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CLAPTON CFC **VS**
ST MARGARETSBURY FC

3.00PM AUGUST 5, 2023

OLD SPOTTED DOG

Thurlow Nunn

Eastern Counties League
Division One South

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC

Clapton Community FC is a Community Benefit Society wholly owned and run by our 1500 plus members. We have women's and men's first teams and development teams, open access women, non-binary and youth training, five-a-side teams, youth teams and a cricket team.

OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground,
Rear of 212 Upton Lane,
Forest Gate, London E7 9NP

The charity Old Spotted Dog
Ground Trust operates the OSD on
behalf of Clapton CFC members.

HONOURS

CLUB

- > 2023 Community Football Club of the Year – National Game Awards
- > 2021 Lockdown Heroes Award Winners – Football Supporters Association

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- > 2023 Middlesex County Football League Premier Division champions
- > 2022 Alec Smith Premier Division Cup winners
- > 2019 Middlesex County Football League Division One Central & East champions
- > 2019 Jim Rogers Presidents Cup winners

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- > 2022 John Greenacre Memorial Trophy winners

RECORDS

ATTENDANCES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- > 1266 vs FC Roast at Stray Dog
- > 1153 vs FC United of Manchester at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 909 vs Stonewall FC at Wadham Lodge Stadium
- > 902 vs Kensington Dragons at Old Spotted Dog Ground

ATTENDANCES

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- > 1153 vs FC United of Manchester at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 775 vs FC St. Pauli at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 500 vs Ashford at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 449 vs Leatherhead at Old Spotted Dog Ground

APPEARANCES

100 appearance medals:
Dean Bouho, Geoff Ocran

50 appearance medals: Annie Lyons, Arthur Wright, Bailey Pryce, Carl Paul, Cemal Agdelen, Daniel Anfossy, Dean Bouho, Emily Link, Fama Sangare, Fionn Glancy, Fred Taylor, Geoff Ocran, Jack Francis, James Briggs, Joshua Adejokun, Lenny Holmes, Li Steiner, Liam Smyth, Lucy Spours, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Mim Chadwick, Noah

Adejokun, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Samba Badjana, Sherwin Stanley, Stefan Kilron, Verity Phillips.

COMPETITIVE WINS

Men's first team:
11-1 vs Hereford Palace 2018
Women's first team:
8-1 vs Hounslow 2022

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Eastern Counties League Division
One South // Essex FA

Geoff Ocran – player/manager
Sham Darr – assistant manager
Ridhwaan Yusuf – first team coach
Jack Mellors, Matt Bailey – coaches
TBC – physio

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

London & South East Regional
Women's Division 1 North //
London FA

Coaches – TBC

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BECOME
A MEMBER



GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH

IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME WE PLAY NOW, a new milestone is reached and today is our first home game at Step 6.

As much as we will miss the Middlesex Premier Football League in terms of the brand of football played and the diversity of the teams, another season at Step 7 football would have been mentally and physically draining sitting in the A406 traffic on a Saturday afternoon once again.

We've had a solid pre-season with the objective to play against better opposition to see how we measure up and we've stood up to the task every time. So going into the season confidence is high but we still need time to embed the new players into our philosophy which will be an ongoing process.

On paper a draw and a clean sheet away to last season's promotion contenders Wormley Rovers was a good start but performance-

wise we can play so much better. We lacked conviction in the final third and we would usually have a few more attacking options on the bench but were hampered with a few injuries and availability issues. I'm writing this prior to Tuesday night's game away at Newbury Forest where we have hopefully improved on that performance.

Our home form will be integral to anything we achieve this season so it's very important we make it a fortress as we have done historically and build on that foundation as the season goes on.

So we would like to welcome you all to a new season at the Old Spotted Dog which is officially the 'best non league ground' in the country with the now famous phrase...

We Go Again!

#NewSeason #Step6 #OSD
#ClaptonFamily #WeGoAgain

MEMBER PROFILE: KEVIN BLOWE

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Southend-on-Sea, Essex

WHERE YOU LIVE: Forest Gate

DAY JOB: Campaigns Coordinator for the Network for Police Monitoring (Netpol)

FAVOURITE PAST AND CURRENT CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC

FOOTBALLER: Eliot Crosbie (past)/ Larissa Vieira (current)

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

There are other teams?

