

## Post Office Directory Extract 1875 Figheldean



**Figheldean** is a parish and village on the river Avon in the Southern division of the county, hundred and union of Amesbury, Salisbury county court district, diocese and archdeaconry and rural deanery of Amesbury, 4 miles north from Amesbury, and 12 north from Salisbury.

The church of St Michael, situated in a picturesque spot, is very ancient, and is supposed to have been built early in the reign of Stephen. It was substantially restored in 1861. In the chancel are several monuments of the Poore family. It has a nave, aisles and square tower, with organ, 3 bells and some stained windows. It contains two ancient statues of Crusaders, which were discovered in a field near the adjoining village of Milston. The register dates from 1680. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £330, with residence, in the gift of the bishop of the diocese, and held by the Rev. Henry Charles de St Croix, M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

Here is a handsome school-room, the gift of two of the parishioners; there are 80 pupils. Syrencot House, the seat of the family of the Dyke Poores, is at present occupied by John Gearns, esq.

The trustees of the late E D Poore, esq., are lords of the manor. The principal landowners are the trustees of E D Poore, esq., Sir Edward Poore, bart., Rt. Hon. Sir Michael E Hicks Beach, bart., M.P., and Thomas E Simpkins, esq.

The soil is light and chalky; subsoil chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and turnips.

The area is 5,279 acres; rateable value, £5,063; in 1871 the population was 456.

**Ablington** hamlet is half a mile south-east; **Alton**, a quarter of a mile south.

PARISH CLERK Joseph Sheppard

LETTERS through Salisbury, via Amesbury. Netheravon is the nearest money order office.

NATIONAL SCHOOL Mrs W Foyle Mistress

CONVEYANCE Omnibus from the Wheatsheaf to Salisbury, 9 am. Tuesdays; Devizes, 9 am. Thursdays.

CARRIER Philip Eyres to Salisbury Tuesday & Saturday

to Devizes Thursday

## **Figheldean Private Residents**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
de St Croix	Henry Charles	Rev., M.A.		Vicarage
Gearns	John			Syrencot House
Peters	Ralph Entwisle			Figheldean House
Rowden	John			Alton Magna

## Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Crook	Henry		Farmer	Knighton
Foyle	Henry		Shopkeeper	Wheatsheaf
Haines	Thomas		Miller	Figheldean Mill

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Pearce	James	Farmer	Choulston farm
Pickard	Henry	Shopkeeper & baker	
Rumming	Robert V	Farmer	Alton Parva
Simpkins	Thomas Ettwell	Farmer	Alton Magna
Sheppard	Nicholas & Joseph	Blacksmiths	

## **Ablington Commercial**

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Miller	William		Farmer	Great Ablington
Simpkins	Thomas Ettwell			Ablington House