

TWINNING UPDATE- JUNE 2017

Creil Festival – 25th June 2017

The Mayor of Pendle has accepted an invitation to visit Creil in June for the Creil Festival. The official programme for the weekend includes a ceremony and dinner to celebrate 10 years of twinning with Chorzow in Poland and a Mayor's meeting about twinning, international cooperation and the future of the International Youth Event.

Included in the programme is a visit to the Creil Tennis Club for an international tournament for young people and an opening of a painting exhibition by Monika Jahrig from Marl, both organised by the Creil Twinning Association. There will also be a commemorative plaque and planting of a twinning tree in tribute to Helene Laboulaye, Jean Anciant, John David and Hans Hersel.

A 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 to Paris on Friday and the Palace of Versailles on Saturday, staying in Creil for the Festival on Sunday.

Summer School, Beauvais – 14th to 22nd July 2017

Two students from Pendle are attending the Summer School in July and have paid for their flights. Creil has agreed to pay "a small part" of the participation fee which is 250 Euros each, Pendle Twinning Association paying the remaining amount.

Pendle Walking Festival – August 2017

We look forward to welcoming 8 walkers from Creil and 1 walker from Marl from 12th – 16th August for our Walking Festival. Rodney Rostron, Ian Graham, Alison Gander and Judith David are accommodating them. We are still looking for a host for one French lady, if anyone would like to volunteer.

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. We should know more about whether this event will go ahead or not after the Mayor's meeting in Creil later this month.

Pendle Youth Choir - Visit to Marl, October 2017

David Wilkinson, the Secretary of the Pendle Youth Choir, has recently visited Marl to finalise arrangements for the Choir's visit to Marl from 28th Oct to 1st Nov. They will be playing at a number of venues including Cologne Cathedral. The Mayor of Pendle and twinning members will be invited to see them perform.

South Brittany 30th September to 7th 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. 12-14 people from Marl are going. Only one person from Pendle has put her name down for the trip.

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 their waste collection service. We hope that Peter Hoffman will also visit Pendle.

Horticultural/Allotments Link

A Facebook page has been set up for allotment groups/individuals in Creil, Marl and Pendle to post pictures and information as a first step to having a horticultural link.

Running Club link

Ben Harrison is a member of the Trawden Athletics Club, the biggest running club in Pendle. He found volunteers to host 6 runners from Marl in July so they could take part in the Pendle Running Festival. Unfortunately Marl has not been able to find anyone to take part this year but this is something that could be revisited next year or for another running event.

Arts Link with Nelson and Colne College

Teachers from the Arts Department at N & CC have welcomed the idea of their students collaborating with arts students in Marl and Creil on a joint project. Initially the teachers are going to exchange ideas with a view to taking this forward.

Visit by Marl to Pendle – June 2018

A group of approximately 25-30 people from Marl would like to come to Pendle for a week's holiday 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. Enquiries are being made on the cost of hiring coaches and a group booking for 5 nights at local hotels.