

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB



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Clapton CFC vs
Long Melford FC

Saturday

August 15th 2026

Kick-off 3pm

FA Cup Vase First
Qualifying Round



SAMBA BADJANA
MIDFIELDER

OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

WALTER TULL WAY, 212 UPTON LANE, FOREST GATE, LONDON E7 9NP

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Clapton Community FC is a Community Benefit Society [#7768] that is wholly owned and run by our 1500 plus members. We have a women/NB first team, reserves, FTFA team, development team, five-a-side teams and open access training; men's first team, development and over 35s; and many youth teams.

OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground, Walter Tull Way, 212 Upton Lane, Forest Gate, London E7 9NP

The charity **Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust** [charity #1199417] operates the OSD on behalf of Clapton CFC members.

HONOURS

CLUB

- > **2026 Non-League Game Award Winners** - Football v Homophobia Awards
- > **2023 Volunteer Grounds Team of the Year** - Grounds Management Association
- > **2023 Community Football Club of the Year** - National Game Awards
- > **2021 Lockdown Heroes Award Winners** - Football Supporters Association

MEN'S FIRST TEAM (M1T)

- > **2026 Eastern Counties Football League Division One South play-off winners**
- > **2025 Brian Lomax Trophy winners**
- > **2025 Southern Counties East Football League Division One Cup winners**
- > **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 (W1T)**
- > **2024 FSA Women's Trophy winners**
- > **2023 FSA Women's Trophy winners**
- > **2022 John Greenacre Memorial Trophy winners**

FTFA

- > **2026 London Saturday Women's Football League Cup winners**

RECORDS

M1T ATTENDANCES

Men's First Team

- > **2375** vs Rayleigh Town at OSD Ground, May 2026
- > **1712** vs FC Romania at OSD Ground, Apr 2026
- > **1432** vs Forest Hill Park at OSD Ground, Apr 2025
- > **1377** vs Lymore Gardens, OSD Ground, Apr 2026
- > **1266** vs FC Roast at Stray Dog, May 2019
- > **1242** vs Forest Hill Park at Mayesbrook Park, 2025

W1T ATTENDANCES

- > **3585** vs Brentford, Brentford Community Stadium, Sep 2024
- > **1153** vs FC United of Manchester at OSD Ground, Jul 2023
- > **775** vs FC St. Pauli at OSD Ground, Jun 2023
- > **697** vs FC United of Manchester, Broadhurst Park, Aug 2021
- > **500** vs Ashford at OSD Ground, Nov 2022
- > **478** vs Brentford, OSD Ground, May 2025

APPEARANCES

200 APPEARANCES:

Jack Francis, Dean Bouho

150 APPEARANCES:

James Briggs, Fred Taylor, Lucy Spours, Noah Adejokun, Maria Mendonca, Julian Austin

100 APPEARANCES:

Li Steiner, Charlie Fagan, Emily Link, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Cemal Agdelen, Bailey Pryce, Junia Charlton, Geoff Ocran, Annie Lyons, Lenny Holmes, Stefan Kilron

50 APPEARANCES:

Jeff Twumasi, Carl Paul, Verity Phillips, Adam Sidky, Allana Scoble, Fionn Glancy, Joel Akuwudike, Mim Chadwick, Liam Smyth, Noora Oikarainen, Sherwin Stanley, Felix Murray, Lewis Owiredo, Arthur Wright, Dan Anfossy, Joshua Adejokun, Khadir Elyas, Louis Brown, Emmanuel Olasehinde, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Fama Sangare, Alice Sharpe, Teju Callisto, Sin Cheung, Cameron Gordon, Seb Hartwell, Elizabeth Atoyebi, Alasdair Gurney, Ross Broadway, Sam Cook, Kaylee Shurety, Tami Unuefa, James Pavely, Egle Trezzi, Korahn Gayle, Ruby Earle, Suleyman Zahmoul, Ana Holmes, Samba Badjana, James Goldring

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OPPONENTS

LONG MELFORD FC

Welcome to today's visiting players, coaches, supporters and officials

Long Melford FC formed in 1868, making them the tenth oldest football club in the country. Based a few miles outside of Sudbury in Suffolk, the club moved to their Stoneylands ground in the late 1940s, financed through public subscription. Former England player Nevill Cobbold started out with the Villagers, while Plaistow-born former West Ham player Alf Chalkley is among their ex-managers. Long Melford have won the Suffolk Senior Cup an impressive eight times and achieved promotion to Step 6 [Eastern Counties League Division One North] in 2002. That achievement was bettered when they reached Step 5 [ECL Premier] for the first time in 2015, where they stayed for almost ten years. They've formed a new women's team for this season and also have lots of youth teams.

Form guide

So far it's been two wins and two defeats, including a thumping 5-0 win in the last game. Last season, their first back at Step 6, saw them finish 10th.

Previous meetings

None.

