

CLAPTON CONCRETE PRE-SEASON 2018



Aug 25 v **Wanderers FC** 3pm

Sep 1 v **London Samurai Rovers FC** 12pm

at 'The Stray Dog', Wadham Lodge Sports Centre E17

WELCOME

CLAPTON
FOOTBALL CLUB

We are Clapton CFC.

If you've ever had dreams of owning a football club, you've come to the right place. With your first year of membership, you get a £1 share in the club and you can join our committees, keep our club going, and vote on important issues.

If you have suggestions or want to lend a hand - find out more information about each of the committees and what they do on page five.



Old Spotted Dog Update

The latest stage in the battle over the attempted liquidation of the charity that used to run Clapton's historic home, the Old Spotted Dog, took place in the High Court on Friday, August 17th.

Chief Registrar Nicholas Briggs, sitting at the Rolls Building, presided over a costs hearing involving Vince McBean, who is attempting to liquidate the Newham Community Leisure charity, and those petitioners who oppose it.

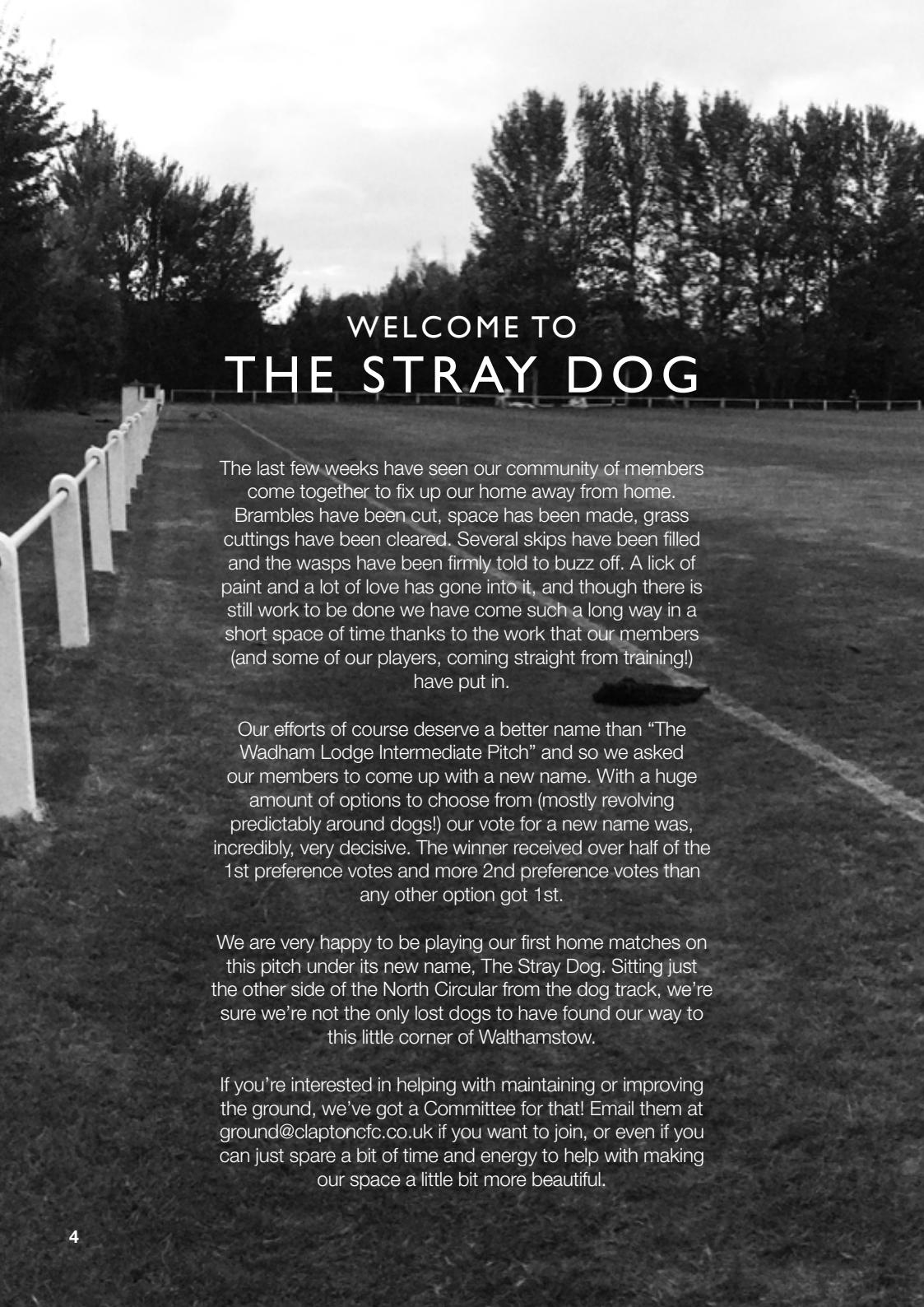
Chief Registrar Briggs set down a strict timetable leading up to the trial, beginning with Mr McBean and his fellow respondents Trevor Gordon and Ransford Taylor, being asked to refile their witness statements, accompanied by signed statements of truth, by 4pm the next Friday, August 24th. By the time you read this, you will know if they have submitted these documents or not.

