

## **TWINNING UPDATE**

### Colne Horticultural Society

Discussions are progressing with horticultural/allotment groups in Pendle about setting up a link with Creil and Marl.

### Pendle Walking Festival 13<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August, 2016

11 walkers from Marl including 7 young people from Bonds Beyond Borders came to Pendle for part of the Walking Festival. The young people stayed at Earby Youth Hostel, the 4 twinning members with hosts. Next year Marl would like to bring a group of walkers for the whole week.

### Walk in the Oise Forest – 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

3 people from Pendle went on the walk in the Oise Forest this year, including two twinning members – Peter and Carolyn Clegg.

### Musical Exchange with Marl

The Pendle Youth Choir is making arrangements to visit Marl in late October 2017 and perform with other musical groups in Marl. Marl Twinning Association has committed 1000 to 1500 Euros towards the trip. Pendle Twinning Association committed £600 at the last meeting to support the trip and agreed to contribute a further £600 out of next year's budget.

### Administrative Exchange

Discussions are underway for the Environmental Services Manager to visit Marl early next year to learn about the way the town manages its waste collection, with a view to there being a return visit to Pendle.

### Marl – 10-12 March 2017

Pendle is likely to be invited to Marl for the weekend 10- 12 March to coincide with the opening of Aileen Rostron's art exhibition.

### Marl - Suggestions for Future Twinning Projects

The Greenhorns would like to come to Pendle around Easter rather than for the Rhythm and Blues Festival and have asked if there are any opportunities to play.

We have been asked to put 22-24 September 2017 in the twinning diary for a meeting of school bands in Marl.

Marl would like to apply for a grant from the German government (up to 5000 Euros) for a project with Pendle. One suggestion is "Staying Friends after Brexit!" – people from Marl and Pendle meeting to compare the structural changes in their districts - but they are open to ideas. The projects have to take place between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. It could be around the time of the Walking Festival.

October 2016