRIGHT**MIDFIELDER**

Having played her first competitive game with Goal Diggers FC in 2016, Hannah joined the team last year, and has so far proven to be a reliable midfielder, and more recently at right-back.

STRIKERS**EMILY LINK****STRIKER**

Emily is the team's undisputed top goal scorer with 27 goals in 19 appearances last season. She will always find an opportunity to score, or set up a teammate to score. She has previously played for Bristol University, Birmingham City, and Solihull Ladies.

STEDRIKA PERKINS**STRIKER**

Stedrika is best known for her fantastic technique, which she put on show in the 7 appearances she made last season. She has previously played for Hackney Laces and Haringey FC.

NAOMI SCRIVEN**STRIKER**

Naomi made her debut for the team last year, and had an impressive first season, scoring 12 goals in 16 appearances. Personal trainer by day, Naomi is known for her strength and speed. She has previously played for Stoke City FC.

SASKIA WALKER**STRIKER**

Saskia joined the team last season, and has proved herself a tough and reliable player both at Hackney Marshes and on the Stray Dog. She has previously played for Stowupland Falcons, Suffolk County Schools, Bacton United, and Leeds University Women's AFC



Rebecca von Blumenthal



Harriet Plows,
Ana Holmes
and Phoebe
Parthews



Alice Nutman
and Annika
Quartey
(standing)



Phoebe
Parthews (5)
and Abbie
Brown



Ciara
Monahan



Esther
Routledge



Ana Holmes



Emily Link, Hannah Wright
and Vicki Rabbi

AFTER MONTHS WITH LITTLE APPARENT PROGRESS IN the long-running battle for control of the place Clapton CFC supporters consider is their spiritual home – the Old Spotted Dog Ground in Forest Gate – there was suddenly a dramatic turn of events in early August.

We now know the freeholders, a subsidiary of Heineken, have stepped in to repossess the ground for non-payment of rent by the liquidator, who acts for the currently insolvent charity Newham Community Leisure (NCL) who lease it.

Both the club controlled by Vincent McBean that plays under the Clapton name in the Essex Senior League and the other ground-sharing tenant, Hackney Wick FC, have been forced to find alternative venues to continue to play their fixtures.

McBean, who was also a trustee of NCL and claims he is owed tens of thousands of pounds from it, has blamed the Charity Commission for problems with the rent, because NCL's bank account has been frozen for many years while an ongoing investigation into its management has been underway.

The Commission has publicly rejected this accusation, but the Essex Senior League has vigorously (and unprecedentedly) backed McBean's club on social media.

It was subsequently reported that Heineken had repeatedly tried for two years, without success, to contact McBean and other trustees before taking the decision to seek repossession.

Meanwhile, the ongoing court case brought by Clapton's Life Members is expected to return to court for a full trial later this year. With the ground no longer controlled by NCL, this is now solely about overturning the insolvency proceedings and preventing the distribution of the charity's assets – primarily the tyre warehouse – for the benefit of its alleged creditors. Taking Back Control

A number of parties have expressed an interest in taking over the leasehold from NCL and at the time of writing, our members are voting on a proposal that our club negotiates a new lease with Heineken.

A plan drawn up by the club board involves setting up a wholly-owned subsidiary called "The Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust" to over the lease to run the Old Spotted Dog Ground, in accordance with our agreed mission. This subsidiary would include directors from the club and from the local community. Similar to our committee structures, they would have devolved responsibilities, in this case to manage the ground in accordance with our ethos and values, with a clear remit setting out how day to day decision-making is conducted. As members already know, this plan has been supported by local MP Lyn Brown, the Mayor of Newham Rokhsana Fiaz and a number of Forest Gate councillors.

However, even if this proposal is accepted by members and discussions with the freeholder are eventually successful, we are still some way from returning home.

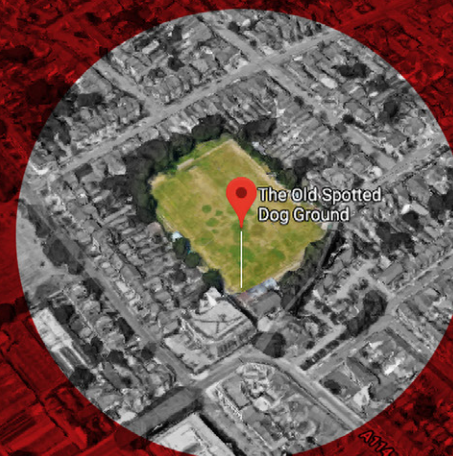
It seems likely that until the legal case is finally resolved, senior football at the Old Spotted Dog Ground is impossible because the changing rooms are in the part of the main building that is controlled by the liquidator.