Chief Registrar Briggs said these witnesses who sign a statement of truth would also be required to appear before court for cross-examination, otherwise their evidence would not be heard.

Further deadlines were laid down, including for submission of skeleton arguments and for submission of bundles of documents. If the process adheres to those deadlines, the case would next be due in court after 9 November 2018. A full trial would take place over at least four days and likely not till next summer, Chief Registrar Briggs said.

Mr McBean had no legal representation and instead represented himself, and Mr Taylor and Mr Gordon too, in court. He declined to come to an agreement over costs, which were estimated by the petitioners as £64,000 for just a two-day trial alone.

Although Clapton CFC are playing in Walthamstow, all members are desperate for a return to the Old Spotted Dog as soon as possible.



WELCOME TO THE STRAY DOG

The last few weeks have seen our community of members come together to fix up our home away from home.

Brambles have been cut, space has been made, grass cuttings have been cleared. Several skips have been filled and the wasps have been firmly told to buzz off. A lick of paint and a lot of love has gone into it, and though there is still work to be done we have come such a long way in a short space of time thanks to the work that our members (and some of our players, coming straight from training!) have put in.

Our efforts of course deserve a better name than “The Wadham Lodge Intermediate Pitch” and so we asked our members to come up with a new name. With a huge amount of options to choose from (mostly revolving predictably around dogs!) our vote for a new name was, incredibly, very decisive. The winner received over half of the 1st preference votes and more 2nd preference votes than any other option got 1st.

We are very happy to be playing our first home matches on this pitch under its new name, The Stray Dog. Sitting just the other side of the North Circular from the dog track, we’re sure we’re not the only lost dogs to have found our way to this little corner of Walthamstow.

If you’re interested in helping with maintaining or improving the ground, we’ve got a Committee for that! Email them at ground@claptoncfc.co.uk if you want to join, or even if you can just spare a bit of time and energy to help with making our space a little bit more beautiful.

A WORD FROM THE GAFFER

Our Player-Manager Geoff Ocran

It's another first as we play our maiden home games at Wadham Lodge. The players are really excited and it's no surprise everyone wants to be involved.

A lot of hard work has gone into getting the pitch and spectator areas ready for this game. The coaches and players would like to thank all the volunteers who have given up their Wednesday evenings to help out.

We started pre-season training back in early July. Performances and fitness have gradually improved as you would expect they should over time. The squad is starting to have a familiar shape to it and this helps from a formation and tactical standpoint as it becomes more routine.

The best moment of pre-season was undoubtedly our performance at the Sporting Hackney game.

Going into the game there was slight pressure on us to get a positive result on the back of two losses albeit to teams who are steps above. So to put on a performance like we did, winning 4-2 having gone 4-0 ahead, I was very proud of the lads!

I've often worked quite closely with management at my previous clubs so nothing has really shocked me yet as a new manager. I've enjoyed it so far as the challenge was to get a team together from scratch in just over two months. It's about time management, preparation and making sure all the team matters are addressed leading up to match days.

As for aims this season, we want promotion so the league campaign is our priority but if not, then definitely some silverware and a cup final. We want everyone to enjoy coming to watch us play this season with an exciting brand of football. So I hope you're entertained today.



