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**CLAPTON CFC VS
CANTERBURY CITY FC**

3.00PM SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

OLD SPOTTED DOG

**Presence & Co Southern Counties
East League Division One South**

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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

- > **2021** Lockdown Heroes Award Winners – Football Supporters Association
- > **2023** Community Football Club of the Year – National Game Awards
- > **2023** Grounds Management Association Volunteer Grounds Team of the Year

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

- > **2022** John Greenacre Memorial Trophy winners
- > **2023** FSA Women's Trophy winners

- > **2024** FSA Women's 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

150 appearance medals:

Dean Bouho.

100 appearance medals:

Geoff Ocran, Jack Francis, Noah Adejokun, Lucy Spours, Maria Mendonca, James Briggs, Emily Link, Li Steiner and Bailey Pryce.

50 appearance medals:

Annie Lyons, Arthur Wright, Carl Paul, Cemal Agdelen, Daniel Anfosy, Fama Sangare, Fionn Glancy, Fred Taylor, Joshua Adejokun,

Julian Austin, Lenny Holmes, Liam Smyth, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Mim Chadwick, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Samba Badjana, Sherwin Stanley, Stefan Kilron, Verity Phillips, Charlie Fagan, Teju Callisto, Allana Scoble, Lewis Owiredo, Junia Charlton, James Pavely and Suleyman Zahmoul.

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

Southern Counties East Football

League Division One // Essex FA

Geoff Ocran – Manager

Sham Darr – Assistant Manager

Ridhwaan Yusuf – Head Coach

Jack Mellors – First Team Coach

Matt Bailey – First Team Coach

Aqs Hafeji – Data Analyst

Kasita Boateng – Physiotherapist

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

London & South East Regional

Women's Division 1 North //

London FA

Jason Murray – Head Coach

Brian Bramble – Assistant Manager

Kevin Watts – First Team Coach

Sunny Hunjan – Goalkeeper Coach

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Flickr, Threads, TikTok



**BECOME
A MEMBER**



GEOFF OCRAN **MEN'S TEAM MANAGER**

IT WAS NOT THE RESULT OR performance we were looking for on Tuesday in the League Cup against Bridon Ropes, but with every defeat, the key is to take away the coaching points and improve for next time.

The league is our priority so resting players with one eye on today's game vs Canterbury City was always on the agenda. However, the Bridon game was a great opportunity for the squad players to stake a claim and also get some match sharpness in a three-game week.

Another slow start left us with too much to do in the end against a well-drilled young side so it's a shame we couldn't build on the momentum from the FA Vase game.

They didn't allow us to play through the lines and we struggled to adapt to sustain any attacks and maintain any

form of pressure. We made changes in the second half but lacked the creativity, except set pieces, to equalise so we can have no complaints.

Another home game today against a current play-off rival with a similar record to ours in the league. In terms of the points per game table, we don't want to start falling further behind so we need to start using our home advantage and picking up maximum points in these big games.

Both teams like to attack and play on the front foot so it could easily be a goal fest where we will need to be at our clinical and ruthless best to get the result. So it's our job to get them switched on from the start.

**#WeGoAgain #ClaptonCFC #Step6
#NonLeague #Claptonfamily**

**"BOTH TEAMS LIKE
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ON THE FRONT FOOT
SO IT COULD EASILY
BE A GOAL FEST"**

PLAYER PROFILE: **AZARIAH GEORGE-LAWAL**



PLACE OF BIRTH:

Greenwich, London

HEIGHT: 6'3

WHERE YOU LIVE: Eltham

DAY JOB: Behaviour Officer

in a secondary school

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Forest Hill Park

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER:

Cristiano Ronaldo

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM

CLAPTON CFC: Manchester United

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:

Playing in the FA Youth Cup at 16

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL:

Missed the last pen in a school cup final

LIKES AND HOBBIES:

Playing PS5, binging tv shows and listening to music

DISLIKES: Snakes and Arsenal fans

FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED:

Dominican Republic

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVOURITE FILM:

Avengers: Infinity War

FAVOURITE TV:

The Office or Money Heist

FOOTBALLING AMBITION:

To play at the highest level possible then to coach at the highest level possible



THIS CLUB BELONGS TO YOU AND ME

CLAPTON CFC IS THE SUBJECT OF A NEW DOCUMENTARY CALLED 'THIS CLUB BELONGS TO YOU AND ME' WHICH WAS PUBLISHED LAST WEEK. THE VOICES.MEDIA DOCUMENTARY COVERS THE POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY ETHOS OF THE CLUB AND HOW 'IT HAS BECOME A BEACON OF HOPE FOR FOOTBALL FANS'. VOICES.MEDIA DIRECTOR BARRY JAMES EXPLAINS MORE...

