

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

ONLINE

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GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH



AFTER FIVE STRAIGHT DRAWS. we've just notched up two wins in a week against May & Baker and Hackney Wick. So now we are on a bit of a run that we always thought was possible to match our recent performances.

The two victories really show how we are maturing as a team in terms of managing games with back to back clean sheets. It was also the first time in the team's history that we have been able to name the same squad consecutively.

That sets us up nicely for the eagerly awaited and first ever Clapton derby tonight. When the fixtures were released, many were looking out for this one and have made extra concessions to be there in what is a historic occasion.

For those of us who have been involved since 2018 and beyond, it's a great chance to celebrate our journey to date. Starting from an idea in an alleyway to selling thousands of shirts worldwide. From playing on numerous 4G pitches and parks to now owning our own ground.

Our remit and ceiling as a club doesn't stop at winning tonight as we have so much we want to do and achieve on and off the pitch. So it's vitally important that we go into the game with a sense of pride of what we have built. Regardless of the result, we are still winners with a bright future.

#Step6 #NonLeague#WeGoAgain **#OSD #ClaptonDerby**

COACH PROFILE: COACH RUUDY



NAME: Ridhwaan Yusuf WHERE YOU LIVE: East London **DAY JOB: Engineer** PREVIOUS CLUBS:

Billericay Town, Harlow Town ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Cristiano Ronaldo FAVOURITE TEAM. APART FROM

CLAPTON CFC: Manchester United **BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** Watching my son score his first

goal as a 4-year-old in under 7s football / managing in the FA Cup LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Losing any game LIKES AND HOBBIES: Not much

time for hobbies aside football DISLIKES:

People who don't like football **FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED:**

The Gambia

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken & rice FAVOURITE FILM:

Remember the Titans **FAVOURITE TV: The Last Dance FOOTBALLING AMBITION:**

Just continue the journey and see where it takes me PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO

MEET: Alongside José Mourinho on the touchline (see who gets sent off first).

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CCFC IN THE PICTURE

If you find yourself in the West End this autumn with a few minutes to spare, a trip to the recently opened Centre for British Photography will find you coming face to face with some familiar CCFC friends. Among images from some of Britain's leading photographers is a photo of joy and emotion on our beloved Scaffold.

The Centre recently ran a competition for young photographers aged 14 to 21 to submit an image, and 150 words on the theme of community. Young Clapton Community photographer George entered an image which he called 'Collective Joy' together with a summary of what community means to him. From hundreds of entries, his photo was selected as one of the 6 winning

entries and is now displayed in the Centre's entrance foyer.

George has been photographing Clapton CFC matches for the last 4 years and has been helped immensely by the pool of very talented senior photographers at the club. While he enjoys taking action shots of the matches, he has recently found himself documenting the community that makes up our club.

The Centre for British
Photography can be visited
Wednesday to Sunday and
entrance is free. It is currently
hosting 6 exhibitions including
Charlie Phillips - 50 Years of
African Caribbean Funerals in
London and Dorothy Bohm –
London Street Markets. It is located
at 49 Jermyn Street SW1Y 6LX.

BRING YOUR PLANTS

From spider plants to cacti, cheese plants to aloe vera, the Old Spotted Dog clubhouse is looking for more greenery. Bring in any unwanted indoor plants on Clapton CFC matchdays or at events and we'll take good care of them

RI ACK HISTORY MONTH WAI K

Clapton CFC member Peter Ashan will lead a freedom walk in Leytonstone as part of Waltham Forest Council's Programme of events celebrating Black History Month on the morning of Sunday, October 29. Tickets are free and available here: bit.ly/BHM-walk

OUTSIDER EVENT

On Saturday, November 11
Clapton Punks will be putting
on a DIY Arts event at the
Old Spotted Dog Clubhouse
featuring punk, pints, stalls,
short films, music, zines etc.
with friends. The Local.

They would be really keen to hear from people in the fan scene who are interested in demonstrating some of their work at this event. They are

breather for a few weeks!

particularly keen to hear from people of colour, women, LGBTQ+, neurodivergent people, and people involved in politics or subculture.

Please email claptonpunks@gmail.com
or via instagram
@ClaptonPunks if you
are interested in showing
something, or if you have any
links with people who might.