There is also extensive – and potentially expensive – refurbishments and maintenance necessary to make the ground genuinely safe and to ensure that it is ready to return to regular use.

We are, nevertheless, much closer than we have been, since NCL was placed into liquidation in April 2017, to London's oldest senior football ground becoming a non-profit, community-managed venue for the benefit of the people of Newham.

It cannot come soon enough.

WE ARE, NEVERTHELESS, MUCH CLOSER THAN WE HAVE BEEN, SINCE NCL WAS PLACED INTO LIQUIDATION IN APRIL 2017, TO LONDON'S OLDEST SENIOR FOOTBALL GROUND BECOMING A NON-PROFIT, COMMUNITY-MANAGED VENUE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF NEWHAM.



TURMOIL AND OPPORTUNITIES AT CLAPTON'S SPIRITUAL HOME



INJURED JAKE STEVENS OUT FOR SIX MONTHS

CLASSY WINGER JAKE STEVENS HAS REVEALED that he played through the pain barrier last season to help the men's team to their league and cup double.

Stevens scored five goals and contributed five assists last season, making 15 appearances, mainly at the nail-biting end of the season.

However, the 28-year-old has been told he will have to undergo surgery on a torn ACL ligament in his knee and is set to miss most of the 2019/20 campaign.

A gutted Stevens said: "It was a normal training session in February or March. I was just turning and felt my knee go a little bit.

"It was sore the next day but I didn't really think much of it and I played for the rest of the season.

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"It was painful, I was paying for it on Sunday and Monday after the game, and not training too hard, then playing on Saturday.

"Because we were in semi-finals and cup finals and going for promotion I couldn't not really play.

"I thought I'd take a couple of months off over the summer to rest it but I played a couple of pre-season games against Walthamstow and Sporting Hackney and the same pain came back.

"I got it checked out, had an MRI, and the doctor said my lateral ligament in my right knee was torn and if I wanted to play football again I'd need surgery.

"So I'll have it done in a little while. Afterwards I'll have to be on crutches and knee brace for two months.

"It means I'll be out until at least April or May next season so this season is probably a write-off."

"It is my first proper injury in football. I was a bit gutted as I'd just back into football last season and loved it."

Stevens came to the opening league game of the new season to cheer on his team-mates against Sporting Hackney.

He said: "It's tough to be sat on the sidelines and watch it when you've been so involved. But I'll be back and I'll be around this season."



LAST SEPTEMBER, CLAPTON CFC WERE PROUD to become the 20th club to support the *On The Baw* campaign, by providing free sanitary products at Wadham Lodge.

Period poverty continues to be a pressing issue - with millions of people unable to access sanitary products when they need to. There's no reason why anyone at a Clapton game should feel anxious about getting 'caught out' - sanitary products should be as readily available as soap and toilet roll.

On the Baw started in March 2018, with three women studying and supporting Celtic. We spoke to Mikaela to ask how things have been going as the campaign enters its second season...

"The response to the campaign so far has been class! The majority of folk are so supportive of our campaign and want their clubs to get involved. It's

so confident from the start because of the founding principles of the club like tackling poverty linked in so well with what we wanted to do." There was no doubt that CCFC wouldn't adopt this campaign as part of our wider principles of making a positive impact on our local communities.

So what's next for the campaign? There are 96 clubs signed up at the time of writing - from Aberdeen to Portsmouth, Shamrock Rovers to Norwich, with clubs from further afield including Recife in Brazil, Altona 93 in Germany and even LA Galaxy, and have a range of clubs from Step 8 to the Premier League, and even some rugby clubs. Number '100' will be the next biggie - but the women behind the campaign are also looking at how to encourage clubs, bars and cafes to follow suit. As Mikaela explains: "We're hoping to spend more time in the communities local to us. We want to stay focussed on football and hope we can make some progress with the clubs outside of

SUPPORTING THE **ON THE BALL** CAMPAIGN WITH FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS AT THE STRAY DOG

been a bit of a positive surprise to see SO many guys get involved in the discussion around the availability of period products and the wider issues around menstruation... we didn't expect to see the level of support we've received.

With every new club, we get the usual negative or confused type of comments, but we either ignore these or look to open up the conversation and get people thinking more about our point of view and we've seen a lot of minds change over the last year".