THE ARCHIVES

From the Clapton FC Archive
at the Bishopsgate Institute

The Cup Winners' Autographs of 1924

The 1924 Amateur Cup Final saw Clapton FC at the peak of their powers. A 3-0 win over Erith & Belvedere in front of 32,000 (the highest ever Amateur Cup gate at the time) at Millwall's ground brought the trophy back to Forest Gate for the fourth time.

The Clapton players were rewarded by the Club with a celebratory dinner after the match, at the Holborn Restaurant on Kingsway. The menu, written in French, included Raviers Speciaux, Consomme de Tortue au Madere and Saumaon bouilli sauce Hollandaise.

"It was a merry party of players and wives and sweethearts" reported the Daily Herald a few days later, adding that after the meal those present "danced the light fantastic till the last train home". "Such events" concluded the report, "live long after one's playing days are but a memory".

They live on today, for someone at the party kept their menu card as a souvenir. Not only that, they got the entire team to sign it on the back. (This card has been provided to the Archive by Life Member Andy Barr).

Others weren't so careful. The Committee minutes for the following week discuss the loss of Barnard's cup winner's medal, resolving to notify the FA and ask if a duplicate could be issued "should the original not be returned".

Three weeks after that, the Committee was congratulating two of the cup winning team, Earle and Gibbins, on their selection for the England team to play France.

The Amateur Cup winning team that day, 5th April 1924, was as follows: A Moore, E Penstone, FJG Blake, C Williams, WJ Bryant, C Cable, A Riley, SGJ Earle, V Gibbins, RE Potter (2 goals), W Barnard (1 goal). Can you match the signatures with the names?

Chris Tymkow

The Clapton FC Archive is kept at:
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020 7392 9200

MONEY

Makes the world go round...

Latest Financials

As part of our commitment to being completely transparent with members and supporters about our club's finances, we thought we'd give you all an update of what we've paid out from the beginning for the financial year (1st April 2018) to the most recent date (21st Aug 2018). So, this is our total expenditure (by committee) and total income for this year so far:

Committee

Club Board	£ 1,138.20
Finance	£ -
Match Day	£ 3,358.42
Men's First Team	£ 165.00
Women's First Team	£ -
League Liason	£ 381.00
Communication	£ 3,566.64
Fundraising	£ -
Community Outreach	£ -
Training	£ -
Ground Maintenance	£ -

Total Expenditure

(1st Apr to 21st Aug 2018)

£ 8,609.26

Total Income

£ 13,924.92

Player Sponsorship

As you can see from our finance page, running a football club is expensive! We're always looking for responsible ways to get a bit of money coming in, so if you want to sponsor a player and get your name in the programme for the season this is the page it'll go on. Email us at fundraising@claptoncfc.co.uk for more info.

Of course most teams who run player sponsorship have a more stable roster than we can hope for at our level, so if your player happens to leave you'll be able to switch your sponsorship to someone who's still around!

Programme Sponsorship

We're also looking for programme sponsors so if you want to get a small advert in here then get in touch with us so we can talk rates - fundraising@claptoncfc.co.uk. Remember that as well as being printed and sold at matches, our programmes will be sent out to all of our members via email and will be put into our archive at Bishopsgate for future generations of Tons to look back on too.

KNOW YOUR HISTORY

In a demonstration of amazing restraint from the Aldershot board, a bottle of Pussers Navy Rum remained unopened at the Recreation Ground for almost 16 years.

The rum had been gifted by Clapton to The Shots in commemoration of their first competitive game back as a revived entity following liquidation.

On Saturday 22nd August 1992, 1,493 supporters turned out at the Rec to see Aldershot Town start again in the Isthmian League Division 3, against Clapton.

The Tons, who had finished second bottom of the league the previous season, caught the hosts cold and raced into an early 0 - 2 lead - Danny Evans & Ian Scott with the goals.

Aldershot fans who, just months before, had watched their club be expelled from the old



Division 4 and re-emerge 5 leagues down. Now they were losing to Clapton!