FOOTBALL AMBITION: One day taking 500 away to the Dripping Pan to see Lewes v CCFC in the Isthmian Premier League

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Standing

ten feet behind Dave Beasant when he saved a penalty for Wimbledon against Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup final

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO STAND AT A GAME WITH: The Umarell Oldtras

WHEN DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING: When we first visited the Football Supporters Association to talk about establishing a members-run club back in December 2017

WHICH COMMITTEE: Finance, Merch

HOW'S IT GOING:

"We did WHAT since 2018?"

WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN A MUSIC APP SHUFFLE: "Ultra-Obscene" – Breakbeat Era





NEW COACH JOINS

Player/manager Geoff Ocran has appointed Ridhwaan Yusuf as first team coach. Coach Ruudy has 17 years' coaching experience, including first team coach for both Billericay Town's men's and women's teams, and most recently manager of Harlow Town Ladies. He is also the founder and head coach of R77 Academy for youngsters aged between 4 and 15 in East London. Ruudy joins Sham Darr, Jack Mellors and Matt Bailey on the coaching team assisting Geoff.

CUP CHANGE

In the last programme we said the men's first team would be in three cups this season. The Eastern Counties League have said that is too ambitious alongside 40 league games and so we're now down to two cups - the BBC Essex Premier Cup and the league cup.

SAMBA MOVES ON

Young midfielder Samba Badjana has joined Highland League side Forres Mechanics after impressing in a trial. He left CCFC last season to join National League team Chelmsford City, where he made five first team appearances plus 24 for the reserves, including six goals.



PHYSIO NEEDED

Our men's first team are seeking a paid physio. Applicants will need to be available for all home and away games, need to have passed "The FA Intermediate Treatment of Injury" course or equivalent, have experience as a physio for a football team, and hold a valid first aid certificate. Please email questions and applications to mensfirstteam@claptoncfc.co.uk.

ADMISSION CHARGES

FA and league rules state we must charge a minimum £4 for competitive games at this level. This means we have to slightly adjust our admission prices:
Admission: £4
Concessions: Pay what you want Under 13s: Free

Concessions include: *Clapton CFC members; Newham residents; Teenagers (13 to 19); Over 60s; Students and apprentices; Trade union members; Unemployed people and those on low income; People with disabilities and health conditions; Refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants* – No ID is required to qualify for concessions, we will take your word for it.

If you do not fit any of the above concession categories, we must charge you £4 by FA rules. There is no minimum price set for the division that our women's first team play in. However, we want to maintain equity with the men's first team, particularly since the women's first team are our highest placed team in the sixth tier of the pyramid. So we will now be suggesting a £4 donation for women's first team games too, with the same list of concessions.

TRAINING PITCH NEEDED

The men's first team have an issue with their new training pitch at Barking Riverside School, which was booked for a full pitch for the season. The headteacher has now banned all external hires after another team using the facility accessed part of the site they shouldn't.

The coaches are looking for another pitch, preferably a full size pitch, in east London or Essex for Thursday nights for approximately 1hr 30mins to 2 hours. If anyone has any leads or suggestions, please email mensfirstteam@claptoncfc.co.uk

FRIENDLY TOMORROW

The men's development team are playing a friendly against The Gun back here at 10.30am. All are welcome to watch what should be another tough test ahead of the new season in a higher division after promotion. Bar open after the game!

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM UPDATE

Plans for the new season for the women's first team are progressing with hopefully news of coaching appointments and pre-season friendlies soon. However, the team is still in need of a goalkeeper. Please spread the word, all help is appreciated! womensteams@claptoncfc.co.uk

SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

As part of South Asian Heritage Month, come along to Stories To Tell at the OSD Clubhouse tomorrow from 2pm to 5pm. Guest speakers Bhasker Bhadresha of NEU and CCFC member Sukdev Johal, co-author of Nothing Works, entertainment and light refreshments. Organised by Redbridge Trade Union Council, RMT and CCFC. Email rtucsecretary@btinternet.com to confirm attendance



ST MARGARETSBURY FC

THURLOW NUNN EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

AFTER FIVE LONG years of blood, sweat, volunteers, inspections, checklists, and re-inspections Clapton CFC's men's first team can finally join the women's first team in beginning a home campaign at The Old Spotted Dog!

Of course, we have already had a small taste of what is to come. The final two home fixtures of the 2022/23 season were played here, seeing 3-0 and 5-1 victories as the Middlesex County Football League Premier Division title was sealed, with bumper crowds and celebratory atmospheres.

