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The team from Archers with their special sausages
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Foodies indulge in the county's finest fare at tasty festival

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Foodies of Norfolk visited a popular city festival to try out some of the best food and drink the region has to offer.

The annual Norwich Food and Drink Festival served up a fiesta of flavours for all to enjoy.

Sponsored by Norwich solicitors Cozens-Hardy, dozens of local producers visited The Forum, St Peter's Street and Bethel Street.

Sarah de Chair, chair of Norfolk Food and Drink, said: "The festival is getting bigger and bigger and I think it's important that it's in the centre of Norwich because we can introduce the public to our Norfolk producers."

"I think this year we had more people attend than last year's festival which is great. I think it helped as people do like to go out on Sundays and it's something different to do on Father's Day."

The one-day festival was the final year of the ever popular Battle of the Bangers – an event where 10 of the county's best butchers battle it out to be crowned winner of the judges' and public votes by tempting visitors, where they could taste a selection of mouth-watering sausages.

More than 40 local food and

Sponsors

The Battle of the Bangers event was sponsored by Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management and run by the Red Cat Partnership, while the Producers' Street Market was sponsored by Lovewell Blake. Other sponsors and supporters include Creative Sponge, Norwich Print Solutions, The Forum, Orchard Toys, Ben Burgess, 101 Smart Messenger, violinist Alison Sparrow and band Headrush.

drink producers served up some of their finest delights to tantalise the taste buds of visitors.

Among those were producers who are yearly attendees and also first timers, like WhataHoot.

Jason Crown, director of WhataHoot, launched his new hand-distilled Norfolk gin at the festival.

He said: "It's great to be launching our product today because we're getting really good feedback. It's been amazing to be at the festival and we hope to come back next year."

The festival also saw a street food market which offered a range of delicious hot and cold, sweet and savoury dishes to suit all.

Anna Farquharson, partner at Cozens-Hardy Solicitors, said: "The Norwich Food and Drink



Picture: Kieron Tovell



Claire Hudson, from Tavern Tasty Meats, serving up sausages for the Battle of the Bangers competition at the Norwich Food and Drink Festival Picture: NICK BUTCHER



The Battle of the Bangers competition at the Norwich Food and Drink Festival

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The team from WhataHoot, which launched a brand new gin for Norfolk at the Norwich Food and Drink Festival

Picture: KIERON TOVELL.



There was a special treat for this four-legged friend at the festival

Picture: NICK BUTCHER



Festival staff and the team from Archers, who won the Battle of the Bangers at Norwich Food and Drink Festival

Picture: KIERON TOVELL.

Festival appeals to everybody and, personally, I love the event. "The organisers try to promote local businesses and the build up to the festival has been brilliant for Cozens-Hardy being sponsors

of the event. It gives an opportunity to get out in the community and it also allows us to meet people in an environment less formal than an office."



Above left and right, the Norwich Food and Drink Festival

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