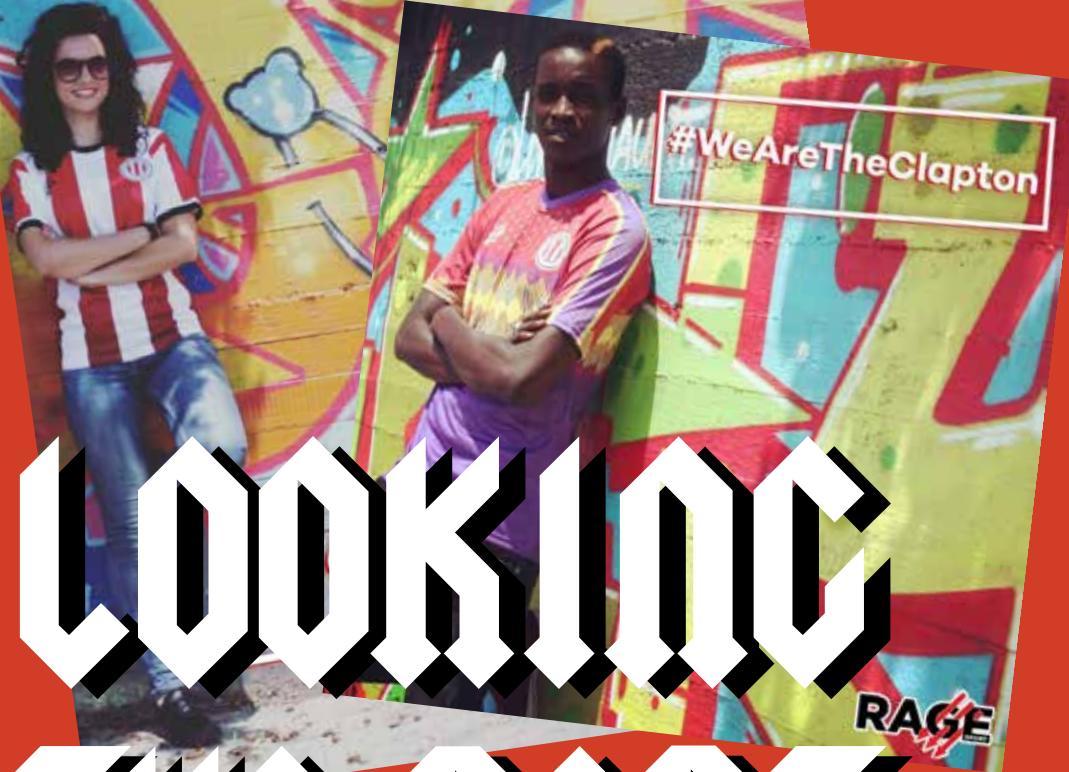
The home team soon fired back, with goals either side of half time. The game finished 4 - 2 to the Hampshire side, who finally had something to cheer after what must have been a heartbreakin period for the club.

Aldershot Town would go on to win the league by 18 points that season, although not before becoming unstuck at the Old Spotted Dog.

The Isthmian League's newest club clearly weren't accustomed to the surrounds provided by its oldest. A crowd of 545 watched Clapton defeat their lofty counterparts 2 - 1.

The bottle of rum, presented by our current Club life member, Michael Fogg, was used to toast Aldershot's return to the Football League in 2008.





LOOKING THE PART

With a hugely successful launch event, our initial run of replica shirts sold out very quickly. The away shirt has attracted a lot of attention in particular (inspired by the colours of the Spanish Republic flag – was chosen by members of the club in a vote of 16 alternatives) and has brought in a lot of pre-orders for the next batch.

We will be re-ordering them regularly through the season as long as there is demand, with an order going in on the 26th August so get over to our merchandise stall or order online at:
www.claptoncfc.co.uk/store
for your shirt to be included in that run.

Please remember that sizes are tighter than usual as the supplier is Italian so you may wish to order a size larger than normal. We also have some t shirts and sweatshirts for sale, and ideas for more merchandise to come through the season - but if you have any ideas or designs of your own please get in touch with the Comms committee at comms@claptoncfc.co.uk

