

## **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, over 35s team and a cricket team.

## OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground, 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

- 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**

- > 2024 FSA Women's Trophy winners
- > 2023 FSA Women's Trophy 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
- > 952 vs Croydon FC 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
- > 467 vs Soccer Elite Academy at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 449 vs Leatherhead at Old Spotted Dog Ground

#### **APPEARANCES**

150 appearance medals:
Dean Bouho and Jack Francis.
100 appearance medals:
Geoff Ocran, Noah Adejokun, Lucy
Spours, Maria Mendonca, James
Briggs, Emily Link, Li Steiner,
Bailey Pryce, Fred Taylor, Cemal
Agdelen, Charlie Fagan , Marta Boiro,
Julian Austin and Marta Casanovas.
50 appearance medals: Annie Lyons,
Arthur Wright, Carl Paul, Daniel
Anfossy, Fama Sangare, Fionn

Glancy, Joshua Adejokun, Lenny Holmes, Liam Smyth, Mim Chadwick, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Samba Badjana, Sherwin Stanley, Stefan Kilron, Verity Phillips, Teju Callisto, Allana Scoble, Lewis Owiredu, Junia Charlton, James Pavely, Suleyman Zahmoul, Alice Sharpe, Jeffrey Twumasi, Joel Akuwudike, Ana Holmes, Khadir Elyas, Alasdair Gurney, Felix Murray and Adam Sidky.

#### **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 Alice Sharpe – Head Coach Brian Bramble – Coach Jack Francis – Coach

## ONLINE

claptoncfc.co.uk | oldspotted.dog @claptoncfc on Twitter, Bluesky, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, Flickr, Threads, TikTok



## GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM MANAGER

**GAME 34 BRINGS OUR LEAGUE** campaign to an end at home. Our first season in the SCEFL has definitely been an eye-opener but also left us just short of our pre-season objective to reach the play-offs.

It could be our first and last season. in the SCEFL as we've applied for a lateral move back to the Eastern Counties League. That's nothing to do with the SCEFL as they have been great accommodating us this season. It's purely based on geography for our players and fans/members who are mainly on this side of the river.

We can look back across the season at individual games where we should have done better but collectively we've not fulfilled our potential as a team so we need a reset for next season to come back stronger.

We do still have a great way to end the season with the cup final in a few weeks also against Forest Hill Park. Winning a trophy of any sort breeds a winning mentality and sets the benchmark for next season.

Forest Hill Park today arrive with the potential of becoming league champions should results go their way so we expect their strongest side available. As it's our last home game of the season, we also want to end it with a win and avenge our defeat earlier in the season.

This is also an opportunity to thank all the fans, committee members and volunteers who have travelled to the end of the Earth to support us all season. We wouldn't be the club we are without you, the heartbeat of the club.

#WeGoAgain #OSD #ClaptonFamily #Step6 #NonLeague

## PLAYER PROFILE: ANDRE ODEKU



**HEIGHT: 6ft** WHERE YOU LIVE: Chingford DAY JOB: Bespoke shoe cleaning and restoration PREVIOUS CLUBS: Haringey Borough, Brightlingsea Regent, West Essex **ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Thierry Henry FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM** CLAPTON CFC: Arsenal **BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** Scoring the winner in the FA Youth Cup for Brentwood Town u18s

**LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Being told no** 

after being on trial at Burnley for 6 weeks

**PLACE OF BIRTH: Whipps Cross Hospital** 

LIKES AND HOBBIES: I'll play any sports, recently a lot of darts. Listening to music and making my own **DISLIKES:** Tottenham, Marmite, losing (at anything) **FAVOURITE PLACE VISITED: Ibiza** FAVOURITE FOOD: Pasta, any type with any sauce. If I had to pick one, Carbonara **FAVOURITE FILM: 2 Fast 2 Furious FAVOURITE TV: The Wire** FOOTBALLING AMBITION: To win the cup this season, then get promoted to step 5 with Clapton CFC and climb the steps. After playing Step 3 I believe I can make it to the National League.

# MARKING A DEBT OF GRATITUDE OWED TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM IN SPAIN

SINCE LAUNCHING OUR INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES-INSPIRED AWAY kit in 2018, we have wanted to mark the debt of gratitude owed to those who volunteered to join the fight against fascism in Spain.

We are grateful for the many new friends we have made along the way and it gives us great pride that CCFC has been able to finance a significant memorial to those who aided the fight for the Spanish Republic between 1936 and 1939.

In March 2019, the club had asked to site a memorial in West Ham Park, but our proposal was rejected by the City of London Corporation.

After securing the Old Spotted Dog Ground in 2020, the plan shifted to installing it inside our ground, but a combination of the ongoing pandemic and then the need to have the OSD ready for men's and women's first team games meant further delays.

