

## TWINNING UPDATE- APRIL 2017

### Creil Festival – June 2017

The Creil Festival is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June this year. The Mayor of Pendle and Twinning Members are invited for the weekend when Creil will be celebrating 10 years of twinning with Chorzow in Poland. A big group from Marl are travelling over by coach, and staying at the Hotel France on the outskirts of Creil. They will use the coach to go for days out to Paris on Friday and the Palace of Versailles on Saturday, visiting the Creil Festival on the Sunday.

### Tennis Competition in Creil 24<sup>th</sup> June

Pendle has been invited to send four young tennis players aged 16-20 to Creil to take part in a tennis tournament on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, the day before the Creil Festival. Creil has just had some very modern tennis facilities built and are keen to share them with their twin towns. Young people from Marl in Germany and Chorzow in Poland have also been invited. The idea is that a tennis tournament could be held in Marl, Pendle and Chorzow in future years. The Craven Tennis Club based in Colne has been asked if they have any players that would be interested.

### Summer School – July 2017

The Summer School this year is being held in Beauvais from 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Two students from Pendle have said they would like to take part and will pay for their flights. The participation fee is 250 Euros each. Creil will pay “a small part of it”, Pendle Twinning Association paying the remaining amount.

### Colne Grand Prix 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

At the Twinning meeting in Marl in March, Members were told that cyclists from Creil and Marl who wanted to watch the Colne Grand Prix on 25<sup>th</sup> July would be very welcome. There has not been any interest so far.

### Pendle Walking Festival – August 2017

We look forward to welcoming 8 walkers from Creil and 1 walker from Marl from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August for our Walking Festival. Rodney Rostron, Ian Graham and Judith David are accommodating them.

### International Youth Event, Chorzow - Aug/Sept 2017

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

### Pendle Youth Choir - Visit to Marl, October 2017

Members of the Pendle Youth Choir are looking forward to visiting Marl from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. We hope that the new Mayor of Pendle and some twinning members will be able to see them perform. They are playing at a number of venues including Cologne Cathedral.

## South Brittany 30<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Creil has organised a holiday for Twinning members to South Brittany costing 500 Euros. Details of the trip have been circulated to Members. Deposits of 150 Euros are needed by mid-May. 12-14 people from Marl have said they are going.

## Administration Link with Marl - Waste Collaboration

The Environmental Services Manager at Pendle Council, David Walker, and Peter Hoffman, his counterpart in Marl, have been working together on the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean and the European Clean for Europe campaigns. Later this year David Walker will visit Marl to learn more about the town's waste collection service. We hope that Peter Hoffman will also visit Pendle.

## Horticultural/Allotments Link

Allotment holders in Marl met members of the Twinning Committee in Marl and ideas were exchanged about a possible link. Since then, Ben Harrison has talked to the Colne Horticultural Society and looked at various allotment groups in Pendle. He suggests that the best way forward is to have a Facebook page which he has now set up and is encouraging people to post pictures and information. Creil could also be encouraged to sign up. Ben is also talking to Colne in Bloom to see if there is an interest in some collaboration.

## Running Club link

Ben Harrison is a member of the Trawden Athletics Club, the biggest running club in Pendle. He has asked the Club for volunteers to host 6 runners from Marl in July so they can take part in the Pendle Running Festival.

## Arts Link with Nelson and Colne College

A meeting has been arranged on 28<sup>th</sup> April with the Arts Department at N & CC to discuss the possibility of students aged 16-18 working with students in Creil and Marl in some way. This could build on the arts connection already established with Creil, following the display of the students' work at the Matisse Gallery last summer.

## Visit by Marl to Pendle – June 2018

A group of approximately 25-30 people from Marl, not just twinning members, would like to come to Pendle for a week's holiday in June next year and see more of the area. They are weighing up whether to travel by coach or to fly and then hire a coach for days out to York, Manchester, Liverpool, the Lake District etc whilst they are here.