The campaign has been mostly fan-led, with fans reading about the campaign's beginnings at Celtic, and approaching the team for advice on adopting the campaign at their club. Something that will sound familiar to CCFC fans is how the women behind the campaign "didn't want the club to feel like we were lobbying them, but we were

the UK that we've been working with. As we run the campaign in our spare time, we want to make sure what we're doing stays manageable!"

They also wanted to emphasise that "friendship through football extends far and wide. We know this from having pals from clubs in Sweden, France and Germany ourselves! We'd love it if fans could speak with their friends of other clubs and tell them about the campaign!"

On the Baw recently worked on a short documentary with the BBC, and will be attending the TUC conference in September in Brighton. CCFC will continue to provide free sanitary products at home games - see the next issue for more news on how we're fighting poverty in our communities.

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FOOTBALL HISTORY

ENGLAND'S FIRST BLACK PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER - AND IT'S NOT WHO YOU THINK



Emma Clarke (back row, second left) pictured with players from Mrs Graham's XI in 1895

Her career was discovered by accident by artist Stuart Gibbs in 2017 and subsequently turned into a play by Futures Theatre called 'Offside'.

Anna Kessel MBE, co-founder of Women in Football has been highlighting her story since.

She, said: "We think it is crucial that Emma's story doesn't get lost.

WALTER TULL IS RIGHTLY A CLAPTON HERO, with our banner in his honour proudly displayed at home games, 111 years after he first appeared in the red and white stripes.

England's first outfield male black professional footballer and first black army officer was later killed leading troops into battle on the Western Front in France.

But have you heard of the first black female professional footballer, who actually pre-dates Tull by over a decade?

Born in Liverpool in 1875, Emma Clarke made her professional debut for the British Ladies team in 1895, in Crouch End in front of a crowd of 11,000.

She would have earned around a shilling a week playing football at a time when huge numbers of spectators would attend women's matches, garnering widespread press coverage.

"It is so important for people to realise that women have been playing football for a very long time. It isn't a recent phenomenon.

"Emma played in front of 11,000 people way back in 1895. To all intents and purposes she was a professional player; she was earning a shilling a week to play.

"She was getting media coverage and there were a lot of photos and illustrations of her in newspapers of the time, not to mention the match reports of games in which she played.

"She played all over the UK in some really famous stadiums like Wembley, St James' Park and Portman Road.

"Her contribution to football history is really significant. It was recognised at the time in contemporary coverage but it has got lost along the way."

WALTER TULL: THE MOVIE

Walter Tull's story is being developed into a film by Artifice Media and produced by former EastEnders actor Mark Pegg.

He has produced many films including Heroes and Villains starring James Corden and Jenny

Agutter and the award-winning documentary feature Tovarisch; I am not dead.

"The fact that is, without doubt, a largely forgotten story is something that we intend to change and make sure that Walter gets his proper place in the pantheon of British folk heroes." says Pegg

He has set up a crowdfunding campaign at crowdfundtull.co.uk where anyone that makes a small contribution to the development of this film can claim perks such as tickets to the film premiere or a campaign t-shirt.

If you want to help bring the story of our hero to big screen, go to crowdfundtull.co.uk.

CLAPTON HISTORY BY CHRIS TYMKOW

SPOTTED DOG GROUND 1921

THE WOMEN'S MATCH THAT NEVER WAS

THE OLD CLAPTON FC MINUTE BOOKS SHOW that it was a regular thing for the Clapton committee to receive requests from other clubs and organisations to use the Spotted Dog Ground. The Committee Meeting of October 3rd 1921 was in many ways typical. The Royal Victoria Dock Sports Club's request was refused 'owing to [the] ground being fully engaged'. West Ham School Sports Association asked to play there on the morning of November 5th - 'it was decided to grant this on condition there is to be no Cup Tie on that afternoon'.

But one request that day was unusual. It came from the Homeless Children's Aid Society, asking if they could use the Spotted Dog Ground 'to play a match against Coventry City Ladies FC, either a mid week or Saturday'.

Coventry City Ladies FC had been formed in May of that year. Thousands of women, working in the factories of Coventry during the First World War, produced munitions and vehicles while the men were away fighting. Many of these women

had also played football during the war, often in front of big crowds. Coventry City Ladies FC were one of the most noted of the teams that carried the women's game into the immediate post-war years. They had already played at Birmingham City and Derby County in 1921. A match at the Spotted Dog would give London fans a chance to see them, while raising money for homeless children.

