

Post Office Directory Extract 1875





Fyfield is a parish and small village in the Northern division of the county, Elstub hundred, Marlborough union and county court district, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Avebury, situated 3 miles west from Marlborough, on the high road to Bath and on the river Kennet.

The church of St Nicholas is an old stone building in the Early English style. The chancel has been restored. It has a nave, south aisle, and ancient tower with 4 pinnacles and 3 bells, and porch. The front of the gallery is of oak, beautifully carved, representing The Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. The register dates from 1682. The living is a vicarage, which, together with the chapelry of Alton Priors, is annexed to the vicarage of Overton, joint yearly value £310, in the gift of the Duke of Marlborough, now vacant.

National schools have been built for this parish and Overton, at Lockeridge (see West Overton). On the downs are a cromlech and other Iberian remains.

The trustees of Sir Henry Meux, bart., are lords of the manor and principal landowners.

The soil is loamy; subsoil, chalky. The chief crops are wheat and beans.

The area is 1,087 acres; gross estimated rental, £1,326; rateable value, £1,231; and the population in 1871 was 196.

PARISH CLERK George Checker

WALL LETTER BOX Letters, through Marlborough, arrive at 8 am. & the box is cleared at 7.5 pm. weekdays & 11.15 am. on Sundays. The nearest money order office is at Marlborough.

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Ash	George		Blacksmith	
Creed	William		Carpenter & joiner	
Crump	Thomas		Farmer	
Deavin	William		Shoe maker	
Free	Edward		Stone mason	
Heny	Pius		Watch & clock maker & shopkeeper	
Lavington	Thomas		Farmer	
Scott	George			Fighting Cocks