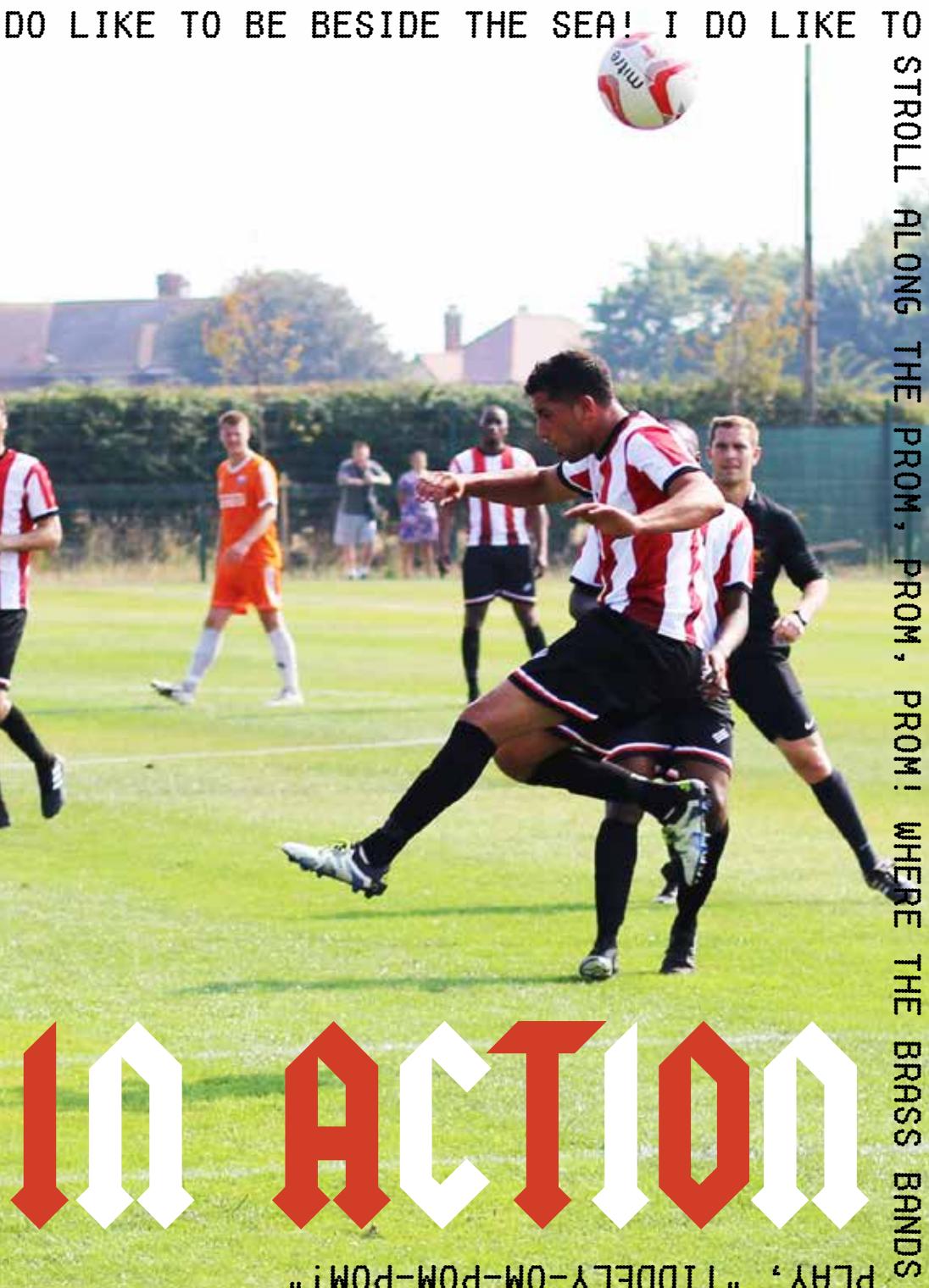
Our kit supplier Rage Sports are an ethical company who make all their kits in Italy using responsibly sourced material and make sure all workers in the supply chain is paid properly fairly.

OH! I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE! I



Holland FC v
Clapton CFC
Pre-season positives
on joyous historic
day for both clubs

TODS



10 ACTION 00

PLAY, "TIDDELY-OM-POM-POM!"

DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEA! I DO LIKE TO STROLL ALONG THE PROM, PROM, PROM! WHERE THE BRASS BANDS

PLAYER PROFILE:



ELIOT CROSBIE

Full Name: **Eliot Crosbie**

Place of Birth: **Roehampton**

Birthdate: **7 June 1990**

Height: **6ft 1in**

Weight: **12 stone 9lbs**

Place where you live: **Acton**

Previous clubs:

**Ela FC, Tottenham Phoenix,
Enfield 1893**

Day job: **Shop manager, William Hill**

Favourite player: **David Beckham**

Favourite team, apart from Clapton CFC:
Manchester United

Most memorable match played in:
**FA Vase last 16 for Enfield 1893, with
about 600 fans. Lost 1-0 away, but
can't remember the opposition's name.**

Favourite ground played at:
Goldsdown Road for Enfield 1893

Biggest high in football:

**Scoring first half hat-trick in the First
Round FA Vase 6-1 win away to Oxhey
Jets for Enfield 1893**

Lowest point in football:

**Everytime I lose a game or make
a mistake**

Likes and hobbies:

**Playing snooker, going out
to eat, chiling watching films
and documentaries at home**

Dislikes: **Pesto, cold weather
and London Transport**

Favourite charity: **Cancer Research**

Favourite country visited:
Greece, especially Corfu Old Town

Favourite food:
My girlfriend's cooking

Favourite music/performers: **Eminem**

Favourite TV shows: **Shades of Blue
and Police Interceptors**

Favourite film: **Catch Me If You Can**

What you love about football:
**Team spirit and togetherness.
scoring goals**

What you hate about football:
Losing games or making mistakes

Biggest influence on you:
My older brother

Footballing ambition:
**To be the best I can be and fly
as high as the ride might take me**

Who would you most like to meet?
The Queen



As opponents for our first home game of this new era, it doesn't get much more iconic than facing Wanderers FC; an institution Clapton have been acquainted with since our early days as in the 1880s.

Wanderers, in their original form, existed from 1859 to 1887, at the epoch of what we now consider to be the sport of Association football. They can be accredited with contributing to the foundation of the world's oldest knock-out tournament, the FA Cup, the Football Association itself, the London FA and international football.

Founded as Forest Football Club, today's match in Walthamstow represents something of a homecoming for the now South London side. Presumably named for their proximity to Epping Forest, the capital's oldest club initially hosted matches at grounds close to Whipps Cross, less than 2 miles from where we play today.

Founders, Charles and John Alcock, were brothers from Sunderland living in what is now East London and, with their friends, founded the Forest Club. Having gained

acclaim playing friendly matches over four years, the club was invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the Football Association in 1863.

A split between the brothers led to Charles taking some of the players and forming 'Wanderers' in 1864. They resumed playing on grounds between the Infant Orphan Asylum, where Snaresbrook Crown Court is now, and Whipps Cross.

During this period, the new Wanderers team played in Forest's red & white striped shirts, black shorts and black socks. They later took on the unique colours of pink, yellow and black hoops.

The 'Rovers', as they became known, ditched the then Essex village, to then, sporadically, stage games at Battersea Park, Vincent Square in Westminster, and at Kennington Oval. When Charles became Secretary of Surrey County Cricket Club, the move to the Oval became permanent.

The club's heyday saw them reach - and win - 5 FA Cup Finals. Charles's suggestion of a



knock-out tournament in 1871 resulted in the first cup competition, which Wanderers won. They retained the cup, going straight to the final, in the only time the FA Cup gave the holders a bye. In 1876, 1877 and 1878, Wanderers became the first team to win three finals in a row - a feat equalled by Blackburn Rovers (1884, 1885 and 1886) but never achieved since.

With the advent of professionalism (illegal until 1885) and the increasing popularity of 'Old Boys' teams, the best players either headed to the north of England to earn a living or joined their old school.

Most players at the time were from wealthy families, where they could afford to take Saturdays off to play, as opposed to the working classes who could only afford to keep their Sundays free.

This meant that Wanderers effectively ceased to compete 1887 - The year Clapton moved to the Old Spotted Dog.

150 years after they originally formed, the club was reborn to raise money for good

causes. They started out with a weekly Wednesday night kickabout and three exhibition matches.

In November 2012, the revived Wanderers returned to the Kennington Oval to face Royal Engineers, in an official re-staging of the first ever FA Cup final.

Royal Engineers exacted revenge 140 years after the original match, winning the game 1-0 and lifting the FA Cup itself.

