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The beekeeping exchange group in Bad Munstereifel

Keepers get a buzz from trip

PROBLEMS and solutions in the world of bees were swapped as Ashford beekeepers travelled to twin town Bad Munstereifel.

It's the 31st year the group has travelled to that part of Germany and the highlight of the trip was a boat journey down the river Moselle. Keeper Monika Broadway Mann said: "We were learning each others methods and problems."

"The question on everyone's mind was chemicals or natural remedies?"

There was plenty of opportunity to sample local honey and mead and a trip to a nature conservation centre at Nettersheim gave the group the chance to talk to a professional beekeeper.

The traditional farewell barbecue was held at the home of Ulli and Uschi Nett, whose five-year-old Tobias is carrying on the family tradition.

Bürgermeister of Munstereifel Hans-Joachim Baedorf also attended and presented a large engraving of his town to Ashford chairman Tony Fisher.