



Klangvolle Darbietung der englischen Gäste aus Amersham

BENSHEIM. „Herzlich willkommen“ hieß es für die Gäste aus der englischen Partnerstadt Amersham, die vom Freundeskreis Bensheim – Amersham über das Winzerfest betreut wurden.

Eingeladen waren nicht nur Vereinsmitglieder, sondern auch die privaten Quartiergeber. Zu der offiziellen Delegation gehörten die amtierende Bürgermeisterin Mimi Harker sowie die

Stadträtinnen Liz Walsh und Ros Aitken. Mitgekommen waren auch die „Morris Men Dancers“, die in der Weinstube Clara tänzerisch auf das Fest einstimmten.

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Twin town's 'prost!'

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OUR German friends have wished us 'prost' – or 'cheers' – and sent a picture of Amersham Town Council's visit to Bensheim.

Amersham has been twinned with the town near Frankfurt since 1977 and invited representatives from the council to help celebrate their Wine Festival Parade.

Gerhard Buch, leader of the Bensheim-Amersham group, praised the Woodside Morris Men, who joined the council on the trip.

He said: "The morris men joined in the parade, which had 98 floats and groups and lasted an hour-and-a-half. They performed in front of about 2,500 visitors with temperatures reaching 27C!"

The Mayor of Amersham, Mimi

■ **RAISING A GLASS:** Amersham Mayor Mimi Harker and in the front seat (left) Bensheim's Councillor Waltrud Ottiger and (right) deputy chairwoman Leony Blank of the Bensheim-Amersham group



Harker, who led the council's party, said: "The trip was very fruitful and it was great to see how another town operates.

"They have a policy where taxes

paid locally stay local, which is something which has been called for in the UK for a long time. It was great to see how it benefited the community and economy."