

Happy 140th Anniversary Southbourne

Southbourne is 140 years old this year as the name first appears on documents in 1876. Previously the area including, Lumley, Hermitage and Nutbourne was Prinsted in the Parish of Westbourne.

Two things happened, an 1875 education act changed the system and the school in Stein Road became Southbourne Council School from Prinsted Board School.

St. John's Church was consecrated on 18th May 1876, although the Ecclesiastical Parish of Southbourne wasn't formed until 1878 when the first vicar was inducted.

The Hampshire/Sussex border is the western side of Hermitage Bridge, as the signs for Emsworth and West Sussex indicate. Because Emsworth is our postal area, people do not realise that Southbourne starts at this county border which means that Slipper, Thorney Road, Emsworth Marina, Thornham and Lumley are all in West Sussex and always have been. 1810 map of area.

