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The Football Supporters' Federation

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FSF NEWS: York-based man wins prestigious national fans award

Tony Kempster, who for more than a decade has ran an acclaimed football website from his home in York, has won the annual Services to Supporters award from the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF). The award is given each year to people who have performed an outstanding service to the benefit of football supporters.

Malcolm Clarke, Chair of the FSF, and Jon Keen, Vice-Chair, will today (Thursday 14 August 2008) present the award to Tony on the pitch at Kit Kat Crescent, where York City play visiting Wrexham FC.

Tony Kempster's website, which can be viewed at www.tonykempster.co.uk, provides unmatched information on results, gates, tables, fixtures and even distances to grounds, from the Premier League right down to step seven of the football pyramid.

Malcolm Clarke, Chair of the FSF, said:

"Tony's website, produced on an entirely voluntary basis, has become an invaluable source of information for thousands of football fans each week. It carries a huge amount of information which no other site can match.

"The amount of work Tony puts into it is quite extraordinary and he is, at least until now, an unsung hero. This award recognises Tony's extraordinary contribution to football fans everywhere, and is our way of saying thanks.

"The only thing missing from his site are the fixtures of the Premier League and the Football League, because those organisations exercise their copyright to prevent Tony publishing them without paying an exorbitant fee. They should be ashamed of themselves."

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Notes to editors

For further info see below contacts (Jon Keen).

The Football Supporters' Federation (FSF) is the national supporters' organisation for all football fans from England and Wales comprising over 142,000 individual fans and members of local supporters' organisations from every club in the professional structure and many from the pyramid. For more info <http://www.fsf.org.uk/about-the-fsf.php>

Previous winners of the award include the York City supporters, who won it in 2003 for their fight to save York City following the asset-stripping of Douglas Craig and his fellow directors.

Malcolm Clarke supports York City as well as Stoke City. He is a member of the York City Supporters Trust and Vice-President of the York City Supporters Club. He lived in Upper Poppleton as a teenager and attended his first game at Bootham Crescent in 1957. He regularly attends York City games when Stoke aren't playing.

Jon Keen is a Reading supporter and member of York City Supporters' Trust since attending the York City Fans United day in 2002. On this day Jon also got engaged on the steps of York's Minster while waiting for the march to begin in the pouring rain.

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