

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**

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, **Jack Francis**

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, 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: 14-0 vs St Margaretsbury 2023

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 Carl Paul - player-coach Fama Sangare - physio

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

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

Coach Koral - coach/manager

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ANOTHER GAME, ANOTHER DRAW. Great effort and character shown from the lads as has been the case over the last month. Once again we were just missing the final end product.

We started the game very positively and could have scored in the first five minutes but as is our luck at the moment it wasn't meant to be. We had large spells of possession and created numerous openings and chances, but couldn't find the goal to give us a lead and a platform to build on. Similar to our last league game we went behind to a goal against the run of play in the second half. As we were chasing the equaliser we got caught with a sucker punch, which to be fair was a great strike from their



number 10 who scored from 40 yards out.

As the game approached the 90th minute mark, Burnham's goalkeeper received a straight red card, after he messed up the goal kick by tapping it 2 yards out. With our player bearing

down on goal, he picked up the ball resulting in a sending off and indirect free kick, scored by Taylan Gul on his debut. At this point in injury time with nothing to lose we threw the kitchen sink at it and found a well deserved equaliser through James Goldring to make it 2-2.

A win is well overdue. I firmly believe if we continue to produce these performances and create the amount of chances, we won't have to wait long. The league is really tight and we have only lost two games. A few wins would put us right back in the mix towards play-off positions. Hopefully we have a bit of luck in front of goal vs May & Baker tonight and grab a win which will be a boost for confidence levels.

MEMBER PROFILE: JAMES DUDLEY-HART



NAME: James Dudley-Hart PLACE OF BIRTH: Hackney, London WHERE YOU LIVE: Highams Park **DAY JOB: Teacher FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER:** Dennis Bergkamp / Matt Lockwood **FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Arsenal / Levton Orient **BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** The women's first team's FA Cup run in 2021 **LOWEST POINT IN HISTORY: Probably** the Black Death though I might have misunderstood this question. **FOOTBALL AMBITION: Being at Wembley**

Final (and winning it) would be next. PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Arsene Wenger WHEN DID YOU START **VOLUNTEERING: 2022** WHICH COMMITTEE: Welfare **HOWS IT GOING: Really interesting.** Welfare seems to be a major area of development and focus for the football associations so there's lots to do. Volunteering has been a great way to get to know more people within the club. WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN A MUSIC

APP SHUFFLE: Picture Book - The Kinks

was massive so I guess a World Cup

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PLAY SAFE WEEKEND

All of our team captains wore a special armband last weekend for the FA and NSPCC-led Play Safe Weekend. The men's first team opponents Cannons Wood also got involved.

This year there were two main messages:

- "Everyone, everywhere, every time' should have an understanding of safeguarding in football;
- » Everyone should 'watch, listen, talk and act' if they have any safeguarding concerns.

A good place for us all to start is the FA's Player Welfare in Open Age

Football course. It only takes about 45 minutes but will equip you with more understanding about welfare in football. Go to: learn.england football.com

CCFC coach Ellie Guedalla has also appeared on the latest Coachcast podcast to talk about safequarding. Please take a listen: tinyurl.com/46ks2j6n

Safequarding in football is all our responsibility. Together, let's create an ever-safer culture across the club and the game we all love. Our welfare and safeguarding contact: welfare-club@ claptoncfc.co.uk







FIXTURES UPDATE

We are in the run of EIGHT home games in three weeks for our first teams.

Next up, our brilliant women's first team are in action here tomorrow night in an East London derby against Hackney then they're back here on Sunday. There's also a men's first team game here next Tuesday.

It's going to be a super busy time for players, coaches, committees and supporters, please get to as many games as possible as it's truly the make or break period for both teams.



MAY & BAKER FC

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THURLOW NUNN EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

MAY & BAKER FC IS THE former works team for the chemical factory which operated in Dagenham until 2014. The club badge features the sulphonamide M&B693 on it.

The football team can trace its history back to 1923 and until 2018 played next to the factory, but had to move first to Barking Rugby Club and now Aveley's Parkside in order to climb up the levels.

During this season they are due to move into their new permanent home on the main pitch at the £13 million - yes, really - Parsloes Park centre in Dagenham.

The club - now called the May & Baker Eastbrook Community Club to incorporate the name of the area of Dagenham also features a big youth section as well as other sports teams.

They've been in the Eastern Counties League Division One South since it was founded in 2018 and have finished as high as fourth in the table.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be our second meeting following on from our visit to Parkside in August, where a superb performance saw us win 5-3.

FORM GUIDE

Both sides are in mid-table so far this season but May & Baker are in better form. They recently beat high-flyers Hutton in the league then followed it up days later by beating Step 5 side West Essex FC in the FA Vase. They have a bye in the next round due to opponents' Norwich United folding.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Striker Gabriel Odili has had a fine start to the season with 7 goals in 11 games.

CCFC MEMBER MATT COUGHLAN WRITES ABOUT HIS NEW BOOK...

