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Name of Creator:

Clapton Football Club

Extent:

4 boxes

Administrative/Biographical History:

Clapton Football Club was founded by Mr W.R. Davies. The club began in 1877 as the Downs Football Club, but was renamed as Clapton F.C. in 1878. On its foundation, the club motto was: 'Play wet or fine, and always play the game'. At the time the Club was founded, no leagues existed and only friendly matches were played. The club originally played at a ground at Hackney Downs, three years later they moved to a pitch off Lea Bridge Road in Leyton and then on to a ground at Elm Farm. In 1888, they moved to the 'Spotted Dog' ground in Forest Gate, which has been the Club's home ever since.

In 1892, Clapton, Ilford and other teams established the Southern League. However, Clapton F.C. left this league quickly as teams such as Southampton and Reading became professional. They joined the Isthmian League when it was established in 1905 and were champions in 1910-11 and 1922-23. In 1976, they were relegated to Division Two which the following season was renamed Division One. In 1982 the Club was again relegated to Division Two however, they became champions of this division the next season. Other accolades include being FA Amateur Cup winners five times, winning the Essex Senior Trophy Winners in 1989, being five times Essex Senior Cup winners and winning the West Ham Charity Cup six times.

Clapton F.C. became the first English club to visit the Continent in 1890 and played a select Belgium XI in Antwerp, winning 7-0. In 1924-25 Clapton provided three players for the English national team. The Club has also been recognised by the F.A. for hosting the first floodlit amateur match in 1956.

Today Clapton F.C, also known as 'The Tons', play in the Essex Senior League.

Custodial History:

Deposited to Bishopsgate Institute by Michael Fogg via Chris Tymkow 1 September 2016.

Scope and Content:

Papers of Clapton Football Club, including: minute books, 1908-1958; correspondence and reports, 1958-1984; and programmes and miscellaneous papers, 1938-1995 (1908-1995)

System of Arrangement:

No further arrangement at present.

Language/scripts of material:

English

Access conditions:

OPEN

Copying conditions:

Photocopying, scanning and digital photography (without flash) is permitted for research purposes on completion of the Library's Copyright Declaration form and with respect to current UK copyright law.

Finding Aids:

Copy of handlist available in Library Reading Room.

Rules and Conventions:

Compiled in compliance with General International Standard Archival Description, ISAD(G), second edition, 2000; National Council on Archives Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names, 1997.

CFC/1	Minute Book, 1908-1911	1908-1911
	Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings (25 May 1908 - 16 Jan 1911) OPEN	
CFC/2	Minute Book, 1911-1913	1910-1913
	Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings (23 January 1911- 27 October 1913) and Annual General Meetings (31 May 1910- 20 May 1913) OPEN	
CFC/3	Minute Book, 1913-1929	1913-1929
	Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings (3 November 1913- 20 December 1920) and Annual General Meetings (25 May 1914- 7 June 1929), including ;	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Table of Results, 1925-26 - Clapton Football Club, Summary of Accounts, season 1925-1926 (28 May 1926) - Clapton Football Club, Summary of Accounts, season 1926-1927 (30 May 1927) - Table of Results, 1926-27 - Table of Results, 1927-28 - Clapton Football Club, Summary of Accounts, season 1927-1928 (23 May 1928) - Clapton Football Club, Statement of Accounts, session 1928-29 (16 May 1929) - Agenda for the Annual General Meeting (1924) - Letter to Cordell from Mr Jones, making his excuses for not being at the Annual General Meeting (20 May 1926) - Report of the playing results of the season 1929-30 - Clapton Football Club, Season 1928-1929 report 	
CFC/4	Minute Book, 1921-1924	1921-1924
	Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings (3 January 1921- 18 February 1924), including ;	

- Letter from the Railway Benevolent Institution thanking Clapton Football Club for their support (25 July 1923)

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Minute Book, 1924-1928

1924-1928

Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings (25 February 1924- 23 April 1928), including;

- Letter from Clapton FC to a [Mr Rons] concerning an incompetent referee at a Clapton v. Wycombe match (6th December 1926)
- Clapton Football Club Pass, 1928-29
- Referee and Linesman list for the Isthmian League (1924)
- [List of committee members]
- Football Association Cup Final- 23 April 1927, receipt of application for tickets postcard (1927)
- Report submitted to the General Committee on the 13 December 1926, by the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of Home Cup-Ties (1926)
- Miscellaneous notes
- Letter from the Edgar Publishing Co., LTD, to Mr Cordell the Honorary Secretary of Clapton F.C. regarding permission to publish the official Fixture Sheet (2 November 1926)

