

# The Micron



The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo



Upperfalloch repair



Repair work at Lochaber Smelter

## NEWCo JUMP TO THE RESCUE IN EMERGENCY JOBS

**THE NEWCo team has come to the rescue of two different clients in differing sectors this month who needed emergency repair works done.**

Working for Campbell of Doune on a Hydro Scheme at Upperfalloch near Crianlarich, the NEWCo team were able to fix some localised corrosion on the internals of a steel pipe fitting.

The hydro scheme is on the Glen Falloch Estate which lies within the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park.

Hugh Campbell of Campbell of Doune said: "The client and all members of the project team at Upperfalloch Hydro were delighted with the proactive and speedy response of Newco last week."

The NEWCo team's quick response meant that a separate workforce travelling from overseas to reinstate the pipeline did not need to be postponed.

The second job took place a bit closer to home for Liberty British Aluminium, who like NEWCo have a base at Fort William. This project which took three shifts to complete involved repairs to a containment enclosure at the site.

NEWCo foreman Dave Hollands explained: "It was extremely important that we handled both of these jobs quickly and

efficiently to ensure that there was as little disruption as possible to the customers.

"The repair work at Crianlarich was completed within the same day. We headed down as soon as we got the call and as it was a relatively simple job, we were able to complete it there and then. It wasn't complex for us, but it was crucial for the client as a delay in the repair could have had a knock-on effect for the rest of the project."

Dave added: "The nature of the job for Liberty Aluminium meant it took longer, however we reacted to it as soon as the call came in and it was completed within three shifts. Basically, a piece of equipment which has a very hard life at the plant had broken. The equipment is used to break down the old aluminium at the depot and it is constantly getting thumped. The part that we needed to repair had been repaired several times before. We took it back to the good bit and cut in new plates which were fabricated at NEWCo.

"Being able to react to these types of jobs is what puts the NEWCO team above others. We have a great reputation for this type of work and that's because we have a loyal, hardworking team who know what they are doing."



Jazmin Kellas

## Second GLA for AJE

**AJ Engineering is supporting its second graduate apprentice.**

Quality manager, Jazmin Kellas has embarked on a graduate apprenticeship with Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen and is studying a BA (hons) in Business Management.

Speaking about the degree, Jazmin who has worked at AJE for 18 months said: "I am really enjoying the course and I am looking forward to learning more about how businesses operate and being able to apply what I learn to my work within AJE."

Jazmin's course will run over four years and although she visits RGU four times a year, the rest of the learning is done online.

Graham Alexander, AJE's general manager said: "AJE has grown organically and the processes and systems that we have in place are ones that have been developed to suit the needs of the company. However, we recognise that there may other business practices we could be adopting, so Jazmin was offered this opportunity so that she will be able to bring back her learning and apply it to AJE. We hope that in the long run it will highlight areas where AJE could be more efficient."

Last year, AJE became one of the first in the north to take on an engineering graduate apprentice when Laura Mair joined the firm.

Laura is learning with Heriot-Watt University, to gain a bachelor's level degree in Engineering, Design and Manufacturing.

## Jumper for Joy

**Staff at AJE and NEWCo are being encouraged to 'Go Festive' and wear a winter woolly to help raise funds for Save the Children.**

For the second year, Quality manager, Jazmin Kellas is hoping all staff will don their favourite festive garb on December 14.

She said: "Last year we had great fun and raised £92 for the charity and I am hoping that everyone will get into the Christmas spirit again and that we raise some more much needed funds for Save the Children. I love Christmas and any opportunity I can get to wear my Christmas jumper I grab it."

Staff are asked to wear something festive and donate £2 which will be given to the charity.

Our team text code is TEAMAJE01. By simply texting this code to 70050, we can donate £2 to Save the Children.

## AJE teams quizzed for Children In Need

**AJE took part in the Rotary Club of Forres' annual quiz night.**

The event which raised circa £5000 for Children in Need took place on November 16 in the Mosset Tavern. Two teams – including Jim Thomson, James Attridge, Craig Johnston, Simon Hutchins, Davie Murdoch and Jamie Lawrence plus wives and partners took part.



**#CHRISTMASJUMPERDAY**



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## FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

We're joining in the festive fun on  
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