

MATCH DAY PROGRAMME



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ACCREDITED
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

THURLOW NUNN LEAGUE



CLAPTON FC V St Margaretsbury



KICK OFF 15:00

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

TERENCE MCMILAN STADIUM, 281 Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow, E13 8SD

WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL
CLAPTON FOOTBALL CLUB
OFFICIAL HOME OF THE "TONS"



Samuel Omueda
Chairman
Clapton Football Club

Clapton Football Club warmly welcomes the supporters, officers and players of St Margaretsbury Football Club.

The TONS come into this game in good form. Having won 3 of the last 4 league games, which includes a scoreless draw away against Tower Hamlets, the TONS will be confident coming into today's game.

St Margaretsbury lost 2-1 in their last game against Dunmow Town FC. They will be determined to get a good result here today.

We expect an action-packed game today.

Enjoy the match, thank you for coming, and have a safe journey home.

Clapton Football Club

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STANDINGS							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Harlow Town	12	7	3	2	11	24
2	Cannons Wood	10	7	1	2	12	22
3	Dunmow Town	10	7	0	3	12	21
4	Hutton	11	7	0	4	6	21
5	Wormley Rovers	10	5	3	2	14	18
6	Benfleet	8	5	2	1	7	17
7	Basildon Town	12	4	4	4	3	16
8	Burnham Ramblers	12	5	1	6	-4	16
9	Newbury Forest	10	5	1	4	-4	16
10	Brimsdown	12	4	2	6	5	14
11	Clapton Community	9	3	4	2	2	13
12	May & Baker	10	4	1	5	1	13
13	Enfield Borough	10	2	6	2	-5	12
14	Southend Manor	9	3	2	4	-3	11
15	Clapton	9	3	2	4	-11	11
16	Hackney Wick	8	3	1	4	3	10
17	Barkingside	10	3	1	6	-6	10
18	Park View	10	3	1	6	-16	10
19	Hoddesdon Town	7	2	2	3	0	8
20	Tower Hamlets	10	2	2	6	-5	8
21	NW London	8	2	1	5	-9	7
22	St Margaretsbury	9	2	0	7	-13	6

FIXTURES 2023-24 – NEXT THREE FIXTURES

FDS	30/09/23	15:00	Southend Manor 	VS		Clapton	
LSTr	07/10/23	15:00	Peckham Town 	VS		Clapton	
FDS	14/10/23	15:00	Wormley Rovers 	VS		Clapton	



Founded in 1894 as Stanstead Abbots FC, with their home at Mill Field, Cappell Lane in Stanstead Abbots. Playing in the Herts County League, East Herts and Hertford & District Leagues they won the local Graphic Cup during the 1920's and 1930's. After 1945 the Club played in the Waltham & District League, re-joining the Herts County League in season 1947/48. In their first season back in the Herts County League the Club won Division two, gaining promotion and winning the Aubrey (League) Cup. In 1962 the Club moved to their present location, St Margaretsbury Recreation Ground, one of the conditions being they change their name to St Margaretsbury FC. The Club's next honour was in 1972 when again they won the Aubrey Cup. At the end of the 1987/88 season the 1st XI were briefly relegated to Division One, but returned to the Premier Division at the start of 1991/92. After 44 years in the Herts Senior County League the 1st XI became members of the London Spartan League, Premier Division for the start of season 1992/93, finishing in a very creditable 6th place. That season also saw the Club gained its first County Cup by winning the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy, defeating Sawbridgeworth Town 2-1, at Ware FC. By 1993/94 our league position had progressed to finish 3rd and while celebrating our 100 years centenary we came 2nd in 1994/95. In 1995/96 the Club won the Premier Division Championship and the Reserves and the 3rd X1 made it a treble of Championships by winning their respective Divisions in the McMullen's Hertford and District League. The Roy Bailey Memorial Trophy was won that same season, defeating Ware 2-0 at Enfield FC. In 1997/98 the 1st XI won the Herts Charity Shield, defeating London Colney on penalties. In 1998/99 the 1st XI were accepted into the newly formed Minerva Footballs Spartan South Midlands League, Premier Div. Another Milestone in 2000/01 when the Club qualified for entry into the FA Cup. In 2001/02, the Club was awarded the Houghton Regis Cup by the Spartan South Midlands League for achievements in the FA Cup competition. In the same season the Club gained its first Spartan South Midlands League competitive trophy, when they won the Premier Division Cup, beating Potters Bar Town 2-0 in the final. Season 2003/04 had another good run in the F.A.Cup, having negotiated three rounds before going down to Kettering Town 0-2 away. In the same season, the South Midland Floodlit Cup was won with a 3-2 victory against Wootton Blue X and finished 3rd in the league. Season 2004/05 saw changes in management and key players, and although viewed as a building season the club still managed a credible 7th place in the premier league. Season 2005/06 saw a good FA Cup run, with a dramatic 3-2 away win against Ryman Premier League