I'm sure there are plenty of Clapton fans who once followed a league club, seduced by John Motson commentating on the stars of the day, trying to emulate them in the playground, and if you were lucky, going to see them in a large crowd. Only now those crowds are arguing about VAR, winning the transfer window, and if being complicit in a dubious regime's attempts at sportswashing is worth it for a day at Wembley.

For me the greed in the game, kick off times moving for TV, and the loss

of that excitement I grew up with, meant I stopped going to Arsenal. It was an article about Clapton and their growing band of supporters that got me thinking about starting to go to non-league football.

This led to my book, Turncoat, which captures my journey from Premier League to non-league.

Now, since I'm a Clapton member that might give the ending away, but there were plenty of other fan owned clubs, local sides, and famous old

names in non-league fallen on hard times that I found myself watching on the way.

If it weren't for a waterlogged pitch and then a global pandemic,

MATT COUGHLAN

I would have seen them a lot sooner and it might have been a pamphlet not a book

Clapton might seem like an obvious choice, but I reflect on the factors that go into falling for a team

The book also captures a mixed bag of football, on sloping pitches and in gale

force winds. There's the sights of non-league (including boardrooms and the all important buffet), the sounds of the terraces (and usually the cry of 'winners' from the pitch) and the smells (deep heat and beer) on a journey through non-league in London and the south-east.

Early reviews have compared it to the Far Corner by Harry Pearson, although that was a review from my brother, so make of that what you will. If you enjoyed reading that classic, then you might want to check out Turncoat. It's available through Pitch Publishing, but feeling slightly uncomfortable hawking my book, when there are other worthy causes out there, hopefully it should also be available through your local library. pitchpublishing.co.uk/shop/turncoat









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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	HME	COMP	OPPONENTS/ VENUE
Oct 14	3pm	ECL	(A) Hackney Wick (at Spa Road, Witham)
Oct 17	7.45pm	ECL	(H) Clapton FC (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 21	3pm	ECL	(H) Enfield Borough (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 25	7.45pm	ECL	(A) Barkingside (at Cricklefields Stadium, Ilford FC)
Oct 28	3pm	ECL	(A) NW London (at Cotlandswick Playing Fields)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE
Oct 11	7.45pm	LSWRWFL (H) Hackney (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 22	2pm	LSWRWFL (H) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Nov 12	2pm	LSWRWFL (H) Actionians Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

Sunday's game vs **Ashmount Leigh** is postponed due to their involvement in the Women's FA Cup.

RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT			
ECL	Basildon Town vs CCFC	1-1			
ECL	Brimsdown vs CCFC	0 - 0			
ECL	CCFC vs Cannons Wood	1-1			
ESC	CCFC vs Little Oakley	0 - 3			
ECL	CCFC vs Burnham Ramblers	2 - 2			
	ECL ECL ECL ESC	ECL Brimsdown vs CCFC ECL CCFC vs Cannons Wood ESC CCFC vs Little Oakley			

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

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DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT					
Sep 10	WFAC	CCFC vs St Margaretsbury	14 - 0	W				
Sep 17	LSEWRL	CCFC vs Camden & Islington United	6 - 0	W				
Sep 24	LSEWRL	Dulwich Hamlet Reserves VS CCFC	4 - 2	L				
Oct 01	WFAC	Wodson Park vs CCFC	3 - 1	L				
Oct 08	LSERFLC	Welling United vs CCFC	3 - 5	W				

TABLES

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM





TOP GOALSCORERS

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 5 Arthur Wright
- 4 Noah Adejokun
- 2 Julian Austin, Muhammad Mikaeel, Fred Taylor, Jeff Twumasi
- Joel Awuduwike, Dean Bouho, James Goldring, Taylan Gul, Lewis Owiredu, Adam Sidky

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 12 Teju Callisto
- 5 Marta Casanovas, Emily Link
- 4 Maria Mendonca
- 3 Larissa Vieira, Marta Boiro

TOP APPEARANCES

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 15 Jeff Twumasi
- 14 Dean Bouho, Jack Francis, James Briggs
- 13 Noah Adejokun, Muhammad Mikaeel, Bailey Pryce, Arthur Wright
- 11 Junia Charlton
- 10 Fionn Glancy

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 8 Li Steiner, Maria Mendonca, Marta Casanovas
- 7 Teju Callisto, Allana Scoble
- 6 Annie Lyons, Lucy Spours, Paula Griffin, Verity Phllips
- 5 Lenny Holmes, Marta Boiro



MANAGER

GEOFF OCRAN

GOALKEEPERS

JACK FRANCIS
DANIEL ANFOSSY
ROBIN PHILPOTT

DEFENDERS

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
ALASDAIR GURNEY
CALLUM HOSIER
GEOFFREY OCRAN
PAUL OSHIN
JAMES PAVELY
JEFFREY TWUMASI

ATTACKERS

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JOEL AKUWUDIKE
TERRY AMOAFO
PATRICK BAIRD
TAYLAN GUL
MUHAMMAD
MIKAEEL
LEWIS OWIREDU
SHERWIN STANLEY
FREDERICK TAYLOR
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SULEYMAN
ZAHMOUL

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KUNLE ADEYEMI
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OLIVER BEADLE
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