Now, after years of planning, the Newham International Brigades memorial is being unveiled today.

The significance of 26 April is also that it marked the anniversary of the 'carpet bombing' of the Basque town of Guernica by combined German, Italian and Spanish fascist forces, which became the subject of Picasso's famous painting. This finally convinced the British government to allow refugee children to travel to Southampton and a number of these children later went on to become professional football players in England and Spain.

#### THE NEWHAM MEMORIAL

The club asked local firm Rodwell Memorials, based in Manor Park, to create the memorial in red granite, which was ordered

in September 2024.

In February 2025, volunteers began work on the concrete base, which was laid by some of the team from <u>Hackney Bumps</u>, an outdoor skate park in Clapton that we previously worked with to raise funds for Gaza Sunbirds and Pal Gaza.

#### FIGHTERS AGAINST FASCISM

The memorial pays special tribute to those from the area around the Old Spotted Dog who made that journey, whether to take up arms or to tend to the wounded. The details of those with a link to the local

area are given below, along with their dates of birth and death, as well as any known political or trades union affiliations. Lost records as well as changes in the

boundaries and administration of the area means that our list may have some omissions.

Newham was not created until 1965 and births before that would have been registered to the borough of West Ham. Volunteers born in the area may also have only been known by their last address before signing up.

If you do know of any further volunteers from the area then please let us know, or inform the International Brigade Memorial Trust on admin@international-brigades. org.uk. You can search for further volunteers in the International Brigades Memorial Trust database.

Kevin Blowe



SCAN QR CODE for International Brigade Memorial Trust searchable database







BACK IN 2019, THE CLAPTON CFC members voted to back DKMS, leading to a successful

donor registration drive with over 100 signups at a game. Fast forward to 2025, and we're excited to relaunch the campaign once more.

In recent weeks, 25 players from across our men's and women's squads have signed up at training while another 10 were already on the register.

Today it's your turn to become a lifesaver. Head over to the DKMS stall for a quick swab (before you've had an alcoholic drink) and you can join the register there and then. If you are a match for someone, you'll donate in a straightforward way. Approximately 90% of all stem cell donations are conducted in a manner similar to donating blood.

Getting on the registry is crucial because if you're not listed, you can't donate. So, take this chance to offer someone the incredible gift of life.

#### **CLAPTON CFC MEMBER SUKHDEV'S STORY**

A kind stranger offered me the most selfless gift, expecting nothing in return. Although we have never met, this generous person took the crucial step of joining the donor registry. That crucial action enabled them to donate their peripheral blood stem cells, giving me my only opportunity to overcome cancer.

I underwent six rounds of chemotherapy, but it wasn't a cure. It would only give me a little extra time. Without a <u>blood stem cell transplant</u>, I would eventually <u>relapse</u>. My future depended on just a swab from someone's mouth and a blood stem donation.

Soon enough, <u>I got incredible news</u>. The medical team had discovered a perfect match from the international <u>donor registry</u>. <u>Words simply can't describe how I felt</u>.

There is a match for everyone, which means there is a potential cure for all. But achieving this goal requires us to expand the registry and improve its diversity.



# FOREST HILL PARK FC

WELCOME TO TODAY'S VISITING PLAYERS, COACHES. SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

FOREST HILL PARK FC FORMED IN 1992 WITH a name derived from the Forest Hill and Honor Oak Park areas of Lewisham.

After two league title wins and a cup triumph in the South London Alliance and Kent County leagues, they were successful in applying for promotion to Step 6 as part of a restructure in 2014. The club is expected to rename as SE Dons for 2025/26 so this may be their final ever league game as FHP.

## FORM GUIDE

Forest Hill Park are one of their three teams who could win the title today - and the one automatic promotion spot - on the same points as Faversham Strike Force and Soul Tower Hamlets. Having been top for months, FHP looked the strong favourites but a wobble with 1 win in the last 9 games has opened it up for a dramatic final day.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

At our meeting in September at Ladywell Arena, we led at half-time through a fine Noah Adejokun strike. However, a second half comeback sealed a 2-1 win for FHP.

#### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Nathan Palmer has 13 goals this season, including the winner against us. Georgi Steeds and Ed Mbango have 12 between them since joining with manager Antonio Gonnella from Croydon. They both scored against us for their former side. OUR OFFERS: 0.75% property sale fee | Three months free property management





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#### MEN'S FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

May 10 2pm SCEFLC (N) Forest Hill Park ( (at Mayesbrook Park, Barking FC)

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM FIXTURES**

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

May 04 2pm LSERWFL (H) Brentford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

May 25 3.30pm LSERWFLT (N) Dulwich Hamlet Res (at Meadowbank, Dorking Wanderers)

