



THE HIGH SHERIFF OF WEST GLAMORGAN

An evening in support of
West Glamorgan Crimebeat



Briton Ferry Community Hall
Thursday 4 March 2010

50p



West Glamorgan Crimebeat was launched in 1997. It aims to give young people aged up to 25 an opportunity to help combat crime in the community.

It also aims to promote good citizenship and has six main objectives. If it is to be successful, any project submitted for financial support, will probably need to fulfil at least one of these objectives.

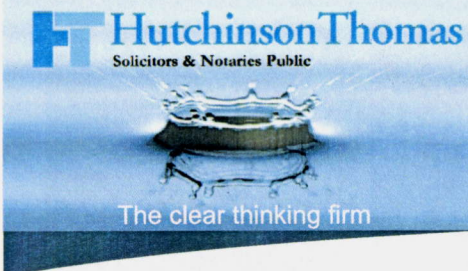
- To improve the quality of life in the community.
- To cut local crime and keep young people out of trouble.
- To improve school attendance and behaviour.
- To stimulate an interest in voluntary work.
- To help strengthen local communities.
- To encourage young people to be responsible.

The idea for West Glamorgan Crimebeat came from the High Sheriff of West Glamorgan in 1997. The Sheriff asked the Crime Prevention Panels and Community Safety Units of the City and County of Swansea and the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot to help develop the scheme to make sure it would appeal to young people and, at the same time, provide some practical answers to difficult problems which many of us have faced from time to time. It has been supported by all the High Sheriffs since its inception.

West Glamorgan Crimebeat encourages groups of young people to work in partnerships which endeavour to set up a project either on their own initiative or by drawing on the advice and support which can be received through either schools, colleges, community groups or youth organisations.

There are no real restrictions to projects. Ideas can either be simple and down to earth or pioneering and adventurous. Whatever project is proposed must satisfy one or more of the Crimebeat objectives and there must be careful thought and planning to turn them into effective low-cost projects. This is part of the challenge of West Glamorgan Crimebeat.

West Glamorgan Crimebeat has supported almost 100 projects in the preserved county of West Glamorgan, with grants of up to £500 per application, including a grant to Briton Ferry West Youth Forum which received a sum of £446.43 in 2008 to organise summer activities for young people aged 11-18.



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The High Sheriff of West Glamorgan
and West Glamorgan Crimebeat
and presents for your entertainment



A Night Out

Directed by
Terry Rees

by
Frank
Vickery

Cast

in order of appearance

Doreen **Lucy Lock**
Dad **Russell Workman**
Mam **Karen Hughes**
Eric **Gareth Rees**

The action takes place in the living room of the family suburban home. The time is the present.

Briton Ferry Little Theatre



Briton Ferry Little Theatre celebrated its 60th Anniversary in October 2009. Following a meeting of five enthusiastic couples in a café in Briton Ferry early in 1949 the society was formed and the curtain was raised for the first major production of Esther McCracken's "No Medals" in The Public Hall on 14 October 1949.

The society became affiliated to the Drama League and was forced to move its home in 1956 to the old Palace Kinema. Many performances were staged there, including the World Premier of "The Home and the Heart" by Rosemary Sissons and the Welsh amateur premier of "The Long and the Short and the Tall".

In 1978 the Kinema was demolished and it was only the determination and enthusiasm of the members that kept BFLT alive. A temporary home to stage productions was found in Cwrt Sart School but as these had to fit in with the school diary these were limited to two per year and sixteen successful productions were staged in the school.

The society was denied use of the school facilities due to cuts in the education budget and a change of administration in the school but again the loyal membership were determined to keep live theatre alive in Briton Ferry and for some years staged an annual pantomime written by the current chairman, Joyce Harding, in St Mary's Church Hall.

In 1993 Briton Ferry Town council fulfilled its promise of providing a Community Hall which provided stage and facilities to support theatre productions and the Society moved to its new home in 1995. They now perform three major productions a year.

Rosemary and I have been regular supporters of BFLT and have seen most of the performances of the company since 1975. I was privileged to become President of the Society in 2005. This year the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" was a great success in January and the production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" with a cast of 23, in September 2009 to mark our 60th Anniversary was superb. I have always been impressed by the commitment and professionalism of the "older" members of the theatre and am now equally pleased to see new and younger talent taking part in our regular performances.

My grateful thanks to the cast and production team for putting on this performance for me in my Shrievalty year. I am most grateful for their support particularly as they have managed to practise and perfect this performance less than 5 weeks after the end of the annual pantomime. My thanks also to Briton Ferry Town Council and the caretakers of the Community Centre who have been very supportive also.

I would like to thank you all for coming this evening, both to support myself, Crimebeat and Briton Ferry Little Theatre. I am sure that you will enjoy the performance and would encourage you to return to see future performances. If you would like details of future performances I will be pleased to let you know if you let me have an email address. I can be contacted on bryn@2oldroad.freeseve.co.uk

Bryn John
High Sheriff of West Glamorgan 2009-10