

CLAPTON CFC VS FC ELMSTEAD 3.00PM SATURDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2025

OLD SPOTTED DOG Presence & Co Southern Counties East League Division One

ARTHUR WRIGHT FORWARD

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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

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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, Fred Taylor, Cemal Agdelen, Charlie Fagan and Marta Boiro. 50 appearance medals: Annie Lyons, Arthur Wright, Carl Paul, Daniel Anfossy, Fama Sangare, Fionn Glancy, Joshua Adejokun, Julian Austin, Lenny Holmes, Liam Smyth, Marta Casanovas, 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 and Felix Murray

COMPETITIVE WINS

Men's first team: <u>11-1</u> 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 Ags 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

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GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM MANAGER

INTO THE SCEFL DIVISION ONE Cup final we go! For the form we have shown in the second half of the season, I think that is well deserved.

We knew from our previous encounters with Meridian VP that it wouldn't be easy and more than likely to be decided by the odd goal. It came down to a bit of quality from Briggsy and another goal from a freekick to add to his long catalogue.

A special mention to the fans who came out to support us on a chilly Tuesday night as it wasn't a game for the purists at times. It's very much appreciated.

It's back to league action now and two wins are required from our next two home games. We felt it was two points dropped away at Elmstead earlier in the season so we want to make amends today. However, we will have to work for it, and we know they are in good form. Injuries and fatigue are starting to kick in after a third game in a week so we may have to rotate to freshen it up and avoid more injuries for the run in.

Ultimately we want to use the momentum from Tuesday night to start another league run.

#WeGoAgain #Step6 #OSD #Claptonfamily

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COACH PROFILE: JACK MELLORS



PLACE OF BIRTH: Homerton HEIGHT: 5'9 WHERE YOU LIVE: Clapton DAY JOB: Retraining to Data Science PREVIOUS CLUBS: Arsenal Community -> a Soccer school in Bahrain ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Cesc Fabregas FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Arsenal BIGGEST HIGHS IN FOOTBALL: Arsenal winning the league at Old

Arsenal winning the league at Old Trafford & WHL. When CCFC keep a clean sheet LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Giving up playing due to misdiagnosed injury a long, long time ago LIKES AND HOBBIES: SCEFL refs, pub quizzing, gigs, bizarre comedy DISLIKES: Hubris, thoughtlessness, whingeing, and wet socks FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil FAVOURITE FOOD: Crisps FAVOURITE FILM: Man on The Moon FAVOURITE FILM: Man on The Moon FAVOURITE TV: The Thick of It FOOTBALLING AMBITION: Reach step 5 with no budget. Reach step 4 with budget. Play at Wembley in FA Vase. Run a CCFC Academy

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DUAL SIGNINGS

Players at this level of the non-league football pyramid are allowed to sign for two teams – as long as they're not in the same division. It's usually a way of getting more game time. CCFC players are among those who are dual signed, here's our round-up...

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE

Winger <u>Lewis Owiredu</u> has played 10 games for Essex Senior League side Halstead Town this season, scoring two goals.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Three players are dual signed with teams in the Eastern Counties League, the same level as us. <u>Arthur Wright</u> has four goals in 14 games for Newbury Forest. Meanwhile at NW London, <u>Taylan Gul</u> and <u>Suleyman</u> <u>Zahmoul</u> have made three appearances apiece.

ESSEX OLYMPIAN LEAGUE

At Frenford Development, defender <u>Josh George</u> has just helped them reach the Essex Premier Cup final. Incidentally, our ex-player Bilal Hussain is their top scorer with 16 goals. At North East Lions,

goalkeeper <u>Josh Boateng</u> and our record appearance holder <u>Dean Bouho</u> are dual signed with two and nine appearances respectively. That man <u>Arthur</u> <u>Wright</u> is also registered but has yet to play. In terms of explayers, you will find Romelle Pile, Ashley Headley, Callum Keir and Tashan Benjamin.

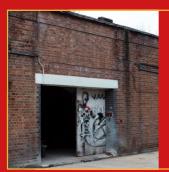
The Sporting Bengal Reserves feature many of the **CCFC Men's Development** Team, Khedir Elias, Andrea Caio, Jon Akaly, Stefan Kilron, Emmanuel Olasehinde, Mehrojidin Muzafarov and Ricardo Joseph, some of whom are also registered for the CCFC Men's First Team. Meanwhile CSM London don't have any current CCFC players, but familiar names Prince Kwakye, Lewis Wallace and Musa Manneh can be found playing there now.











YOUR SAY ON FUTURE OF OSD WAREHOUSE

With the recent closure of Durning Hall, there is a lack of <u>community</u> <u>spaces</u> around Forest Gate in Newham. Unit 38 are working with architect <u>Max</u> <u>Worrell</u> and the <u>Old</u> <u>Spotted Dog Ground</u> <u>Trust</u> to help bring the OSD warehouse into use for the local community. Scan with your phone to fill in the survey.





TOILET BLOCK CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

The Premier League Stadium Fund has awarded a grant towards the costs of building a new toilet block at the Old Spotted Dog Ground. Work began on Monday, with an expected completion time of 12 to 16 weeks.

Designed by architect and Clapton member Max Worrell, the project will be delivered by Telemac Construction, a small London-based company. The new block will include fully accessible, gender-neutral toilets, baby changing facilities, three cubicles and urinals. It is in addition to the existing toilets in the Clubhouse.

