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**CLAPTON CFC VS**  
**SPORTING CLUB**  
**THAMESMEAD FC**

**7.45PM TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 2025**

**OLD SPOTTED DOG**

**Southern Counties East**

**Football League Division One Cup**  
**Second Round**

**NOAH SALAMA**  
**MIDFIELDER**





## SCEFL STATE OF PLAY

IT'S 20 GAMES DOWN, 14 TO GO in the SCEFL Division One for Clapton CFC this season. Nine of those remaining games are home games and five are away due to fixture list oddities.

We lie in ninth, eight points off the top and four points off the final play-off place. However, due to playing more games than most, we are actually eleventh in the points per game table.

It's hard to predict much in this division, not least because of the managerial merry-go-round which has meant Sporting Club Thamesmead, Croydon and Forest Hill Park have much changed teams going into 2025. However, we may need to win up to 10 of our remaining 14 games to make the top five. Time to make the OSD a fortress!



## FLUSHED WITH SUCCESS

A quick update on the plans for a new toilet block at the Old Spotted Dog Ground. As you may have read, after a six-month planning process, permission was granted by Newham Council in November.

The joint application

to the Premier League Stadium Fund from the club and the Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust has now been approved, which means they will contribute up to 70 per cent of the cost. Work will start as soon as possible.

The toilets will be located on the right hand side of the main stand and will include accessible toilets, baby changing facilities, three cubicles and urinals. They are in addition to the toilets in the Clubhouse.

They will replace the sinking wooden trailer-type toilet block which had to be demolished due to the poor condition early last year.

Pictured are the plans from architect Max Worrell. Thanks to those who have worked so hard on the plans and the applications.



## NEW PUB PLANS UNVEILED

New plans for the Spotted Dog pub next door to the OSD ground were submitted to Newham Council last month.

They involve restoring the elements dating from the 15th to 19th Century as a

pub, and building 36 flats on the remainder of the site.

In a previous proposal, those flats were going to be a 68-room hotel instead but those plans stalled after the Covid pandemic.



## GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM MANAGER

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, ALL! WE NOW enter into what I believe is the most critical part of the season and the next three games will define the rest of the campaign.**

Thamesmead in the cup followed by Elmstead and Halls at home are pretty much all must wins now.

For those who have followed us all season, the Soul Tower Hamlets game was just reminiscent of so many we have had this season where we have controlled elements of the game but not got the result.

Our lack of converting big chances is what will have to improve and this was again evident last Saturday with a great second half where a draw is the least we deserved.

Also those 10-15 mins after you take the lead needs to be

managed better as we found ourselves 2-1 down at half-time.

Ultimately we missed another opportunity to make up ground on the teams above us and eventually chances to capitalise become fewer and fewer before you fall adrift.

We are not really sure what to expect from Thamesmead tonight with a recent change of management but it's a cup game and I've always felt with a couple of favourable draws, the league cup is always winnable.

A new run always starts with the first game so hopefully it all comes together tonight and we progress into the next round.

**#HappyNewYear  
#Step6 #CupGame #OSD  
#ClaptonFamily**

## MEMBER PROFILE: MICK ALLCHIN



**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Worthing  
**WHERE YOU LIVE:** Plaistow  
**DAY JOB:** Retired  
**FAVOURITE PAST AND PRESENT PLAYERS:** Josh Adejokun or Charlie Fagan  
**FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC:** Not Brentham. Liverpool  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** Enjoyment  
**BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** Women's First Team's FA Cup run. Men's First Team's cup final win on penalties against Kensington Dragons

**PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO WATCH A GAME WITH:** Too many to mention as so many lovely people support CCFC  
**WHEN DID YOU START VOLUNTEERING?** From CCFC's beginning in 2018  
**HOW IS IT GOING?** Hard but mainly enjoyable work with a great team of volunteers. Seeing the pitch slowly improve and looking good before a match is always a high  
**WHAT IS THE FIFTH SONG IN YOUR MUSIC APP SHUFFLE?** Alone Again Or by Love



## SC THAMESMEAD FC

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

**FORMED IN 1900** they've had multiple name changes over the years. In 1966 they became Royal Arsenal Sports and Recreation Association, in 2003 Seven Acre Sports, in 2011 Seven Acre & Sidcup then finally in 2016 becoming Sporting Club Thamesmead after moving to their current ground.

They've been in the SCEFL Division One since it formed, with their best finish being fourth in the aborted 2019/2020 season. Alongside their first team, they have a reserves, a vets,

an under 23s and a development team.

### FORM GUIDE

SC Thamesmead are the top form side in the division, without a defeat in 12 games. Their success has been based on their superb defensive form - they've conceded just one goal in their last six games. Recently their management team quit to join divisional rivals Croydon, but Welling United Development Phase coach Reece Parara has come in as replacement.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The game at the OSD a few weeks ago was a rather dull 0-0 draw. Earlier in the season, we grabbed a great 2-1 win away, with goals from Noah Adejokun and Julian Austin.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Former Erith & Belvedere, Cray Valley PM and FC Elmstead player Connor Dobson scored a cracking goal from distance in that meeting in August.

### 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 KILLRON  
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 AMOAO  
LOUIS BROWN  
CAMERON GORDON  
TAYLAN GUL  
ANDRE ODEKU  
EMMANUEL OLASEHINDE  
LEWIS OWIREDU  
SHERWIN STANLEY  
FRED TAYLOR  
ARTHUR WRIGHT  
SULEYMAN ZAHMOUL

### SC THAMESMEAD FC

Luke Alliband / Bachi Bari / Alfie Clark / Charlie Dale / Connor Dobson / Edward Dwyer / Kanan Fitton / Steve Karkari / Cameron Macmillan / Ryan McCourt / Ryan Penton / Raphael President / Mason Simms / Merrick Simms / Aaron Walker / Jack White

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

#### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Jan 11	3pm	SCEFL	(H) FC Elmstead (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Jan 25	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Halls Athletic (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Feb 01	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Canterbury City (at Hartsdown Park, Margate FC)
Feb 08	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Rochester United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

#### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Jan 12	2pm	LSERWFL	(A) Bromley (at Hayes Lane)
Jan 19	2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Jan 26	2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Richmond & Kew (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Feb 02	2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Ashford United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)