

TWINNING UPDATE

Swimming Tournament in Creil, 27-30 September, 2019

5 swimmers from Colne Swimming Club (and 2 parents) represented Pendle in a swimming tournament in Creil at the end of September. Two years ago a similar event was held in Marl. Teams from Marl and Chorzow also took part. Thomas Holgate has written a short report of the weekend which is attached. Photos from the weekend can be accessed at the following link – <http://www.colneasc.co.uk/creil2019.php>

The Twinning Association contributed £250 towards the event, with the former Mayor and Mayoress donating a further £250.

We have asked the Secretary of the Club if there is a possibility that Colne Swimming Club might be able to organise/host a similar event next year. They would like to reciprocate the hospitality they have received, so are looking into it. Accommodation is the main cost to hosting such an event. I'm making some enquiries at the Burnley FC in the Community facility at Whitehough.

Visit to Marl for the Octoberfest 2-4 October

The Mayor and Mayoress, accompanied by Philip Mousdale, visited Marl to attend the Volksparkfest. The weekend included a trip to the German Mining Museum at Bochum and a barbecue at the fire station with a performance by Creil choir, C4.

Twinning trip to Bavaria, 5-10 October, 2019

Judith David will be able to tell Members about the Bavaria trip she went on recently, which was organised by Marl Twinning Association.

Pendle Youth Choir visit to Creil 23-27 October, 2019

As part of its 70th anniversary celebrations this year, Pendle Youth Choir are visiting Paris to sing in Chartres Cathedral and Madeleine Church. The C4 choir from Creil are joining them. They are also arranging a joint concert in Creil. The Committee has contributed £500 towards their visit to enable the two choirs to perform together and strengthen their link.

School Links

Colne Primet Academy – Julie Hopkins, a French teacher at Colne Primet Academy, has been emailing an English teacher in Creil about setting up a penfriend scheme for and organising an exchange. They are also looking into doing a project with eTwinning through the British Council. The Rostrons have said they are happy to support this collaboration and have kindly donated a further £500 so that £1,500 is now available for this language learning based project. Rodney and Julie are arranging to meet up so they can discuss how to take this forward.

Nelson and Colne College – The French Department at N&CC and the English Department at the Lycée Jules Uhry in Creil are working together. They hope that this will lead to an exchange between the 16-17yr students.

The Matisse Gallery in Creil is also interested in an artistic link with the College. I have emailed the College a couple of times about this, but had no response. I will follow it up.