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## The 2002 GetTogether - Lewes

The next GetTogether will be held at Lewes, Sussex, on the weekend of 5-6 October 2002.

An interesting and entertaining program is assured and Akehurst-ers from as far afield as Australia, Canada, the USA and, of course, the U.K. will be coming to the gathering.

Come along and join in the information exchange and meet some 'colonials' - who may turn out to be cousins.

See the last sheet of this newsletter for further details, including a draft program.



## Research Days in Lewes

Richard and Judith Akhurst have organised two informal research days - to be held at the East Sussex Record Office, Lewes, on Wednesday, 15 May, and Wednesday, 17 July, from 9:30am to 4:00pm.

These days are for people who have Sussex roots and/or are interested in helping contribute to the Akehurst One Name Study.

Film and fiche readers have been booked, car parks are close by (approx 5 minutes away - best value is for 4 hours), limited disabled parking is available at the Record Office but must be booked in advance, the railway station is a short walk away (at the bottom of hill and Record Office at the top).

Unfortunately there is no refreshment area but you can bring your own packed lunch or lunch out, with the High Street three minutes away.

Anyone wishing to come, or to know more, please contact Richard and Judith (see Contacts box, p8).



## Akehurst Family History Society

The biennial meeting of the Akehurst Family History Society will be held at Lewes, Kent, on Sunday, 6 October 2002 as part of the 2002 Akehurst GetTogether.

All Akehurst researchers are welcome to attend the meeting.

The agenda will be sent, in August, to all who indicate they will be attending. Other Akehurst-ers may receive a copy of the agenda from their Country Contact.



## Recent Family Events

### Births

Alexander Michael Harvey born in Melbourne on 15 March 2002. Grandparents, Judy and Michael, are both doing fine!

Nathaniel Horton, son of Amanda and David Horton, in Lincoln on 16 January 2002 and Jack Robert Richardson, son of Linda and David Richardson, in Lincoln on 2 May 2002 - grandsons to the late Bob Akehurst.

Amanda Ackehurst, born in Canada on 28 April 2002 to John and Audrie Ackehurst. A niece for first time Aunt, Sue Ackehurst.

### Anniversaries

Olwyn Renfree (nee Akhurst), who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5 March this year.

### Deaths



**Robert John Akehurst**  
Born 22 June 1931, Sligo, Eire.  
Died 27 January 2002, Lincoln, UK.

Robert (Bob) Akehurst, the UK Country Contact for the Akehurst FHS, died in Lincoln on 22 January this year. His humour and friendship will be sadly missed by many.

His life was varied but not as mysterious as his predecessors. He was born to a travelling family his mother from fair/circus and Romany descendants, his father an army serviceman. Robert and his brother, Edwin, travelled Ireland whilst young. During WW2, whilst his father served in the army, they were evacuated from London to Lincolnshire. At 17 years of age, he joined the RAF and became a photographer and travelled widely. Following his father's death in 1951, he kept his mother company when on leave, travelling in Ireland until he met his wife. She was an English Roman Catholic woman, he an Irish Protestant. They had four daughters and thirteen grandchildren.

He died a happy fulfilled grandfather with the only regrets that he didn't complete his genealogy searches and did not manage to meet his newly found cousin's family in Canada.

His daughter, Gail Balfe, will continue the family tradition by taking over as Country Contact for the UK.



### **Doreen Evans**

Born 19 August 1922,  
Aughnacloy, Northern Ireland.  
Died 16 February 2002,  
Melbourne, Australia.

Doreen Evans was born Ruby Sarah Doreen Luttrell Johnston in Aughnacloy, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland to Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Johnston.

In 1926, when Doreen was only four years old, the family emigrated to Australia. During World War II, Doreen joined the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) and served in Army Signals.

She became engaged in 1945 to Ken Evans and they were married by her father in April 1946. Doreen and Ken took up residence in Hampton and they became involved in a number of church activities. It was whilst living at Hampton their two sons, David (our Chairman of the Akehurst FHS) and Jonathan were born.

Doreen and Ken Evans attended the Akehurst Oz Get Together held in Melbourne in 1999 and made a valuable contribution to the success of the day.

Her outgoing personality, friendly nature, ready smile and quick wit (and corny jokes) endeared her to all who knew her. She loved people and enjoyed visiting the sick and elderly.

