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"70 ... over a refreshing beer"

Atmospheric birthday party for President Albert Ritter



Vice President Atze Lubach-Koers (centre) congratulates Albert Ritter on behalf of the ESU.

His heart beats with pride for the showman's trade and the centuries-old fairground culture in Europe - and has done so for seven decades now. On 2 July, Albert Ritter, President of the European Showmen's Union and the German Showmen's Association, celebrated his 70th birthday at the Cranger Kirmesplatz in Herne.

In the best fair weather, numerous colleagues from the European and German showmen's associations, politicians from the federal, state, district and local governments, representatives of the churches and associations as well as friends, companions and family members accepted the invitation to the beer garden "Zum Ritter" under the motto "70 ... over a refreshing beer". On behalf of the European Showmen's Union, Vice-President Atze Lubach-Koers and Deputy Secretary General Nina Crommelin congratulated Albert Ritter on his birthday.



„70 ... over a refreshing beer“. Albert Ritter warmly welcomes his guests.

Following a colourful birthday parade of the showman's traditional flags, Albert Ritter welcomed his guests. In the greetings that followed, the well-wishers, among them Karl-Josef Laumann, Minister for Labour, Health and Social Affairs of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and Essen's Mayor Thomas Kufen, recalled their encounters, conversations, discussions and often "passionate" negotiations with Albert Ritter, the "showman with body and soul", as Mayor Thomas Kufen called him. The speakers thanked President Ritter for his decades of tireless commitment to the benefit of the showmen's trade and the fairgrounds.



Flag parade in honour of the jubilarian with the flag of the European Showmen's Union.

But on this day of honour - and the jubilarian had pointed this out with a wink in his welcome speech - the focus was not on speeches and greetings, but on celebrating together. The guests had ample opportunity to do so during a convivial drink in the showman's style with music, cool drinks and fairground specialities from the grill.

More impressions from the big birthday party in Herne:



Well-wishers from the ESU, among them Deputy General Secretary Nina Crommelin (left) and Vice-President Atze Lubach-Koers (2nd from right).



The Miners' Band plays.



The number of guests was large.



Welcome with showman's flags and concert organ.



View of the speaker's podium.



View into the birthday garden.

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