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Abdul Sobur of Zafran has this week embarked on a new relationship with local football team Kursaal Flyers FC.

Abdul, who is the owner of Zafran, the award-winning Indian takeaway in Westcliff, is now the new Honorary Vice Chairman and official shirt sponsor of the well-established adult Sunday league football club in Southend.

The team stopped over at Zafran to celebrate the official launch of the new kit, and Abdul said: "I am very pleased

to be supporting the Kursaal Flyers FC. I hope the team will be a local success, as I am very happy to be supporting a local cause."

Local charity work is important for Abdul, and he is shortly to run a fundraising event for The Salvation Army, with details on Facebook soon.

Both Zafran and Kursaal Flyers are Stirling examples of local success, with Zafran being voted Number one in Leigh, and the winner of Asian Curry Award and Good Curry Awards, as well as the British Curry Award, BBC Master Chef and BBC Best Chef of the Year. Kursaal Flyers FC play in the Southend Sceptre Sunday League

and have made a good start to the season with three wins, a draw and one loss. It is a club that has been rooted in the community since its inception in 1992, and there are plans to develop the number of teams, players and age groups represented at all levels as well as hosting a number of fundraising and charity events in the local area.

Kursaal Flyers FC manager and PE subject leader at Cecil Jones Academy, Dan Compton, said: "We are delighted to have secured a two year sponsorship agreement with Abdul and Zafran and look forward to building the links between the club and the community. Most of us already use the takeaway service but the lads

are obviously very keen to sample as many of Zafran dishes as possible!"

What's more, Abdul will be sharing the story of his cuisine successes on Tuesday, October 17 on Channel 5 Television. For this event, Abdul will be talking to hosts of the Catering Circle, at 8.00 pm on Sky Channel 814, so be sure to tune in.

For more information on the team, visit facebook.com/KursaalFlyersFC and be sure to sample the award-winning cuisine at Zafran! Call 01702 471068 or visit <http://zafrantakeaway.co.uk/>



Abdul Sobur and his staff at Zafran proudly display their award.

Westcliff chef named Asian & Oriental Chef of the Year

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ABDUL Sobur, of Zafran takeaway on London Road, has been named one of the top Asian and Oriental chefs in Britain by the Asian Catering Federation, "the voice of the curry industry". Zafran was awarded the prestigious appellation at a special presentation ceremony in the Terrace Pavilion of the House of Commons on May 15. He is one of only 30 chefs in the UK to receive this award, and was chosen

out of over 500 entrants.

There will be new developments at Zafran takeaway, too, with the introduction of Summer cookery courses, where you can learn how to perfect a curry dish to the standards of a top chef.

Abdul said of his success: "I am very proud to receive this award and want to thank all my loyal customers for their support."

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