DOUBLE THE ACTION THIS WEEKEND

Our hugely busy October home schedule at the Old Spotted Dog Ground concludes this weekend with a double header of home games. On Saturday, the men's first team host Enfield Borough (kick off 3pm) then on Sunday at 2pm it's the women's first team in action with Dulwich Hamlet Reserves the visitors. Then we should have a bit of a



POSTER SALE

Limited edition A4 posters of the <u>Old Scaffold Daze</u> label signed by Forest Gate illustrator, Nanna, are available in the Old Spotted Dog Ground clubhouse bar. A fiver. Get yours while stocks last.



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THURLOW NUNN
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE SOUTH

OUR VISITORS TONIGHT ARE ONE of the former tenants of our own historic Old Spotted Dog Ground, alongside the likes of London Bari, Hackney Wick, Woodford Town, Canning Town and St Bartholomew's FC. After a short spell ground sharing with Southend Manor in 2019, they have made a new home at the Terence McMillan Stadium, part of the Newham Leisure Centre in Plaistow.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be our first meeting.

FORM GUIDE

Manager Mustafa Bashkal and director of football Qayum Shakoor returned for a second spell in charge in late August and have overseen an upturn in form. They have three wins - against Burnham Ramblers, Hutton and Hoddesdon Town, three teams we have played and failed to beat.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Non-league veteran Lee Flavin, who made one appearance for the CCFC development team two seasons ago.







∧ WE GOT THE KEYS! celebrating with a bottle of OSD Prosecco Socialism July 2020









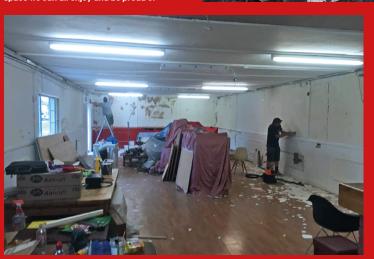














- VICARAGE FIELD the first Isthmian League ground to host a game under lights in 1958.
- GRANLEIGH ROAD where 10,000 saw Leytonstone play Nigeria in 1949.
- > LYNN ROAD Ilford 17,000 saw France play India in the 1948.

EAST, EAST, EAST LONDON'S LOST GROUNDS

THE OLD SPOTTED DOG IS THE OLDEST SENIOR FOOTBALL GROUND IN London, surviving while other non-league grounds in the area are just a memory. Many iconic grounds all within ten miles of The Dog have been either flattened by bulldozers or left to rot. Their loss is due to various factors, most notably debt, neglectful owners, and the pressure on local councils to build more housing. Here are some of the most prominent.

LYNN ROAD - ILFORD.

A record crowd of 17,000 saw
France play India in the 1948
Olympic Games at Ilford's ground in
Newbury Park. Less than 30 years
later, Lynn Road was no more. Plans
to build a new stadium at Fairlop
were abandoned due to insufficient
funds. Ilford moved in with
Leytonstone at Granleigh Road,
while Lynn Road was demolished to
make way for housing.

GRANLEIGH ROAD -Leytonstone 1894-1986.

10,000 saw Leytonstone
play Nigeria on 8/9/1949. An
amalgamated Leytonstone-Ilford
played its last game in E11 at
the end of the 1985/86 season
then relocated to Walthamstow
Avenue's Green Pond Road
ground as Granleigh Road
made way for housing.

> GREEN POND ROAD -Walthamstow close to CCFC's former temporary home at Wadham Lodge

GREEN POND ROAD -Walthamstow Avenue. 1910 - 1989.

Green Pond Road, less than a mile away from CCFC's former temporary home at Wadham Lodge, once saw 21,708 pass through its turnstiles in 1948 to watch the Turkey v China Olympic Games fixture. By the time the ground had given way to housing, the hosts had morphed into Redbridge Forest.





VICARAGE FIELD -Barking FC. 1884-1973.

Located in Barking town centre, this was the first Isthmian League ground to host a game under lights in 1958. Barking were forced to relocate to the purpose built Mayesbrook Park in 1973, and Vicarage Field is now a shopping centre.

HARE AND Hounds – Leyton.

The Lea Bridge Road ground closed its doors for the last time in 2011. Leyton, in residence since the early twentieth century, had fallen into unmanageable debt and folded. The ground has been left to rot since.

BROOKLANDS - ROMFORD.