Doreen Evans will be sadly missed.



## Little Chart (Kent) Project

Richard and Judith Akhurst, our Registrars of Documents Researched, are organising a project to define the versions of trees that can be created from the Little Chart printed records.

From the records it would appear that quite a few of today's trees connect back to Little Chart.

Judith asks "As my eyes glaze over and my brain switches off when faced with the same names recurring within the same family and again in each generation, I am seeking your help in assembling versions."

If you are interested in this brain teaser, or affected by the project, please contact Richard and Judith (see Contacts box, p8).

The data collected will be submitted to the Akehurst One Name Study for use by other researchers (see the sample on page 10).



## The 1881 Canadian Census

The LDS has recently released the 1881 Canadian Census Index on CD-ROM. It consists of four CDs and has been produced in a similar fashion to the outstanding 1881 British Census. The package costs US\$11.00 and includes the latest version of the Family History Resource File Viewer software (the same software drives the BVRI and other LDS resource CDs).

If you have any Canadian ancestry, this is well worth a look. Excellent value for 4.3 million names!



## The 1930 U.S. Census

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration released the 1930 U.S. Census Records on 1 April, 2002.

The records are available by visiting Washington, DC. However, a cheaper and more comfortable alternative is to view the records online. Ancestry.com, a commercial organisation, is making viewable and printable digitized images available online to their subscribers. For more information, visit the [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) website.

Again, if you have any queries, talk to your Country Contact.



## Researchers' Contact Details

We operate a (reasonably) strict Privacy Policy that restricts us to only passing on researchers' contact details if we have express permission, and then only if we believe the enquirer is a bona fide researcher.

To assist us in maintaining this policy, all Akehurst-ers (i.e. recipients of this newsletter) are requested to provide that permission to their CC. If anyone does not want any of their contact details to be passed on, please let your CC know and we will endeavour to respect those wishes.

We have asked this question a number of times - so far, only 65 researchers have responded. We look forward to hearing from you.



## 1901 Census of England/Wales

As you will be aware, the online 1901 Census for England and Wales was overwhelmed within a couple of hours of commencement.

This was partly due to the initial flurry of activity by genealogists, however the main problem seems to have been thousands of 'curious onlookers' who were encouraged by the media to log on and look at the spelling mistake in the Queen Mother's name.

There have been numerous complaints about the (lack of) service, but it must be remembered that the PRO has complied with its statutory requirement - copies of the census are available for viewing at the PRO.

At the time of writing, the Census was still not back on-line and there are no indications when it will become available.

When the census does make it back on-line, at [www.census.pro.gov.uk](http://www.census.pro.gov.uk), you will be able to consult the indexes for free, anywhere in the world, at any time of the day or night. For a small fee, you will be able to print out a copy of the original Enumeration Book - similar to what is available for the later U.S. censuses.



## 1901 Census Vouchers

There will be two ways of purchasing copies of images from the Enumerator's Books - giving a credit card number, and using a voucher.

Vouchers have a much longer 'lifetime' (six months) than your credit card payment (three days) and can be topped up much more easily. You purchase a voucher, key in the serial number and password, and off you go.

The Akehurst FHS is considering purchasing a number of vouchers in denominations of £5 and £10. If you would like to purchase these from the Society, please contact <[Treasurer@akehurst.org](mailto:Treasurer@akehurst.org)> or your Country Contact and we will see if we can get a workable system going. The Society receives a small commission (5%) from the Guild of One Name Studies and the money will be used to offset some of our expenses.



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paper

## Civil Registration - Vital Change

The UK Government has issued a White Paper entitled "Civil Registration - Vital Change". The Paper will be discussed in the autumn parliamentary sitting and the legislation should be in place next year.

Proposed advantages in the Bill for genealogists:

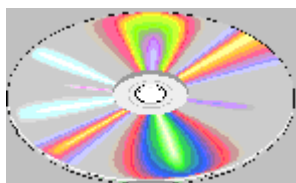
- ( the BDMs will be computerised within the next five years
- ( the older certificates, giving all details, will be on the Internet - possibly on a "non-profit basis". This phrase may suggest that there will be a lesser cost to the current charge of £6.50 from the G R O.
- ( the original registers would be deposited at the County Record Offices instead of the local register offices.

