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### Two injured as car hits trees

TWO people were taken to hospital after their car left the A14 and hit trees.

The crash took place on the A14 westbound close to the Rowley Mile services, near Newmarket, on Saturday.

One casualty had been released before fire crews from Newmarket and Cambridge arrived.

They removed the car's roof to get the second person out.

### City is added to world's Globees

RESIDENTS and tourists can get a better picture of Cambridge from an illuminated globe showing 40 of its famous landmarks.

Globees are the brainchild of former chartered accountant David Sinclair.

Now Cambridge has been added to a list of world tourist destinations with their own Globees, including London, New York and Rome.

The Globee is on sale at The Cambridge Gift Shop and The Parade Gift Shop.

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#### Wonderful wildlife

Neil Renwick, of the RSPB, discusses the wildlife around



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### MS team could win top honour

A CAMBRIDGE centre at the forefront of multiple sclerosis research has been shortlisted for a national award.

The Cambridge Centre for Myelin Repair, lead by Prof Robin Franklin, is a finalist in the MS Research of the Year category at this year's MS Society Awards.

The winner will be revealed at the Royal Garden Hotel in London on September 27.

### Smart move to extend Oysters

COMMUTERS in Hertfordshire will benefit if the Oyster travelcard scheme is extended to First Capital Connect stations, including Royston.

Talks are being held between the train company and the Department for Transport and Transport for London (TfL) about the idea.

Shashi Verma, TfL's director of fares, said: "We are supportive of the idea of Oyster extending into Hertfordshire."

Oyster cards are plastic smartcards to use for rail, Tube and bus travel in and around London instead of paper tickets.



**SWEET TREAT:** Irette Murray of Luvcake tempts visitors. Right: John Read and Richard Grimsdale offering a taste of Musk's sausages

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# Food, glorious food, brings in the crowds

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THOUSANDS of families got in touch with their roots at the Cambridge Food, Garden and Produce Festival over the weekend.

The event on Parker's Piece drew crowds keen on growing their own and seeing traditional crafts in action, as well as hordes of youngsters set on getting up close to animals.

Emma Owen, director of Oakleigh Fairs, said: "It just showcases all that's good about food and produce, and gardening and mucking in."

Cookery demonstrations were held by chefs from venues including the Black Bull in Balsham and the Red Lion Inn at Hinxton, visitors could wander through



**SPOILT FOR CHOICE:** Tracey Turner on the stall run by Emerald Foods

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an enormous food marquee while gardeners could take their produce dilemmas to the *Gardening Question Time* Roadshow panel.

Animals from ducks to turkeys and goats were there for youngsters to interact with.

Natalia Katkova-Milner, 37, of Hawkins Road, said such interaction with animals, and speaking to people about how to look after them, was how children learned to appreciate nature.

She said: "It gives the chance to children who live in the town to see all these beautiful animals. This display is excellent, it gives the chance to children to be in touch with nature."

Green-fingered visitors were able to have a go at do-it-yourself miniature gardens.

Mrs Owen, who organises the festival with her husband, Charlie,

said: "I thought it would be fun for people to make something, to make it look even more beautiful than it is."

Visitors could watch willow-weaving, see a scale model of a steam traction engine puff past and pore over craft stalls, while young guests in the produce marquee got stuck in making models out of vegetables and decorating eggs.

Enormous pumpkins jostled for space with onions and tomatoes in the produce marquee for a "good old-fashioned show" which Mrs Owen said had been the festival's biggest yet.

One keen person entered 20 of the show's 35 classes.

Mrs Owen said: "For those of us who have lived in and around Cambridge, it does have this community spirit."

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## Battle to save post office as council subsidy is withdrawn

VILLAGERS are being urged to help safeguard the future of their post office.

Residents of Henham, near Standed, are being asked to say how often they use the facility, which is housed in the volunteer-run community shop in the High Street, and what they use it for.

The post office depends on Essex County Council for financial support, but that will cease in December.

In an open letter to the community, Christopher Swain, chairman of Henham Village Shop Associat-

ion, writes: "We hope that some new arrangement may be possible, but it will be important for us to show how much the post office is valued by the village and to be able to back up our plea for continued support by some hard data."

Henham's sub-post office was shut in July 2008 as part of a Government closure programme affecting 2,500 branches across the country.

It reopened that November after the county council thrashed out a deal with Post Office Ltd to get it up and running again.

## Vulnerable youngsters receive vital help from volunteer Maya

A CARING teenager is spending a year teaching children from troubled backgrounds in South Africa.

Former Saffron Walden County High student Maya Walker, 18, had to raise nearly £5,000 to fund her volunteering experience with Project Trust.

After arriving in the country two weeks ago, she has told the

News she is having an amazing time.

To raise the funds Maya, of Park Lane, Saffron Walden, held events including a car wash, cake stalls and garage sale.

From the Thembelihle Home of Safety, in Mthatha, Maya said: "My main role here is as teacher and carer for 24 children aged 5 to 18, who are residents at the home

until court cases are resolved or a new family is found to care for them.

"They come from very troubled backgrounds and many show the scars of the abuse they have suffered." Maya hopes to train to be a paramedic when she returns.

To follow her, see [www.yearinthelifeof-ptvol-southafrica.blogspot.com/](http://www.yearinthelifeof-ptvol-southafrica.blogspot.com/).