

# Seaham Reporter

Your Local Council Newsletter – January, 2014

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 and Community Facility

Renowned local firm, KORU Property Services of Gateshead commenced work in June 2013 on Seaham Town Hall and although initial estimates were for completion in early February unfortunately due to conditions on site it is now expected that the building will be finished at the end of May.

When fully functional the building will provide a very much needed community facility for the Town after the loss of both the Vane Tempest Welfare Hall and Rock House Community Centre. It is envisaged that this exciting new facility will ultimately be utilised by the whole community for a wide variety of services and activities.



## Seaham Town Hall

The facility has been designed to be as flexible as possible and is expected to provide a modern performance venue for local theatre groups hopefully seating up to 250 people and a banqueting suite for hire for functions hopefully seating up to 200 people, subject to fire regulations. The banqueting suite will also be able to be divided into two smaller separate rooms which can be utilised for smaller functions or for seminars and training courses. Eventually on the lower floor of the building there will be a café and public toilet for users of the Town Park.

### Environmental Improvement Survey

There has been a superabundance of activity in the Town's parks and open spaces over the last couple of years resulting in a wealth of improvements benefiting residents and visitors alike. These include to name a few, the restoration of the war memorial, the new and very popular play area and BMX/skatepark and the new metal ornate fencing improving views at Seaham Town park. The Town Council has also installed CCTV cameras across the Town, enhanced cricket facilities at Dawdon park, added sustainable attractive planting on the seafront and made environmental improvements to Deneside park, both of Seaham's cemeteries and to the incline leading to the railway station.

There are also many new proposals including employing new staff to look after the seafront, installing Victorian lights around the Terrace Green, up-lighting the Cenotaph and enhancing the clock garden. Additional projects include multi-use astro turf/tennis courts and new pavilions at the Town Park. We would like you to give us your views on what we have done and propose to do by completing a survey. Please go to Seaham Town Council's web site [www.seaham.gov.uk](http://www.seaham.gov.uk) and follow the links to complete the survey online. You can also call into or contact the Civic Office on 0191 5818034 to obtain a paper copy.

### 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.

## Town Twinning – A Little Bit About 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 26 years of twinning between Seaham and Gerlingen and in the last 25 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 Rathaus (Town Hall)



Gerlingen Stadtmuseum (Town Museum)



VISIT TO SEAHAM'S TWIN TOWN OF

# GERLINGEN

THE 2014 STRASSENFEST – Coach departs Seaham on Wednesday, 10th September returning on Wednesday, 17th September, 2014

# 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 Council Offices, 3/4 Adelaide Row

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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, 3/4 Adelaide Row, Seaham, SR7 7EF. Alternatively:



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