One disadvantage:

- ; BDM certificates for the last 100 years will contain less information - no addresses, occupations or cause of death. A "full" certificate will only be available to the family.

A copy of the White Paper may be obtained from the Stationery Office (£12.50) or can be downloaded from [www.official-documents.co.uk/document/cm53/5355](http://www.official-documents.co.uk/document/cm53/5355)

Source - "Civil registration shake-up" in "The Family History Monthly" April 2002.



## BVRI-2

The LDS has produced the second in their series of British Vital Records Indexes. The data on these CDs is what, in the 'old days', would have gone onto the IGI.

The CD, released on 26 March this year, contains 12.3 million names (including the 5 million from the 1st edition) extracted by the LDS extraction teams from original sources in the British Isles. Unlike the entries on the IGI, they have not been through the LDS temple process (e.g. sealing). The BVRI entries are not duplicates of IGI extractions, but entirely new ones.

This is yet another excellent resource to use - however remember it is a secondary source and serious researchers should still check the film of the register at one of the LDS Family History Libraries.

Looking at the original, primary, record allows the researcher to check the accuracy of the transcription, and allows for the possibility of finding additional information (e.g. age at baptism and burials).



## 2001 GetTogether in Melbourne

Another in the series of annual Akehurst-er GetTogethers was held in Melbourne in November last year.

Ten researchers gathered for the two-day event, which included talks on many aspects of genealogical research - both general and Akehurst-related - such as civil registration in Australia and the UK, researching the census, wills, probate, and inquests. On the Akehurst-specific part of the weekend, we learned more about the One Name Study, the Akehurst website and the email discussion list.

One highlight was a tour of the State Library of Victoria, home to one of the largest genealogy and newspaper collections in Australia. The library's Genealogy Librarian must have thought she was 'herding cats', as we kept wandering off to investigate interesting material of all description.

A popular feature was the "Internet Roll Call" of Akehurst researchers world wide. Times were fixed for the transmission of messages from various countries. A big job in itself to fix a time at the GetTogether that managed to allow researchers from around the world to send and receive messages at a reasonable hour of the day for each of them.

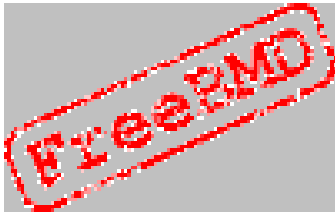
There was also plenty of time for swapping family trees, photographs, and family stories (and some tall stories!).

The weekend was voted as a success by all who attended and we are looking forward to the next one.



Some of the 'happy campers' at the 2001  
GetTogether in Melbourne

Back: Arthur Akhurst, Carol Jackson, Phillip Renfree, Judy Harvey, Richard Akhurst  
Front: Paul Akhurst, Colin Ackehurst, David Evans, Judith Akhurst.



## The FreeBMD Project

Since 1837 all births, deaths and marriages in England/Wales have had to be registered. The records are kept in the General Register Office (GRO), previously located at St.Catherine's House, now at the Family Records Centre (FRC) in London.

To date, the only way to access these indexes has been to either visit the FRC, or a number of libraries and LDS Family History Centres, and work laboriously through thousands of microfiche.

Help is on the way - a collaborative project has been running for the past two years to computerise all the indexes from 1837 to 1900 and access them through a powerful search engine. To date, some 31,200,000 entries have been keyed in by volunteers ... leaving only about 80,000,000 to go!

Already the project has revealed:

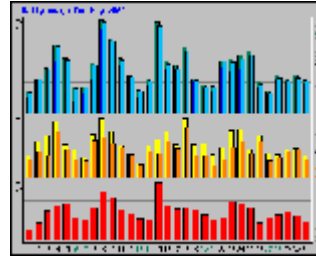
- » Akehurst - 981 occurrences (67.0% of 'our' name)
- » Akhurst - 403 (27.5%)
- » Ackhurst - 43 (2.9%)
- » Acehurst - 18 (1.2%)
- » Akurst - 9 (0.6%)
- » Eakhurst - 6 (0.4%)
- » Achurst - 2 (0.1%)
- » Akherst - 2 (0.1%)

In your research, you may have found that your individual does not appear in the BDM indexes. This may be due to the regular re-printing of the index volumes as they become worn, rather than to a family protest against the then government! The re-printing perpetuates omissions and typographical errors and introduces more. The FreeBMD is yet another step along the chain.