Billericay Town. Bury finishing 12th in the league. Season 2006/07 saw major changes... not unfortunately good changes! This started with new Chairman John Tobin, and a newly appointed Director of Football Steve Dix. Paul Gurney was first team manager, and it was a very tough season, coming close to relegation but finally finishing 15th in the league. Season 2008/09 – a very turbulent season that put a strain on every aspect of our efforts to achieve our true potential. But new First team manager Lee Judges still managed to hit a credible 14th league position and came in as runners up in the Premier Division Cup. Season 2009/10 – the club saw new Chairman Gary Stock take up his position, who along with an almost completely new committee. The majority of our youth teams had been moved and renamed in more than questionable circumstances under the the control of MHRML Chairman Steve Dix. With derisory finances on handover in a recession year, this was without doubt one of the toughest starts to any season. But the team somehow still matched the previous season's 14th league position and were runners up in the Herts Charity Shield final. Season 2011/12 – Our U18's SCFYL team performed magnificently, winning their own division and then going on to beat Academy side Boreham Wood U18's in the 4 team divisional final, to become overall League Champions. Our 1st team finished 18th, whilst the reserves finished 3rd and won the Floodlit Cup. Season 2011/12 – The club's restructuring and regeneration program was complemented by the successful merger of John Warner Youth FC. The First team finished 12th in the league and were Premier League Cup Finalists, while the Reserves were Finalists in the Floodlit Cup. The Senior Club also achieved Chartered Standard, Season 2012/13 – The First Team had an exceptional season, finishing in 4th position in a very strong league. First Team Manager Lee Judges and Assistant Manager Clive Brooks decided to step down at the end of the season. Season 2014/15 – The first team finished 8th and the Reserves went on to win their South East division. Season 2015/16 – John Barker is appointed to 1st Team Manager, joined by club legend Kaine Lovett appointed to Reserves/U25 Dev Manager. A very tough 1st team season finishing 19th and the Reserves/U25 Dev a well-deserved 4th. Season 2016/17 – Another very tough season for the 1st team finishing 20th. Again, the U25 Dev under Kaine Lovett excel and finish 3rd in their league. Season 2017/18 – We were one of the first clubs nationally to start publishing our match programme online. Season 2018/19 – After 20 consecutive years in the SSML, the 1st team is moved to play in the Essex Senior League. By choice our Reserves/Development team moves to the Herts County League. Manager John Barker stepped down in late Sept to give priority to his family life, and Max Mitchell was appointed 1st team manager, finishing 7th while also reaching the final of the Gordon Brasted Trophy. Unfortunately, fate struck again with 7 games to go, when Max moved to a step 4 club battling relegation. With core players going with him, our season fizzled out. Season 2019/20 – Covid-19 took centre stage! Season 2020/21 - Ray Bartlett deservedly gets his chance as he is appointed First Team manager. Season 2021/22 – After 11 games played, Ray Bartlett stepped down to focus on some health issues and we subsequently appointed Paul Holding to the first team Manager position. 2022/23 the 1st team are relegated to step 6 after 23 years at step 5. 2023/24 – Gavin Wood comes on board as Club Chairman, while Paul Holding and Shane Bambridge are joint managers.



