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## Welcome to Charles Buckman, our new Trustee

THE Trustees would like to welcome Charles Buckman, who joined the Board in December 2005. Charles is the Minister in Charge of The Fathers Christian Centre and is also heavily involved with black and ethnic minority

groups in the community. He said: "It's an honour to be on the Board, as our focus is to provide safety information to children and adults to change their behaviour in order to keep safe. I find that very challenging and I am looking forward to it."

## They're back as evening guides!

THE Centre runs tours in the evenings, usually for brownies, cubs or other groups.

Pictured are some of our evening guides who have heard about the centre either through work experience or the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, or who visited with their primary school and felt they could help when they were older.

Allyson, pictured, said: "I came to help towards the completion of my Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and am still here two years later."

### Generous donation

MANY thanks to Renault UK for their generous donation to the Safety Centre of £1,000. Renault also kindly lend us a car to park in our garage scenario which allows us to deliver the in-car messages in a realistic way.



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Fire & Rescue Service have kindly provided a car for use by Safety Centre staff.

Safety Centre Director Jan Alder said: "This will be extremely useful and cost-effective, especially for our outreach schools liaison staff."

Jan is pictured with Suzanne Davis of BFRS, who is currently on a two-year secondment to the Centre.

## Dates for the rest of 2006

### APRIL

- 18 Appointed Persons Course (one-day course)
- 20-21 & 24-25 First Aid at Work (four-day course)
- 26-27 Refresher Course (two-day course)
- 28 Appointed Persons Course

### MAY

- 4 Appointed Persons Course
- 11-12 & 15-16 First Aid at Work
- 23-24 Refresher Course
- 25 Appointed Persons Course

### JUNE

- 1 Appointed Persons Course
- 8-9 & 12-13 First Aid at Work
- 10 & 17 Paediatric First Aid Course (two-day course)
- 20-21 Refresher Course
- 26 Appointed Persons Course

### JULY

- 3 Appointed Persons Course
- 6-7 Refresher Course
- 13-14 & 17-18 First Aid at Work
- 20 Appointed Persons Course

### AUGUST

- 15-18 First Aid at Work
- 24 Appointed Persons Course
- 29 Appointed Persons Course
- 30-31 Refresher Course

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Appointed Persons Course
- 4-5 Refresher Course
- 7-8 & 11-12 First Aid at Work
- 15 Appointed Persons Course
- 23 & 30 Paediatric First Aid Course

### OCTOBER

- 3 Appointed Persons Course
- 5-6 Refresher Course
- 12-13 & 16-17 First Aid at Work
- 23 Appointed Persons Course

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Appointed Persons Course
- 9-10 & 13-14 First Aid at Work
- 21-22 Refresher Course
- 28 Appointed Persons Course

### DECEMBER

- 1 Appointed Persons Course
- 2 & 9 Paediatric First Aid Course
- 6-7 Refresher Course
- 11 Appointed Persons Course
- 14-15 & 18-19 First Aid at Work



Course tutor Elizabeth Prince is pictured with 'baby' Annie.

# Update on courses

THE Safety Centre has been offering a 12-hour paediatric first aid course for the last two years.

This course is suitable for child-minders or people who work with pre-school children. It is run in two modules which are held on Saturdays.

The courses that are due to be

held this year are as follows:

- 10 and 17 June 2006
- 23 and 30 September 2006
- 2 and 9 December 2006

To find out more about these courses or to book a place, please contact Barbara Cherryman on **01908 263009** or email her at **info@safetycentre.co.uk**



This is the third issue of Newsflash. For information about the previous two, please visit our website at **www.safetycentre.co.uk** or ring the Safety Centre **01908 263009**.

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■ We strive to be a "Centre of Excellence for Safety Education". We are a registered charity and rely heavily



on volunteers and donations. The Safety Centre is very much a partnership venture which only works because of the invaluable support from the community as well as a team of dedicated staff.

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## Meet Jan Alder, Director of the Safety Centre

THE trustees would like to introduce Jan Alder, who took up the post of Director in January 2005. Jan has been working for the Safety Centre since its inception in 1994.