In the 2011-12 season, the club entered a team in the Surrey South Eastern Combination. Since then, the team has risen through the divisions, securing three consecutive promotions.

2018-19 marks their 10th season since reforming and they now have three competitive teams (two men's, one women's), an infrequent Casual XI, two weekly training sessions, a lively social calendar and regular European tours.

Their aim is to return to the FA Cup by the 2031-32 season.

LONDON

London Samurai Rovers are a merger of two Japanese heritage clubs - London Samurai United and JL Rovers.

They joined forces earlier this month having both competed in the Middlesex County Football League Division 1 last season, finishing ninth and tenth out of 12.

The club are part of the ambitious London Samurai Academy, set up by Japanese expats in 2013, with Southampton defender Maya Yoshida as their ambassador.

They have a heavy focus on youth development: 8 different age groups, starting at under-7s, in addition to their senior team, of which London Samurai United had formed in 2017 and JL Rovers in 2015.

Across these teams, London Samurai Academy have 150 players, mostly London-based Japanese players but with other nationalities too.

Through their youth setup they have links with a number of professional teams, playing a friendly against Fulham's academy and jointly running a training camp with QPR for instance.

They are aiming high with the senior team too, under manager Yasu Oba, with the stated ambition of playing in the FA Cup and reaching a semi-pro level.

Based in Acton, they will groundshare with Sporting Clube de Londres at North Acton Playing Fields this season.

We will meet them at least twice more this season - home and away in the MCFL1 - so this friendly will be an early chance for both clubs to scope each other out.

So far this pre-season, London Samurai Rovers have beaten Kodak FC 4-0, drawn 2-2 with Old Manorians, and lost 4-1 to Hanworth Sports and 3-0 to Western Athletic.

SAMURAI ROVERS

U KNOW? DID YOU KNOW? DID YOU KNOW? DID YOU KNOW? DID YOU KNOW?

Wanderers should have featured in the first FA Cup match ever staged at the Old Spotted Dog Ground...

St Bartholomew's Hospital FC, the club that had the Old Spotted Dog Ground before Clapton, first entered the FA Cup in the 1881-82 season, a year which saw 69 clubs enter, more than in any previous season. There were 32 clubs from the north, 37 from the south, and St Bartholomew's Hospital drew the Wanderers at home in the first round.

However, despite one of the Wanderers'

members, C W Alcock, being the current Honorary Secretary of the Football Association and another member, C H Wollaston, being on the FA Committee, the famous club was already showing signs of the problems that would see them go out of existence for many years. They had pulled out of most of the 1880-81 season due to the "difficulty for some time past experienced in getting a representative team together", and they likewise "scratched" the cup tie against St Bartholomew's Hospital. So, the "Medicals", had a walkover and the

match at the Dog never happened.

St Bartholomew's Hospital were drawn away to another of football's forgotten clubs, Great Marlow, in the 2nd round. This match was played at Kennington Oval, the venue of many London FA Cup matches in those days. Ironically, the game was refereed by CW Alcock of the Wanderers. In a stiff breeze, a goal in each half for Marlow sent the "Medicals" out of the cup. Great Marlow then went on to reach the semi-final, where they were beaten by the eventual winners, Old Etonians.

Chris Tymkow

U KNOW? DID YOU KNOW?

THE COMMUNITY

Why #WeAreAllTheClapton

Earlier this year when members met to revive Clapton Football Club as a 100% fan-led community benefit society, we reached an unanimous agreement to organise our club based on values of solidarity and cooperation and to adopt a radical democratic structure for accountable decision-making.

The idea was to create a culture within the club based on active, non-hierarchical participation and to show what is possible if football is based not on money and greed but on mutual support. What this means in practice is everyone taking part rather than leaving a few people to run around sorting everything out. If we take on and share responsibilities, each according to our time, energy and abilities, we will all enjoy our club a whole lot more.

Since June, we now have active committees responsible for communications, fundraising, the men's first team, liaising with the Middlesex League, maintenance of our home ground, arrangements on match days, training for members and community outreach. There are also two sub-committees, one covering membership and one looking at accountability within the club.