ST MARGARETSBURY

SQUAD

Freddie Salmon (GK), Mark Maloney (GK), Connor Casey, Aaron O'Connell, George Edden, Billy Skinner, Lewis Matthews, Alfie Campbell, Karmichael Daniel Blondi, Connor Bancans, Isaac Stevens, Mason Ellis, Jimmy J. Hayden, Jake Hayden-Eley, Oliver Edwards, Lanrewaju Balogun, Miles Holding, Appiah-Kusi, Owen Braddick, Charles Anthony, Shane Bambridge, Jacob Samson Adelaja, Mehmet Kusoglu, Jay Cattini, Jason Brown, Darnell Ram

FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT TEAM

Joint managers: Paul Holding & Shane Bambridge

Assistant: Andy Prutton

Coaches: Dominic Woods, Mark Mezen & Paul Gurney

KIT COLOURS

Away: Yellow shirts, Yellow shorts and Yellow & Black socks.

GK: Jersey, Green

CLAPTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The history of Clapton is very much that of a club which has a history and reputation unparalleled in nonleague football. Founded in 1878 as Downs FC in Downs Rd Hackney, the club moved to its present site in 1888 and changed its name to Clapton Football Club in the same year.

Clapton in 1894 became founder members of the Southern League (Dr Martins) along with Luton Town, Millwall, Reading, Southampton, and Swindon. Arsenal were prime movers but left to join the football league whilst Tottenham Hotspurs application was rejected!! The club was one of the original founder members of the Isthmian League in 1905 which was then and up until the early 70s one of the most important semi-professional leagues in the county.

Clapton's reputation and history are tied to the early days of this league and the prestigious FA Amateur Cup and were twice winners of the league and five times winners of the Cup.

In 1956 Clapton played in the first floodlit game for an amateur side against Barking at Upton Park in front of 5,000 people. Their best ever FA Cup run was during this time with a 1-1 draw against QPR in 1957 before losing the reply away 1-3 in front of 14,000.

With the introduction of the Premier Division, Clapton had a brief change of fortune and won the Division Two title in 1982-83 as well as the Essex Senior Cup in 1983-84 beating Southend Utd. The Essex Thameside Trophy was won in 1983-84 and retained the following year. Relegation to the newly formed Division 2 North followed in 1984-85. Still the club rallied to win the Essex Senior Trophy in 1988 and lost in the final of the London Senior Cup the same year 0-1 to then conference side Fisher Athletic.

However, a 7th place finish in 1988-1989 saw a mass exodus of players at the end of the season and two seasons later Clapton were in Division 3 (now Div 2) upon reorganisation of the league. The club now plays in the Essex Senior League.

Clapton played in the Essex Senior League for a number of years, but were relegated in the 2022/23 season. The 2023/24 season saw a change in management for the club, now led by president Leigh Nisbet and chairman Samuel Omueda.

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SQUAD

Faruk Abdullahi, Junior Adeoyi, Leandro Alva, Deyonte Anthony, Jonas Borges, Brandon Bullman, Munya Charuma, Joshua Clemis, Roland Dadzie, Sekou Diarra, Benedi Difika, Ebenezer Fasoranti, Luke Foster, Maxwell Grappy, Rotimi Haisell-Okunniwa, Tyler Houston-Taylor, Al Moataz Leguemani, Joseph Minga Longonda, Peter Luvualu, Emmanuel Mandangi, Giseldi Marashi, Tafari Miller, Chinaza Obiechina, Habib Orekoya, Richard Pett, Oluwaseyifunmui Rotimi, Ricky Shaw, Dale Small, Rehal Theobalds, Leon Wildman, Abel Yohannes

FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager: Mohammed Bashkal

Coach: Gildo Lennox Andre

KIT COLOURS

Home: White & Red and Black Stripe Shirts & Shorts, Red Socks

GK: Light Grey Shirt, Shorts & Socks

Away: Blue & Yellow/Black Stripe Shirts & Shorts, Blue Socks

GK: Royal Blue Short, Shorts & Socks

RESULTS 2023-24

FDS	20/09/23	19:45	Tower Hamlets 	0 - 0	 Clapton
FDS	16/09/23	15:00	Hoddesdon Town 	1 - 3 (HT 0-1)	 Clapton
FDS	09/09/23	15:00	Clapton 	2 - 1	 Hutton

COMMUNITY SHOUT OUTS

Shout out to E- Care Services Ltd based in Stratford. Amongst other things, you can arrange an appointment with them to have your ear wax removed.