The Clapton committee seemed rather bemused by the request. The Secretary replied 'stating [the] Ground was engaged this side of Xmas, but if they care to make a further application in the New Year it will receive our consideration'.

Sadly, before the New Year had come the Football Association, its board entirely made up of men, had banned all women's football teams from playing on affiliated grounds, which effectively killed off the women's game until the ban was lifted in the 1970s. So the Spotted Dog Ground never got to host the famous Coventry City Ladies FC, and the borough of West Ham missed out on a match that would have gone down in local football history.

Clapton Says BALLS TO THE ARMS FAIR



THIS SEPTEMBER, ARMS COMPANIES FROM around the world will be setting up at the Excel Centre in Newham for Defence and Security Equipment International ('DSEI'), one of the biggest arms fairs in the world, made possible by the political and financial backing of the UK government.

DSEI is a grotesque trade show of 1500 arms companies, selling everything from guns, bombs and missiles, ships, tanks and warplanes to drones and tear gas.

Military delegations rub shoulders with arms companies and networking helps seal arms deals, fuelling conflict and repression around the world.

Among military delegations invited by the UK is Saudi Arabia, even after a recent court judgment declaring arms sales to Saudi for use in Yemen illegal.

The UK government has supplied the Saudi regime with at least £5.3 billion of arms since the war in Yemen began, helping to sustain and legitimise

what the UN has described as the world's worst humanitarian catastrophe.

A report earlier this year by Yemeni NGO, 'Mwatana for Human Rights', identified UK-made bombs being used in Saudi attacks on civilian infrastructure. Yet the UK government continues its programme of arms sales promotion to Saudi Arabia, unabated and unashamed, at events like DSEI.

Meanwhile, we have seen police in Hong Kong use tear gas, rubber bullets, water cannons and batons to violently disperse protests.

Some of this equipment was manufactured in the UK and sold with the support of the UK government. Shockingly, the Hong Kong government has been invited to send a delegation to DSEI.

There is widespread resistance to the presence of the arms fair in Newham – in June, the local council condemned it.

Now, in the week before it starts, campaigners are gathering to disrupt the set up through an array of creative actions, over six days from 2-8 September.

CCFC's Community Outreach Committee is calling on members to join local opposition to DSEI.

On Monday 2 September, we are taking part in "Clapton Says Balls to the Arms Fair" with a huge banner and if all goes to plan, an opportunity for some street football outside the gates to the ExCel Centre.

Come down to the East Entrance on Royal Albert Way (around the corner from Prince Regent DLR) from 4-6.30pm.

MATCH REPORT: 20/08/2019

CLAPTON CFC 2 SPORTING HACKNEY FC 0

A SEASON OPENER. A MIDWEEK SEASON opener under the lights. A midweek season opener under the lights against East London rivals. What could be better?

The answer: Clapton marking the occasion with a big statement win. Geoff Ocran's team made a dream start to life in the MCFL Premier, with a dominant second half performance.

AND A NEW STAR WAS BORN TOO

With Sherwin Stanley our injured, Eliot Crosbie led the line. He was flanked by an interchanging Josh Adejokun and Louis Rene. Both wingers troubled Hackney, but the first half was the very definition of a tense, even match-up. Having lost 3-0 to Pitshanger Dynamo at the weekend, the visitors were keen to keep it tight.

The away team had the first chance in ten minutes. Jordan Brown was played through and tried to lob Tons keeper Jack Francis. Just wide.

Then Tons midfielder Paul Oshin managed to bustle through on the visitors' goal. Lacking a striker's killer instinct, he prodded past the post.

Around the 25 minute mark, Rene put in a

dangerous corner. Jordan Odofin connected with a bicycle kick that slid just past.

On 37 minutes, Hackney's Ritchie Paleta got in on goal, after it looked like Josh had been fouled up the other end. Luckily, the attacker tripped over the ball and fell on his face.

Towards the end of the half, the commanding Francis showed off his shot-stopping abilities. He got down low to his left to catch a zipping Hackney long-ranger. And that was it for a tight, tense first half.

DOUBLE ADEJOKUN

In the second 45, the balance of the game changed. Clapton were pressing hard, while allowing Hackney some chances on the break. The central defensive partnership of Odofin and Dean Bouho were doing a professional job on the danger.