Football had been played on the site in North Romford since 1885. A reformed Romford moved into the site in 1929 and developed it into one of the finest non league grounds in the South East. Plans to develop the ground into a 40000 venue to host Football League football never materialised as the club fell into the doldrums in the late 1960s. Housing replaced football as the debt ridden club vacated in 1977.

SNAKES LANE – Woodford town.

They vacated in 1993 to begin a nomadic existence that included the Old Spotted Dog. Snakes Lane awaits redevelopment, with a few visible signs that football was once played there - floodlight pylons and a turnstile.

THE MANORWAY

Beckton United and East Ham United played at this ground in Beckton, which is now housing.

NEWGATE STREET

Chingford Town had a brief existence in the Southern League (1947 -1950) while playing here, near Highams Park. Now overgrown, it has not been renovated but, there's scant evidence of football being played

Gary Price

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AS THE EVENINGS DRAW IN, THE air becomes chillier and night games return to the Old Spotted Dog, a pre or post-game stop somewhere cosy becomes ever more important.

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Lucky for us, E7 is blessed with some great little boozers to warm up in. Anyone who has passed through Forest Gate or Wanstead Park stations will already be familiar with the Fox & Hounds and Forest Tavern. Each owned by chains, these side-by-side pubs cater for very different tastes (and budgets).

While many a Clapton fan and away supporter will often migrate from one of the two directly to the clubhouse, after a thirsty journey on the Lizzy or Overground, there are a number of independent locals in Forest Gate that generally get overlooked on matchdays.

Obviously, it should go without saying, local pubs provide a vital outlet for working class areas and different communities. If you're not part of that community or a regular, you're essentially a guest of the people who value the pub as an important part of where they live. Please walk in with respect and don't take the piss.

With that said, here are a few pubs close to our beloved home that you might want to try.

THE WANSTEAD TAP

Distance from OSD: 1.2 miles. Closest station: Wanstead Park. Price of Premium beer: £5.75

If your heart sinks when confronted with the choice of 5 different lagers and a cider, then the Wanstead Tap is probably the direction you want to travel. It is a hefty 25 minute walk to The Dog, although the 58 and 330 buses will take you most of the way, at least to the junction of Woodgrange and Romford Road.

The Tap is a bar under a railway arch and peddles a dynamic selection of trendy beers from their backstreet location near Wanstead Flats. While this might sound a bit upmarket, The pub has been an active part of its local community for years and hosts numerous, very sound comedy, talks and readings in partnership with



Newham Bookshop, Watch out for Jack Leslie, The Lion Who Never Roared, in November, about the black footballer from Canning Town who had an England call up, and was deselected, in the 1920s.

THE BAY TREE

Distance from OSD: 0.5 miles. Closest station:

Stratford/Forest Gate.

Price of Premium beer: £5.50

Technically just over the border in E15, the Bay Tree is a mere 10 minute walk from the Spotted Dog, directly up Ham Park Road. What makes this pub remarkable is just how out of context it is from the surrounding area. Recently refurbished, it is bizarrely plush inside, making it look more like a bar in the West End than a back street in Stratford. The smartly dressed bartender even used one of those scooping tools to manicure the froth on my San Miguel.

The Bay Tree is a Lithuanian-owned pub, which seems to have regular live



music on. It has a screen for football and was very guiet when we popped in on Saturday during the early kick off. There is a good tradition of Lithuanian bars in East London over the last 15 or so years and this one seems to have had some money spent on it. The beer selection is very lager-heavy, so any real ale heads or crafty types will likely be disappointed.



THE FOREST GATE HOTEL

Distance from OSD: 1.3 miles. Closest station:

Wanstead Park/Manor Park. Price of Premium beer: £5

As backstreet as they come. Similar to the Rising Sun, The Forest Gate Hotel is a surviving monument to a fast disappearing culture of neighbourhood pubs in East London. It's another historic, grand building, with ornate

THE RISING SUN

Distance from OSD: 1.1 miles. Closest station:

Woodgrange Park/Manor Park. Price of Premium beer: £5 (Bring Cash)

On the opposite end of E7, the Rising Sun is a grand old pub building in the northern territories of Romford Road. It is an Indian-owned boozer and very much serves that community, sitting between Forest Gate, Ilford and East Ham. Although it's another

features and high ceilings, although it does give form to the phrase "rough round the edges" (in every sense).

