

# 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**

- > 2023 FSA Supporters
- Direct Shield winners
- > 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, Charlie Fagan.

#### 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 - first team coach Matt Bailey - assistant first team coach Fama Sangare - physio

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM London & South East Regional Women's Division 1 North // London FA

Coach Koral - coach/manager

## ONLINE

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### **GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH**

IT WAS A FIRST LEAGUE DEFEAT OF the season last Saturday and credit to Dunmow Town for having a game plan and executing it. We had the better of the chances and possession overall in the game but couldn't make it count as we were undone by two set pieces.

Despite our good start to the season, conceding two goals a game does put extra pressure on our free scoring front line so it was a matter of time before a result didn't go our way. It's a case of trying to get the balance right between risk vs reward football which has always been our preferred philosophy.

On the whole, I must also praise the level of officiating this season as you can see an improvement in the consistency. However, you can also tell when there is a shortage on a particular weekend as

the drop off is quite poor. So it really is the luck of draw and all I will say is, we got the short straw last weekend and hopefully that doesn't happen too often in future.

Not sure what fixture number this is but we meet our old league rivals from Step 8, NW London for the first time since their promotion to Step 6 today. I really doubt their philosophy and style of play would change at whatever level they play regardless of the league positions, if you allow NW London to impose themselves on the game you will get punished.

Our previous games rarely disappoint from an entertainment perspective so we look forward to continuing that trend and also starting another undefeated home run. #WeGoAgain #ClaptonFamily #OSD

#### **MEMBER PROFILE: SAM O**

PLACE OF BIRTH: Gorleston On Sea WHERE YOU LIVE: Walthamstow DAY JOB: GMB Trade Union Support Worker **FAVOURITE PAST AND CURRENT** CCFC FOOTBALLER: Josh Adejokun and Teju Callisto FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Norwich City FC FOOTBALL AMBITION: To see Norwich City FC survive two back to back seasons in the Prem **BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Nothing** will ever top the Women's First Team's past and future FA Cup runs PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO

#### STAND AT A GAME WITH: My grandads, Bill and Harry WHEN DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING: 2021 WHICH COMMITTEE: Grounds and Old Spotted Dog Trust HOW'S IT GOING: The hard work required to get the ground up to step 6 standard hasn't ended. Lots of watering, seeding and tasks done over the off season. It's all trial and error but the pitch improves year on year. WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN YOUR MUSIC APP SHUFFLE: Maps - Yeah Yeah Yeahs





## PLAYER DEPARTURES

Most of last season's men's first team squad has signed up again for this season with a couple of notable exceptions. After 40 games for CCFC,

popular defender <u>Tafari</u> <u>Nicholas</u> (above) has moved to Newbury Forest in our division. He made his debut for them against us earlier this season.

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Charles Yiadom-Konadu, aka <u>Junior Konadu</u>, who had an exciting spell with us last season curtailed by injury, is now at Fisher FC. He's scored two trademark wonder-goals already for our fan-owned friends over the river. Finally a reminder that

Joshua Adejokun left us halfway through last season and signed for New York International in the United States.

## **RULE CHANGES**

As well as the longer injury time we've seen across football this season, you might have noticed a couple of rule changes since the men's first team were promoted.

In the clubhouse you'll see the <u>team sheets</u> for both sides must be pinned to the noticeboard before kick off. There's also some mandatory sponsorship signs in there (and one on p6 of this programme too!)

For subs, we now need to use a board showing the shirt numbers of players on and off. It's <u>no longer</u> <u>roll on, roll off subs</u>, players subbed off can't come back on. Managers can name five subs and all of them can come on but not at five different times. You can make subs on <u>three occasions</u> during the game so we will see plenty of double and triple subs.

## VOLUNTEER STALL AND CALL-OUTS

We will have a volunteer stand at every home game from now on. <u>If you're interested in</u> <u>volunteering</u>, pop along to a game and speak to a member. There's loads of volunteering opportunities and <u>we'd love</u> for more people to get <u>involved</u>. Look for the table by the merch stand.

## LAST YEAR'S PROGRAMMES IN ONE

We've created a special PDF of every miniprogramme we printed last season from cover to cover plus bonus match reports and photos. Scan athe QR code to download it. It's a beautiful record of a year where the men's first team won promotion and the women's first team led the division for a long spell in their first season at this level. Not to mention the small matter of both teams moving into the Old Spotted Dog Ground (although the men did play home games in four other venues first).





## MEMBERSHIP Reminder

As members probably know by now, <u>you have to</u> renew your membership

every 12 months. Once your membership is lapsed, you will no longer receive this newsletter or the 2023/24 membership badges and card.

A large number of our members joined in the summer months and so are due for renewal now or soon. <u>Please keep an</u> <u>eye out</u> in your inbox for a reminder email from 'noreply.ccfc@ membermojo.co.uk' and make sure it's not gone into your spam folder. Alternatively, you can go to membermojo.co.uk/ccfc/ and you can renew or join!