This project reflects Clapton CFC's commitment to inclusivity and enhancing the matchday experience at our historic ground.

STUART PURCELL

Look out for ex-Clapton CFC assistant manager Stu Purcell who is coming back for a visit soon. Stu ioined the Men's First Team backroom staff from the beginning in 2018 up until leaving London in 2022. He said "Since moving to Belfast I coached with Lisburn Ladies in the Premier League here and then was Queen's University U21 manager, winning the league. Miss all

the Clapton family but have recruited a new member since I left - my grandson Cillian."

He added: "Best Clapton moments were winning the league in the first season, the two cup victories and celebrating with the fans. It was amazing to move to the OSD and marking out the pitch for the first time. I'm sure I'm still the oldest player to represent Clapton CFC too! Big memories."



FC ELMSTEAD

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

THE CLUB FORMED IN 1958 AS ELMSTEAD Rovers and changed its name to FC Elmstead in 1964. Their distinctive scarlet and sky blue colours evolved when their original kit faded in the wash. The club badge is a Minorca cockerel. Former Elmstead players who have progressed into pro football include Colin Foster, Lee Martin and Grant Basey. They were promoted to this level in 2015, won the London Senior Trophy in 2021 and finished sixth last season, just outside the play-offs.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS 10110101010101010101010101010101010

It ended in a 2-2 draw at Elmstead's Lower Road Sports Ground home earlier in the season. CCFC went behind but managed to claw their way back to 2-1 up through Noah Adejokun and Cameron Gordon's goals, only to be pegged back late on.

FORM GUIDE

Since our meeting in October, Elmstead have secured good wins against the likes of Staplehurst Monarchs and Croydon, but too many draws recently means they're below us in the table.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Former Lydd Town and Ashford poacher Kieran Shrimpton has 11 goals this season - two of which were against us.

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
3pm	SCEFL	(H) Croydon (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
3pm	SCEFL	(A) Sheppey Sports (at Holm Park, Sheppey United FC)
3pm	SCEFL	(A) Staplehurst Monarchs (at Jubilee Sports Ground)
3pm	SCEFL	(H) Welling Town (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
3pm	SCEFL	(A) Lewisham Borough (at Ladywell Arena)
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WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Richmond Park (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
.30pm	LSERWFL	(A) Leatherhead (at Fetcham Grove)
2pm	LSERWFLT	(H) Soccer Elite Football Academy (at OSD Ground)
7.45pm	LSERWFL	(A) Hackney (at Wadham Lodge Stadium)
2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Denham United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
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RESULTS – LAST FIVE GAMES

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Mar 11	SCEFLC	CCFC vs Meridian VP	2 - 1 🛛 💆
Mar 08	SCEFL	CCFC vs Tooting Bec	2 - 4 💶
Mar 01	SCEFL	CCFC vs Bridon Ropes	3 - 0 🛛 🖤
Feb 22	SCEFL	Faversham Strike Force vs CCFC	3 - 2 💶
Feb 18	SCEFLC	CCFC vs Halls Athletic	2-0 🛛

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Mar 02	LSERWFLT	CCFC vs Hackney	2 - 0 🛛 🖉
Feb 23	LSERWFL	Bromley vs CCFC	2 - 0
Feb 09	LSERWFLT	CCFC vs Ashford United	3 - 0 🛛 🖤
Jan 26	LSERWFL	CCFC vs Richmond & Kew	2 - 3 L
Jan 19	LSERWFL	CCFC vs Dulwich Hamlet Res	0 - 0 D





TOP GOALSCORERS

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

19	Fred Taylor
9	Julian Austin
8	Noah Adejokun
7	Cameron Gordon
4	Louis Brown

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

13	Emily Link
7	Taivah Evans

- 7 Talyali Evalis
- 6 Rebekah Higgins
- 4 Aimee Shaw, Egle Trezzi, Marta Casanovas
- 3 Maria Mendonca

TOP APPEARANCES

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

34 Jack Francis
30 Fred Taylor
29 Julian Austin, Noah Adejokun
28 James Briggs
26 Ross Broadway

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 21 Kaylee Shurety
- 20 Emily Link, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro
- **19** Aimee Shaw, Egle Trezzi, Lucy Spours
- 17 Li Steiner, Marta Casanovas
- 16 Eva van der Vliet

MANAGER GEOFF OCRAN

GOALKEEPER<mark>s</mark>

JOSHUA BOATENG TOBY EMERSON JACK FRANCIS ROBIN PHILPOTT

ROBERT

AINSWORTH

THOMAS CLEARY

EDWARD COWAP

CAMERON

CROUCHER

RYAN CROUCHER

DEFENDERS

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 ZAHMOUI**

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.

THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE supports the *Swearing - Let's* <u>Tackle It'</u> campaign and strongly condemns the use of foul and abusive language at football matches.

FC ELMSTEAD

MATTHEW FAITHORN JAMIE FEARN JACK GIBSON THOMAS GOODAYLE SAMUEL GRANT ISAAC HADLOW SCOTT HIGGINS DAVID HJELM DANIEL KOMMU LEWIS NEALE KIERAN SHRIMPTON OFFICIALS REFEREE CHRISTOPHER BOWDERY ASSISTANT REFEREES SILVESTER AINA AND JASON ROBINSON

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