

# the Telegraph

A club for children and their families in the North East and Cumbria who have suffered burn injuries

The newsletter of

## the Grafters Club



**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE NEWCASTLE BUILDING SOCIETY FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS DONATION OF £9,500. page 7**

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# West Denton Community Fire Station

Alison and Fiona took nine kids to West Denton community fire station.

When we got there we met some fire fighters.

They showed us some of there equipment and they used them on a lamp post.

After dinner some one showed us how to use a hose and we all took turns trying to use it, and also aimed at a tower.

The fire fighters kept on saying that the tower used to be a light house, none of us believed them though.



A massive thank you to Tony, Karen, Steve, Gary, Dennis, Linda and Blue Watch at  
**Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**  
for a fabulous day. We learnt about safety, the role of the fire fighter and had great fun with the equipment and especially the hoses.

Many thanks to you all

The Grafters Club  
**Family Day Out**



**Saturday 11th June 2011**

**if you would like to come you must book  
your place by Wednesday 18th May.**

**Book your place now!**

**WE ARE ARRANGING A COACH ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

**A donation of £10.00 per family is to be paid  
WITH your booking to secure your place.**

The Grafters Club  
**Family Day Out**



**Saturday  
11th June 2011**

**RSVP**

Name .....

Contact Telephone Number .....

Number of adults .....

Number of children age 4 years and above .....

Number of children 3 and under .....

Number of OAP's .....

Transport required    coach     own car

**RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY**

Please return to  
The Post Room, The Grafters Club, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Queen Victoria Road,  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4LP or ring Alison McKenzie on 0191 2820587



# THE GRAFTERS CLUB WEBSITE IS LAUNCHED

[www.thegraftersclub.org.uk](http://www.thegraftersclub.org.uk)

Check out the site and see what you think.

E-mail us and let us know, [thegraftersclub@nuth.nhs.uk](mailto:thegraftersclub@nuth.nhs.uk)

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Christmas Party this year is on  
**Saturday 3rd December 2011.**

Put it in your diary now. Further details in autumn newsletter.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY 2010

Although we had a lot of snow there was a great turn out to the Christmas party. We had a great time with games, disco, creepy crawlies, name the teddy and Santa.

Specials thanks to:

**Studsvik –**

for donating all the wonderful prizes for the games

**Starlight Children's Foundation –**

for £700 towards the party and the fantastic goody bags.

**Molnycke and Sarah Asquith –**  
for the name the teddy.



# Water OR Wine

Rothbury Street Fair on  
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 30th May 2011  
10.30am – 4.00pm

This is one of our big fund raising events but we need your help.

Water or Wine is a tombola stall and has been very popular over the past few years. We have asked Northumbrian Water for a donation of 500 bottles of water but we need your help to supply the wine.

If you can donate a bottle or have any contacts that can help make this event a success all help would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be left on ward 11 or contact Alison on  
0191 2820587.

I can arrange to collect any donations.

Come and see us on the day and have a go!!!



# SPONSORED WALK IN THE PARK

Newcastle Healthcare Charity have organised a sponsored walk in the park on Sunday 7th August 2011.

Five laps around Leazes Park beside the RVI totalling 5.1 miles. What you raise will go to The Grafters Club to help boost our funds. It is buggy friendly and you can walk at your own pace.

Please contact Alison McKenzie for sponsor forms, details on back page.



# JAMBOREE - GRAFHAM WATER

In October we went to Grafham Water activity centre for Jamboree. Alison and Emma took us in a mini bus, on the way we filled in a survey with Emma. It was about how we felt about our burn scars and grafts. When we had all finished we started talking about the survey and I found out what the other kids felt about their scars. It made me feel better because the other kids were just like me.

We had loads a fun while we were at Grafham Water, the people there are great. They helped us to sail boats and climb the wall. We had a great Halloween party on one of the nights. I went as an undead doctor, there was Draculas and witches and lots of pretend blood.

Can you believe that we had no X Box, computer or Tv all weekend and we didn't miss them one bit. I love to go away with the Grafters Club because I see friends I have made from hospital and friends I have made from other times I have been lucky enough to go on Jamboree.

If you get chance to go you should apply because you don't know what you're missing.



Written by Alexander Walker



**A massive thank you to:**

**URGO** who supplied bags of goodies for the long journey to Grafham Water Centre in October 2010.

To **Children's Burns Trust** who funded the National Jamboree at Grafham Water Centre, Cambridgeshire and our transport.

# SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:



## The Newcastle Building Society

Johnny Fairley, Gillian Tiplady,  
The Board, the staff and the customers  
for the astonishing amount raised for  
The Grafters Club.

It is truly amazing that people can be so generous during these difficult times.

The donation of **£9,500** will fund our trip to Kingswood in May 2011 when we are taking 22 children to camp for a weekend and also other activities to bring the children together.

This donation will make a massive difference for the children and the activities we can offer.

**Many Thanks to you all.**

## SOUVENIRS OF THE GRAFTERS CLUB TO BUY



**RUBBER 75P**

**PENCIL £1.00**

**PEN £1.25**

**WRIST BAND £2.00**

**Adult/Child sizes**

**To order please contact Alison – details on back page**



What a fabulous picture for The Telegraph  
Thank you Raegan.

## A big THANK YOU to:

Potts Print (UK) for printing our newsletter The Telegraph

Every one who have kindly made donations to The Grafters Club via Just Giving

Karl Madson from Studsvik £50

David Russell & Steve Ramsey from William Hill £250

Jo Mason & Jon Dillon did the Great North Run and raised £110

Anne Quinn £53.66

Mike and Alison Ferguson £50.00

Sarah Hunter organised a disco and raised £250

Mid Tyne Lions Club £100

Your generosity allows the club to continue its valuable work to help the children in their rehabilitation following a burn injury.

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We would love you to send us any ideas, stories, poems, puzzles, top tips or questions for The Telegraph.

A prize will be awarded for all contributions published.

Please send to Alison at the address opposite.



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