After beginning the new season with two consecutive away games, our first visitors of the new season are St. Margaretsbury FC. The club from St Margarets in Hertfordshire was founded in 1894 as

Stanstead Abbots FC, before renaming as St. Margaretsbury in 1962. A Chartered Standard Senior & Youth Football Club in Hertfordshire, in addition to their men's first team, they have an Under 18 Academy team, youth football between 7 and 18 years, and a women's team. Through their long history, they have played variously across the Hertfordshire, South Midlands and Essex regions, last featuring in the Essex Senior League in the 2021-22 season.

Last season, 'The Bury' finished 10th in the Thurlow Nunn Eastern Counties League Division 1 South. Goals were spread around - a quite extraordinary 27 different players finding the net - with Gerson Artur finishing top goal scorer. With threats from all over the pitch and higher league experience, this will be a big test.



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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Aug 09	7.45pm	ECLC	(A) Hutton FC (at New Lodge, Billericay Town)
Aug 12	3pm	ECL	(H) Basildon Town (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 18	7.45pm	ECL	(A) May & Baker (at Parkside, Aveley)
Aug 26	3pm	ECL	(H) Dunmow Town (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Aug 06	2pm	Friendly	(A) TBC
Aug 13	2pm	Friendly	(H) Luton Town Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 20	2pm	LSERFL	(H) Sport London e Benfica (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 27	2pm	LSERFL	(A) Sport London e Benfica (at Rectory Park)
Sep 03	2pm	LSERFL	(H) AFC Whyteleafe (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

RESULTS

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE COMP OPPONENTS RESULT

Jul 15	BLSDT	CCFC vs FC United of Manchester	1 - 3 L
Jul 29	ECL	Wormley Rovers vs CCFC	0 - 0 D
Aug 01	ECL	Newbury Forest vs CCFC	X - X

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE COMP OPPONENTS RESULT

Jul 15	SDS	CCFC vs FC United of Manchester	3 - 1 W
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TABLES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



TOP GOALSCORERS (last season)

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 29 Fred Taylor
- 10 James Briggs
- 7 Noah Adejokun
- 6 Greg Moore
- 5 Julian Austin

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 19 Teju Callisto
- 7 Larissa Vieira
- 6 Maria Mendonca
- 5 Marta Casanovas, Emily Link

TOP APPEARANCES (last season)

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 29 Jack Francis
- 28 Dean Bouho, James Briggs, Fred Taylor
- 25 Noah Adejokun
- 24 Bailey Pryce
- 22 Charlie Fagan
- 21 Fionn Glancy
- 19 Cemal Agdelen, Suleyman Zahmoul

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 28 Maria Mendonca
- 27 Chelsie Osborne, Teju Callisto
- 26 Marta Casanovas, Annie Lyons
- 25 Verity Phillips
- 24 Emily Link, Lucy Spours
- 22 Mim Chadwick
- 21 Ana Holmes, Lenny Holmes



CCFC

MANAGER

GEOFF OCRAN

GOALKEEPERS

JACK FRANCIS
DANIEL ANFOSSY

DEFENDERS

ALEX AKANBI
DEAN BOUHO

JUNIA CHARLTON
CHARLIE FAGAN
JOSHUA GEORGE
CARL PAUL
JAMES PAVELY
BAILEY PRYCE
ADAM SIDKY

MIDFIELDERS

CEMAL AGDELEN
JULIAN AUSTIN
JAMES BRIGGS
SHAM DARR
FIONN GLANCY
JAMES GOLDRING
CALLUM HOSIER
GEOFFREY OCRAN
JEFFREY TWUMASI

ATTACKERS

NOAH ADEJOKUN
PATRICK BAIRD
MUHAMMAD
MIKAEEL
LEWIS OWIREDU
FREDERICK TAYLOR
ARTHUR WRIGHT
SULEYMAN
ZAHMOUL

ST MARGARETSBURY FC

SAMSON ADELAJA
JIMMY AGNEW
CHARLES ANTHONY
MICHAEL APPIAH-KUSI
LANREWAJU BALOGUN
SHANE BAMBRIDGE
CONNOR BANCANS
DANIEL BLONDI
OWEN BRADDICK

ALFIE CAMPBELL
CONNOR CASEY
AARON CROCKETT
GEORGE EDDEN
OLIVER EDWARDS
MASON ELLIS
KARNEL HARVEY
JAKE HAYDEN-ELEY
MILES HOLDING

MEHMET KUSOGLU
MARK MALONEY
LEWIS MATTHEWS
FREDDIE SALMON
BILLY SKINNER
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