"You probably want to cut that". Ellie looked at us slightly anxiously as she removed her lapel mic. "I'm OK for you to use it but it's quite upsetting". It was our first interview with anyone at Clapton Community Football Club (CCFC) and unbeknownst to her she had completely hit all reasons why I wanted to make a documentary on them in the first place. Ellie Guedalla, as the female coach, encapsulated a love of the game, the poisoning of it and a triumphant return with Clapton. We didn't cut it, we loved it.

Football, while still the world's most well attended sport, is in crisis. Capitalist and imperialist ideology has its claws deeply embedded in the beautiful game. Billionaire owners and despotic regimes are moving it further and further away from

working class supporters who have been its lifeblood since its inception.

The threat of the breakaway Super League highlighted how much power the most elite clubs wield and how little regard they have for fans who attend regularly. But why would they? Last season's Premier League broadcast and commercial revenues brought in five times more income than matchday revenue. When money is the main motivator, of course more lucrative TV markets

and shirt sales in far off lands will take precedence over the match day goer. Loyalty doesn't pay as much as a middle eastern TV deal or an exploitative gambling kit sponsor.

Standard capitalist free market ideals just don't apply to football. If you don't like your supermarket then you can just find a different one. For reasons most supporters know, you can't do that with your football club.

SO WHAT'S TO BE DONE?

How do we put football back in the hands of those who cherish it most and the communities that built it? As we found out, Clapton Community Football Club has the answer. While I've been a member for some time, attracted initially by the flags and politics of the football club, I wasn't often able to get to games because of attendance at my first football love (and often my tormentor) Queens Park Rangers.

So I was curious about how it all came about, how it operates in a football environment so hostile to grassroots football and in a society so embedded in consumerist thinking. It turns out that solidarity, inclusivity, and community work is the solution.

CCFC has been around since 2018 after a supporter's group broke away from the pre-existing club Clapton. Since then they have gone from strength to strength most notably purchasing the Old Spotted Dog ground, in large part funded by shirt sales from its striking 'No pasarán' anti fascist international brigade shirt which pays homage to the Republican

"IF YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR SUPERMARKET THEN YOU CAN JUST FIND A DIFFERENT ONE. FOR REASONS MOST SUPPORTERS KNOW, YOU CAN'T DO THAT WITH YOUR FOOTBALL CLUB."

side in the Spanish Civil War.

So me and Pete, the other half of Voices.Media, started filming our documentary *This Club Belongs To You And Me*, titled after the slogan written across a banner often seen at home games that epitomises the club's philosophy.

Fan and activist Matthew Cunningham sat down with Asad Rehman (another long term member and the Director of War On Want) and explained the democratic committee structures and the club's affiliations and community work with organisations such as the children's advocacy group The Magpie Project.

Jane Williams, the project's founder talks passionately about children's issues locally and how the club has helped the project materially in a long-term way because of what CCFC see as their community obligation.

And inclusivity? Ellie Guedalla, herself a former victim to the worst of football's problems. It has allowed so many who are marginalised by society and patriarchal football hegemonies to discover or even return to the game through training sessions and matches. It should be noted that thanks to this work and the club's culture of equality, that the women's football side is so much larger and more active than the men's.

"So we've made a football documentary without much football in it. Is that a problem?" Pete asked in the edit after shooting two games and largely dropping most of the footage in favour of these interviews.

No. The act a kicking a ball itself doesn't bring a community together, but we hope that *This Club Belongs To Me And You* truthfully captures the very special template that Clapton Community has developed and offers an unashamed left wing solution to the worst aspects of modern football in a way that brings joy to the club and community. As Ellie puts it in the film, the club is 'righting wrongs' in football.



SCAN WITH YOUR
PHONE TO WATCH
ON YOUTUBE



CANTERBURY CITY FC

SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

THE CLUB WAS FORMED IN 1947 by members of Canterbury Waverley FC Supporters Club and Brett's Sports FC. They've twice reached the FA Cup first round, losing 6-0 to Torquay United in 1964 then 1-0 to Swindon Town in 1968. Then in 2019 The City reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase, one game away from Wembley.

They played at Brett's Sports ground then moved to Kingsmead Stadium from 1958 until 1999 when they were forced out. The ground has now been demolished. In 2001 the now homeless Canterbury City folded but it was revived in 2007. The club is now on its eighth groundshare since then as it fights to return to a site in Canterbury. Until then they are the club that's "Always on Tour".

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

FORM GUIDE

Last season Canterbury just missed out on the play-offs in seventh but were the third best side in the second half of the season. They've carried on that good form this season with four wins and four draws in the league. The only blot has been defeat against title favourites Forest Hill Park.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Last season's top scorer Mo Cham, with 18 goals, has started this season on fire again with 6 in 9 games.

