

## 1931 Fund

## Alan Crockford

### Day increases its £17,000.

All we can do is ask from year to year whether they want to crack on for another season.

We've been knocked a little by the recession, people losing their jobs, so we're really trying to get anyone who can possibly help support the Fund to get in touch now. In particular, people like me who don't get to the Park as often as they like may want a rewarding way to give the money to City as an alternative to the cash they normally pay at the turnstiles.

The whole payment is a bit steep, maybe the little pockets of three or four exiled fans could find a few quid each to make up the 10 subs on behalf of their group."

Membership of the fund hovers around the 50 to 60 mark, bringing in around £1,000 per month, which is sufficient to fund a young professional for their number 31 shirt, which has been worn during the Fund's first two seasons by lightning club striker James Norwood.

The 1931 Fund paid £10,000 to Exeter City via the Supporters Trust last season and, at half-time of the game, a group of the Fund's members will hand over a further £7,000 to cover the cost of the wood until January 2011.

The Fund are committed to bearing the cost of their number 31 until the end of 2010/11, by which time over £20,000 will have been donated by members and paid to Exeter City.

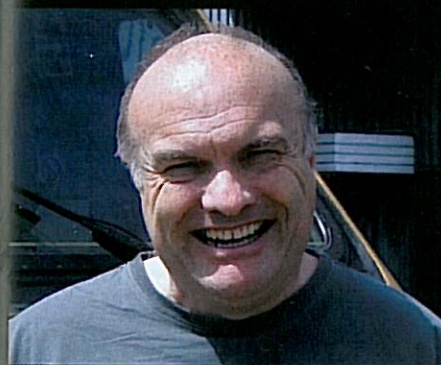
Darren Drew is already looking forward to next season and the opportunity to bring in another player for the number 31 shirt.

He said at the start of last season when our members voted to finance James for a second year that, whatever happens with James, we'd like to bring in a new young player for 2011/12.

That's certainly something that we'll do, but we'd be a bit bolder in the amount we promise to Tisdale if we can find 10 or 20 new members to chip in their £19 a month.

If there are any City fans who would like to help to support Tis, please email us at [es@sky.com](mailto:es@sky.com) and we'll talk about it. We know priorities can change, and people can cancel their monthly subs whenever they like, but if anyone can spare a few quid then we think we've come up with a great way of using that money.

Honestly, if you'd seen us at Elland Road when the bauby came on as a sub and ran at the stiff Leeds defence, you'd agree that our 1931 Fund payments are worth every penny."



**Rod Ash**, a 1931 Fund member from Leeds said: "I've been in the position for a lot of years now, like a good few others, where most of my gate money payments have been to our opponents, as just about every away game is more convenient than home games to us Yorkshire based Grecians.

"Consequently, I was attracted to the 1931 Fund idea of a group of fans chipping a bit extra in each month to help the club (post 'Red or Dead'). I'm hoping that lots more fans will join us so that we can aim our support a bit higher in future years.

"That said, James Norwood has lived up to my expectations as an inaugural 31 and I'm currently hoping that he'll get the chance to score a league goal for City before this season is through."



**Simon Brown**, a 1931 Fund member from the Isle of Mann, pictured with his wife Pauline, said: "Being so far away from my beloved football club and from the City of Exeter, paying into The 1931 Fund makes me feel I am still part of the club."



Alan Crockford's wife **Rosalind Lee** said: "This picture is me, with daughters Ellie and Daisy, on holiday in Brussels last summer. Brussels! It wasn't the most glamorous location, it was quite cold and it was for just four days, but we decided that we'd rather support City every month than have a fancy holiday once a year."



**Kristoffer Sandnes** of the Exeter City Supporters Club of Norway, said: "Lots of our members were at the Charlton game last week (see pic) but being in Norway it's hard to get to more than a handful of games.

Paying into the 1931 Fund is one way of knowing that even in the months when we can't get to Devon, we are still helping City."

## 1931 FUND ROLL OF HONOUR

- Andrew Long, West Mids
- James Forsyth, Bath
- Darren Drew, Harrogate
- Ed Hyland, Oxford
- Alan Crockford, London
- Damien Mills, Exeter
- James Featherstone, London
- Adam Henley, Northants
- Tom Morris, Bromley
- Alistair Yates, Brackley
- Hampshire Grecians
- Dan Hill, London
- Exeter City Supporters Club of Norway
- Terry Hall, Switzerland
- Darren Roberts, Halstead
- Tim Pryor
- In memory of Dacre
- Mark Edwards, Bristol
- Mark Jefford, Chard
- Ben Long, London
- Dave Painter, London
- Chris Whiffin, Vietnam
- David Crockford, London
- Andrew Whiteway, London
- Rod Ash, Leeds
- Neil Hardy, Gosport
- Supporters Trust Board of Society members (A)
- Supporters Trust Board of Society members (B)
- Simon Mears, Leicester
- Exeter Exiles Yoof
- James Parker / Jon Carr
- Chris Hayes, France
- Mark & Charlie Khan
- Nick Padget, London
- Paul Manly, Woking
- Morten Lossius, Norway
- Danny Burton, Calne
- Jon Tipping, Harlow
- East Midlands Grecians
- South Coast Grecians
- Andrew H, Exeter
- John Lias, East Sussex
- Rebecca & Sarah Gee, Rae Kelcou and Catherine Jowitt
- Kevin Moyle, Willand
- Stephen Morris
- Odd Ivar Rypdal, Trondheim, Norway
- Deep South Grecians
- Simon Brown
- Lynn & Stephen Weston
- Ann & Martin Weiler
- Phil Burden
- John Vincent, Exeter