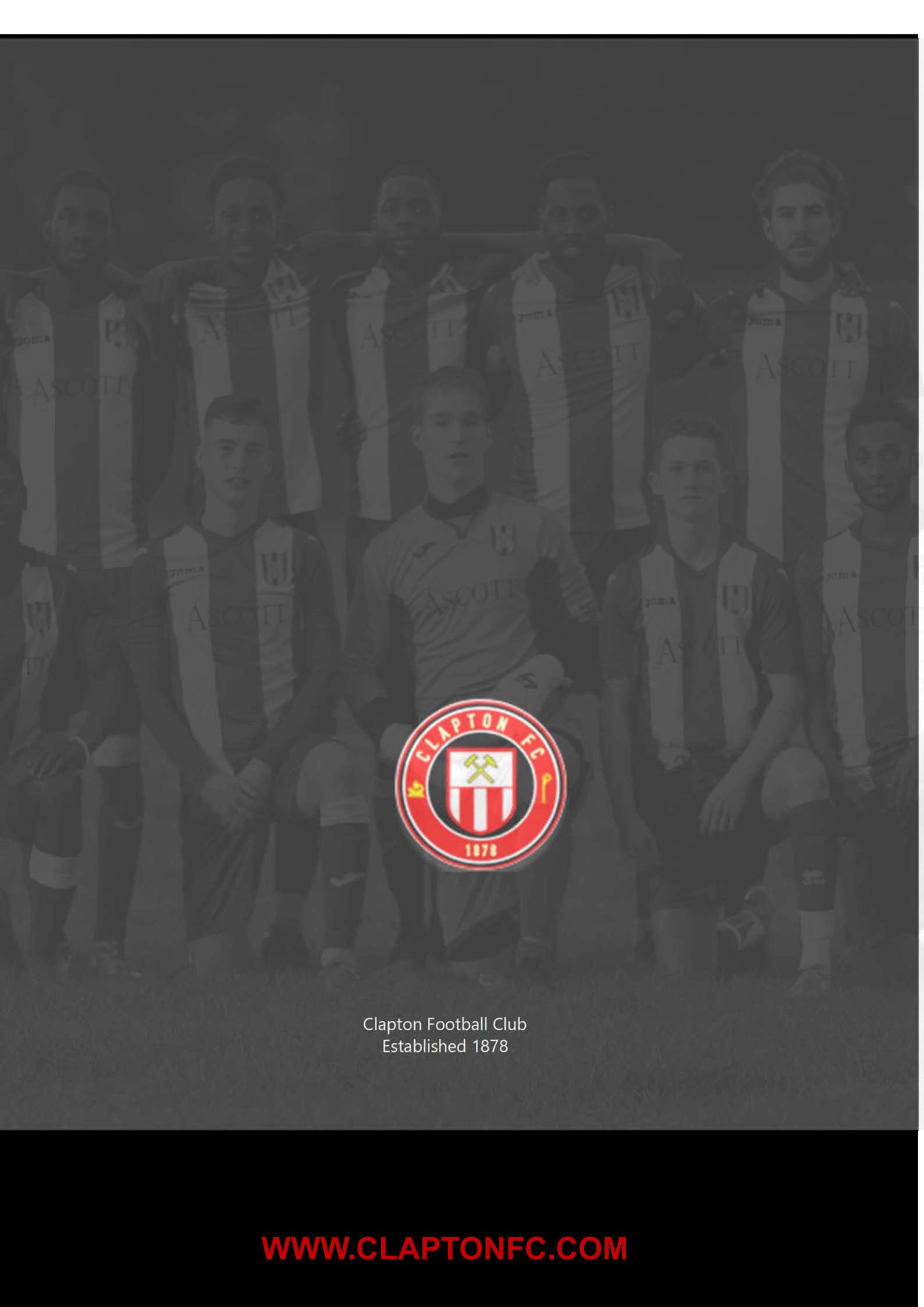
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