



On Friday 13 September 1940, a ship, The City of Benares, set sail from Liverpool for Canada.

On board were ninety young evacuees escaping the relentless bombing and dangers of war-torn Britain.

Four days into the crossing, the ship was torpedoed and sank. Only eleven of the evacuees survived.

Two girls, Bess Walder and Beth Cummings spent nineteen terrifying hours in the water on an upturned lifeboat.

They willed each other to survive.

Catherine Wheels Theatre Company visited Campbeltown in October, where their award winning production of “Lifeboat” was seen by over 430 children from schools in Kintyre. The two performances were sponsored by Argyll and Bute Council, and the Scottish Arts Council.