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See our film on

You Tube

CHECK out the Safety Centre's revamped website and webfilm!

Go to www.safetycentre.co.uk and follow the link from the home page to view our webfilm.

The film runs for 5 minutes 40 seconds and gives a real flavour of how the Safety Centre works.



It can also be accessed on You Tube – just visit www.youtube.com and type in Hazard Alley.

Using footage of guides and young visitors discussing the hazard scenarios, and interviews with staff, teachers and the children themselves, it shows how the Safety Centre encourages children to identify everyday hazards and develop safe strategies to deal with potential emergencies.



Network Rail's Simon Whitehorn presents the cheque for £5,000 to Jan Alder.

Rail boost keeps us on the right track

THE Safety Centre Trustees would like to thank Network Rail for their generous contribution of £5,000 towards enhancing our rail safety messages.

Network Rail Area General Manager Simon Whitehorn said: "Given the close association Network Rail now has with Milton Keynes, I'm delighted to be able to support the Centre.

"The kids react fantastically to the interactive format of the different scenarios and it's clear they're learning some

really important lessons."

Centre Manager Jan Alder said: "The scenario emphasises the dangers of playing on or near the railway and high voltage lines and overhead

cables, and we discuss the serious implications of vandalism.

"There is also a work sheet which the children fill in to reinforce their knowledge.

"We are extremely grateful to Simon and Network Rail for the level of their support for this vital scenario."

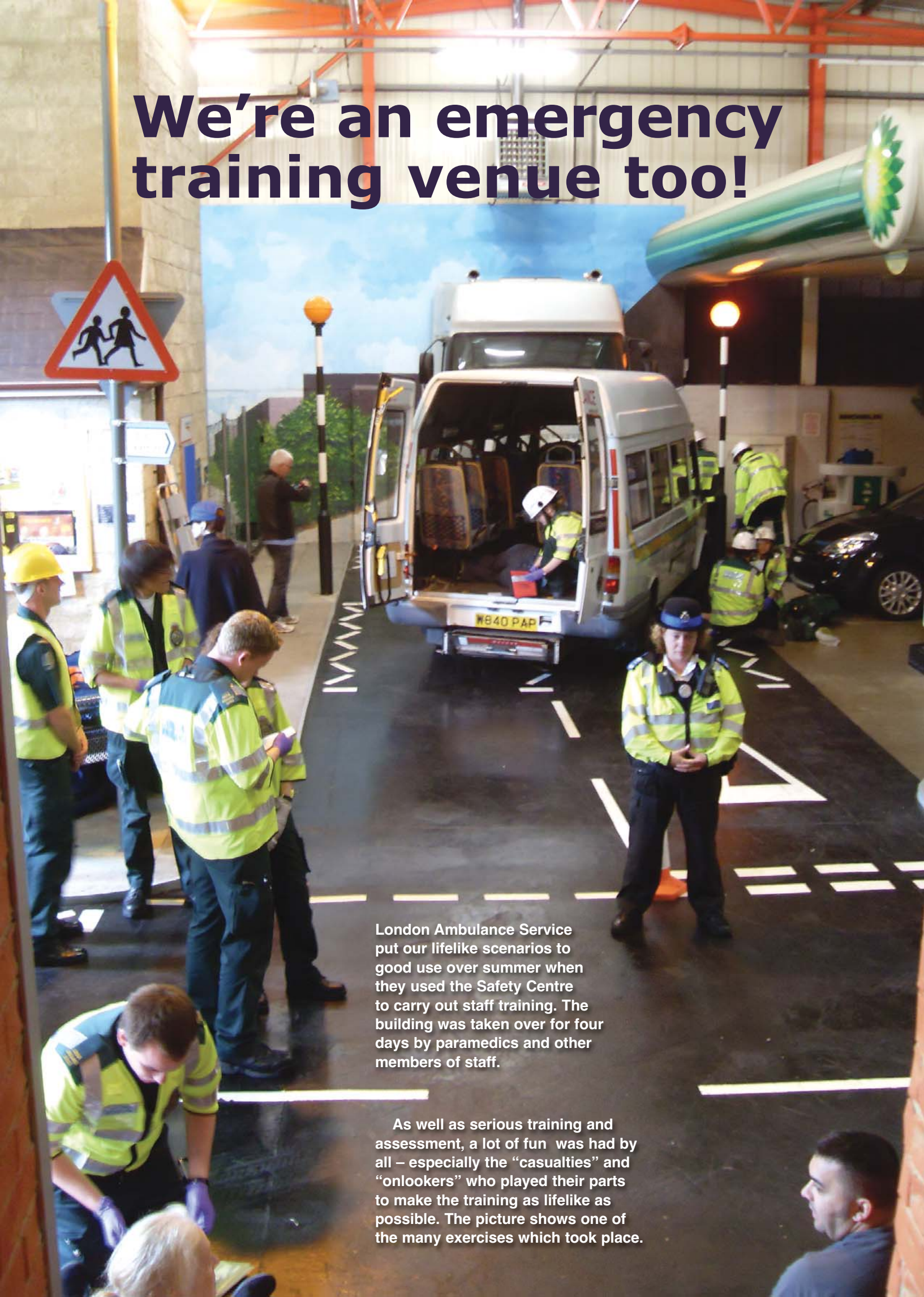


Welcome to two new Trustees

THE Safety Centre welcomes two new faces to the Board of Trustees – Mark Jones, Chief Fire Officer, Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, and Silvia Vitiello, a Partner with the accountancy firm Kingston Smith LLP.



