

PRIME MINISTER

YOUR VISIT TO PORTHCAWL INSHORE LIFEBOAT STATION

After your Welsh Conference Q & A session and TV interviews, you leave the Grand Pavilion ^{to go to lunch and then} to visit the Porthcawl Lifeboat Station.

The Station is only about 400 yards from the Seabanks Hotel, situated on the picturesque Porthcawl Point. It is manned by a crew of 15. Together with wives and children, the attendance is expected to be around 50.

You will be greeted by Mr Redmond the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary, Mr Williams and Mrs Joan Middleton who presented the boat in memory of her husband who was connected with the RNLI before his death.

For press picture purposes, you will be invited to sit in the boat (the inflatable dinghy type). It will be grubby so you may wish to wear something dark.

Before departure, you will be presented with a small plaque by Stephen Williams, aged 23. [He saw service in HMS Brilliant throughout the Falklands War, including the sinking of the submarine Sante Fe at South Georgia and entering San Carlos Bay on several occasions when the ship was hit by Argentine gunfire. He has been an RNLI helper since 1978 and crew member since 1985.]

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NOTE ON PORTHCAWL LIFEBOAT STATION

Location is at the foot of Porthcawl Pier, adjacent to the lifeboat station.

Its history goes back to the first part of the 19th Century. Modified as a coastguard lookout during the '39-'45 war. Has been used in recent years as observation for Porthcawl lifeboat station.

Has suffered the ravages of time and is currently being renovated by the Porthcawl Employment Committee.

Porthcawl Employment Committee is a voluntary body established to provide sponsorship, and set up to operate under the Manpower Services Commission's Community Programme scheme, with the object of providing long-term work for the unemployed. The Committee is now on its third year programme and has been able to keep in work an average of 45 men and women.

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