



# Food & Drink

## NEWSLETTER



### NEWMILNS FOOD FESTIVAL

Putting the 'OO' in Food

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September

11am-5pm  
Jamieson Park,  
Newmilns

For more information  
visit:

<http://www.lovenewmilns.org/newmilns-food-festival/food-festival/for-the-foodies>

or follow via twitter via  
[@LoveNewmilns](https://twitter.com/LoveNewmilns)

### Centrestage Communities – Food Drive

Centrestage Communities is a Scottish charity that supports a number of projects across Ayrshire through an innovative scheme aimed at tackling food poverty. Centrestage currently runs a project which provides meals, advice, support and mentoring in Drongan and Fullarton in East Ayrshire and Pennyburn in North Ayrshire and seeks to eradicate food poverty in these areas. The charity has requested the support of businesses engaged within the Food & Drink sector across Ayrshire to help them by passing on any waste or surplus food stocks for use in preparing meals for impoverished communities.



Centrestage Communities will deliver the scheme in partnership with FareShare which redistributes surplus food stock with the aim of reducing dependency on conventional foodbanks.

The approach is based on a pilot project which was delivered in Ardeer in 2015, and utilises a converted bus which provides meals to families facing the challenges associated with poverty.

Once demand is established and local community buy-in delivered, Centrestage will work with communities to open, manage and set up trading of community-led shops and hubs from which support services to tackle issues around food poverty will be offered.

If your business can help Centrestage in any way please contact Kim Black via telephone – 01563 590300 or email: [Kim.Black@centrestagecommunities.org.uk](mailto:Kim.Black@centrestagecommunities.org.uk). Thank You!

### Bitesize Digital Conference Success

The second of this year's industry engagement events took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at North Gables Hotel, Irvine. The event was extremely successful with 45 attendees participating in the one day conference which was split into a morning of speakers and an afternoon of elective workshops. The third event will take place during business week on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.

### Business Gateway – Events

Business Gateway offer a range of workshops and events to help you with your business. To view the extensive list of events please visit - <http://www.bgateway.com/ayrshire>

Alternatively you can contact your local office via the following numbers:

Ayr Office – 01292 616349 / Kilmarnock Office – 01563 576987 / Irvine Office – 01294 449944



**Ayrshire Food Network** are a proactive food and drink organisation who are supporting businesses across the sector here in Ayrshire. This private membership organisation has encouraged businesses to collaborate more effectively and offers a flexible benefits package to support your business needs. The organisation have recently updated their website and are always welcoming new members. For more information please visit – [www.AyrshireFoodNetwork.co.uk](http://www.AyrshireFoodNetwork.co.uk)

Are you ready for Eat Safe? Eat Safe is an award scheme designed to promote excellence in Food Hygiene and Food Safety Management in food businesses across Scotland. If your business can go above and beyond achieving a PASS certificate, then you could be eligible for an Eat Safe Award. For information please contact your Local Authority Environmental Health team or visit Food Standards Scotland website:

[www.foodstandards.gov.scot/food-safety-standards/food-safety-hygiene/eat-safe](http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/food-safety-standards/food-safety-hygiene/eat-safe)



### Upcoming Events List

[www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk](http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk)

#### June

Thursday 30 Demo & Dine at Costley's Patisserie

#### July

Saturday 2 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Town Centre

Sunday 3 Culzean Country Market

Wednesday 6 REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene (£60/candidate)

Saturday 9 Dalrymple Show

Saturday 9 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley

Sunday 10 Ayrshire Food Network – Farmers Market - Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Alloway

Wednesday 13 Championship Connections at The Open

Saturday 16 Fenwick Show

Saturday 16 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock

Sunday 17 Dumfries House Food Market

Thursday 21 REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene

Sunday 24 Ayrshire Vintage Tractor & Machinery Club – 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vintage Rally

Wednesday 27 Stranraer Show

Saturday 30 Ayrshire Farmers Market - Paisley

Saturday 30 Ayrshire Food Fayre – Kilmarnock Town Centre

Sunday 31 Fencebay Farmers' Market

#### August

Wednesday 3 REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene (£60/candidate)

Saturday 6 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Town Centre

Sunday 7 Culzean Country Market

Saturday 13 Ayrshire Farmer' Market - Paisley

Wednesday 17 Elementary Food Hygiene

Saturday 20 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock

Sat 20 – Sun 21 Food & Drink Festival – Culzean Castle

Sunday 21 Dumfries House Food Market

Thursday 25 Demo & Dine at Costley's Patisserie

Saturday 27 Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Paisley

Sunday 28 Fencebay Farmers' Market