#### THURLOW NUNN EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

THIS IS OUR ELEVENTH meeting with NW London having started our journey together in the Middlesex County Football League. There's been seven competitive meetings before and three friendlies where we've notched up three wins, two draws and two defeats. We were both promoted from

the First Division Central & East in 2019 then The Gorillas were promoted to the Eastern Counties League one season before us. In their first season at this level, they finished just above the relegation zone. This time round they've had a slow start again but have played the fewest games in the division. They have recorded two good wins in cup action, including 5-1 in the FA Vase against another old name, London Samurai Rovers. This season they have also moved groundshare from Hadley to London Colney, near St Albans.

The two clubs had always enjoyed a close relationship, including both having iconic shirts produced by Rage Sports, theirs with 'Black Lives Matter' on the front. We also co-organised the Middlesex Super 6 League together after the Covid lockdown. However, our away tie Anagram Records Trophy in 2022 was marred by a row over increased ticket prices. Fortunately our next game was free entry which helped draw a line under it.

The club was founded in 2015 by manager Wasim Khan and secretary Samir Naji who are both from North West London, hence the name. They have ambitions to reach the professional leagues within the next 10 years.

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#### UPCOMING FIXTURES

#### MEN'S FIRST TEAM DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

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Sep 09	3pm	ECL	(H) Hoddesdon Town (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Sep 13	7.45pm	ECL	(A) Barkingside (at Cricklefields)
Sep 16	3pm	ECL	(A) Basildon Town (at Rookery Hill, East Thurrock United)
Sep 23	3pm	ECL	(A) Brimsdown (at Wormley Sports Club)
Sep 30	3pm	ECL	(H) Cannons Wood (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

#### DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Sep 03	2pm	LSERFL	(H) AFC Whyteleafe (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Sep 10	2pm	FAC	(H) St Margaretsbury (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Sep 17	2pm	LSERFL	(H) Camden & Islington United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Sep 24	2pm	LSERFL	(A) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at Dulwich Health Club)
Oct 08	2pm	LSERFLC	(A) Welling United (at Park View Road)

## RESULTS

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## **MEN'S FIRST TEAM LAST FIVE GAMES**

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
Aug 05	ECL	CCFC vs St Margaretsbury	4 - 2	W
Aug 09	ECLC	Hutton FC vs CCFC	2 - 1	L
Aug 12	ECL	CCFC vs Basildon Town	2 - 2	D
Aug 19	ECL	May & Bakers vs CCFC	3 - 5	W
Aug 26	ECL	CCFC vs Dunmow Town	0 - 2	L

### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Jul 15	SDS	CCFC vs FC United of Manchester	3 - 1 🛛 🖤
Aug 15	Friendly	CCFC vs London Seaward Reserves	2 - 3 L
Aug 27	LSERFL	Sport London E Benfica vs CCFC	2 - 1 🗳

#### MEN'S WOMEN'S TABLES **FIRST TEAM FIRST TEAM** SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW



### TOP GOALSCORERS

#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 5 Arthur Wright
- 3 Noah Adejokun
- 2 Julian Austin, Muhammad Mikaeel, Jeff Twumasi
- 1 Dean Bouho, Lewis Owiredu, Fred Taylor

#### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

(las	t season)	
19	Teju Callisto	
7	Larissa Vieira	
6	Maria Mendonca	
5	Marta Casanovas, Emily Link	

#### **TOP APPEARANCES**

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#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 8 Noah Adejokun, James Briggs, Jack Francis, Fionn Glancy, Jeff Twumasi, Arthur Wright 7 Dean Bouho, Junia Charlton,
- Charlie Fagan, Muhammad Mikaeel, Bailey Pryce

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

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

#### MANAGER GEOFF OCRAN

## GOALKEEPERS

JACK FRANCIS DANIEL ANFOSSY ROBIN PHILPOTT

## DEFEND<mark>ers</mark>

ALEX AKANBI ADIL ALI DEAN BOUHO JUNIA CHARLTON SAMUEL COOK CHARLIE FAGAN JOSHUA GEORGE RICARD JOSEPH SAMUEL MARCHI CARL PAUL BAILEY PRYCE ADAM SIDKY

#### MIDFIELDERS

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

ALEX KOZAK

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LINO VAZ TELES

SANCHEZ

RAMGEET-SMITH

GABRIEL RODRIGUES

DE SOUSA

NICOLAS SANCHEZ

## ATTACKERS

NOAH ADEJOKUN JOEL AKUWUDIKE PATRICK BAIRD MUHAMMAD MIKAEEL LEWIS OWIREDU SHERWIN STANLEY FREDERICK TAYLOR ARTHUR WRIGHT SULEYMAN ZAHMOUL

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