What we hope, however, is that these committees will grow, that more members will join them and help to share the load. If you are not sure how you can contribute, there are plenty of other members who can help and who can pass on skills. We also try not to assume we know everything and

we want to listen to the wisdom that others bring to our organising and discussions. When we started organising the club in this way, we said the greatest risk is that there are not enough people prepared to take part in at least one small part of the overall running of the club. So far, the involvement of members has been fantastic but it is vital that we try to avoid the situation where some members are stretched too thinly and trying to do too much. This is bad for our sustainability and, because it risks the concentration of power in the hands of a small number of people, it is bad for our democracy too.

If you simply want to know more, you can email any of the committees at the following addresses:

Communications:

comms@claptonfc.co.uk

Fundraising:

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Men's First Team:

mensfirstteam@claptonfc.co.uk

Ground Maintenance:

ground@claptonfc.co.uk

Match Day:

matchday@claptonfc.co.uk

League Liaison:

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Training:

training@claptonfc.co.uk

Community Outreach:

community@claptonfc.co.uk

Finances:

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SCORES & COMING UP

RESULTS

Friendlies

Jul 21
Holland FC 5
CCFC 0
Att: 155

Jul 29
West Essex FC 3
CCFC 0
Att: 115

Aug 4
Sporting Hackney FC 2
CCFC 4
Att: 125.
Goals: Crosbie 2,
Adejokun, Pile.

Brian Lomax Supporters

Direct Trophy:
Aug 7
Enfield Town 4
Clapton CFC 0
Att: 250.

Aug 11
NW London FC 1
CCFC 3
Att: 75
Goals: Crosbie 2, Akaly.

Aug 8
Epping Town FC 4
CCFC 4
Att: 70.
Goals: Crosbie 2,
Adejokun, Rene.

FIXTURES

Friendlies

Aug 25
CCFC v
Wanderers FC
3pm

Sep 1
CCFC v
London Samurai Rovers FC
12pm

**Cherry Red Records
Middlesex County
Football League Division 1:**
Sep 15
Ealing Town FC v
CCFC
3pm

**BBC Essex
Premier Cup**
Round 1:
Sep 22
CCFC v
Hutton FC
2pm

**Anagram Records
Trophy Round 1:**
Oct 13
Epping Town FC v
CCFC
3pm



PROUDLY EAST LONDON 2018

Clapton Ultras' 5-a-side tournament, Proudly East London, is now in its fourth year. In line with the accidental tradition of holding it in a different East London borough each year we are delighted that this one is being held in the five a side pitches next to our new ground at Wadham Lodge on Sunday 26th August - the day after the Wanderers friendly!

All are welcome to come down and enjoy the day, and if you want to get a game in feel free to bring your boots along in case anyone's short of a player! This year we will also be hosting our first team from outside the UK, with St. Pauli Hyenas making the journey from Hamburg, along with lots of teams from around London and the UK.

The bar will be open during and after the tournament so stick around for drinks!

THE PLAYERS

CLAPTON CFC

Goalkeepers	Midfield	Attack
Daniel Anfossy	Callum Keir	Bogdan Bivolaru
Vladyslav Bendovskyy	Geoff Ocran	Bradley O'Donovan
Defenders	Jai Bhogal	Eliot Crosbie
J Ashanik	Joshua Adejokun	Gabriel Ogunwomoju
Andrew Lastic	Liam Headley	Jon Akaly
Ashley Headley	Louis Rene	Saiid Jaffa
Dean Bouho	Maxwell Nwafor	Sherwin Stanley
Ellick Coleman	Phil Blakesley	Stefan Neilsen
Ethan Dixon	Prince Kwakye	Tashan Benjamin
Liam Smyth	Sham Darr	Tony Cookey
Romelle Pile	Stefan Kilron	
Tom Carding		
Yacine Rabia		

VISITORS

WANDERERS FC	8 Alasko Soumahoroe	15 Craig McRae
1 Barak Ngoma	9 James Byrne	19 Mark Wilson
2 Richie Hayes	10 Evandro Rodriguez	33 Chedee Alexander
3 Ross McAllister	11 Elliot Winspear	
4 Abron Kargbo	12 Pierro Rea	LONDON SAMURAI ROVERS
5 Jose Concha	13 Ryan O'Neill	Squad not submitted
7 Aaron McCann	14 Filimon Mulugeta	

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