

## TWINNING UPDATE (Feb 2020 – Sept 2021)

### Visit to Creil Festival – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle have accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Creil, to visit this weekend for the Festival of Associations on Sunday. They will be able to tell Members about their visit at the meeting.

### Twinning Colouring Book

Earlier this year Marl asked if we would contribute to a Twinning Colouring Book for school children in Marl. They planned to present each of their twin towns on a double-page for colouring. We provided photos of some key sites in Pendle so their graphic designer could put together a double page on Pendle. Here are the draft pages for Marl and Pendle. We haven't seen the one for Creil yet. We are awaiting the final versions and for approval to share this great resource with schoolchildren in Pendle.

### Invitation for a football team to visit Marl – April 2022

In August Jennifer Radschied, from the Mayor's office in Marl contacted us to say that they could apply for funding to celebrate 75 years of the close link between UK and North Rhine-Westphalia, and were thinking about a football project for young people. She asked if Pendle could find a team of football players aged 16-20 to visit in April 2022, arriving the weekend 8th April for a few days. The programme would include training with a team from Marl, some trips out and end with a match. Marl will apply for funding for the programme. They have asked if Pendle can pay for the Team's travel.

The Colne Under 18s Team are very keen to go and I have told Jennifer that they are planning on taking 12 players and 2 adults arriving on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April flying into Dusseldorf. The Team will do some fund raising themselves. **Members are asked if they would like to contribute to the Team's travel costs of 14 flights and travel to the airport.**

### Exhibition in Marl in May 2020 - 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW II

In April 2020 Bob Abel from the Earby History Society contacted the History Society in Marl with some information for their 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.

### Visit to Marl, 4-6 June, 2020 - CANCELLED

The visit to Marl in June to celebrate 30 years of twinning with Bitterfeld, 25 years with Pendle and 20 years with Kusadasi had to be cancelled in view of Covid.

### Swimming Tournament in Pendle, 25<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020- CANCELLED

Sadly the invitation from Colne Swimming Club for Marl and Creil to send 4-5 swimmers and 1-2 adults to a Twinning swimming tournament in September also had to be cancelled. Hopefully, this project can be resurrected at some point.