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Minute Book, 1928-1932

1928-1932

Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings (30 April 1928- 12 September 1932), including ;

- Letters from The Gas Light & Coke Company to Clapton FC (9/10 January 1925)
- Handwritten report of the club [1929]

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Minute Book, 1932-1936

1932-1936

Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings (19th September 1932- 30th November 1936), including ;

- Table of Results 1932-33
- Handwritten receipt for wages [1933]
- Table of Results 1934-35
- Table of Results 1935-36

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CFC/8 Minute Book 1938-1946 1938-1946

Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings (31 October 1938- 24 June 1946), including ;

- Table of Results, 1938-39
- "B" Team Barking League Results and "A" Team Ilford League Results (1942)
- Summary of Accounts, Season 1942-43
- Official Programme, Clapton v. Woking (1 September 1945)
- Minutes of Meeting to do with the "Essex Thameside Senior Challenge Cup" (8 November 1945)
- Match Records, Season 1945/46

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CFC/9 Minute Book, 1946-1948 1946-1948

Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings (12 August 1946- 3 May 1948)

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CFC/10 Minute Book 1948- 1958 1948-1958

Minute Book of Clapton Football Club Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings (21 June 1948- 15 December 1958), including ;

- Proposed Revision of Club Rules, for consideration at the Annual General Meeting, 21 June 1948 (1948)
- Letter informing an individual of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting and the Agenda of the meeting (31 May 1949)
- Letter informing an individual of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting and the Agenda of the meeting (17 June 1950)
- Letter informing an individual of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting and the

- Agenda of the meeting (9 June 1951)
- Letter informing an individual of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting and the Agenda of the meeting (10 June 1952)
- Note about a Special Committee Meeting held at 'The Spotted Dog' on Monday 29 December 1952 attached to the Report of Special Sub-Committee appointed on 17 November 1952 (1952)
- Letter attached to 2 reports concerning the proposed "A" League scheme (23 February 1954)
- Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee held on 22 September 1954
- Minutes of the meeting of the Social Committee held at 'The Spotted Dog' on Thursday 25 November
- Summary of Accounts (1954-1955)
- Hand written letter about the condition of the pitch (3 February 1955)
- Letter informing an individual of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting and the Agenda of the meeting
- Results of matched and names of players (8 April 1955 - 26 April 1955)
- Clapton Football Club Honorary Secretary's Report season 1953-54 (1954)
- Receipts [1955]
- Results of matched and names of players (28 April 1955 - 7 May 1955)
- Groundman Schedule [1955]
- Receipts (1954-5)
- Summary of Accounts 1956-57
- Letter informing an individual of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting and the Agenda of the meeting (May 1956)
- Report of Honorary Secretary for Season 1957/58
- Letter to the Chairman 'Bill' (3rd January 1958)
- Minutes of the meeting of Teams Management Committee at 'the Spotted Dog' on Monday 30 June 1958

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Correspondence and Reports

1958-1984

Correspondence and Reports (1958-1984), including:

- Letter to a committee member (4 June 1958)
- Minutes from a committee meeting (14 August

- 1961)
- Minutes from a committee meeting (1 July 1964)
- Letter to a committee member (18 January 1965)
- General committee rota (196?)
- Clapton Football Club annual report, 1979-1980
- Clapton Football Club annual report, 1980-1981
- Clapton Football Club annual report, 1981-1982
- Clapton Football Club annual report, 1982-1983
- Letter of resignation from President of the club (9th June 1983)
- Clapton Football Club annual report, 1983-1984

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Programmes and Miscellaneous

1938-1995

Programmes and Miscellaneous items (1938-1995), including:

- Press cutting about C.F.C Diamond Jubilee (19 March 1938)
- Souvenir Festival Brochure (1962)
- Clapton F.C. souvenir supplement, Clapton v. West Ham United (21 September 1966)
- Booklet, 'Clapton Football Club, One Hundred Years On' (1978)
- Programme for a charity football match, presented by Clapton F.C. (21 May 1989)
- Booklet, 'Fired Up for the 90s, Clapton Football Club' (20 December 1989)
- Clapton F.C. Annual Dinner and Dance menu (1 June 1990)
- Booklet, 'Clapton Football Club: The Diadora Football League' (22 April 1995)
- Photocopy of the plan of the field for Clapton v. Harwich and Parkston which took place on 7 March 1891 (n.d.)
- Photos of members of the team (n.d.)
- Christmas Card from the F.A. (n.d.)

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