Geoff made a key personnel change, bringing on Josh's younger brother Noah Adejokun for a competitive debut. It was to be one to remember.

With an Adejokun on each wing, The Parrots we're put firmly on the back foot. Crosbie was finding them well, with little headed flick-ons.

But the breakthrough took until the seventieth minute. A corner was headed on by Bouho and the young debutant absolutely smashed a volley into the net. All the Clapton players ran to celebrate with the bench. It meant so much to the group.

Then it was two. Again it came from a ball into the box, this time whipped in beautifully by Rene.

Crosbie, lurking at the back stick, calmly side-footed back across the keeper into the corner. The Tons talisman beat his chest and embraced the adoring crowd. Another iconic moment.

There was a late Clapton injury. Even chasing a consolation, the visitors' Sam Edwards stroked it back to Francis. Sporting, Hackney.

Then the referee called time on what will surely not be the last wondrous Wadham Lodge night for CCFC.





MATCH REPORT: 18/08/2019

CLAPTON CFC 9

TOWER HAMLETS WFC 0

NOT ONES TO BE DAUNTED BY HALF THE squad being away or injured, and the new coach being on holiday, Clapton women raised their game against old friends Tower Hamlets.

Under the guiding hand of friend and coach Josh Pugh, both brand new recruits and old AFC Stoke Newington players were given time to shine in the soaring heat.

After a few saves from the Tower Hamlets keeper and some near misses from the ever-excellent Emily Link, the first goal came. A corner from reliable Ciara Monahan swooped in gracefully from the left, our very own Virgil Van Dijk, Annika



Quartey, caught the ball on the half-volley.

It wasn't long before there were more goals. The confident Saskia Walker continued to shine by almost walking her first goal into the box.

It was closely followed by Link sweeping a classic goal past the keeper into the top left. Monahan followed soon after with a strong strike from distance, proving she is a threat all across the pitch.

The defence spent much of the remainder of the half on the halfway line or over it as the rest of the squad pushed forward, putting the 4-3-3

formation to its best use as Link yet again shone with another stunning goal. 5-0 at half time.

After an injury to the ankle for Esther Routledge, we were down to just 11 players, no subs, and the sun started to take its toll on the energy levels.

"Safe Hands" goalkeeper Polly Adams proved to be a very useful lynchpin at the rear of defence, regularly handling passbacks with confidence and ease, restarting play from the back.

It wasn't long before this patience led to more goals, with a left footed pass from Adams going out to the left wing, finding the feet of Link, who, passing players with ease, scored yet another goal high in the net.

The rest of the half became something of a formality with two more calmly tapped in goals from Walker, and a final header (a rare event indeed) from Link brought the score to 9-0, leading to a scramble from the scoreboard gang to find a big enough number.

MATCH REPORT: 25/08/2019

PITSHANGER DYNAMO 2

CLAPTON CFC 0

ESTABLISHED MCFL PREMIER OUTFIT Pitshanger Dynamo demonstrated the required level the CCFC men's team will need to compete in their new division.

But the Tons showed signs that they were up to the new challenge, before wilting in the second half in scorching late August sun.

Hanwell Town's Powerday Stadium provided a pleasant setting for Clapton fans used to no-facilities-at-all from the previous season. And Pitshanger made the travelling supporters very welcome too.

Geoff Ocran was without key men Sherwin Stanley,

Eliot Crosbie and...himself. With an absence of established strikers, he gave right back Stefan Kilron a chance to lead the line.

Breakout star of Tuesday's victory over Sporting Hackney Noah Adejokun was rewarded Bruno Pereira, recently signed from NW London, also made his debut in midfield.

There were a couple of very special guests, with Clapton life members Mike Fogg and John Sharpley joining the supporters on the terraces.

Like the season opener, the first half was tight and even. For better or worse, the 6-5s, 4-4s and 6-4s of the previous season seem to be a thing of the past.

And while Ocran will be looking to boost his offensive threat, credit must go to a new-look, stingy backline.

Ellick Coleman, Dean Bouho, Jordan Odofin and Liam Smyth were the standout performers, backed



up by keeper Jack Francis. There were very few clear-cut chances for the Carrots. And very few for the Tons.

The Tons won a free kick on the edge of the box, after some nice Adejokun interplay. But Stefan Nielsen popped it just over the bar.

Then came Pitshanger's only decent opportunity of the half, when a ball fell to a striker right in front of Francis. But he kind of fell over and prodded it straight at the Clapton goalie.