The website, at [www.freebmd.rootsweb.com/](http://www.freebmd.rootsweb.com/), allows various searches. It also has an excellent suite of reports/graphs so you can track the rate at which the volunteers send in their transcriptions. If you are unable to search the website yourself, why not ask your Country Contact to do it for you.

A number of Counties are indexing their records and making them available on the Internet. These records are taken directly from the originals held locally and should, therefore, be more accurate.

For the pedants, the project uses the American term BMD instead of the British BDM. The organisation responsible for registration is the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) - which reflects the order in which the process developed in the UK.



## The Akehurst BDM Project

The Akehurst One Name Study has embarked upon extending our BDM indexes (from the GRO). We already have large sections of the 1837-1900 period covered, but not for all variant spellings.

Our project will cover the period 1901-2000, and will include all variants. This will complement the 1837-1900 data being gathered in the FreeBMD project.

We need volunteers to extract details from the GRO fiche of births, deaths, and marriages and pass the information on to Judith & Richard Akhurst, our Registrars of Documents Researched, who are co-ordinating the project. From there, they will be available to all Akehurst researchers.

To get an idea of the scale of the project, there are 100 years, with four quarters per year, for each of the births, deaths and marriages - a total of about 1200 fiche to search.

Volunteers will be allocated 5-year blocks of one event, which will require searching approximately 20 fiche and extracting A(c)(k)(e)(h)urst references - not a large task. If we get 60 volunteers, they need search only one block each - demonstrating the saying "many hands make light work".

Volunteers will be provided with a set of simple instructions, a 5-year block to be searched, and a list of variants to be searched.

The results can be sent in either as a computer file, or on paper. No computer? ... no problem, we accept submissions on paper.

Please contact Richard & Judith Akhurst (see Contacts box, p8) to volunteer. Some spans of years are already being extracted but help is still needed.



**Boship Farm - site of the 1998 GetTogether**



## Akehursts - Where Are We?

One requirement for a One Name Study is to collect references from telephone directories and electoral rolls. Until recently, this has been an extremely labourious process; however the advent of on-line telephone directories has significantly eased the work involved.

The purpose is a) to produce a list of all Akehurst and variants; b) to establish how the name is spread throughout the world and within local areas; c) to identify how the spelling of the name has become standardised; and d) to use current information as a mini-household census.

This part of the Akehurst One Name Study commenced a few months ago with a request to the Akehurst List and has already generated some response. To date, the telephone directory entries for Canada, most of the UK, Australia and New Zealand have been completed. We have also received some contributions from the UK Electoral Roll.

A snapshot for 2002 will be invaluable in the future and can be looked on as a "time-bite" or "time capsule" for future generations of researchers.

This project, along with the FreeBMD and the Akehurst BDM projects (see previous page), complement each other and give an excellent base from which to conduct your individual research.

Grateful thanks to the generosity of researchers so far, but there are still outstanding regions.

If anyone would like to assist, even in a small way, in extracting Akehurst and variants from telephone directories and electoral rolls, please contact our Registrars of Documents Researched (see Contacts box, p8) who are co-ordinating the project.



## Maybe this is yours?

Angela Hollands found this little gem in the Bishops Transcripts for

Withyham, Sussex:

*Date: July 2nd. Name: [blank] Mr Davies baptised someone whom he could not recollect.*

As Angela remarked: "Ever had one of those days?"



## Data Collected by the ONS

The Akehurst One Name Study continues to collect a large amount of information - from sources including trees submitted, census returns, parish registers, Bishops Transcripts, cemetery transcriptions, BDM extractions, telephone directories, newspapers.

All this information is freely available to Akehurst researchers.

Before spending hours trawling through documents, why not check our holdings (which are distributed throughout the world)? Contact our Registrars of Documents Researched or your Country Contact.



## Register of Documents Researched

The purpose of the Register is to avoid duplication of work by recording the areas which have already been researched, and to help researchers access little-known or remote resources.

The aim is to record in the Register the location of all extracts (e.g. original parish registers, Bishops Transcripts, printed volumes, Census returns, Poll Tax, directories, obituaries) which have been made.

