

## Vote for art at the gallery

BLACKBURN Museum and Art Gallery bosses are looking for votes for a chance to win a visit from contemporary artist Susan Stockwell.



The artist will create installations, drawings and films as part of a Museums At Night competition.

Cast a vote by visiting Blackburn with Darwen Council's website.

■ **DEREK Graham Lockett, 53, of Coal Clough Lane, Burnley, must pay a female police officer £100 compensation for assaulting her in Blackburn on June 30 last year. He must also pay £85 costs.**

## Driver is banned

A MAN has been given a 12-week suspended sentence for driving a Jaguar XJ6 without due care and attention in Langho.

Craig Stephen Norman, 38, of Constable Grove, Billingham, Cleveland, admitted failing to provide a specimen for drink-drive testing, and three counts of driving without due care and attention over two days in Whalley Road.

He was banned for three years, ordered to do 300 hours unpaid work and pay £85 costs.

■ **ANOTHER consultation will begin on a retrospective planning application into the use of unit three Witton Business park, Cartmel Road, Blackburn, as an internet-based car sales room. The plan is from the Adhan Group of Companies.**

## Adviser appointed

THE Carers' Service, which has moved into new premises in the Kingsway Sheltered Housing Scheme, Bank Top, Blackburn, has appointed a new carers' adviser to help older people.

Sonia Stevens is on hand to offer help and advice about benefits, respite care and moral support. Contact 01254 68844.

■ **PATRICK Robin McAmbly, 40, of Church Street, Church, has pleaded guilty to producing cannabis in Blackburn on February 4 and will be sentenced on Monday.**

## Fund for repairs

BLACKBURN with Darwen Council will be carrying £60,000 into the next financial year to cover the cost of structural repairs to the King George's Hall, if required.



**IT'S A FACT**  
The cockpit Perspex for Spitfires was first made by ICI Acrylics, now Lucite International, in Darwen.

# Foster carers urged to get in touch

NEWLY established long-term private foster carers are being reminded they must inform council bosses of their decision.

Lancashire County Council has urged people who take on long-term care for a child to get in touch.

Private fostering is when a child aged under 16, or under 18 if disabled, is cared for by someone who is not their parent or a close relative for more than 28 days.

County Councillor Susie Charles, cabinet member for children and schools, said:

"We all want to know that our children are safe, happy and well.

"We need parents and people who are not close relatives, who are looking after children in private arrangements, to make sure that the children's social

care team are aware of the arrangements, so that they can check that the child is alright.

"We're not trying to catch people out here. We fully understand it can be hard for people to know whether it is private fostering."



CALL Coun Charles



## Youngsters get in the driving seat



TEENAGERS as young as 14 have been given the chance to get behind the wheel as part of special pre-driver training.

The events, organised by the Blackburn with Darwen casualty reduction team, aim to give youngsters driving experience ahead of taking to the road with a provisional driving licence.

Pictured is Zack Leigh, 14, with instructor Roger Barfield.

For more information on the courses, which include motorcycle training, email [casualtyreductionteam@capita.co.uk](mailto:casualtyreductionteam@capita.co.uk)

## Daughter launches e-petition

THE daughter of one of Blackburn Rover's greatest footballers has launched a petition for tougher controls on voluntary cosmetic surgery.

Colin Hendry's daughter, Rheagan, is spearheading a campaign in a bid to have the e-petition acknowledged by the Government in the House of Commons.

As part of the Denise Hendry Foundation, Rheagan is looking for 100,000 signatures for its Our Keep It Real campaign.

Colin's wife and mum to Rheagan, Kyle, Calum and Niamh, died on July 10, 2009, aged 42.

Denise had undergone liposuction in April 2002, but she was left fighting for life after the cosmetic procedure.

She then underwent years of rehab, physiotherapy and corrective surgery. Denise died after she contracted meningitis following a corrective procedure.

The petition calls for tighter regulations for younger people accessing cosmetic surgery, an age limit of 21 on voluntary surgery and stronger eligibility controls for certain procedures.

To sign the petition visit [petitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29609](http://petitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29609).



STAR Colin Hendry

# Town wants help after cement firm axes jobs

## Council looks to the Government for special measures

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A TOWN council is appealing for special measures after one of the area's biggest employers laid off about a quarter of its workforce.

Clitheroe Town Council wants to secure funding to generate growth in the area and combat redundancies made by Ribblesdale factory



**JOBS AXED** Hanson Cement

Hanson Cement, which had to make 30 workers redundant at the end of last year and also announced production would have to be cut by 30 per cent.

The job losses were a result of falling demand for cement and changes to EU carbon trading

rules, which mean companies will have to pay for pollution permits.

The council said it was concerned by the news as it was one of the main employers in the town and called for the Government to consider making the Ribblesdale an Enterprise Zone as part of its Plan for Growth.

Gary Young, Hanson general manager, said the construction industry had been hit particularly hard by the recession and was taking longer to recover.

He said: "One of the reasons for the redundancies was to look after the jobs of the remaining people at our Ribblesdale and north Wales sites. The industry is going to drop

again this year because the Government is not backing schools and hospital projects, but it should increase slowly in 2013."

He said the industry would not pick up until the Government started to make investments in this kind of business but said no more redundancies were on the cards.

In response to the town council's request the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills said it had already provided £12,879,177 of funding to help boost economic growth in Lancashire.

It also announced it will be making a second round of grants available which would make a positive impact on jobs in East Lancashire.