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Open Day is on 31 August

OUR 2008 Open Day takes place on Sunday 31 August.

It runs from 10am to 4pm at the Safety Centre in Carters Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, and will include representatives from our partner organisations Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, along with a visit from road safety mascot Spike the Hedgehog.

There will be opportunities for the public to look around the Safety Centre, and a number of sideshows and attractions are being lined up.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Don't forget our website!

BACK editions of this newsletter are available on the Safety Centre's website at www.safetycentre.co.uk, along with a whole host of other information about visiting or supporting the organisation.

Volunteer with Val!

OUR new Volunteer Coordinator Val Williams is pictured (far right) at the recent Volunteers Fair in Central Milton Keynes with Katrina Walmsley, second from right

Katrina spent three days with the Safety Centre as part of

her training to become a police officer.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer guide should ring Val on **01908 263009**. You will be offered training, expenses and a truly rewarding experience.

Alan joins the team



CHIEF Superintendent Alan Baldwin, Milton Keynes BCU Commander, has joined the Safety Centre's Board of Trustees. Alan said: "The Safety Centre is a fantastic facility clearly designed to protect our young ones and develop their minds and actions. There can

be no more important a task than that – and my son says it's great fun!"

PICTURE ROUND-UP



ABOVE AND BELOW: Safety Centre School Liaison Officers Val Hall and June Paterson recently attended the sustainable schools conference held at Eco Park, Willen, Milton Keynes.

They engaged with children using games and activities which helped them to recognise road signs and the need for reflective clothing while walking to school as well as a variety of other road safety messages.

The motto for the day was "safer, fitter, greener".



RIGHT: Thanks to Wolverton Science and Arts Trust for providing funding to purchase a 999 simulator. Our Schools Liaison Officers have been using the simulator in schools to reinforce the messages children receive on their visit to Hazard Alley about making emergency calls. There is also the opportunity to borrow the equipment – just ring Val Hall or June Paterson on **01908 263009**. Pupils from St Mary's C of E Primary School in Wavendon are pictured using the simulator.



ABOVE: Buckinghamshire High Sheriff Amanda Nicholson is pictured with Safety Centre volunteer guides Mary Davies and David Buckley with Val Williams (Safety Centre Volunteer Coordinator) receiving a plaque on behalf of all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment. Thanks also to the E A MacAndrew Trust for their generous donation towards our work.



LEFT: Congratulations to Mike and Shirley Parker, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mike and Shirley have been Centre volunteers since 2003.

First Aid course dates

JULY 2008

2 Appointed Persons Course (one-day course)

3-4 & 7-8 First Aid at Work (four-day course)

10-11 Refresher Course (two-day course)

26 & 2 August Paediatric First Aid (two-day course)

AUGUST 2008

9 & 16 Paediatric First Aid

14-15 & 18-19 First Aid at Work

20 Appointed Persons Course

28-29 Refresher Course

SEPTEMBER 2008

17 Appointed Persons Course

18-19 Refresher Course

25-26 & 29-30 First Aid at Work

OCTOBER 2008

13-14 Refresher Course

15 Appointed Persons Course

23-24 & 27-28 First Aid at Work

29 Appointed Persons Course

NOVEMBER 2008

10-11 Refresher Course

12 Appointed Persons Course

20-21 & 24-25 First Aid at Work

26 Appointed Persons Course

DECEMBER 2008

12 Appointed Persons Course

15-16 Refresher Course

18-19 & 22-23 First Aid at Work

JANUARY 2009

8-9 & 12-13 First Aid at Work

21 Appointed Persons Course

27-28 Refresher Course

FEBRUARY 2009

3 Appointed Persons Course

11-12 Refresher Course

19-20 & 23-24 First Aid at Work

Protective Behaviours training

As a result of funding from Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust, the Safety Centre has been able to offer free training in Protective Behaviours to a large number of school staff in Milton Keynes.

The courses, which held at the Safety Centre, have been very popular and highly valued by the delegates.

Comments included: "This course should be available to all NQTs as they come into teaching."

As demand for this training is high, the Safety Centre will be offering more courses, and depending on available funding, the cost will be at a subsidised rate. Please ring Val Hall on **01908 263009** for further information and dates.



Bob (far right) is pictured with his colleagues Anna Dodds and Colin Manning.

Fire training dates

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Fire & Rescue Service and the Safety Centre are pleased to offer fire training at the Kiln Farm site on the following dates this year:

■ **Fire Wardens:** 7 & 28 July, 5 August, 1 & 29 September, 8 & 30 October, 6 & 27 November, 9 December

■ **Managing Fire Safety:** 16 October

Fire safety is an essential requirement for every organisation to protect employees, visitors or

residents and to ensure the integrity of the workplace. It is also a legal obligation under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2006.

All courses are run by experienced fire officers – it makes sense to arrange training with the experts.

For full details on the courses go to www.safetycentre.co.uk, ring **01908 263009** and ask for Bob Stilton or email him at b.stilton@safetycentre.co.uk

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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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