Player/s to watch

Striker Brandon Salisbury scored four goals on Saturday having signed from Stowmarket Town, where he bagged 22 goals in a season in Step 5.

MEET THE NEW SIGNINGS

In what might be a first for non-league football, all of the promoted Clapton CFC Men's First Team squad last season have returned for a tilt at tier nine. However, the management team also added five new players and one returnee...

Samba Badjana

Welcome back to Samba, who has played 50 games for us up until 2023. Still only 23, Samba moved to Chelmsford City, Forres Mechanics, Loch Ness and Bala Town, for whom he was on the bench in the UEFA Conference League. He's now available after a delay waiting for international clearance.

Rafael Da Mata

Rafael has played for Holyport FC in the Combined Counties League and CSM London in the Essex Alliance League. The 19-year-old is described as an old-school winger - entertaining, hard working and tenacious.

Tevis Panariti

Hailing from just the other side of West Ham Park, Tevis has spent most of his football career in the East Midlands, representing Barrow Town, Leicester Nirvana, Southwell City and the University of Nottingham. The 25-year-old is a left-footed left-back who can play on either flank, as a wing-back or further forward if needed. He likes get up and down the pitch and contribute at both ends.

Samir Sedaoui

22-year-old Samir is a creative midfielder/winger who caught the eye with FC Romania last season, with 11 assists and 5 goals including a great strike against us on the final day. He previously played Step 3 with Haringey Borough at just 17, and Step 5 with Edgware & Kingsbury, Frenford and Takeley.

Adam Sokhal

Adam, who was recommended by winger Jake Wintour, has been playing for the University of Bristol for the last three years. Prior to that he played at youth level for Hackney Wick, Waltham Abbey and Dulwich Hamlet. He's a versatile midfielder who can play as a 6, 8 or 10 and likes to make runs into the box.

Gideon Ssonko

Gideon is a dynamic, adaptable and hard working midfielder that loves a tackle. The 25-year-old has played in this division before for Ilford and Athletic Newham and before that for Sporting Club Thamesmead, Meridian UP and Lordwood.



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GEOFF OCRAN

MEN'S FIRST TEAM MANAGER

Last Saturday was another historic day for the club as we progressed to the next round of the Men's FA Cup with a 3-0 win over Benfleet. The footballing gods have tended to sway in our favour over the last few seasons and have blessed the Men's First Team with a run of home cup ties. Long may that continue.

We didn't really change too much from the first game of the season against Soul Tower Hamlets in terms of our approach, but we encouraged everyone to be a bit more courageous when in sight of goal. Our whole focus in training was testing the keeper especially from range and Adam Sidky's early goal from outside the area was the perfect response to that.

Adam and player of the match Samba Badjana had missed the first game and they will always improve any squad at this level. Once we made the breakthrough, we were able to control the game until Fred Taylor secured the second goal late on, before Lewis Owiredun put the icing on the cake in injury time.

We returned to league action in midweek in a local derby at Sporting Bengal with both teams looking to put some points on the board after opening day defeats. Having levelled it up at 1-1 in the second half through Junia Charlton's header, we looked like we could go on to win. However, we conceded another soft goal and ended up losing 3-1 when we should have had at least a point.

Hopefully, the momentum from the FA Cup game can give us some confidence to start climbing the table. That then leads us back into FA Vase action today against Long Melford as we aim to progress further than ever before. We've been unlucky to exit this competition on penalties a couple of times so hopefully it doesn't come down to that today. If it does, though, we will be ready.

#FAVase #OSD #ClaptonFamily #WeGoAgain

ABOUT US

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Geoff Ocran - Manager
Sham Darr - Assistant Manager
Jack Mellors - First Team Coach
Aqs Hafeji - First Team Coach/Data Analyst
Robin Philpott - Goalkeeper Coach
Kasita Boateng - Physiotherapist


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OUR COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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WHAT WE DO

Being a member of Clapton Community FC means more than having your name on a database or receiving a membership card. It means having a **stake in the club** and being part of a community that belongs to all of us.

The Membership Committee exists to help make that **feeling of ownership real**. Our job is to find more ways for members to engage with the club, meet each other and have a say in its future. That means creating opportunities to get involved **beyond the 90 minutes** on a Saturday or a Sunday and making sure there are plenty of ways for members to connect with the club and each other.

We would like to organise and facilitate more social events for CCFC members and supporters, both at the Old Spotted Dog and elsewhere. From informal gatherings to bigger events, the aim is simple: create opportunities for people to come together and make the club feel like a community rather than simply a football team.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST MEMBERSHIP

At Clapton Community, supporter ownership isn't just something written into our constitution. It's something **we want people to experience**. The strength of a member-owned club comes from people feeling that they have a genuine connection to it. That might mean standing on the terrace, volunteering at a match, joining a committee, voting at an AGM, coming along to a social event or simply getting to know the person standing next to you.