#### MEN'S FIRST TEAM LAST FIVE GAMES COMP OPPONENTS DATE RESULT Apr 19 SCEFL Lewisham Borough vs CCFC Apr 12 **CCFC** vs Welling Town SCEFL 3-1 Apr 05 Staplehurst Monarchs vs CCFC 1 - 0 Mar 29 SCEFL Sheppey Sports vs CCFC 5 - 1 Mar 22 SCEFL **CCFC** vs Croydon **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM LAST FIVE GAMES** COMP OPPONENTS **RESULT** Apr 13 LSERWFL Actonians Reserves vs CCFC 2 - 2 D Apr 06 LSERWFL CCFC vs Denham United 2-0 w Apr 03 LSERWFL Hackney vs CCFC D 2-2 Mar 30 LSERWFLT CCFC vs Soccer Elite Football Academy 2-0 W Mar 23 LSERWFL Leatherhead vs CCFC 3-0 L

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Faversham Strike Force	33	16	13	4	60	34	+26	61
2	Forest Hill Park	33	17	10	6	55	37	+18	61
3	Soul Tower Hamlets	33	17	10	6	57	43	+14	61
4	Croydon	33	17	8	8	57	34	+23	59
5	Sheppey Sports	33	16	7	10	72	53	+19	55
6	Canterbury City	33	15	9		58	39	+19	54
7	Clapton Community	33	15	6	12	56	50	+6	51
8	Bridon Ropes	33	13	10	10	43	42	+1	49
9	Rochester United (-6)	33	16	6	11	61	41	+20	48
10	Staplehurst Monarchs	33	14	5	14	44	41	+3	47
11	FC Elmstead	33	13	8	12	51	52	-1	47
12	SC Thamesmead	33	10	15	8	38	34	+4	45
13	Lewisham Borough	33	12	8	13	42	38	+4	44
14	Tooting Bec	33	11	10	12	51	51	0	43
15	Halls AFC	33	10	5	18	41	63	-22	35
16	Greenways	33	7	5	21	45	75	-30	26
17	Welling Town	33	5	6	22	34	78	-44	21
18	Meridian VP	33	1	3	29	17	77	-60	6



## TOP GOALSCORERS

#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 21 Fred Taylor
- 12 Noah Adejokun
- 9 Julian Austin
- 7 Cameron Gordon
- 4 Louis Brown
- 3 Arthur Wright, James Briggs, Joel Akuwudike

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 13 Emily Link
- 7 Taiyah Evans
- 6 Egle Trezzi, Rebekah Higgins
- 5 Aimee Shaw, Maria Mendonca
- 4 Marta Casanovas, Oskia Summers

#### TOP APPEARANCES

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#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 41 Jack Francis
- 37 Fred Taylor
- 35 James Briggs, Julian Austin, Noah Adejokun
- 33 Junia Charlton
- 32 Tami Unuefa

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 27 Kaylee Shurety
- 26 Emily Link, Marta Boiro
- 25 Egle Trezzi, Maria Mendonca
- 24 Lucy Spours
- 23 Li Steiner, Marta Casanovas

#### MANAGER

**GEOFF OCRAN** 

#### GOALKEEPERS

JOSHUA BOATENG TOBY EMERSON JACK FRANCIS ROBIN PHILPOTT

#### DEFENDERS

ADIL ALI
DEAN BOUHO
ANDREA CAIO
JUNIA CHARLTON
SAM COOK
CHARLIE FAGAN
JOSHUA GEORGE
ALASDAIR GURNEY
SEB HARTWELL
STEFAN KILRON
FELIX MURRAY
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 TWUMASII

#### FORWARDS

NOAH ADFJOKUN TERRY AMOAFO LOUIS BROWN **CAMERON GORDON** TAYLAN GUL ANDRE ODEKU FMMANUFI OLASEHINDE **LEWIS OWIREDU SHERWIN** STANLEY FRED TAYLOR JACOB WINTOUR ARTHUR WRIGHT **SULEYMAN** 7AHMOUI

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#### FOREST HILL PARK

JUNIOR
AIKHIONBARE
TEMI ALAKA
JORDAN
ANDERSON
ZAK ANSAH
BRANDON
BARRANCE
REECE BARRETT

WILLIAM BELL
OLUWATOBI COKER
ERIC DE MELO
CALHEIROS
AINSLEY EVERETT
ULRICH FISCHER
RICHARD JIMOH
RYAN JOHNSON

GEORGE KAMURASI EDWARD MBANGO PATRICK MCKAY NATHAN PALMER RYAN PALMER ALFIE SAUNDERS GEORGI STEEDS

JAMES TEODORESCU

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JORDAN
WHITWORTH
ASSISTANT
REFEREES
CHRISTOPHER
CLARKE
AND
MARTIN BULLOCK

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Tackle It' campaign
and strongly
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of foul and abusive
language at
football matches.

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