The Tons had to deal with a series of Carrots free-kicks, as the referee kept involuntarily raising his arm – like Dr Strangelove – and always in the direction the hosts were shooting.

On 63 minutes, the hosts broke the deadlock. The Tons were caught napping as a free kick floated into their box. Josh Norris volleyed it back across Francis and into the corner.

This really changed the game. Whether

deflated by the goal or wilted by the heat, Clapton dropped deeper. Pitshanger got more and more chances.

Inevitably, the hosts got a second goal too. A well-worked move was finished off by captain Greg Miley. However, he was seen wearing a Clapton scarf in the clubhouse afterwards so we can't stay mad at him.





MARGATE FC LADIES

THIS SEASON, 300 TEAMS FROM ALL over England are taking part in the Women's FA Cup. For Clapton CFC's first ever FA Cup tie, we welcome Margate FC Ladies to the Stray Dog.

Margate FC, aka the Bluebirds, took a step up after the original ladies team left the club for new pastures.

With a new team and a new manager, Margate exceeded all expectations last season, when they finished runners up in the South East Counties Women's League Division One East (on the seventh tier).

Bluebirds won 9 out of their 16 league games, drew 4 and lost 3. They also reached the quarter finals in the County Cup, Bostik League Cup,

and the League Cup.

The team is well supported by the club who ask nothing more than that they play with pride and passion every time they put on their Margate FC shirt, sponsored by The Libertines.

The Bluebirds' manager, Evan Paris, believes that with their four or five new signings this season, the squad has a better balance of youth and experience, and they aspire to do even better in the league this season, all whilst having a lot of fun.

The 19/20 season will see them going up against familiar opposition such as Maidstone United and Cray Valley, but also newly relegated Meridian, and promoted side Sittingbourne.



GREATER LONDON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION-ONE



LUTON TOWN RESERVES

TODAY (SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8), CCFC Womens will begin their long awaited journey into Div 1 of the GLWFL. In this inaugural match they come head to head with their first opponents Luton Town Reserves.

Luton Town Ladies was founded in 1997, running independently for 3 years before officially partnering with Luton Town FC in 2000, one of England's oldest clubs.

Luton Town Reserves play at Stockwood Park Athletic Centre just outside Luton. They train and play alongside the Women's first team, who compete on the second tier of the Women's football pyramid.

Luton Town Reserves team competed in Div 1 last year, finishing 7th. Therefore, should make a tough but good first game for CCFC women's and we look forward to the challenge.



HILLINGDON FC

NEXT SATURDAY, CCFC'S MEN'S team take on Hillingdon FC in the second round of the Alec Smith Premier Cup. Both teams were given a bye for the first round. This away tie will be played at the Brunel University Sports Complex in Uxbridge.

The Tons' opposition were founded in 1989 as Hillingdon Irish Saints FC and have 14 teams in total at a variety of age groups and levels.

Hillingdon won the Middlesex County Football League Premier in 2014/15, but were not promoted. Last season they came in a middling eighth. But they have started out this season as the real form team, winning their first

three games. They have beaten NW London 4-1, Hilltop 2-1 and Indian Gymkhana Club 4-2. Midfielder Mark Smith, who has netted in each of those games, is surely a man to watch.

The Alec Smith is the league cup for teams in Clapton's league, the MCFL Premier. Last season it was won by St Panteleimon, who also won the division. They clinched the cup with a final win over Cricklewood Wanderers on spotkicks. Hillingdon themselves won it in 2016, beating West Essex, also on penalties.

Can Geoff Ocran's side follow up last year's cup heroics with another final appearance? They are only three wins away...



A WORD FROM THE OPPOSITION

Pre-season was quiet for us, with only one full friendly played and us concentrating on training sessions with the full first team and reserve squad.

As for the start, it couldn't have gone any better. Three wins from three and the squad is in great spirits. The vast majority of them have been together for some time now, with quite a few of the title-winning team of 2015 still around.

When it comes to this term's ambitions, we'd like to improve on last year's eighth, as we feel that didn't really tell the story of our season. We'd love a cup run too, obviously. After reaching the semis of the County Cup last season it would be great to improve. It's also our first season in the FA Vase, so we'd love to show ourselves in a good light.

As for Clapton, our lads are really looking forward to playing in front of big crowds for this level. Our ground is a bit different as it's an athletics track with no stands, but the pitch is as good as you'll see all season.