She is always interested in hearing from people or organisations who would like to support the Safety Centre in some way.

Jan can be contacted on **01908 263009**.



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# Courses to make you safer



Trainer Michelle Thomson demonstrates CPR to a group of people attending one of our courses.

For more information, contact Barbara Cherryman on **01908 263009** or email [info@safetycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@safetycentre.co.uk)

DID you know that the Safety Centre offers First Aid and Health & Safety training for adults?

The profits are ploughed back into the charity to help us cover our running costs.

#### Choose from the following

- First Aid at Work (four days)
- Refresher (two days)
- Appointed Persons (one day)
- Paediatric Training (12 hours)
- Understanding Health & Safety (one day)
- Risk Assessment and Manual Handling (short sessions)

## Pupil who's going to return as a teacher

WHEN Jo Stanley visited the Safety Centre as a schoolgirl in 1994 it made quite an impression on her.

She is now training to be a teacher at Naphill and Walters Ash School near High Wycombe – and she hopes to bring some of her pupils to the Safety Centre one day.

She is pictured here on a recent visit, during which she said she was impressed with all the changes.



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## Summer holiday open day

DON'T miss the Safety Centre's free summer holiday open day, on **Sunday 14 August!**

The event, which takes place at our base in Carters Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, runs from 10am to 4pm.

We'll be supported by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, Thames Valley Police and Two Shires Ambulance Service, who will all be putting on safety displays and demonstrations.

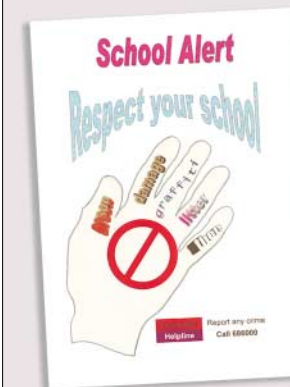
It will include a reconstruction of a chip pan fire, which shows what can happen when you're trying to fry some chips and it all goes horribly wrong.

There will be many other attractions, including some aimed specifically at children and some at the grown-ups!

WE are delighted to welcome you to our first newsletter, which aims to keep you up to date with all our news, events and achievements.

The Safety Centre goes from strength to strength with almost

20,000 children visiting us every year to receive important safety education. We are interested in your views and comments as well as offers of help. See pages 2 and 3 for two ways you can help us!



Our two winners – the entries from Joely Whild, left, Lovat Middle, and Toluwani Shammah, Greenleys Middle.



If your school would like to sign up for School Alert, ring the Safety Centre on **01908 263009**.

# Respect for our schools

THE Safety Centre has helped launch a scheme which aims to reduce vandalism at schools.

We have teamed up with Milton Keynes Council and Thames Valley Police to bring School Alert to Milton Keynes schools.

Pupils, staff and local residents are being asked to watch their school while it is closed – for example in

the evening, at weekends and during holidays – to help prevent burglary and vandalism.

We introduce the scheme at special assemblies and run a termly poster competition for pupils.

The overall winners were Joely Whild from Lovat Middle School and Toluwani Shammah from Greenleys Middle School.



**LEFT:** Lorna Liggett from Argos and pupils from Stanton School are pictured with some of those 10,000 special workbooks.

**BELOW:** The Safety Centre's garage scenario, which was financed by BP, who continue to support us generously.



# We depend on your generosity

THE Safety Centre recently received a boost when top multi-channel retailer Argos stepped in to provide funding for 10,000 special workbooks to be given to children who have attended courses at the Hazard Alley centre in Kiln Farm.

The workbooks are a key way to reinforce the very serious lifesaving messages taught on site.

Jan Alder, Director of the Safety Centre, said: "We're pleased Argos has been able to support us in helping keep children in our community safe."

Lorna Liggett, ARG charity manager, said: "Argos is committed to improving safety awareness in the community, and we're delighted we can work with such a vital resource to help children in the local area."

The Safety Centre relies heavily on donations – for example from BP, who financed the garage scenario and who continue to support the centre generously.

