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**CLAPTON CFC VS
BENFLEET FC**

3.00PM NOVEMBER 18, 2023

OLD SPOTTED DOG

**Thurlow Nunn
Eastern Counties League
Division One South**

CLIFF

**CHARLIE FAGAN
DEFENDER**



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, 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, Julian Austin, 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, Teju Callisto.

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
Kasita Boateng – physio

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

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

Coach Koral – coach/manager

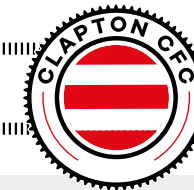
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BECOME
A MEMBER

GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH



IF SOMEONE SAID TO US THAT at the half-way mark we would be top of the table in our first season after promotion, we would have thought they were playing Football Manager.

Despite having played more games than the chasing pack, our aim for the second half of the season is to do better than the first and limit the amount of draws. There's lots of room for improvement and we are continuing our development as a squad/management team after each game with the Veo video camera being a vital aid tool in this.

Southend Manor was another what I call 'professional performance'! Going ahead,

managing the game and then killing any momentum they were building with a second. A slight critique would be our finishing on the day to make it more comfortable earlier on, but a clean sheet away from home is always welcome!

It's been well documented about our unbeaten run and it will be put to the test today against a Benfleet side who I believe to have the best game to points ratio in the division.

As with all the big games this season... we will approach it in the same manner as always... on the front foot ready to attack with Harlow awaiting the following week.

#ClaptonFamily #OSD
#WeGoAgain #FreePalestine

PLAYER PROFILE: GUS STEELE



PLACE OF BIRTH:

Harrogate, North Yorkshire

HEIGHT: 6'1

WHERE YOU LIVE: Camden

DAY JOB: videographer/photographer

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Harrogate Town, University of Manchester Mens 1st team, Govan & UOMFC.

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: John Stones.

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Everton.

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Making my Harrogate Town debut after captaining the u23s to the league.

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Any

weekend the Toffees are playing.

LIKES AND HOBBIES: Live music, film, photography, clothes.

DISLIKES: self absorbed people, rudeness, Tories, Keir Starmer.

FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: Italy

FAVOURITE FOOD: Ragu

FAVOURITE FILM: Juno

FAVOURITE TV: Fleabag

FOOTBALLING AMBITION: To play at a level which challenges me, whilst representing a club and teammates who stand for the things I do.

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Margaret Thatcher, got a few choice words for her.

DEBUT GOALSCORERS

IN 152 COMPETITIVE GAMES, the men's first team has scored **389 goals by 43 different players** (plus one own goal). But only eight have scored on their debut...

PAUL OSHIN: >

A goal scoring substitute in the first ever league game, a 2-1 win at Ealing Town on the 15/9/18. Paul, still a squad member, has scored three in 36 games.

LIAM SMYTH: >

Also scored on his debut in the Ealing Town game. Liam



went on to score four goals in 75 appearances.

JAKE STEVENS: Scored twice on debut as a second half substitute in the 11-1 league rout of Hereford Palace in November 2018. Jake scored 15 goals in 43 games before going travelling.

NOAH ADEJOKUN: Noah also scored on debut from the bench, securing a 2-0 home win over Sporting Hackney in the league opener on the 19/20 season. Has since

found the net 33 times in 87 games.

NICK LOBLACK: Usually a centre back, Nick was drafted in as an emergency striker in the FA Vase tie at Wivenhoe Town in August 2019. His goal in the 1-5 defeat would be his **only one** in 16 appearances.

GREG MOORES: >

Greg scored twice in last season's 3-0 opening day defeat of Stonewall in the league. Finished the season with **six goals** in eight games.



< CALUM MARSHALL:

At 16 years, 11 months, and 25 days, Calum is the club's joint youngest player, a distinction he shares with Fama Sangare. Scored from the bench in last season's final home league game, a 5-1 defeat of OIR.

< TAYLAN GUL: Debut goal in the recent 2-2 league draw with Burnham Ramblers. Taylan and Paul Oshin are the only M1T players to have scored in each of their first two league games.

Gary Price



BENFLEET FC

THURLOW NUNN EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

BENFLEET FC WAS FOUNDED IN 1922 AND started in the Southend & District League then joined Essex Olympian League in 1972. In 2018 due to an FA restructure they were promoted to the new Division One South of the Eastern Counties League, a three-division jump, moving to Canvey Island FC's ground in the process. In 2022 they finished third but lost in extra time in the play-offs to Halstead Town. Last season they were agonisingly pipped to a play-off spot on the last day of the season. They have plans for a redevelopment of their historic Woodside Park ground so they can move back to Benfleet.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This is our first meeting.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Max Jobson leads the way so far with six goals, with last season's top scorers Ben Foord and Grant Frances just behind. Manager Lee Scott - who took from Alec Salmon who moved to Enfield in September - also still plays in midfield.

FORM GUIDE

Benfleet have the best points to games ratio in the division. They have won 6 of their last 7 games, three of them by 6-0 scorelines. They have also kept clean sheets in five of those games.

THE OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

OSD ON THE MAP

THIS MAP FROM THE EARLY 1860s shows the route of the Eastern Counties Railway from London to Ipswich, Yarmouth and Norwich. Plenty of detail was shown, including the land for a good couple of miles around.

Towns and villages are named, parks and lakes. Individual buildings appear as black dots.

One thing is in scant supply: pubs. None in Norwich, Ipswich, Chelmsford, Romford, or other major stops. A small area, on the other hand, has three pubs. This is the land that today comprises the London Borough of Newham.