It's probably the furthest journey your fans will have with no tube that close (Uxbridge is the nearest but a bus ride away) and no facilities for refreshments, but you are all very welcome. See you on September 7th and good luck for the season.

Gary Thornborough, manager, Hillingdon FC



Clapton CFC is offering free training sessions for women and non-binary people every week.

The sessions take place every Tuesday at 7pm at Mabley Green in Hackney, having recently moved from Hackney Downs

All ages and abilities are welcome, but particularly beginners and those returning to the game.

Women in their 40s and 50s, who were never able to play at school, are especially welcome.

Having been running the sessions for a few weeks now, Ellie Guedella told us how they're going so far...

"It's about fitness, wellbeing, fun and most importantly the beautiful game.

"We do a warm up and some fitness first then some technical training.

"Some of us are still learning to kick cleanly some working on turns and spins.

"Then we play a game but they have to complete three passes before they can shoot so they have to work together.

"The team spirit is already developing. It is pretty likely we will have a team ready to go into the beginners super5 league in January.

"The ages range from 22 to 56. Some got to play a bit in primary, some never even got that. There is a lost generation of women born before 1981 as we were born under the FA ban.

"It was technically lifted in the 70s but no women actually got access to pitches before 1981. "Most have stories of always wanting to play. "All are absolutely loving it. The amount of thank you messages I get was a bit overwhelming at first."

Interested in joining? Just come down to Mabley Green on a Tuesday for 7pm. Bring trainers or blades as it's a 3G pitch. It's free.

Any queries, you can email Ellie on elliesmellie36@googlemail.com

PLAYER PROFILE: ELICK COLEMAN

PLACE OF BIRTH: London, Newham
BIRTHDATE: 15th September 1991
HEIGHT: 5'8" (172cm)
WHERE YOU LIVE: East London
DAY JOB: Teacher
PREVIOUS CLUBS: London Bari, Clapton, Billericay.
ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Thierry Henry
FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Arsenal
BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Playing at Wembley stadium
LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Getting a red card
LIKES AND HOBBIES: Looking after mother and going out on

the weekends with mates
DISLIKES: Disrespect
FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: St Lucia
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken!!!
FAVOURITE FILM: Any movie as long as Bernie Mac is in it
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Any music that has a good beat but makes sense
FAVOURITE TV: If you meant brand Sony! But if you mean show, Everybody Hates Chris, or Kenan & Kel
FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Run my own academy
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Will Smith



PLAYER PROFILE: EMILY JAYNE LINK

PLACE OF BIRTH: Birmingham
BIRTHDATE: 17 June 1990
HEIGHT: 5ft 8
WHERE YOU LIVE: North London
DAY JOB: Learning and Development Consultant
PREVIOUS CLUBS: AFC Stoke Newington, Bristol University, Birmingham City, Solihull Ladies
ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Lucy Bronze
FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Birmingham City Women's FC
BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Beating Walton Casuals in 2018/19 season
LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Lionesses losing to USA in 2019

World Cup
LIKES AND HOBBIES: Keepie Uppies and peanut butter
DISLIKES: comments like: 'wow, they're good for a girl (in reference to footballing ability)', tinsel
FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: Australia
FAVOURITE FOOD: Peanut butter
FAVOURITE FILM: Bend it like Beckham
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Adele
FAVOURITE TV: ???
FOOTBALLING AMBITION: To play the best football I can with a team I love
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: David Beckham

RESULTS/FIXTURES

MEN'S

DATE	COMP	VENUE / OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS	ATT.
6/7/19	Friendly	Wadham Lodge 3G (H) vs Wanderers FC	W 3-2	Wise, Ocran, Kilron	30
13/7/19	Friendly	Mabley Green (A) vs Lopes Tavares	L 4-1	Nott	75
20/7/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs Sporting Hackney	L 1-2	Panescu (Pen)	150
25/7/19	Friendly	Wadham Lodge Stadium (A) vs Walthamstow FC	L 2-1	Nielsen	120
27/7/19	Friendly	Menace Arena (A) vs Peckham Town	W 3-4	Wise, Hussain (2), Adejokun	97
03/8/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs NW London FC	L 2-6	Hussain (2)	207
10/8/19	Friendly	Sportpark Dölitz (A) vs Roter Stern Leipzig	W 2-2 (3-0 pens)	Odofin, Crosbie	650
20/08/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Sporting Hackney	W 2-0	N Adejokun, Crosbie	404
24/08/19	MCFLPD	Harwell Town FC (A) vs Pitshanger Dynamo	L 0-2		143
31/08/19	FAV	Blackstone Stadium (A) vs Wivenhoe Town			
07/09/19	ASPD	Brunel University Sports Complex (A) vs Hillingdon FC			
14/09/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Hillingdon FC			
21/09/19	MCFLPD	Rectory Park (A) vs Hilltop FC			
05/10/19	MCFLPD	Wembley FC (A) vs Cricklewood Wanderers			
12/10/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Stonewall FC			
19/10/19	BBCEPC	Runwell Sports Club (A) vs Runwell Sports			
26/10/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs CB Hounslow Res			
02/11/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs NW London			
09/11/19	MCFLPD	Harworth Villa (A) vs PFC Victoria			
16/11/19	MCFLPD	Wadham Lodge Stadium (H) vs Brentham FC			

