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Gutach is home to an item of headgear which has become synonymous with the words "Black Forest": the typical "Bollenhut" with its fat pom-poms of wool. These are a traditional red for girls and black for married women.

Previous page:An old farmhouse in
Gschwend, a pretty Black
Forest village in the

Wiesental. Many farms in the region are hundreds of years old. Below:

Soaking up the sun in a farm kitchen with its typical south-facing windows in Ibach in the Hotzenwald.

Page 10/11: The delights of Bernau's high-lying valley were 'discovered' many years ago. Hans Thomas, the great German painter born

in Bernau in the Black Forest in 1839, once wrote of his native village, "Here I can forget all of my cares and Nature's peacefulness also envelops my soul."

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