The route from the pub to the ground is the least straightforward on this list. Google Maps has it as a 28 minute walk, without a direct bus route. There is a pool table, jukebox and plenty of dark corners to crash out, though. You can even book a room upstairs if you're really knackered. The drink selection is basically your classic pub staples and you won't get food, unless you order breakfast.

25-ish minute walk to the OSD, the 25, 425 & 86 will drop you at the end of Disraeli Road.

There are 4 well kept pool tables in a large back room, dart board and screens for live sport. Don't go in thinking "Indian cuisine", however, as they don't do food and they don't do any of your fancy beers either (There is draft Cobra). The Rising Sun is split between 2 bars. It wasn't very busy when we visited before an evening game and had a strangely tranquil atmosphere for that time of night.



Distance from OSD: 335ft Closest station: Forest Gate/Plaistow. Price of Premium beer: £5.50

Officially called St Anthony's Catholic Club, The Red House, as it's known locally, is a private members club located a full 2 minute walk from the Spotted Dog gates and which has historically opened its doors to Clapton fans on matchdays.

Highly unassuming from the outside, tucked away on a side street, The Red House is a genuinely beautiful place to have a drink in. The bar is cosy and comfortable, the garden is arguably the nicest outdoor space in the area, while the building itself looks like an old stately home. All run by a community of local people who have been part of Forest Gate for generations.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

The Black Lion in Plaistow (0.9 miles from the Spotted Dog). Traditionally a West Ham pub when they're at home, it's a nice local, Irish-run boozer. Although pints were a bit on the pricey side on the last visit.

King Edward VII on Stratford Broadway (1.0 miles from the OSD), again not the cheapest, but it's a historical, grade II listed building, with plenty of space and pub food.











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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	HME	CUMP	OPPONENTS/ VENUE
Oct 21	3pm	ECL	(H) Enfield Borough (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 28	3pm	ECL	(A) NW London (at Cotlandswick, London Colney FC)
Nov 01	7.45pm	ECL	(A) Barkingside (at Cricklefields Stadium, Ilford FC)
Nov 04	3pm	ECL	(H) Wormley Rovers (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Nov 08	7.45pm	ECL	(A) Tower Hamlets (at Mile End Stadium)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM						
DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE			
Oct 22	2pm	LSWRWFL	(H) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)			
Nov 05	2pm	LSWRWFLC	(H) Fulham (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)			
Nov 12	2pm	LSWRWFL	(H) Actionians Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)			
Nov 26	3pm	LSWRWFL	(A) Brentford (at Bedfont Sports Club)			

RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Sep 30	ECL	CCFC vs Cannons Wood	1-1
Oct 03	ESC	CCFC vs Little Oakley	0 - 3
Oct 07	ECL	CCFC vs Burnham Ramblers	2 - 2 D
Oct 10	ECL	CCFC vs May & Bakers	2 - 0 👿
Oct 14	ECL	Hackney Wick vs CCFC	0 - 3 👿

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

WONER OTHER TEAM						
DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT			
Sep 17	LSEWRL	CCFC vs Camden & Islington United	6 - 0 <u>w</u>			
Sep 24	LSEWRL	Dulwich Hamlet Reserves vs CCFC	4 - 2			
Oct 01	WFAC	Wodson Park vs CCFC	3 - 2			
Oct 08	LSEWRLC	Welling vs CCFC	3 - 5 👿			
Oct 11	LSEWRL	CCFC vs Hackney	3 - 1 👿			

TABLES

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW



WOMEN'S





TOP GOALSCORERS

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

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

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 13 Teju Callisto
- 5 Emily Link
- 4 Maria Mendonca. Marta Casanovas
- 3 Larissa Vieira, Lucy Spours, Marta Boiro

TOP APPEARANCES

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 16 Jeff Twumasi
- 15 Dean Bouho, Jack Francis, James Briggs
- 14 Bailey Pryce, Muhammad Mikaeel, Noah Adejokun
- 13 Arthur Wright
- 12 Junia Charlton
- 11 Charlie Fagan, James Goldring

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 9 Li Steiner, Maria Mendonca. Marta Casanovas
- 8 Teju Callisto
- 7 Allana Scoble, Lucy Spours, Paula Griffin, Verity Phllips
- 6 Annie Lyons, Emily Link, 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

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GRAVLYN KITONDO
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EMMANUEL
MANDANGI

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