



Hippach Community History & Origins

Hippach, also known as Huetbach, Hüttbach and Hipach during the course of its history, was first mentioned in a document in 1299 when Heinrich von Rottenburg received fiefs from the Archbishop of Salzburg.

The origin of farms on the "Swentberg" are mentioned in a document from 1318. The first documentary mention of Laimach ("Laymaw") was around 1350.

In earlier times, the realms of Hippach parish extended as far as Tux and Ginzling or Ried.

School and parish were closely linked back then. It is assumed that after the establishment of a curacy in 1376, a cantor (sacristan) provided lessons in reading and writing.

In 1689, a devastating earthquake is reported to have severely damaged the church and school.

The parish was also hit several times by floods. In 1951, an avalanche destroyed many buildings and claimed 11 lives.

In 1992, Hippach was awarded its municipal coat of arms. The church tower as a defining architectural element of the community is reflected in the Hippach coat of arms of, as well as two bishop's staves, which remind us that bishops of two dioceses (Brixen and Salzburg) come from here.

