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**Padstones**  
SUPPORTING THE YOUNG HOMELESS  
IN THE THAMES VALLEY

# Padstones News

## Kebbell Homes Visits Padstones in Celebration of Raising £25,000 for the Charity.



A donation of over £25,000, over the last four years, has provided a vital funding boost for Padstones, thanks to local housebuilder, Kebbell Homes. Each month Kebbell employees opt in to donate part of their wages to Padstones through the 'Give As You Earn' scheme, established through the Charities Aid Foundation. The annual contribution significantly helps towards Padstones' daily expenditure of around £1200 a day.

On Wednesday 1st September, Kebbell Homes visited the charity's newly opened facility in West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe, marking a milestone in their four year fund raising partnership. The visit was also an opportunity for Kebbell to see the ways in which its contributions are continuing to support the cause.

Sue Ogden, General Manager of Padstones explains: "Our fundraising partnership with Kebbell Homes began in 2006 and the team has shown a huge commitment to the work we do. We are grateful for every penny raised. This kind of support can make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable young people within our local area."

Richard Barrett, Finance Director at Kebbell Homes added "Along with the 'Give As You Earn' scheme, this year we have also raised funds through a staff barbeque, a sponsored walk, a sponsored cycle ride and staff raffles. We will continue to think up ways in which we can support Padstones so that it may carry on delivering such a commendable service."

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## WELCOME FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our second newsletter, Winter is upon us rather early this year and Christmas is within touching distance.

Did you know that the average household spends around £40 sending Christmas Cards? With most people these days communicating by email, why not send your friends and family an e-card and instead donate the money to your favourite charity?

This issue also looks at some of the fantastic contributions that our supporters make to the Charity. We are always looking for volunteers, Trustees and new attendees to our fabulous events. So if you think you can help, please let us know.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2011.



Best wishes,  
Sara Clark, Editor

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## Mission Possible

Padstones is one of the Missions supported by the two St James Churches in Gerrards Cross and Fulmer.

On July 4th the Charity took part in the St James Mission Field Event which was very well attended. The day provided a great opportunity for us to promote our current activities and discuss our future plans.

We are really grateful for all the ongoing help and support we have received from the Churches and their congregation, over the past years.



## AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Recent Annual General Meeting Sets The Scene

During the year, Padstones has accommodated a total of 54 previously homeless young people, of whom 24 new residents were aged 16 or 17, the Charity's Annual General Meeting was told.

The Mayor of Beaconsfield Town and Members of the District and County Councils were in attendance.

Padstones approach to its work involves working closely with each young resident towards restructuring their lives. The success of this approach can be gauged from the fact that the majority of residents made a satisfactory move. During the early summer many younger residents were still at school and successfully sat GCSE and A Level examinations. We were particularly pleased that one resident achieved ABB in his A Level results.

Another resident had been staying with different friends after a breakdown in her relationship with her father because of her step-mother. She went to study at Haydon Training and did so well that they chose her to go to Africa on a short-term project to help build a school. She is now working in the kitchens at Haydon because she wants to become a chef.

The Chairman of Padstones, John Kennedy, also thanked the continuing support from regular givers, particularly St James' Church, Gerrards Cross, as well as Austyn James Consulting for their donation following their unique Art Exhibition in Beaconsfield.

A huge thank-you was also made to the Burnham Runners who, thanks to their amazing marathon run, managed to raise £1500 for the Charity, which was presented at the Annual General Meeting by Burnham Runner, Eric Abbott.



## Rescheduled PADSTONES QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28th January 2011

We would like to invite you to our first-ever Quiz Night. Tickets are £15 per head which includes a fabulous fish and chip supper (other options available), with mind-boggling quiz questions from the renowned local Quiz Master, Peter McNulty, and prizes for the top team.

Tickets are available by emailing our Event Organiser, Sara Clark on: [sara.clark@blinkgroup.co.uk](mailto:sara.clark@blinkgroup.co.uk) or 01494 520584. Numbers are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Hosted by Peter McNulty  
**Friday 28th January 2011**

7.30pm (for 8.00pm start)  
Penn & Tylers Green Village Hall

Tickets £15 per person  
Inc. Fish n chip supper,  
cash bar, raffle & prizes

## All in a day! Residents get-away!



Traditionally Padstones' residents are offered an annual short holiday, however this year they voted to go on some fun day trips instead.

Some of the residents went to Brighton in the summer. More recently, a small group went to

Thorpe Park to get scared out of their wits at the special 'Fright Night,' and another team went bowling.

Sue Ogden, General Manager, Padstones, said: "I'm very happy that some of the residents took the opportunity to get away and have fun. Thanks to generous donations, trips like this enable yesterday's strangers to become today's friends. This should happen more often. It was no surprise to see the young people enjoying themselves."

## Thank You

Over the last year many donors to Padstones have helped the Charity enormously.

Thanks to kind donations from Charitable Trusts, companies with their Give As You Earn schemes, volunteering and fundraising, and all the work from individuals, the Charity has been able to support 54 Residents as well as organise trips and refurbish the kitchens and bathrooms at Reedham House and at 104 West Wycombe Road.

