



Kellys Directory Extract 1895

Figheldean



Figheldean is a parish and village on the river Avon, 9 miles north-by-west from Porton station on the main line of the London and South Western railway, 4 miles north from Amesbury and 12 north from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, hundred and union of Amesbury, petty sessional division of Everleigh and Pewsey, Salisbury county court district, rural deanery of Amesbury (Amesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum, and diocese of Salisbury. The church of St Michael, standing in a picturesque spot, is a very ancient building of flint and stone in the Norman and Early English styles, and is supposed to have been built early in the reign of Stephen; it was substantially restored in 1861; it consists of chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, south porch, and square western tower containing a clock and 3 bells: the east and four other windows are stained: in the chancel are several monuments to the Poore family; the porch contains two ancient figures of Crusaders, discovered in a field near the adjoining village of Milston: in the chancel are an ancient piscina and credence: a part of the staircase to the rood loft remains in the north aisle: the church was restored in 1861, and afford sittings for 228 persons. The register dates from the year 1660. The living is a vicarage, average tithe rent charge £242, gross yearly value £381, net £265, including 2½ acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1879 by the Rev. Francis Raikes. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1882. A reading room was erected in 1891, the gift of George Knowles Esq. for the use of the parish: it has a well furnished library and games. Syrencot House, the seat of the family of the Dyke Poores, is at present occupied by George Knowles esq. JP: Figheldean House is the residence of Col. William Waddington JP. The principal landowners are the trustees of E D Poore esq. who are lords of the manor, Sir Richard Poore bart, the Rt Hon Sir Michael E Hicks-Beach bart. MP, PC, and A Rawlins esq. The soil is light and chalky; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and turnips and some pasture land. The area is 5,265 acres of land and 16 of water; rateable value £2,772; in 1891 the population was 472.

Ablington hamlet is half a mile south, on the west side of the river Avon.

Parish clerk, Albert Dobson

Post & MO Office – Miss Emma Whatley, sub-postmistress. Letters through Salisbury arrive at 6.10am and 3pm; dispatched at 9.45 am and 6.15 pm; Sundays, arrive at 6.10am; dispatched at 3.40pm. Netheravon is the nearest telegraph office

Wall letter box, Ablington, cleared at 10.5am and 6pm; Sundays at 3.10pm

National school (mixed), a handsome building, with residence for mistress, the gift of two parishioners, erected in 1858, for 96 children; average attendance, 74; Miss Frances Dunford, mistress.

Carriers:

Philip Eyres, to Salisbury, on Tues. & Sat; Devizes, on Thurs. Robert Sawyer, to Salisbury, Tues. Thurs. & Sat.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Knowles	George	MA, LLM, JP		Syrencot House
Pay	Edward			
Raikes	Francis	Rev		Vicarage
Waddington	William	Col.	JP	Figheldean House

Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Collins	John		Farmer	Ablington
Eyres	Philip		Carrier	Ablington
Harris	Jacob		Miller (water)	
Neate	Ernest Henry		Farmer	Knighton
Pearce	James		Farmer	Choulston Farm*
Pickard	Ann	Mrs	Grocer and Baker	
Rawlings	Sydney	Sec	Reading Room Secretary	
Rawlins	Alfred		Farmer and cattle dealer	Ablington
Rawlins	Frank		Farmer	Alton Magna
Rawlins	Sidney		Cattle dealer	Ablington
Rumming	Robert		Farmer	Alton Parva
Sawyer	George		Wheatsheaf PH	
Sheppard	Nias		Blacksmith	
Wheeler	Simon		Shoe maker	

*(Letters should be addressed Netheravon, Salisbury)