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**CLAPTON CFC VS
SHEPPEY SPORTS FC**

3.00PM SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 2024

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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

- > **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
- > **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 and Jack Francis.

100 appearance medals:

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

50 appearance medals:

Annie Lyons, Arthur Wright, Carl Paul, Cemal Agdelen, Daniel Anfossy, Fama Sangare, Fionn Glancy, 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 Owiredu, Junia Charlton, James Pavely, Suleyman Zahmoul, Alice Sharpe, Jeffrey Twumasi, Joel Akuwudike and Ana Holmes.

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

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GEOFF OCRAN **MEN'S TEAM MANAGER**

THE UNBEATEN RUN CONTINUED last Saturday against Staplehurst Monarchs with another home win. As per usual, what should have been a routine win became tense towards the end but we got there in the end.

We started really well - as we always intend to at home - and were well worth our two goal lead. Teams are much more dangerous when they have goal threats from every area of the pitch so it was great to see Junia Charlton pop up from right-back with a goal. We are trying to encourage more goals from defence and especially midfield to ease the pressure on the forwards.

This being said, we still need to sharpen up in front of goal and make better decisions in the final third as we feel that's the last part of the jigsaw.

The fixtures will get tougher and we are striving to improve our points per game ratio deficit.

Results went our way last Saturday so we closed the gap on the play-off positions and are now within a point of fifth place. Sheppey Sports today are also on a good run not conceding a goal in their last few games too so we will need to be at our best to get the result required.

Despite the weather last week, it was great to see so many people returning after the FA Vase game the week before. This definitely made a difference during the second half and we hope for a similar outcome today before we go away to Tooting Bec next week.

**#WeGoAgain #Step6
#NonLeague #ClaptonFamily**

PLAYER PROFILE: **TOBY EMERSON**



PLACE OF BIRTH:

Norwich

HEIGHT: 5' 10

WHERE YOU LIVE: Tufnell Park

DAY JOB: Charity Worker

PREVIOUS CLUBS:

Poringland Wanderers

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER:

Wes Hoolahan

FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM

CLAPTON CFC: Norwich City

BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:

Playing against Easton

Cowfolk in the Gaza

Sunbirds fundraiser game

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL:

Breaking my ankle this pre-season

LIKES AND HOBBIES:

Playing guitar and 5 a-side

DISLIKES: Being injured

FAVOURITE COUNTRY

VISITED: Morocco

FAVOURITE FOOD: Curry from

Muhibs on Brick Lane

FAVOURITE FILM:

Rise of the Planet of the Apes

FAVOURITE TV: The Simpsons

FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Making my first team debut for Clapton



NEWHAM INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES MEMORIAL

FOLLOWING THE RUNAWAY SUCCESS of our away kit since 2018, CCFC decided to support the creation of a permanent memorial to those who travelled from Newham to Spain to fight fascism in the 1930s.

In 2019 we first tried to have this 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 having a memorial 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 a further delay.

However, after a year of planning, we are delighted to announce that the granite has been ordered, a stonemason

has been commissioned and the Newham International Brigades memorial will be unveiled on 26 April 2025, just before the last Men's First Team league game of the season.

The memorial stone includes a poem by David Marshall, an International Brigades volunteer who was wounded at Cerro de los Angeles near Madrid and repatriated in January 1937. A skilled theatre designer and carpenter, he later

*Madrid the magnet that drew us all
Along slow roads to Spain – at last a star
For desperate men sensing the gathering storm
And we that fought to warn a watching world
Were called false prophets by appeasers
Yet we fought for the poor of the world
David Marshall 1916-2005*

worked with Joan Littlewoods' company when they moved to Stratford East Theatre.

David died in 2005 but his widow Marlene, who still lives on Reginald Road in Forest Gate and is president of the International Brigades Memorial Trust, will attend the unveiling in April. The Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust intends to offer commemorative beer cups for sale that include David's poem (see box) and we are inviting a number of trade unions to bring their banners.

Saturday 26 April also marks the anniversary of the 'carpet bombing' of Guernica by combined German, Italian and Spanish fascist forces, which became the subject of Picasso's famous painting and finally convinced the British government to allow refugee children to travel to Southampton. A number of these children later went on to become professional football players in England and Spain.

CUP FINALS AT THE OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND, AN OCCASIONAL SERIES. NO. 3

THE HEADMASTER'S TROPHY (ST BONAVENTURE'S SCHOOL)

St. Bonaventure's School, only a few hundred yards down the road from Clapton Community FC's home ground, has a long football history.

In 1928, to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary, Headmaster Mr Gourley provided a trophy to be played for at the Old Spotted Dog Ground. The Headmaster's Trophy was

competed for between the St. Bonaventure's 1st Team and its Old Boys from 1928 to at least 1937. What happened then is not clear, but when war intervened the trophy was lost.

The annual end-of-season fixture carried on post-war, as shown by a programme from April 1959 between the Old Bonaventurians and The

School, although now there was no trophy mentioned. This continued until about the mid-1960s, when the Old Bonaventurians Association folded and the matches appear to have been discontinued.

But in 1976 the lost Headmaster's Trophy was found, 'a little battered', during school redecoration. The school's

very own cup began to be played for again at the Old Spotted Dog Ground, with annual matches between the current and old players staged from 1976 to 1980. These were now arranged by some of the teachers at the school, including Martin McShea, a member of Clapton Community FC from the start, who sadly passed away last year.

