



# Food & Drink

NEWSLETTER



## Ballantrae FESTIVAL OF FOOD & DRINK

Ballantrae Festival  
of Food & Drink

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Ballantrae Shore Front  
11-5pm

For more information  
visit  
<http://www.ballantrae.org.uk/foodfestival/>  
or follow via twitter via  
@BallantraeFest

Bitesize Digital is a digital and social marketing conference which will bring together the food & drink and tourism sectors from throughout Ayrshire. The evolution of the internet and advancement of new technology is leading people to a new way of thinking and behaving.



**BITESIZE**  
DIGITAL CONFERENCE 2016

For the Ayrshire Food & Drink and Tourism Sectors

Thursday 16th June, 9am–4.15pm

Gailes Hotel, Irvine

This awareness raising and skills development session will equip you with the skills to address the challenges of the ever changing digital landscape, including the latest trends in the digital for the food & drink and tourism sectors.

For more information & booking visit: [www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk/bitesize)



The race is on to win one of the prestigious category titles at the Ayrshire Business Awards 2016. The application process is now open and businesses are urged to apply to promote their companies and celebrate their achievements.

For more information on the awards and the category descriptions visit:  
[www.ayrshire-chamber.org/businessawards.asp](http://www.ayrshire-chamber.org/businessawards.asp)

To request an application form please email [awards@entourageuk.com](mailto:awards@entourageuk.com) detailing what application forms you require. Businesses have until **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016** to submit their completed application forms.

THE owner of Seamill's Waterside Hotel has been shortlisted as a regional finalist for the prestigious Ernst & Young (EY) Entrepreneur Of The Year Award. **Malcolm Simpson** and his wife **Karen** have been key players in the leisure and hospitality industry for over 20 years.

Their family owned company, SimpsInns, operates award winning hotels, restaurants, bars, golf and leisure at venues across Ayrshire, including the Gailes Hotel and the Si! restaurant in Irvine. Malcolm was shortlisted as a finalist in the Scottish region of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year award where 30 diverse businesses are represented, including companies from technology, energy and food and drink sectors.



### Let's Eat Glasgow – Applications Closing on 1<sup>st</sup> June

The pop up market will be open between 11am-6pm Saturday and 11am-5pm Sunday and promises to be a big success again this year. Stands are £100+VAT per day and applications are due in by **5pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

### Kilmarnock to host Global Market from 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June

For the 6<sup>th</sup> successive year, Kilmarnock will host the Global Market in the town centre from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Why not pop along and sample some fantastic food.

### Edinburgh Food Festival – Wed 27<sup>th</sup> to Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July

Applications are now being accepted for Edinburgh Food Festival 2016. If you would like to apply please visit <http://www.edfoodfest.com/> for a copy of the application form.



## Events List

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

### **May**

Monday 30 REHIS Advanced Diploma in Food Hygiene

### **June**

Thurs 2 – Sun 5 Global Market Kilmarnock  
Thursday 2 Food & Drink Business Awards  
Friday 3 Elementary Food Hygiene  
Saturday 4 Newmilns Show / Carsphairn Show  
Saturday 4 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Town Centre  
Saturday 4 Whisky An' A' That 2016  
Sunday 5 Open Farm Sunday 2016  
Sunday 5 Culzean Country Market  
Wednesday 8 REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene (£60/candidate)  
Saturday 11 Straiton Show / Largs Show  
Saturday 11 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley  
Sunday 12 Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink  
Tuesday 14 Behind The Scenes @ Craig Wilson Livestock Auctions  
Thursday 16 Bitesize Digital Conference for Food, Drink & Tourism Sectors at Gales Hotel, Irvine  
Saturday 18 Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock  
Sunday 19 Dumfries House Food Market  
Thurs 23 – Sun 26 Royal Highland Show  
Saturday 25 Ayrshire Farmers Market - Paisley  
Thursday 30 Demo & Dine at Costley's Patisserie



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