

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM APPOINT THEIR NEW HEAD COACH

THE CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC'S Women's First Team have a new Head Coach who is a very familiar face - Alice Sharpe. The committee have promoted from within by appointing our current vice-captain and former captain.

Alice has been in temporary charge, along with Brian Bramble and Jack Francis, for the last six games, all of which have been won. Happily, both Brian and Jack will also remain part of the coaching team.

Alice joined Clapton CFC way back in 2019 when AFC Stoke Newington merged into our club to become our women's team. She's made over 50 appearances since as a defensive rock



including particularly memorable games in the FA Cup run.

Alice said: "I am passionate about the legacy that this club and

team can create in Forest Gate and beyond, for women and non-binary football. I am grateful to continue to be a part of its journey and to work with CCFC legends Brian and Jack."

Team captain Emily Link said; If you've met Alice Sharpe, you will know she was born to do this job. A natural leader. A football mastermind. A pioneer of the women's and non-binary teams at Clapton. A legend. We are so excited that she is our new Head Coach. Let the games commence."

The vacancy arose after the departure of our previous Head Coach, Jason Murray, and his backroom team shortly after the Brentford away game.

The Reserves will continue to be coached by Amii Griffith and Johanna Kuosa, while the Women/ **NB Development Team by Ellie** Guedalla and Julie Leaff.

Congratulations to Alice, and you can read her first Head Coach column on the next page.

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CLAPTON CFC **PLAYER PORTRAITS**

Photographer Roman Manfredi's new work Fair Play is a portrait/ documentary project that

features Clapton CFC's women and non-binary development and reserves teams. The exhibition runs from November 22 to December 3 at Handbag Factory, Vauxhall. Scan QR code for details



CUP GAME NEXT SUNDAY

Clapton CFC Women's First Team will play Comets in the second round of the Capital Women's Cup back here at the Old Spotted Dog Ground next Sunday. This means that our scheduled league game against Brentford on that day has been postponed.

Comets, who play one division below, are going strong in the league and reached the first round of the Women's FA Cup, knocking out Wycombe Wanderers on the way.

ALICE SHARPE WOMEN'S HEAD COACH

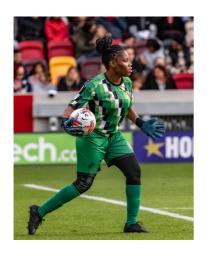
A FEW WEEKS AGO (OR MAYBE in a different lifetime, football is weird like that) I said to the team losing is a habit and we have it. Breaking a habit is tricky, it requires a mentality shift, hard work and nicotine patches. These players have risen to the challenge as they always do, any and all combinations of the squad who have stepped on the pitch in the last six games have altered the course of our season. I cannot commend them enough.

Last week saw another commanding performance from the team away at Richmond & Kew. There was not an area on the pitch we didn't dominate, and we put some pretty passes together too. Our second goal is up there as a contender for goal of the season, and we didn't even score it! Combination play from Janell Mathurin in goal through defence, midfield and our forward line. Total football made an appearance by the River Thames.

If losing was a habit, maybe winning is a habit too. Today may be our biggest challenge yet. It has been a few seasons since we last played Bromley, when they won the league in the 2021/22 season. (The season CCFC won the FA Cup using any measure that is significant although Chelsea FC may have a different take.) We beat them 3-0 at the Stray Dog but suffered a 2-0 defeat away later in the same season. Bromley have had a great start to the season, but we broke a habit, and don't plan to relapse.



PLAYER PROFILE: JANELL MATHURIN



PLACE OF BIRTH: Saint Lucia
WHERE YOU LIVE: East London
DAY JOB: Waitress
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Northern
United FC SLU, Challengers
FC SLU, Regents Park FC,
Hounslow FC
ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER:
BUKAYO SAKa
FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM
CLAPTON CFC: Arsenal
FOOTBALL AMBITION:

To make it at the highest level in women's football

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:
Representing my country
Saint Lucia

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL:
Injuries
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO
STAND AT A GAME WITH:
My uncle Allyene Mathurin
LIKES AND HOBBIES:
Going to the movies, sport,
singing, dancing
DISLIKES: Cold weather
FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED:
Dominican Republic

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken pasta FAVOURITE FILM: After! FAVOURITE TV: Grey's Anatomy WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN YOUR MUSIC APP SHUFFLE: Figures by Jessie Reyez



GOALKEEPERS

JANELL MATHURIN CHELSIE SPARKS

DEFENDERS

MIM CHADWICK ELENA DIANA LENNY HOLMES **ANNIE LYONS** JULIA MOULTON NOORA OIKARAINEN **CHLOE OWEN ALLANA SCOBLE** ALICE SHARPE **KAYLEF SHURETY FVA VAN DER VLIET**

MIDFIELDERS

MARTA BOIRO TAIYAH FVANS REBEKAH HIGGINS ANA HOLMES LUCY SPOURS **LISTFINER** FGI F TRF77I RHIANNE WRIGHT

FORWARDS

MARTA CASANOVAS CLAIRE HUGGINS **FMILY LINK** MARIA MENDONCA AIMEE SHAW SOPHIE UGUR

BROMLEY FC

- Zeena Bilal
- Maddie Bone
- Mercedes **Bromfield**
- Jade Davenport
- Leen Ekwo Charlotte
- Greenwood
- Bryony Hart
- Bethany Hull

- Charlotte Lee
- Frankie Mardon
- Daisy Monaghan
- Alyssia Mundle
- Phoebe Murton
- Hannah-Elizabeth
- Paige
- Morgan Parnell
- Lucy Rix
- Olivia Woolacott

BROMLEY FC

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

Since merging with the men's club in 2012/3, Bromley Ladies have progressed rapidly, winning a shedload of trophies. Last season they finished in second place in London & South East Regional Women's Football League Division One South, before being laterally moved to the North with us.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

We've met twice before, in 2021/22 when both teams were promoted from the Greater London Women's Football League Premier Division. At a muddy Stray Dog, we triumphed 3-0 thanks to goals from Emily Link (2) and Marta Casanovas in front of 202 spectators. In the return game at Hayes Lane,

Bromley won it 2-0 and they eventually

pipped us to the title.

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It's been a superb season so far and The Rayens are still in the hunt for promotion despite Brentford's unbeaten season. They've dropped points in just two games - a defeat at Dulwich Hamlet Reserves and a draw with Actonians Reserves. A win next month against Brentford would make it very interesting.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Recent signing Leen Ekwo has scored 6 in 2 games, having bagged 9 in 4 games for AFC Whyteleafe before her move. Top scorers however are Bethany Hull, who scored 40 last season, and Charlotte Lee, who got 28.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Nov 17	2pm	CWC	(H) Comets (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 01	1.30pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Aylesford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 08	1pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Leatherhead (at Fetcham Grove)
Dec 15	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Denham United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Jan 12	2pm	LSEWREL	(A) Bromley (at Haves Lane)

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Nov 16	3pm	SCEFLC	(H) Staplehurst Monarchs (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Nov 23	3pm	SCEFLC	(H) Sheppey Sports (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Nov 30	3pm	SCEFLC	(A) Tooting Bec (at High Road, Chipstead FC)
Dec 07	3pm	SCEFLC	(H) Bridon Ropes (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 14	3pm	SCEFLC	(A) Rochester United (at Rochester United Sports Ground)

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