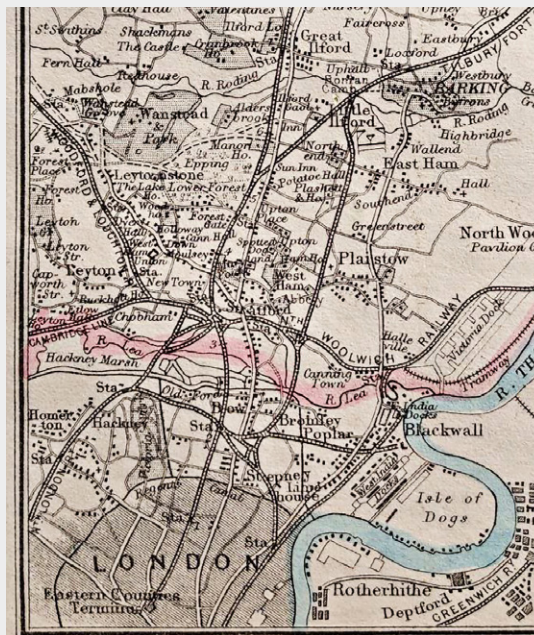
Those pubs are one marked as just 'Inn', probably the now-closed Three Rabbits at Manor Park; the Sun Inn (aka the Rising Sun); and the Spotted Dog on Upton Lane. Further out, the landscape runs on, pub-less. There is

no explanation why.

The Three Rabbits, lying along today's Romford Road, had been a coaching inn, which may explain why it appears. The Spotted Dog had no such claim. Nor did it lie near enough to Forest Gate station to be included as somewhere for passengers to pop in. So why was it shown?

The answer probably lies in the Victorian vogue for Pleasure Gardens. Also known as Tea Gardens, they were particularly popular on the suburban fringes of a smoky, dirty, overcrowded London. The Spotted Dog probably had one from at least the early 1840s, entered from Upton Lane under an arched sign upon which was written 'Pleasure Grounds'. The grounds would have extended from the area behind the currently closed pub itself, running westward to include what is now the Old Spotted Dog Ground.

Today's football pitch and its



surroundings were in those days used for cricket, which provides a second possible answer as to why it's on the map. A match between two cricket sides of Eastern Counties Railway employees took place at the Spotted Dog as early as 1847, the year the expanding company relocated its works from Romford to Stratford.

Saturday afternoon cricket first appeared at the Dog in 1857 (a result of workers earning themselves a shorter week in the form of a Saturday half-holiday). The Eastern Counties Cricket Club played at least two Saturday games that year against the Globe Club of Forest Gate. Such matches paved the way for Saturday afternoon football.

Nearly twenty years before football came there, the pub and its ground were already making their mark in the world.

Chris Tymkow



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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Nov 25	3pm	ECL	(A) Harlow Town (at Harlow Arena)
Dec 02	3pm	ECL	(H) Park View (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 09	3pm	ECL	(A) Cannons Wood (at Parkside, Aveley FC)
Dec 16	3pm	ECL	(H) Brimsdown (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 23	3pm	ECL	(A) Hoddesdon Town (at Lowfield)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Nov 19	2pm	CWC	(A) London Seaward Res (Oakside Stadium, Redbridge FC)
Nov 26	3.30pm	LSERWFL	(A) Hackney (at Wadham Lodge 3G)
Dec 03	1.30pm	LSERWFL	(H) Denham United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 10	2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Richmond Park (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 17	2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Ashmount Leigh (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE COMP OPPONENTS RESULT

Oct 28	ECL	NW London vs CCFC	2 - 4 W
Nov 01	ECL	Barkingside vs CCFC	1 - 2 W
Nov 04	ECL	CCFC vs Wormley Rovers	2 - 2 D
Nov 08	ECL	Tower Hamlets vs CCFC	2 - 2 D
Nov 11	ECL	Southend Manor vs CCFC	0 - 2 W

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE COMP OPPONENTS RESULT

Oct 08	LSEWRCL	Welling vs CCFC	3 - 5 W
Oct 11	LSEWRCL	CCFC vs Hackney	3 - 1 W
Oct 22	LSEWRCL	CCFC vs Dulwich Hamlet Reserves	2 - 2 D
Nov 05	LSERWLC	CCFC vs Fulham	1 - 4 L
Nov 12	LSERWLC	CCFC vs Actonians Reserves	1 - 5 L

TABLES

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW

MEN'S FIRST TEAM



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



5 GOALS



TOP GOALSCORERS

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- Noah Adejokun
- Arthur Wright, Fred Taylor
- Julian Austin
- James Briggs, Muhammad Mikaeel, Taylan Gul, Terry Amofo
- Charlie Fagan, Jeff Twumasi, Lewis Owiredu

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- Teju Callisto
- Emily Link
- Marta Casanovas
- Maria Mendonca
- Larissa Vieira, Lucy Spours, Marta Boiro

TOP APPEARANCES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- Jack Francis, Jeff Twumasi
- Bailey Pryce, James Briggs, Noah Adejokun
- Dean Bouho, Mohammed Mikaeel
- Junia Charlton
- Charlie Fagan

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- Li Steiner, Maria Mendonca, Marta Casanovas
- Teju Callisto
- Allana Scoble, Verity Phillips, Lucy Spours
- Emily Link, Marta Boiro
- Lily Smith, Lirian Santos

CCFC

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
GUS STEELE

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

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

BENFLEET

ANDREW ADEGBITE
BILLY CARTER
TOBY JOHN DICKINSON
MICHAEL FITZGIBBON
BEN FOORD
GRANT FRANCES

FLORENT GISLETTE
CAMERON HARRIS
SONNY HARTMAN
TYLER DAVID HOPE
MAX JOBSON
ROBERT THOMAS LACEY
TAYLOR LAWRENCE
BILLY PURDY
CORY RIDER

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