Membership is about creating those connections. We're also looking at how we can make membership more accessible and relevant to younger supporters, including **developing new types of membership** for children and teenagers.

The next generation of Clapton supporters shouldn't have to wait until they're adults to feel that the club belongs to them. We want young people to have their own connection to CCFC and understand that they can play a part in shaping its future.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR?

Membership isn't something that happens behind a desk. **A big part of it is bringing people together**.

That could mean helping organise a social event, coming up with ideas for something new, helping to welcome people at an event or simply lending a hand when something is taking place.

You don't need to commit to every meeting or become a full-time committee member. If you've got **an idea, a skill** or even **just an hour to spare**, there are ways you can help.

And sometimes volunteering is as simple as turning up, getting involved and making sure somebody else feels welcome.

GET INVOLVED

The Membership Committee is **about making sure that being part of Clapton Community FC feels like being part of something**.

We're always interested in **new ideas for events, activities** and ways of **bringing members together**. We'd particularly love to hear from people who have ideas about how we can involve younger members and teenagers in the life of the club.

So if you've ever thought, "Wouldn't it be great if Clapton did...", this might be the committee for you.

Come and talk to us at the Old Spotted Dog, join one of our events or get in touch through the club.

Membership isn't just about belonging to the club. **It's about helping shape what the club becomes**.

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MATCH REPORT

08.08.26 – CLAPTON CFC MIT

3-0 Clapton CFC against
Benfleet FC

Clapton CC recorded a 3-0 win over Benfleet in our historic debut in the Men's FA Cup at the Old Spotted Dog Ground.

Promotion to the ninth tier of the men's football pyramid brought with it qualification for the famous tournament for the first time ever. And the Men's First Team players and supporters seemed determined to make the most of the occasion.

Fellow Essex Senior Football League side Benfleet were the visitors, with whom we'd had two memorable tussles a few seasons back in the Eastern Counties League.

More of manager Geoff Ocran's squad were back in contention after injuries and holidays, including Adam Sidky slotting back into defence while Samba Badjana made his second debut after four seasons away.

CCFC took the lead on 18 minutes **thanks to a low strike from long distance by Sidky**. There were chances in the first half for a second, most notably when Fred Taylor unleashed a powerful strike just over on 28 minutes.

Benfleet had chances before half-time too, with a curling effort dipped narrowly over Jack Francis's crossbar on 26 minutes, followed by a stoppage-time header from a corner that missed the target.

Clapton were forced into an enforced change in the 58th minute when Azariah George-Lawal went off with a knock, allowing Louis Brown to come on for his first appearance of the season.



The match remained on a knife-edge in the second half with Benfleet coming close to an equaliser in the 74th minute when Francis tipped over the bar.

On 85, Fred Taylor rose highest at the near post to firmly head home from a free-kick delivered by sub James Goldring and it looked like it was all over.

However, within a minute Benfleet should have narrowed the deficit but missed from point-blank range.

The game was finally wrapped up in stoppage time when two subs linked up. David Makisi's skill on the wing ended in a pinpoint ball into the path of Lewis Owiredun, who side-footed past the goalkeeper.

Higher division Concord Rangers are up next in the Preliminary Round with both teams now 12 wins from the final.



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Benfleet FC



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CCFC

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Jack Francis
Chris Mathers
Robin Philpott

DEFENDERS

Tiere Beaupierre
Dean Bouho
Junia Charlton
Sam Cook
Charlie Fagan
Seb Hartwell
Tevis Panariti
Bailey Pryce
Adam Sidky
Tami Unuefa

MIDFIELDERS

Joel Akuwudike
Julian Austin
Samba Badjana
James Briggs
Ross Broadway
Nathan Cook
Azariah
George-Lawal
James Goldring
Pete Jamieson
Felix Murray
Enzo Pina
Adam Sokhal
Gideon Ssonko
Jeff Twumasi

FORWARDS

Noah Adejokun
Bernardino
Andeme
Louis Brown
Nico Bunduku
Korahn Gayle
Cameron Gordon
David Makisi
Rafael Da Mata
Will Miller
Andre Odeku
Lewis Owiredu
Samir Sedaoui
Flavien Stierlen
Fred Taylor
Jacob Wintour

LONG MELFORD FC

Logan Bell
Jack Brame
Taylor Bunnage
Harry Conway
Kaine Fryer
Seth Garza
Evan Gledhill
Charlie Glover
Jack Graham
Ben Griffiths
Toby John
Max Kersey
Liam Knights
Brandon Mckay
Benjamin Moye
Zack Newland
Konnor Oughton
Brandon Salisbury
Ryan Twinn
Harry
Whiting-Noakes



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**NEXT GAME HERE AT THE
OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND**

**Tuesday at 7.45pm - CCFC Men's First Team
vs Wivenhoe Town (BBC Essex Cup)**

OFFICIALS

Referee

Hayden Michlmayr

Assistant Referees

Adam Bel Hadj Salah
Alfie Cheal



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