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Oct 01	7.45pm	ESC	(H) Harwich & Parkeston (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 12	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Bridon Ropes (at Meridian Sports & Social Club)
Oct 19	3pm	FAV	(A) Stansted (at Hargrave Park)
Oct 22	7.45pm	SCEFL	(A) Meridian VP (at Meridian Sports & Social Club)
Oct 26	3pm	SCEFL	(A) FC Elmstead (at Lower Road Ground, Sutton Athletic FC)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Sep 29	3pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Brentford (at Gtech Stadium)
Oct 06	2pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Richmond Park (at Tolworth Sports Ground)
Oct 13	3.30pm	LSEWRFL	(A) AFC Whyteleafe (at Church Road)
Oct 17	7.45pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Hackney (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Oct 20	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) AFC Whyteleafe (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE COMP OPPONENTS RESULT

Sep 24	SCEFLCC	CCFC vs Bridon Rope	1 - 3 L
Sep 21	FAV	CCFC vs Hoddesdon Town (after penalties)	2-2 (5-4) W
Sep 14	SCEFL	Forest Hill Park vs CCFC	2 - 1 L
Sep 10	SCEFL	CCFC vs Lewisham Borough	2 - 1 W
Sep 07	SCEFL	Croydon vs CCFC	4 - 3 L

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE COMP OPPONENTS RESULT

Sep 22	LSEWRFL	CCFC vs Ashmount Leigh	6 - 3 W
Sep 15	LSEWRFL	Denham United vs CCFC	2 - 3 W
Sep 08	LSEWRFL	CCFC vs Leatherhead	1 - 3 L
Sep 01	WFAC	Hutton vs CCFC (after penalties)	2-2 (5-3) L
Aug 25	LSEWRFL	Dulwich Hamlet Reserves vs CCFC	2 - 1 L

TABLES

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW

MEN'S FIRST TEAM



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



Emily Link tops the leading goal scorers board with five so far this season

TOP GOALSCORERS

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 1 Noah Adejokun
- 3 Cameron Gordon, Fred Taylor, Joel Akuwudike, Julian Austin,
- 1 Adam Sidky, Arthur Wright, Bailey Pryce, Fionn Glancy, Lewis Owiredun, Louis Brown, Sam Cook

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 5 Emily Link
- 3 Egle Trezzi, Rebekah Higgins
- 2 Aimee Shaw
- 1 Julia Moulton, Kaylee Shurety, Marta Casanovas

TOP APPEARANCES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 12 Bailey Pryce
- 11 Jack Francis, James Briggs
- 10 Jeff Twumasi, Joel Akuwudike, Noah Adejokun, Ross Broadway
- 8 Fred Taylor, Julian Austin, Junia Charlton, Tami Unuefa
- 7 Cameron Gordon, Emmanuel Olasehinde, Sam Cook

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 7 Kaylee Shurety
- 6 Chelsie Sparks, Chloe Owen, Emily Link, Julia Moulton, Lucy Spours, Marta Casanovas
- 5 Alice Sharpe, Eva van der Vliet, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro, Rebekah Higgins, Taiyah Evans
- 4 Aimee Shaw, Egle Trezzi, Li Steiner, Mim Chadwick

CCFC

MANAGER

GEOFF OCRAN

GOALKEEPERS

JOSHUA BOATENG
TOBY EMERSON
JACK FRANCIS
ROBIN PHILPOTT

DEFENDERS

ADIL ALI
DEAN BOUHO
ANDREA CAIO
JUNIA CHARLTON
CHARLIE FAGAN
JOSHUA GEORGE
ALASDAIR GURNEY
SEB HARTWELL
STEFAN KILRON
BAILEY PRYCE
ADAM SIDKY
GUS STEELE
TAMI UNUEFA

MIDFIELDERS

CEMAL AGDELEN
GABRIEL
AKUWUDIKE
JOEL AKUWUDIKE
JULIAN AUSTIN
JAMES BRIGGS
ROSS BROADWAY
SHAM DARR
AZARIAH
GEORGE-LAWAL
FIONN GLANCY
JAMES GOLDRING
GEOFF OCRAN
JAMES PAVELY
NOAH SALAMA
JEFFREY TWUMASI

FORWARDS

NOAH ADEJOKUN
TERRY AMOAO
LOUIS BROWN
CAMERON GORDON
TAYLAN GUL
FELIX MURRAY
EMMANUEL
OLASEHINDE
LEWIS OWIREDU
SHERWIN STANLEY
FRED TAYLOR
ARTHUR WRIGHT
SULEYMAN
ZAHMOUL

THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE strongly support recent FA statements that there should be a zero tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination, accordingly any form of discriminatory abuse whether it be based on race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, faith, age, ability or any other form of abuse will be reported to the relevant County Association for action by that Association.

THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE supports the 'Swearing - Let's Tackle It' campaign and strongly condemns the use of foul and abusive language at football matches.

CANTERBURY CITY FC

TOM BENHAM
MO CHAM
CONNOR COYNE
ALFIE CRAGG
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NATHAN GEDDES
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