

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

## Burning body: Man charged with murder

A homeless man has been charged with the murder of a woman whose body was found burning in a layby.

Ugandan-born Jamal Bakhit, 24, will appear at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court today accused of killing Rahmona Ahmedin.

The 23-year-old victim, who had been stabbed, was discovered on the A1301 at Hinxton, Cambs, at about 3.30am on Wednesday.

The grim discovery was made when a lorry driver noticed flames. The victim had been placed in a suitcase which was then set alight, according to the Metropolitan Police.

Ms Ahmedin, a Swedish national, lived in Peabody Square, Islington, north London. She had been reported missing last Saturday after it was believed she was killed at her home.

A post-mortem examination gave the cause of death as a stab wound to the chest. Bakhit was arrested after walking into a south London police station.

BURY ST EDMUNDS

## Life dance has a message for students

Dozens of dance students from across Norfolk and Suffolk took to the stage at the weekend to celebrate the work of the British Red Cross.

Five schools and dance groups from Norwich, Sheringham and Ipswich took part in the charity's Dance for Life regional final at the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds.

Almost 200 people attended the evening of music and dance on Saturday as the students performed their routines aimed at highlighting the work of the Red Cross. Funky Feet School of Dance in Norwich and Sheringham High School represented Norfolk.

Organiser Laura Deacon said: "It has been really nice to see so much enthusiasm for dancing across the south east and I am encouraged by just how many different sorts of dance are available. The British Red Cross is committed to exploring what humanitarian values mean in today's world and through Dance for Life we are able to engage children and teenagers in this process."

DEREHAM

# Tiny Tiana inspires dad to make parachute jump

By AURA SABADUS

They thought they were going to lose her ... but six-month-old Tiana has surprised doctors, medical staff and her own family, conquering an extremely rare heart disease and surviving several operations.

Tiana was born at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital last December to parents Lisa King and Kevin Mackay.

But when the couple took her for a post-natal check six weeks later, the GP found she had a heart murmur.

"To cut a long story short, it was discovered that Tiana was born with two heart defects, a very rare one called Alcapa meaning the coronary artery was in the wrong place and also another defect - mitral regurgitation which required immediate surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London," said Lisa, 29.

"Her first operation took place at the beginning of March and then she had to go in for a second a few weeks later. Just before the second operation we thought we were going to lose her. Her health had deteriorated and doctors didn't think she was going to make it. In fact one of the doctors told us that her condition was so rare that he hadn't seen a similar case in his 25 years as a surgeon."

But Tiana defied all expectations and her health improved considerably after the second operation. She was released from Great Ormond Street Hospital and taken to Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

She picked up a stomach virus there and started to lose weight again.

But, with characteristic grit, she pulled through again and finally returned home to Toftwood, Dereham.

"She's all happy and smiling again," said Lisa who also has a son Dylan, seven.

Tiana's father, Kevin, 35, is so proud of his daughter that he has decided to do a sponsored 10,000ft parachute jump in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

"He's never done it before, but he's determined to do it and raise at least £2,000 for the hospital which has been so incredibly supportive," she said.



Picture: STEVE ADAMS

**DOING WELL:** Six-month-old Tiana Mackay with parents Lisa and Kevin. Kevin is doing a parachute jump to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital where Tiana was treated.

"We've booked a solo parachute jump on Sunday, August 17 at Old Buckenham airfield in Norfolk and this will be our way to say a big thank-you for saving our daughter's life. Friends have already pledged

some £700, but we are hoping to raise more over the months to come."

"We are also trying to raise awareness of Tiana's condition as it is quite rare and have set up a website for people to read Tiana's

story for themselves." **Anyone wanting to help Lisa and Kevin with their fundraising appeal can do so via their website [www.bravetiana.co.uk](http://www.bravetiana.co.uk) or e-mail [lk1979@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lk1979@hotmail.co.uk)**

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**YARMOUTH**

**Memories and stories sought for coastal project**

People who have connections with the port of Yarmouth are invited to take part in a project to celebrate the heritage of our coastline.

The project, called Holding Back the Tide, is a joint initiative between the town's Time and Tide museum and CoastNet, a national organisation which seeks to safeguard coastal communities.

People's recorded stories will form part of an exhibition, alongside pictures and artefacts, to reflect coastal change over the past 50 years.

Museum spokesman Colin Stott said: "Do you have memories of working at Yarmouth port? Do you work there today? Do you have memories of visiting the port and watching the ships unload cargoes from around the world? Were you a crew member on one of the ships working out of Yarmouth? We would like people to share their stories and memories."

Explaining the meaning of the project's title, Dr Theresa Redding, CoastNet's network manager, said: "King Canute couldn't hold back the tide nor can we hold back the tides of change. But being aware of them and celebrating our heritage helps to understand the present and take action for the future."

Holding Back the Tide will culminate in a travelling exhibition that celebrates the region's coast and changes as told by its residents.

**To take part, contact Mr Stott at Time and Tide museum, Blackfriars Road, Yarmouth, NR30 3BX, or call 01493 743931.**

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