Thank you to: *The Henry Smith Charity, Garfield Weston Foundation, Wycombe District Council, South Bucks District Council, Centrica, Abbott Laboratories, Tesco Express Burnham, Austyn James Consulting, St James Churches, Kebell Homes, Staples, High Wycombe Lions Club, Burnham Joggers, Downley Methodist Church, Seer Green Combined School, Chalfont St Peter School, Sandy Lodge GC Rabbits Section.*

## Roaring Success! Padstones Becomes High Wycombe Lions' Primary Charity.



Padstones is delighted to become one of Wycombe Lions' primary charities.

Recently, at the Wycombe Lions' recent Choir Concert, £825 was raised for Padstones,

Residents at Havenfield were delighted and surprised to receive a brand new television for the communal living room, from part of the donation.

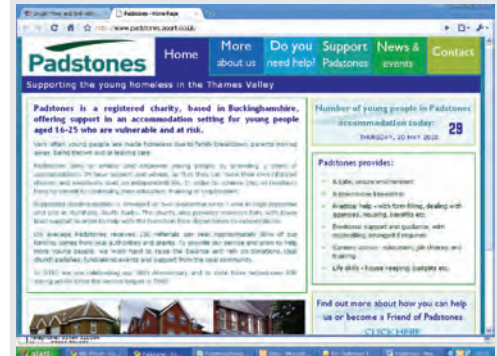
A huge thank you to the High Wycombe Lions Club for their generous support.

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## Website Wonder!



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

## DID YOU KNOW?

### 5 Interesting Facts

1. The charity's president is the Bishop of Buckingham
2. It costs £1200 per day to run the Charity
3. Padstone's properties are fully supported 24 hrs per day/365 days per year
4. Padstones was established in 1992
5. Over 800 young people have been helped by the charity since its conception.

## Laurie Holloway to Hit a High Note for Padstones

A date for your diary! More information to follow soon. In celebration of 18 Years of Padstones, the Charity will be hosting an evening of Jazz, with great company and refreshments.

**Friday 27th May 2011**

**Taplow Court, Taplow.**

Tickets will be strictly limited. If you would like to come, please register your interest as soon as possible by emailing: [sara.clark@blinkgroup.co.uk](mailto:sara.clark@blinkgroup.co.uk)

## Become a Padstones' Trustee

*"You don't have to be a hero or famous to change lives for the better – charity trusteeship allows you to do just that" (Charity Commission "The Essential Trustee").*

Do you have a small amount of time on your hands? Could you help? Padstones is always on the look-out for Trustees. Trustees have the ultimate responsibility for running the charity and ensuring that it acts in the best interests of residents, as the charity's beneficiaries.

### The Board of Trustees:

- Makes the decisions about the future of Padstones
- Sets the right framework for the charity's paid staff, volunteers, specialist workers, contractors and agencies, so that they can work together to achieve the charity's objectives
- Ensures the charity complies with the law and with regulatory requirements
- Safeguards the charity's money, property and other assets

Trustees don't run the charity day to day - that's the role of the paid staff. The Board of Trustees works as a team - decisions taken by all, acting together. It's an extremely worthwhile role as it can bring many opportunities for personal development - at the same time you get to bring your skills and energy to our work whilst gaining valuable new experience and knowledge.

### What qualities do Trustees need?

You must demonstrate integrity and fully support our aims, objectives and values. An effective Board needs a good mix of skills, knowledge and experience, drawn from a wide range of backgrounds. Whether that's professional skills such as HR, finance, legal, IT and marketing, or simply a good level of common sense and all-round general experience.

### How are Trustees chosen?

All members of the Board of Trustees must be elected. Nominations are invited each year from members prior to the Annual General Meeting.

### What is expected of a Trustee?

All Trustees are expected to attend Board of Trustees meetings and serve on at least one Board Committee.

### Are Trustees paid?

Trustees serve as volunteers and therefore receive no payment, although they are entitled to reimbursement for their out-of-pocket expenses.

### I am interested. What should I do now?

In the first instance, please contact Sue Ogden at Padstones on 01628 660872 or email [sueogden@padstones.org.uk](mailto:sueogden@padstones.org.uk)

## Please get in touch!

If you have any topics for discussion or would like to see a particular feature, please do get in touch.

**Comments can be made to Sara Clark on:  
Tel: 01494 520584 or email  
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## Events Calendar 2011

*Please find below some important dates for your diary...*

Event	Date	Venue	Cost/Tickets
Quiz Night	28th January 2011	Penn & Tylers Green	£15 per head
Fish n Chip Supper	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Tel: 01494 520584
Laurie Holloway Jazz Evening	27th May 2011	Taplow Court	Tickets TBC Tel: 01494 520584
Photography & Curry Night	September 2011 (TBC)	TBC	Watch this space for details!
Bridge Night	25th November 2011	Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall	Tickets TBC .Tel: 01494 520584