

TWINNING UPDATE

Visit to Marl 10-12 March 2017

The Mayor and Mayoress and several Twinning members are visiting Marl in March to coincide with the opening of Aileen Rostron's art exhibition. There will be an unveiling of a plaque for John David over the weekend, and a bus tour around Marl including a visit to Evonic Industries, which employs around 7,000 people, and a trip to the waste depot.

Pendle Walking Festival 12th-20th August, 2017

10 walkers from Creil and a similar number of walkers from Marl would like to take part in the Walking Festival this year. The group from Marl would like to come for the whole week; those from Creil from 12th – 16th August. **We need to think quickly about how the Association will accommodate the visitors and transport them to and from the walks, as they are keen to book their flights.**

Pendle Youth Choir - Visit to Marl, October 2017

Pendle Youth Choir is visiting Marl from Oct. 28 to Nov 1. Marl wants to invite the twinning members as well as the new Mayor to coincide with their visit. Marl Twinning Association has committed 1000 to 1500 Euros towards the trip. Pendle Twinning Association has already contributed £600 to support the trip and agreed to contribute a further £600 out of next year's budget.

The Greenhorns would like to visit Pendle around Easter and have asked if there are any opportunities for them to perform. I have suggested that maybe they could get involved with the Pendle Youth Choir's visit to Marl in October with a view to visiting Pendle in 2018 and having some sort of joint project/concert.

Waste Collaboration with Marl

The Environmental Services Manager at Pendle Council and his equivalent in Marl have been discussing a linked approach to the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean and the European Clean for Europe campaigns and a possible visit to Marl later in the year to learn more about their waste collection service.

International Youth Event, Chorzow - Aug/Sept 2017

Chorzow has offered to host the International Youth Event for a week in Aug/Sept 2017. Pendle will be invited to send 5 young people and a group leader. Chorzow is applying for EU funding to support the event. If their bid is successful, a significant amount of the participants' airfares would be reimbursed.

Horticultural Link

Discussions are progressing with Colne Allotment Society about setting up a link with Creil and Marl. Allotment holders in Colne are being asked for their views on how to take things forward.