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**CLAPTON CFC VS
ST MARGARETSBURY**

2.00PM SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

**OLD SPOTTED DOG
Women's FA Cup**





ST MARGARETSBURY

WOMEN'S FA CUP

ST MARGARETSBURY LADIES WERE formed in 2021 and are part of the historic club which our men's first team played here in August.

The Bury women's team have enjoyed a meteoric rise of three divisions in two seasons since. In their first season came a rare double promotion with an amazing 100% record then achieved another promotion last season. So they now play in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Women's Football League Premier Division, one level in the pyramid below us.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be our first ever meeting.

FORM GUIDE

Today will be their first game of the 2023/24 season (and their first game in the Women's FA Cup). Clapton CFC have started the season with one league win and one defeat. Last season we received a bye through the first few rounds as a reward for the history-making run to the third round the year before. This time around we begin at the first stage.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Kelly-Ann Westgarth scored 14 last season and 20 the season before. Meanwhile summer recruit Paige Pryor joins from Colney Heath having previously played for Spurs and Stevenage.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

An FA Cup tie seems like the perfect opportunity to say a massive "Thank You" to some of the stars of previous cup runs who have moved on from Clapton CFC over the summer.

Polly Adams' penalty heroics are part of Clapton lore and legend; her contribution to the team and her taking charge of post-match "lo-los" was much appreciated. Work commitments mean she can no longer commit her weekends.

Fellow keeper Sophia Axelsson has finally decided running two women's teams - CCFC and AFC Wimbledon - is too much even for someone of her insatiable work ethic. Sophia also had her own shootout cup glory, helping us overcome Sutton United in deepest, darkest Surrey.

Inspirational captain, Alice Nutman - who can forget her decisive fifth penalty in the FA Cup win at Bedford? - has also moved on and will be



greatly missed. As well as being captain in our early seasons, she also helped to coach the development team last season. Alice will be part of the newly-formed Romford FC women's team.

Hopefully all three be no strangers to the Scaffold and maybe, just maybe, we'll see them in a CCFC shirt sometime in the future.

Now it is time for a new set of heroes to step up and create some FA Cup memories... we'll introduce the new players soon.

Also, a big miss on women's first team matchdays are last season's coaches Brian Bramble and Jack Francis, who is also of course the men's first team captain. We thank them both for their efforts with the women's first team, the genuine love they show for the club and hopefully we can confirm roles for them soon.



VERITY PHILLIPS FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN



HELLO CLAPTON FANS AND welcome back to the Old Spotted Dog for a very exciting day of the football calendar: The Womens FA Cup qualifiers.

Despite having several players absent last week due to (the 2nd most important Clapton event of the weekend) ex GK Polly and current wingback Lenny's wedding day, the W1T secured a 2-0 league victory over Whyteleafe.

It was brilliant to hear that more of our new W1T players stepped up to the mark: Chelsie Sparks in goal, Lesley McGowan at CB and Deyna Mesuria in the defensive line, finishing the game with a solid clean sheet. In attack

we caused havoc, with Teju and Marta B scoring our goals through lovely link up play through our midfielders.

Now we start our FA Cup journey, one that each year brings excitement and anticipation as we remember and hope to exceed our fairytale 21/22 season, where we reached the 3rd round - the first Tier 7 team in history to ever make it that far. Clapton Fans know the emotion that comes with these Cup runs, and we hope to put on a performance today to make you all proud.

We're back to a full strength squad, and hope to draw in a big crowd at the OSD - bring your energy and singing voices!



PLAYER PROFILE: LESLEY MCGOWAN



AGE: 33	FOOTBALL:
PLACE OF BIRTH: Liverpool	Bad injury when I was younger!
HEIGHT: 5ft 10	DISLIKES: Cheese
WHERE YOU LIVE: Hackney Wick	FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate
DAY JOB: Digital Marketing	FAVOURITE FILM: Life is Beautiful
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Liverpool	FAVOURITE TV: New Girl
FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Everton	FAVOURITE MUSIC: Any
LOWEST POINT IN	FOOTBALLING AMBITION: To not be injured

UPDATE ON TESFAY FUND

You may remember we were due to hold a bucket shake a few weeks ago to help Clapton CFC striker Emily Link and her family raise funds to pay legal fees for Tesfay.

The family are currently trying to seek asylum for him in the UK but as he is no longer eligible for legal aid they have set up a fund.

The bucket shake game was postponed by the league due to a clash with the Women's World Cup but happily so many generous people have contributed to the online



fundraiser that the target has already been reached! So we don't need donations today although maybe one day in the future if costs go up. The family would like to pass on their thanks to all!

GOALKEEPERS

PAULA GRIFFIN
CHELSIE SPARKS

DEFENDERS

ELIZABETH ATOYEBI
COCO BRIDEN
MIM CHADWICK
RUBY EARLE
LENNY HOLMES
ANNIE LYONS
VERITY PHILLIPS
ALLANA SCOBLE
LILY SMITH

MIDFIELDERS

ANA HOLMES
LI STEINER
MARTA BOIRO
LESLEY MCGOWAN
CIARA MONAHAN
LUCY SPOURS
LARISSA VIEIRA
RHIANNE WRIGHT

FORWARDS

TEJU CALLISTO
MARTA CASANOVAS
JULIET JACQUES
EMILY LINK
MARIA MENDONCA
HARRIET PLOWS
LIRIAN SANTOS
MOZAIEN TAK

ST MARGARETSBURY

- > Chloe Ahmet
- > Faye Bullock
- > Gabrielle Charalambous
- > Billie Curtis
- > Sherrie Evans
- > Hannah Fowler
- > Jade Isijola
- > Nicole Madell
- > Katrina Martin
- > Paige Pryor
- > Evelyn Rose
- > Jacqueline Stott
- > Amber Strows
- > Isabella Tuck
- > Laura Tyrrell
- > Kally-Ann Westgarth
- > Megan Winter

UPCOMING FIXTURES

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPONENTS/VENUE
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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)

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPONENTS/VENUE
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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)
Oct 03	7.45pm	ESC	(H) Little Oakley (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

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