

# RAINBOW LACES CAMPAIGN

WE'RE PROUD TO ONCE AGAIN BE TAKING PART IN THE ANNUAL RAINBOW LACES CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS SET UP BY STONEWALL, THE CHARITY WITH STRONG LINKS TO STONEWALL FC, OUR MEN'S TEAM OPPONENTS.

According to Stonewall research, four in ten LGBT people (43 per cent) think public sporting events aren't welcoming.

Rainbow Laces is aimed at raising awareness and making change so every person feels welcome in sport.

Dozens of football teams, from the Premier League and the Women's Super League down, are getting involved, along with other sports including horse racing, gold and rugby.

## STONEWALL FC MANAGER ERIC NAJIB

It's been a mixed season so far, with results not always reflecting some very positive performances, despite missing key players through injury.

We have won our last two league games pushing us up the table and we look forward to renewing acquaintances with our friends from Clapton FC.

It is always a privilege to play in front of the dedicated and noisy Clapton fans and we are very appreciative of the warm welcome we always receive.

In our last game vs Clapton we had a terrific start going 2-0 up before collapsing to a 2-5 defeat due in part to some excellent football from the hosts but also some poor defending so we hope to put that right!

## STONEWALL FC

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## CLAPTON CFC VS STONEWALL – OLD FRIENDS VISIT FOR ALEC SMITH CUP QUARTER-FINAL

**CLAPTON CFC MEN'S TEAM PLAY our friends Stonewall FC in the quarter-final of the Alec Smith Premier Division Cup on Saturday, December 7th.**

We've enjoyed some exciting battles already with Britain's top-ranking LGBT+ football team, with CCFC winning two and Stonewall one with an average of six goals per game.

They've also seen huge crowds and our two wins have kickstarted good runs.

Last season 618 people saw the Tons beat Stonewall 5-1 as we went on an unbeaten run of 8 wins in 9 games that saw us to the title.

This season our 5-2 win over Stonewall in front of 909 people on Non-League Day was the start of a run of five straight league wins.

So with both teams are in good form – CCFC five league wins in a row, Stonewall two – this should be a quality clash.

The Alec Smith Premier Division Cup is the league cup for clubs in the Middlesex County Football League Premier Division.

Clapton CFC's men's team reached the quarter-final after a bye in Round One and a 3-0 away win at Hillingdon FC in Round Two.

Geoff Ocran's team won the equivalent league cup competition – the Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup – last season on penalties against Hilltop.



## AKT COLLECTION BUCKET SHAKE

**VOLUNTEERS FROM THE AKT, FORMERLY THE ALBERT KENNEDY TRUST, WILL BE ATTENDING THE STONEWALL FC GAME TO PROMOTE THEIR CHARITY AND DO A BUCKET SHAKE.**

akt is the national LGBTQ+ youth homelessness charity and was founded in Manchester in 1989 by straight ally and former foster carer Cath Hall.

It was the first charity to respond to the global issue of LGBTQ+ youth homelessness and, today, has a presence in London, Manchester, Newcastle and Bristol, and works on a national-level through its digital services.

Today, 24 per cent of young people facing homelessness

in the UK identify as LGBTQ+, and over three quarters of those people face homelessness because of abuse or rejection at home.

akt provides safe homes and support for those LGBTQ+ young people, and provides housing support for its service users in a range of ways, from emergency housing support, to a room in its Purple Door safe house to a spare room as part of the akt host programme.

akt also helps support young people into private rented accommodation and into employment, whether this is ensuring they have the right clothing for a job interview or an up to date CV.

In addition to homelessness, young people who access akt's services often come with other complex experiences, from domestic abuse, to substance misuse and mental health issues.

The charity will work with partner organisations to ensure those young people are signposted into the support they need.

## MAGPIE PROJECT COLLECTION

At all home games – both men's and women's – we collect food and toiletries for our charity partner, the Magpie Project. They support mums and young children who live in temporary and emergency accommodation in East London.

If you have any of these to spare, please bring them to our collection point at the entrance:

- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- SHOWER GEL
- SHAMPOO
- SOAP
- DEODORANT
- BAGS OF RICE
- BAGS OF PASTA
- BREAKFAST CEREALS
- WASHING POWDER