We're an emergency training venue too!



London Ambulance Service put our lifelike scenarios to good use over summer when they used the Safety Centre to carry out staff training. The building was taken over for four days by paramedics and other members of staff.

As well as serious training and assessment, a lot of fun was had by all – especially the “casualties” and “onlookers” who played their parts to make the training as lifelike as possible. The picture shows one of the many exercises which took place.

THIS year the Safety Centre's volunteer guides visited West Midlands Safari Park for their annual summer trip. A great time was had by all – some even were tempted to try the rides (see picture on the right).

Anyone wishing to become one of our volunteers should ring Val Williams on **01908 263009** or email **info@safetycentre.co.uk**

Sunday 22 August saw another fantastic open day at the Safety Centre. Visitors watched displays by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service and Thames Valley Police, and people of all ages took the opportunity to view our safety scenarios.

In addition, there were a number of games and quizzes for children.



THIS PICTURE: Volunteers try out the Venom Tower Drop during their summer outing to West Midlands Safari Park.

TOP LEFT: Watch Manager Bob Stilton, centre, and Ian Turner from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service talk to Milton Keynes Mayor Councillor Debbie Brock about the fire demonstration unit they used at the open day. Looking on are Blaze Bear and the Safety Centre's Jan Alder.

LEFT: Police Community Support Officers talk to an open day visitor about their work.

Course dates to June 2011

OCTOBER 2010

- 4-5 Paediatric First Aid (two-day course)
- 8 Emergency First Aid at Work (one-day course)
- 14-15 First Aid at Work Refresher (two-day course)
- 21 Fire Wardens (one-day course)
- 21-22 & 25 First Aid at Work (three-day course)
- 26 Emergency First Aid at Work (one-day course)

NOVEMBER 2010

- 3 Fire Wardens
- 5 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 8-9 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 16 Fire Safety Managers (one-day course)
- 23 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 25 Fire Wardens
- 25-26 & 29 First Aid at Work

DECEMBER 2010

- 2 Fire Wardens
- 9-10 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 14 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 16-17 & 20 First Aid at Work

JANUARY 2011

- 5-6 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 13-14 & 17 First Aid at Work
- 21 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 26-27 Paediatric First Aid

FEBRUARY 2011

- 3-4 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 10-11 & 14 First Aid at Work
- 18 Emergency First Aid at Work

MARCH 2011

- 2-3 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 11 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 17-18 Paediatric First Aid
- 24-25 & 28 First Aid at Work

APRIL 2011

- 4-5 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 6 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 27-29 First Aid at Work

MAY 2011

- 4-5 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 11 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 23-24 Paediatric First Aid
- 25-27 First Aid at Work

JUNE 2011

- 7-8 First Aid at Work Refresher
- 17 Emergency First Aid at Work
- 23-24 & 27 First Aid at Work

We're part of the Alliance

THE Safety Centre is a founder member of the Safety Centre Alliance.

The organisation was formed last year to facilitate networking amongst interactive safety centres throughout the UK, and to lobby government and generally raise awareness nationally. Its key aims are to:

- Promote the work of existing safety centres in the media and to key audiences.
- Act as a united voice for safety centres to central and local government, educational



and safety organisations.

- Work to extend the provision and scope of safety centres across the UK.
- Collaborate on development projects such as new programmes for different user groups.
- Provide support and expertise to both existing and future safety centres.
- Provide a facility for peer evaluation and assessment to ensure high standards.

For more information, go to www.safetycentrealliance.org.uk



You can read Newsflash online or download it from the Safety Centre website at www.safetycentre.co.uk . . . just click on News & Awards and then go to Newsletters.

Need First Aid training that's HSE-approved?

DO you need First Aid training that is approved by the Health and Safety Executive in your workplace, school or nursery?

The Safety Centre offers competitively-priced courses delivered by experienced professionals, the majority of whom are qualified paramedics.

All profits from the courses go towards supporting child safety education at Hazard Alley.

Go to www.safetycentre.co.uk, email info@safetycentre.co.uk or ring **01908 263009** for full details and costs.

Forthcoming course dates for the next nine months are shown in the column on the left.



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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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