



Food & Drink

NEWSLETTER



NEWMILNS FOOD FESTIVAL

Putting the 'OO' in Food

Saturday 17th
September

11am-5pm

Jamieson Park,
Newmilns

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Safety steaks are raised thanks to butcher's food award!

Popular Darvel butcher George McCulloch has been awarded a prestigious Eat Safe award by East Ayrshire Council – and becomes the first local butcher to achieve the feat. The award is a national campaign promoted by the Food Standards Agency and managed by local authorities, through routine inspections of food premises. The Eat Safe Award scheme provides an incentive to food businesses to strive for food hygiene and food safety management standards beyond those required by law. For consumers, it provides a recognisable sign of excellence in standards of food hygiene and can give them confidence that the retailer takes food safety seriously. Presenting the Eat Safe Award, Councillor Tom Cook, East Ayrshire Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety and Equalities said: "George has an excellent reputation for the quality of his goods and his shop is kept in excellent condition. He takes a real pride in offering truly outstanding customer service and this enthusiasm is evident in everything he does. The award is thoroughly well deserved and is a message of reassurance to shoppers that George not only meets, but exceeds, stringent national food safety standards".

George said he was "overjoyed to become the first butcher in East Ayrshire to get this level of recognition and it makes me more determined than ever to keep going the extra mile to make sure I offer the very best to all my customers. I'm over the moon with this and will display the award with real pride in the shop."

Many congratulations to George and we wish him every success in the future. If you are reading this and would like to participate in the Eat Safe scheme please contact your local Environmental Health department or alternatively email [Neil McAleese](mailto:Neil.McAleese@eastayrshire.gov.uk) for a referral.



Photo courtesy of Buzzworks – The Cornerhouse Restaurant, Kilwinning.

The Cornerhouse in Kilwinning is the latest addition to the series of restaurants across Ayrshire from Buzzworks. The latest venue, situated in North Ayrshire, compliments the already established Scotts at Largs Yacht Haven and adds to the already established 'house' brand names that Buzzworks operates in Ayr, Kilmarnock & Stewarton.

Buzzworks is a significant employer within the sector and the region and with continued growth ahead they are continuously recruiting staff to fill new vacancies.

<http://www.buzzworksholdings.com/careers/>

Ayrshire Businesses Secure Council Food Contracts

Earlier this month four Ayrshire businesses were successfully tendered for a contract to supply East Ayrshire Council with a range of food stuffs for primary and secondary school catering purposes. The procurement exercise was led by East Ayrshire however the purchasing framework is also available to both North and South Ayrshire Councils and could ultimately lead to a substantial volume of Ayrshire products being consumed in our Schools across the region.

Pollok Williamson, Ayr will provide fresh red meat; J Pieroni & Sons, Ayr will provide fresh fish and poultry; A & A Spittal, Auchinleck will provide fresh fruit & vegetables; whilst Corrie Mains Free Range Ltd, Mauchline will provide fresh hens eggs. There is also a number of potential benefits for companies, such as Braehead Foods, in distributing the products. This is a fantastic outcome for our local businesses and should help to sustain jobs within the sector.

Upcoming Events List

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September

Saturday 3	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Town Centre
Sunday 4	Culzean Country Market
Sun 4 – Tues 6	Speciality Fine Food Fair 2016
Mon 5 – Wed 7	REHIS Intermediate Food Hygiene
Thurs 8 – Sun 11	Global Market, Kilmarnock Town Centre
Saturday 10	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre
Sunday 11	Ayrshire Food Network – Farmers Market
Thursday 15	Elementary Food Hygiene
Saturday 17	Newmilns Food Festival
Saturday 17	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock Town Centre
Sunday 18	Dumfries House Food Market
Sunday 18	Dean Castle Harvest Festival
Saturday 24	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre
Sunday 25	Fencebay Farmers Market

October

Saturday 1	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Town Centre
Sunday 2	Culzean Country Market
Tuesday 4	Food, Drink, Hospitality & Tourism Seminar – Developing The Young Workforce - Park Hotel
Thurs 6 – Sat 8	Ayrshire Real Ale Festival - Troon Town Hall
Saturday 8	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre
Saturday 15	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock Town Centre
Sunday 16	Dumfries House Food Market
Sunday 16	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Central
Monday 17	Elementary Food Hygiene – Ayrshire Chamber (<i>Contact Lyndsey Phillips</i>)
Sun 23 – Sat 29	Learn, Taste, Experience Iceland – Learning Journey
Thursday 27	Demo & Dine at Costley's Patisserie & Chocolatier
Saturday 29	Ayrshire Farmers' Market
Sunday 30	Fencebay Farmers'