**A list of our main sponsors and how you may be able to help can be found on our website, [www.safetycentre.co.uk](http://www.safetycentre.co.uk)**



**The Safety Centre simply couldn't operate without this dedicated team**

# Volunteers are our life blood!

- Do you have a few hours to spare during the week?
- Would you like to give something back to the community?
- Would you like to learn new skills or polish old ones?
- Would you like to know that you make a difference?

THE Safety Centre could not operate without its team of dedicated volunteers.

Pictured above is a selection of moments from their day. We are always look-

ing for people willing to give up some of their time to take on this rewarding role.

How about giving it a try – fill in and return the coupon and we'll get in contact with you.



**I am interested in becoming a volunteer**

Name .....

Address .....

Tel .....

Email .....

Please fill in your details and return the coupon to:  
**Safety Centre, 18 Carters Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, MK11 3ES.**



Clockwise from the top left: Drawings from Ben, Leia, Sam and Emma.

My favourite was the alleyway because it was dark and scary. - Ellie

I especially want to thank Peter for taking us round and trying to cope with our loud habits. - Alice

Hazard Alley was one of the best trips we have ever been on. - Bethany

The most important thing I learned was the recovery position because if someone faints or collapses you can help them. - Joshua

I enjoyed the house which caught on fire because you got to learn about a lot of things. - Nicola

My favourite part was when we went in the phone box to talk to the police. - Beth

We all really appreciate it that you gave up your time for us. - Katrina



These new versions of the Safety Centre logo were produced by Nicola (above) and Joshua (below).



Pat Serle - on secondment from the John Lewis Partnership for six months.

## Golden opportunity

THE John Lewis Partnership runs a charity which gives UK registered charities the opportunity to benefit from the skills of its workforce.

This Golden Jubilee Trust, set up in April 2000 to celebrate John Lewis' Golden Jubilee, allows members of staff to be released on full pay

to work with a charity in their area. The Safety Centre have been fortunate to have **Pat Serle** seconded for six months.

Pat will be enormously helpful as a tour guide as well as providing admin back-up when necessary.

We are extremely grateful to the John Lewis Partnership for this support.



**SIR Norman King**, pictured, has been involved with the Safety Centre since its inception.

He was Chair of the Board of Trustees for many years and now helps the Centre enormously in his

role as Honorary President.

Sir Norman said: "I am delighted to be back as part of the team and intend to undertake the tour guide training so that I may show children around the Centre from time to time."

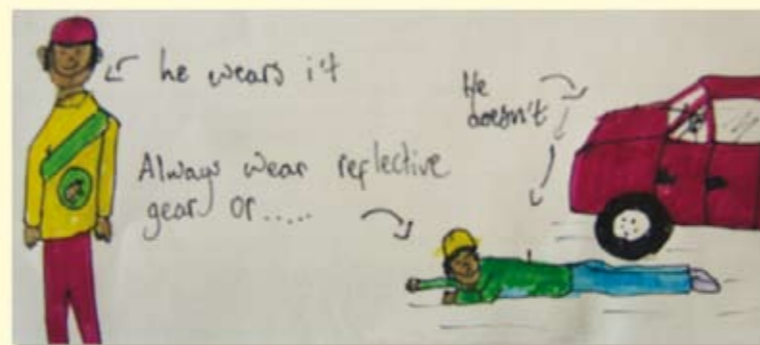
## Just a few of the things **you** say about **us**

I really enjoyed my day at Hazard Alley and now feel confident that I would know what to do in an emergency. - Georgina

You taught me to think before I act and to think of safety in all I do. - Elizabeth

I'll never forget how much I screeched and jumped in surprise, not expecting a hazard to occur in some of the situations. - Rebecca

**MORE** than 20,000 children a year visit the Safety Centre, and many of them write to thank us afterwards. Here is a selection of some of their letters and drawings



Above: The perils of not wearing reflective clothing, as seen through the eyes of Katrina. She also drew the sign on the right.

Below: This anti-vandalism sign was drawn by Ellie.



To help staff at Hazard Alley maintain the highest possible standards, teachers are asked to fill in evaluation forms after bringing children to the Centre. A selection of their comments will be featured in the next edition of Newsflash.



Hedgehogs and birds drawn by Alice.

