



•I'm making the best animal in the whole world," reckoned Katie Garey (4) on the vegetable features stall. She is leaving readers to guess what it is!



•1st Rifles chefs Pte Mustafa Jallow, Sgt David Foulkes-Williams and Cpl Dave Hearn with goodies from the "Cook for the Cause" recipe book.

# Showcase sets tastebuds a-tingle!



•Cooling off from the gorgeous sunshine were Showcase volunteer helpers Bobby Smith and sisters Shannon and Tanika Bartlett-Smith.

A HUGE variety of locally-produced food and drink set the taste buds tingling at the Forest Showcase on Sunday.

And visitors piled in to sample what was on offer, much to the relief of the organisers who this year suffered a funding cut with the withdrawal of council support. The Showcase was therefore a test of whether or not it was feasible to keep the annual event going.

"We had a brilliant day and everyone enjoyed it," said a spokesperson.

"We have terrific support from our suppliers. We covered our costs and we're going to be back next year trying to make a good event an even better one. We have already booked Speech House, because it's such a great venue, and started planning ahead."

Among producers at the show Glenn, from Four Seasons Foods and Nomad Kitchen, commented: "What a fantastic day, made all the better by sunshine. A great advert for local producers. Speech House was a very good venue."

A spokesman for Smarts Cheese said: "It is really a joy to meet and talk with so many people."

And Graham Waddington, of Native Breeds, said: "The Showcase was one of the most memorable – the weather unseasonably fantastic, great atmosphere."

James McCrindle, of McCrindles, added: "The Forest Food Showcase was a fantastic event."



•Laura Todd of Crooked End Farm displays national award winning Boeuf Bourguignon and Mediterranean vegetable pies.



•Jo Smart with a national award winning traditional single Gloucester cheese.



•Kishe Redwood with ice cool berry drink and Mexican bean wrap from her newly launched Nomad Organic Vegetarian Kitchen.