Again, what happened after 1980 is not clear. But maybe the time has come to bring the Headmaster's Trophy back to the 'Dog' ... ?

Chris Tymkow



THANKS FROM STEPHEN JENKINS' FAMILY

BEFORE THE RECENT CLAPTON CFC MEN'S First Team's FA Vase game, young players from Stephen Jenkins' coaching session unveiled a tribute banner they'd made. He'd coached many of them for almost 5 years before his tragic death aged 37. We also held a minute's applause and a photo of Stephen has been placed on the Old Spotted Dog Ground Clubhouse wall. Stephen's dad sent this message to be passed on afterwards...

"On behalf of myself, my wife Karen, Rhiannon and Mabli, family and friends, I would like to thank you for remembering and honouring Stephen. As a family it meant a lot to us to know that he was well thought of as a coach and club member at this community minded club, we know that the club meant an awful lot to Stephen, we are so grateful to you all. I'm sure Mabli will be playing football here soon. The banner is amazing, it captured Stephen's enthusiasm and passion so well, the flag went with him to many sporting events. Diolch o galon, which in English means "Thank You from the heart."



SHEPPEY SPORTS FC

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

THE CLUB BEGAN LIFE IN 1919 AS AYLESFORD Paper Mills and was nicknamed the Paperboys. Later they played under the names Reed International, APM Mears, APM, APM Contrast, then becoming K Sports in 2016.

They became Sheppey Sports this summer, having moved to groundshare with Sheppey United after being forced to leave their home of 105 years, Cobdown Sports & Social Club near Maidstone. Sheppey Sports will bridge the gap between Sheppey United's under-23s and their Isthmian League first team for talent on the Isle of Sheppey. Tragically, their player of the year Dylan Akue died in September at the age of just 21.

FORM GUIDE

They are the division's form side with five wins in a row - scoring twelve and conceding just two. The run, including beating second placed Faversham Strike Force last week, has taken The Rams from the fringes of the relegation zone into genuine play-off contenders. Now just below CCFC in the table, they'll overtake us if they win their games in hand.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Former Sheppey United player Jez Hammond is captain and he's played every game this season. Ex-Bearsted striker Joe Wakefield is the team's top scorer so far this season with six.

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
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)
Dec 21	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Sporting Club Thamesmead (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 28	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Soul Tower Hamlets (at Mile End Stadium)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Dec 01	1.30pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Aylesford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 08	1pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Leatherhead (at Felcham Grove)
Dec 15	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Denham United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Jan 12	2pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Bromley (at Hayes Lane)
Jan 19	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)



TOP GOALSCORERS

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 9 Fred Taylor
- 7 Noah Adejokun
- 4 Cameron Gordon
- 3 Joel Akuwudike, Julian Austin

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 11 Emily Link
- 7 Taiyah Evans
- 6 Rebekah Higgins
- 4 Aimee Shaw, Egle Trezzi
- 3 Marta Casanovas

TOP APPEARANCES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 20 Jack Francis
- 19 Noah Adejokun
- 18 James Briggs, Ross Broadway
- 17 Fred Taylor, Joel Akuwudike, Julian Austin
- 16 Bailey Pryce, Jeff Twumasi, Junia Charlton

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 16 Kaylee Shurety
- 14 Emily Link, Lucy Spours, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro
- 13 Aimee Shaw, Chloe Owen, Egle Trezzi, Taiyah Evans
- 12 Eva van der Vliet, Li Steiner, Marta Casanovas, Rebekah Higgins
- 10 Julia Moulton

RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Nov 16	SCEFL	CCFC vs Staplehurst Monarchs	2 - 1 W
Nov 09	FAV	CCFC vs Thetford Town (decided on pens)	0 - 0 (7 - 8) L
Nov 02	SCEFL	Greenways vs CCFC	1 - 3 W
Oct 26	SCEFL	FC Elmstead vs CCFC	2 - 2 D
Oct 22	SCEFL	Meridian VP vs CCFC	0 - 1 W

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Nov 17	CWC	CCFC vs Comets (decided on pens)	2 - 2 (3 - 5) L
Nov 10	LSEWRFL	CCFC vs Bromley	0 - 3 L
Nov 03	LSEWRFL	Richmond & Kew vs CCFC	0 - 3 W
Oct 27	LSEWRFL	Ashmount Leigh vs CCFC	1 - 4 W
Oct 20	LSEWRFL	CCFC vs AFC Whyteleafe	8 - 0 W

TABLES

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW

MEN'S FIRST TEAM



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



CCFC

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 ADEJOKUN
 TERRY AMOFO
 LOUIS BROWN
 CAMERON
 GORDON
 TAYLAN GUL
 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.

SHEPPEY SPORTS FC

GEORGE ACLAND
 HARRISON AVERY
 ALFIE BATES
 GEORGE BATTEN
 BAILEY CATHERICK
 BEAU COOK-
 BARTHOLOMEW

SIMON GYIMAHA
 JEZ HAMMOND
 JOE JARVIS
 QENAN LUA LUA
 JACK MARSH
 SHAQUILLE
 MATHURIN

ARCHIE SIMMONS
 JOE SKINNER
 COREY SPENCER
 DAN TIDNAM
 JORDAN TINGLEY
 JOEL WAKEFIELD

OFFICIALS

REFEREE
 OLIVER STOREY
 ASSISTANT
 REFEREES
 LIAM BROOM
 AND
 RONALD ALBERT

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