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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

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 learn new skills or polish old ones?**
- **Would you like to give something back to the community?**
- **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 looking 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.

SAFETY CENTRE MILTON KEYNES HAZARD ALLEY

I am interested in becoming a volunteer

Name .....

Address .....

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Tel .....

Email .....

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

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**.

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

Courses to make you safer

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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