

TWINNING UPDATE

Swimming Tournament in Pendle, Sept/Oct 2020

Colne Swimming Club are meeting this week and, subject to the PLT agreeing to exclusive pool hire for a couple of hours, will be seeking formal approval from its Members to organise and host a Twinning swimming tournament later this year. They would like to reciprocate the hospitality they have received sending teams to Tournaments in Creil and Marl in recent years. The invitation would be for 4-5 swimmers and one adult from each twin town.

Accommodation would be at the Burnley FC in the Community facility at Whitehough. Initial ideas for entertaining them over the weekend include bowling, and an afternoon outdoor session at Whitehough with an instructor followed by a barbecue.

Rough costs for accommodation, transport, food and entertainment come to £3,000, although it could cost more, depending on meals and activities. If the Twinning Association was able to grant the Club £1,000, they would match fund it and then try to get sponsorship, donations for the remaining funding.

Exhibition in Marl in May 2020 - 75th anniversary of the end of WW II

The History Society in Marl is putting on an exhibition in May with items and reports of residents illustrating how they experienced the days and weeks leading up to the end of WWII and the immediate time afterwards. They would also like to include testimonies of that time from their twin towns. Bob Abel from the Earby History Society has said he might be able to provide some eye-witness reports, photos etc. and has been asked to contact Ingrid. The Mayor is also hoping to contribute to this project.

Visit to Marl, 4-6 June, 2020

The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle and Twinning Members have been asked to save the date for a visit to Marl in June this year to celebrate 30 years of twinning with Bitterfeld, 25 years with Pendle and 20 years with Kusadasi. We are awaiting further details.

Colne Primet Academy/Creil School Link

Julie Hopkins, a French teacher at Colne Primet Academy, has been emailing an English teacher in a Creil school about setting up a penfriend scheme and organising an exchange. The new Head Teacher at Primet has just been in touch to say he is very keen to support such an exchange. The Rostrons have donated £1,500 for a language learning based project and discussing with Julie if this is a project they can support.