

# Seaham Reporter

Your Local Council Newsletter – February, 2015

Seaham Town Council – Here For You - Listening To You – Speaking Up For You



## Welcome to the latest issue of the Seaham Reporter

Our way of informing you of the work of Seaham Town Council and the up and coming Town Council events in your area. We hope you find it interesting and useful.

## Seaham Town Hall – The Premier Venue For All Occasions



Seaham Town Hall is now the premier venue in Seaham for all occasions. The Town Council has through many years of careful planning created this impressive facility. Already since opening its doors in July 2014 it has hosted local theatre group productions, charity nights, corporate Christmas parties, training seminars, birthday parties and performances by local artists and bands. The Town Hall has been designed to be as flexible as possible and the Park Suite and Chamber can be combined or divided to accommodate from 100 to 300 people depending on the event.

In association with well-respected local hospitality provider Oldfields Events of Durham, the Town Council has created what is now one of the top venues for Seaham and the surrounding area. The Town Hall has a fully licenced bar and catering facilities and is also licenced for weddings and numerous other recreational activities.

This modern and contemporary building is surrounded by beautiful parkland with ample parking and from spring 2015 there will also be a café on the lower floor of the building.

**For further details please call on 0191 5818034.**



## Seaham's Public Events

We are always looking for groups or individuals to add even more sparkle and entertainment to our ever popular events including the Carnival weekend, brass band day, classic car show etc. If you know of a performer or group that would be interested in taking part please contact us.

## 27 Years of Town Twinning with Gerlingen

The town of Gerlingen has approximately 19,000 residents and Stadt Gerlingen, the Town Council deliver most services within the town. Gerlingen is an affluent town whose wealth is derived from the large Bosch factory which is located on the hill above it. This employs the specialist engineers, scientists and chemists who design new product ranges for the Bosch industries.

The town has its own swimming pool and a huge Stadthalle – this is a multi purpose complex where up to 1,500 people can come for a meeting, a concert, a civic ball or any other kind of function or entertainment. Most people who live there have had families living there for many previous generations. Land is at a premium and is very expensive. Gerlingen is approximately 7 miles from Stuttgart and the town provides an ideal location for business people to commute into the city. It is a very pleasant small town with excellent housing, good schools and good infrastructure. Presently it has 5 hotels which are full almost all of the time, often filled with business people who are working in Stuttgart, which is a major industrial city and home to the headquarters of both Porsche and Mercedes-Benz.

At the top of the hill Gerlingen is privileged to have a major forest which runs for several miles joining up to Stuttgart. Also at the top of the hill there is the famous castle Solitude. This is a very popular place for weddings and the location of the annual Solitude Run. It is also a wonderful place for concerts.

This year will mark 27 years of twinning between Seaham and Gerlingen and in the last 26 years, well in excess of 2,000 people, from all walks of life, in both towns have had the opportunity of learning about each others culture, living in each others homes and enjoying the joys of twinning. Many people in the group are “long established twidders” who have known their Gerlingen families since it all began.

**The Town Council is always keen to welcome new twidders so please see the information below if you are interested in being a part of this excellent friendship.**



Gerlingen Town Square



Gerlingen Former Rathaus (Old Town Hall)



VISIT TO SEAHAM'S TWIN TOWN OF

# GERLINGEN

THE 2015 STRASSENFEST – Coach departs Seaham on Wednesday, 9th September returning on Wednesday, 16th September, 2015

# BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

PRICE PER PERSON : £210.00  
(subject to all seats being booked & based on 2 sharing a cabin)

deposit of £100.00 per person required

For details telephone : (0191) 5818034 or call in at Seaham Town Hall, Stockton Road

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### Have your Say – Please give us your comments

If you want to pass views on to us about any of the items in this newsletter, please; e-mail: [clerk@seaham.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@seaham.gov.uk) or write to Town Clerk, Seaham Town Council, Town Hall, Stockton Road, Seaham, SR7 0HP. Alternatively:



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