



# Food & Drink

## NEWSLETTER

### Food Production Space Available in Darvel

Due to continued success of the current tenant, Ayrshire Food From Ayrshire Folk are looking to welcome their next tenant from early September. This small production facility is ideal for small businesses that have either outgrown their home kitchen space or are looking for facilities in which to produce their products.

The facility can be rented on a part-time basis and gives flexibility to both parties. If production space is of interest to you or a colleague please contact Neil McAleese in the first instance to arrange an introduction and initial discussion on your business needs.

**Email:** [Neil.McAleese@East-Ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.McAleese@East-Ayrshire.gov.uk) or **Telephone:** 01563 503238



### Newmilns Food Festival – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Final preparations are underway for this year's festival in Newmilns. This year the food & drink event will take place on the Saturday with a craft market taking place on the Sunday. Entry to the festival will be £3 for Adults, Under 12's go free. With a food court that provides seating for 400 and contains 20 stalls selling delicious ready to eat produce, the event will build on the success of previous years. The marketplace will have 50 producer stalls selling a fantastic array of artisan foods for you to sample, buy and take home. This year's demonstrations will be headlined by Masterchef winner Gary MacLean. For information follow Newmilns Festival via: <http://newmilnsfestivalweekend.co.uk/>



**NEWMILNS  
FOOD FESTIVAL**

On behalf of Ayrshire College, ESP Scotland and Skills Development Scotland, we invite Ayrshire businesses to participate in a pilot Food & Drink Improvement Programme which is fully funded and requires only a time commitment to complete. The three elements of the programme include;

- Online awareness course on Business Improvement
- Face-to-Face course for Business Improvement Techniques
- Business Improvement Learning Journey

Please see attached flyer for further details and to enrol in the programme. This programme will begin imminently so please contact Stuart Millar as soon as possible.

**Stuart Millar at Ayrshire College** via: [stuart.millar@ayrshire.ac.uk](mailto:stuart.millar@ayrshire.ac.uk)

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<http://www.esp-scotland.ac.uk/>

### Largs Artisan Market Returning September After Inaugural Event Success

A new event took place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August at Largs Promenade which gave locals & visitors the opportunity to browse and buy local food and craft products. The event, which was very successful, ran from 10-3pm and was the first market style event to take place in Largs after the cancellation of the popular Largs Food Festival. The event will return on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, which falls on the holiday weekend for many, and promises to have an even bigger range of products on offer. If you would like to book a stall then please contact Alex Sharpe via email: [AJSStallHire@aol.com](mailto:AJSStallHire@aol.com) or telephone 07850 221 228.



## Food Tourism Scotland Launched

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon launched the new Food Tourism Scotland action plan which will pave the way for Scotland becoming an international leader in this growing, worldwide field, representing a unique alliance between two key sectors, Tourism and Food & Drink. The official press release can be found at: <http://www.scotlandfoodanddrink.org/news/article-info/8388/a-taste-of-scotland.aspx>

**Got an event coming up?** Why not share your event for publishing on the Ayrshire Food & Drink calendar where businesses and consumers can get up to date event information. This is a free resource available to all Ayrshire food and drink businesses.

[Submit Your Event Here](#)

### Upcoming Events List

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

#### September

#### Event

1 <sup>st</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Food & Drink Fortnight (Ongoing Celebrations Throughout Scotland)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers Market –Ayr Town Centre
2-4 <sup>th</sup>	Speciality & Fine Food Fair
7 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley
8 <sup>th</sup>	Alloway Guid Fayre Market
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ballantrae Farmers Market
14 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Newmilns Food Festival</b> – Jamieson Park, Newmilns
16 <sup>th</sup>	Dumfries House Food Market
17 <sup>th</sup>	Showcasing Scotland – Highlands & Islands
21 <sup>st</sup>	Girvan Community Market
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Largs Artisan Market
28 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley



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