



Kellys Directory Extract 1915



Figheidean

FIGHELDEAN is a parish and village on the river Avon, and on the road from Amesbury to Pewsey, 4 miles north from Amesbury station on the London & South Western railway, 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 is an ancient building of flint and stone, in the Norman and Early English styles, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave of 4 bays, aisles, south porch, and a 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, and in the porch lie two ancient effigies in armour, discovered in a field in the adjoining village of Milston: the chancel retains 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 affords sittings for 228 persons. The register dates from the year 1660. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £201, including 2.75 acres of glebe, with residence in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1895 by the Rev. John Henry Calley MA of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and rural dean of Amesbury portion. Here is a Primitive Methodist chapel, built in 1882. A reading room, the gift of George Knowles esq was erected in 1891 for the use of the parish: it has a small library and a supply of indoor games. HM War Office now owns the land, including the manor. The soil is light and chalky; sub-soil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and turnips, and some pasture land. The area is 5423 acres; rateable £2243. In 1911 the population was 429.

ABLINGTON hamlet is half a mile south-east; Alton is a quarter of a mile south, on the west side of the river Avon.

Parish Clerk: Albert Dobson

Post & M O Office: Enos Sheppard, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive through Salisbury at 7am & 1.30pm, dispatched at 9.40am & 6.15pm, Sundays, arrive at 7am, dispatched at 3.40pm. Netheravon, 1 mile distant, is the nearest telegraph office.

Wall Letter Box, Ablington: cleared at 9.55am & 6pm, Sundays at 3.25pm.

Elementary School (mixed) with residence for master, the gift of 2 parishioners, erected in 1858 for 124 children. Hubert Mason, master.

Carrier: Burnard T Sheppard, to Salisbury, on Tues & Sat.

Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Calley	John Henry	Reverend	Vicar & Rural Dean	Vicarage
Grace	Hamilton	Capt		Syrencott House

Traders

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Blake	Ernest		Baker	
Calley	J. H	Rev.	Secretary Reading Room	

Pearce	Frederick		Farmers	Choulston Farm (letters should be addressed Netheravon)
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Pickard	Ann	Mrs	Grocer	
Pinchen	Fred Axford		Publican	Wheatsheaf PH
Rawlins	Frank		Farmer	Alton Magna
Sheppard	Burnard Tuffley		Blacksmith & Carrier	