

# Ship Inn sails off with food award

**By Lex Brown**

**THE Ship Inn has scooped a top award for its food.**

The harbourside pub won the Pub Caterer of the Year title in a contest run by the Scottish Licensed Trade News.

Ship owner Iain Murray was presented with the prize by TV celeb Carole Smillie. Judges praised the quality of the food and the fact that it is cooked fresh on the premises.

They said the Ship -runner up in last year's contest — offered great choice and value for money.

Patrick Duffy, managing editor, said the Ship has long been recognised by customers and those in the industry as a great food pub.

He said: "But it's a really competitive field these days with an increasing number of gast-ropubs offering restaurant quality food and lots of other pubs working hard to improve their food service.

"The judges thought the Ship got the balance absolutely right with a menu that includes pub food classics and favourites as well as some more adventurous dishes.

"It has a real commitment to fresh food and while the food might be up there with many restaurants, the prices certainly aren't.

"Iain Murray is very well thought of by his peers." The award comes close on the heels of the Ship picking up Pub of the Year title.

Iain — who runs the business with son Jamie — said he was delighted with the award.

He said: "It recognises all the hard work that everybody here puts in.

"We strive to give our customers what they want and what they deserve.

"They want good, fresh and varied dishes at a value for money price."