MCFLPD = Middlesex County Football League Premier Division FAV = FA Vase BBCEPC = BBC Essex Premier Cup ASPD = Alec Smith Premier Division Cup

WOMEN'S

DATE	COMP	VENUE / OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS	ATT.
03/8/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs Santacruzense	W 5-2	Link (4), Riddick	207
18/8/19	Friendly	The Stray Dog (H) vs Tower Hamlets	W 9-0	Link (4), Walker (3), Monahan, Quartley	109
01/9/19	FA Cup	The Stray Dog (H) vs Margate			
08/09/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Luton Town Development			
15/09/19	GLWFL	Barn Elms (A) vs Regents Park Rangers			
22/09/19	GLWFL	St Aloysius Playing Fields (A) vs Islington Borough			
29/09/19	GLWFL	Champion Hill (A) vs Dulwich Hamlet Reserves			
06/10/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Walton Casuals			
13/10/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Comets			
27/10/19	GLWFL	The Stray Dog (H) vs Crystal Palace Development			
03/11/19	GLWFL	Tudor Park (A) vs Hampton & Richmond Borough			

GLWFL = Greater London Women's Football League Division 1 FAC = Women's FA Cup

Sin Bins

Temporary Dismissals - otherwise known as 'sin bins' - will become mandatory for matters of dissent across all of grassroots football from the 2019/20 season.



HOW DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE SIN BIN?



Players will only go in to the sin bin for dissent cautions



For use of words or gestures questioning or undermining the ref's decisions



EXAMPLES OF DISSENT

- Shouting at the ref
- Questioning ref's ability
- Slamming the ball in to the ground
- Sarcastically clapping a decision

DURATION OF A SIN BIN



For matches of 90 minutes, players spend 10 minutes in the sin bin



For matches of all other lengths, players spend 8 minutes in the sin bin



If the sin bin period has not expired at the end of:
1st half: Continues into 2nd half
2nd half: Continues into extra time
Extra time: Player can participate in penalties

THE MATCH DAY PROCESS



Dissent



Dissent caution: Ref issues a yellow card and directs the player to the touchline



Player can't be substituted until period expires and not if all subs have been made



Whilst in the sin bin, if the player commits a yellow or red card offence they can't take any further part in the game and can't be substituted



If the player commits a 2nd dissent caution and has already been booked, they will take no further part in the game and can't be substituted



If the player commits a 2nd dissent caution and no other offences, they will receive a 2nd sin bin. After which they can't take any further part in the game but can be substituted



If the player commits a yellow card offence on the field of play in addition to a period in the sin bin, they will continue to play



Ref decides when player returns to play

FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IS STILL A RED CARD OFFENCE!

CLAPTON CFC

WOMEN'S TEAM

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SUSANA ROCHA FERREIRA

DEFENDERS

GGEORGIE BROPHY
ALICE NUTMAN
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ALICE WILLIAMS
LAURA WRIGHTT

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LUCY ROLINGTON
LUCY SPOURS
HANNAH WRIGHT

FORWARDS

EMILY LINK
STEDRIKA PERKINS
NAOMI SCRIVEN
SASKIA WALKER

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 2:00 PM

WOMEN'S FA CUP

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 2:00 PM

GREATER LONDON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION-ONE

MARGATE FC LADIES

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Lily Kemp	Harriet Woolston	Kara Richardson
Becks Slevin	Grace Phillips James	Jess Laker
Lucy Paris	Wiktorina Bukowska	Steph Meak
Nicole Adams	Annabelle Ashby	Sandra Nightingale
Charlie Smalling	Shannon King	Robyn Smitherman

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