



Rimbach

Just 20 miles from the famous university town of Heidelberg, the parish of Rimbach nestles in the picturesque Westschnitzer valley.

The community can trace its history back to AD795 and from the Middle Ages, its fortunes have been intertwined with those of the Princes of Erbach.

In 1995, Rimbach celebrated the 1,200th anniversary of its charter, which was signed by British monks from the monastery at nearby Lorsch so the twinning links with Colwich & The Haywoods in Stafford Borough is particularly apt!

The population of just under 8,000 is extremely well catered for in all aspects of modern life, but its schools and sports facilities stand out.

The community boasts three sports halls, a riding hall, a modern sports field, plus an all weather soccer pitch and tennis courts - something for all sports enthusiasts in all weathers.

Rimbach Grammar School has an outstanding reputation, as indeed do the parish's secondary and primary schools.

In the centre of Rimbach, the protestant parish church, reconstructed in 1778, has reputedly the most beautiful baroque style spires in the whole of Germany. The church's patron is the current Prince of Erbach-Schönberg.

During the 19th century, Rimbach became noted for its 12 annual cattle markets and the tradition now lives on in the form of a four-day fair at Whitsun which has become a popular festival with entertainments and sports events alongside the cattle shows.