If you have found a few entries, from anywhere in the world - we'd love to include them in the database (under your name).

If you have searched through a document and found no entries - don't despair. Please send us the details of the document, and your confirmation that it has nil entries.

Don't think - "they'll already have this information" because we may not.

The example on page 10, Little Chart Parish Register, was done by Richard and Judith Akhurst, and confirmed by Barbara Turley, as part of the Akehurst One Name Study.

If you would like to contribute data to the Akehurst One Name Study, please contact our Registrars of Documents Researched (see Contacts box, p8).



## Use Your Country Contact

Many of us prefer to communicate using and paper rather than a computer and so do not access the amenities of the Internet. On the other hand, there is a sizeable proportion of Akehurst-ers which uses the Internet as their primary method of communications.

The big risk to our Society, and to many other similar organisations, is that there is very little interaction between the two groups - to the detriment of both groups.

To assist our researchers, particularly those without Internet access, we have set up a system of Country Contacts. Your Country Contact is the person who mails you paper copies of the Akehurst-er newsletter and notices, and assists you to get hooked to the Akehurst email discussion list.

If you have a question or comment about any item in this edition of The Akehurst-er, or would like to write an article for The Akehurst-er, or would like to help the Society in any way, please contact your Country Contact who will pass the information on to the appropriate person(s).

Pen-preferring Akehurst-ers can access the power of the Internet by writing to the nearest Country Contact and asking for a research request to be passed on to the Internet group. The Country Contact simply puts the request on the List and then passes any responses back to the pen-Akehurster.

The system has worked quite well on a number of occasions but there is no guarantee it will work every time, as it relies on the generosity of researchers with Internet access to make their time available ... and the availability of the requested information.

Remember, the Country Contact does not receive any recompense for printing and postage, so sending postage stamps to your Country Contact is a good way of balancing the books and saying 'thank you'.

See the Contacts box on page 8 for contact details.

Footnote - two terms which are frequently used in the electronic world are "e-mail" (for electronic mail) and "s-mail", or "snail-mail", (for 'normal' post/mail). The term "snail mail" refers to the relative speeds of the electronic and Royal Mail, and not to any researcher's tardiness !



## Akehurst Discussion List

A number of interesting subjects have been discussed recently on the electronic Akehurst List, including the 1891 census of London, the (un)availability of the 1901 census, the Akehursts of Withyham and Mayfield and Little Chart, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 'Looking for Henry', Ann Akhurst the midwife, The British Drama League and even "I am my own grandpa"!

Forthosewho have subscribed to the (free)discussion list, the archives can be viewed and searched by keyword. Forthose who have not subscribed, ask your Country Contact if he/she will do a search for you.

Akehurst-ers with email access are encouraged to join the list as there is a wealth of information being passed around.

Contact your Country Contact, or send an email to <ListOwner@akehurst.org> for details.

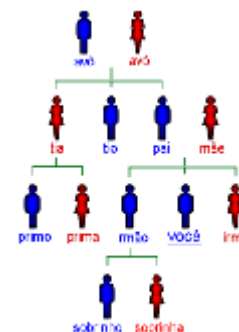


## Did you receive this by post?

If you received this newsletter by post, then the printing and postage was paid by your Country Contact.

At present, the expense of running the Akehurst FHS is borne by half a dozen individuals. As the Society grows, expenses naturally increase and we are looking for ways to share the load without introducing an annual membership fee.

To help offset the printing and postage part of these expenses, it would be greatly appreciated if you, the reader, send your Country Contact postage stamps.



## Register of Family Trees

Unfortunately, shortage of space prevents us from including details of our library of family trees. We hope to be able to include them in the next issue.



## Clever Kevin ...

When the New York State Department of Transport decided to offer personalised number plates, Kevin Akehurst jumped in and secured a plate.

So, if any Akehursts are in New York, Kevin can pick you up in a true family car!!



## I Am My Own Grandpa

Many, many years ago, when I was twenty three,  
I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter  
Who had hair of red.  
My father fell in love with her,  
And soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law  
And changed my very life.  
My daughter was my mother,  
For she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matters worse,  
Although it brought me joy,  
I soon became the father  
Of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became  
A brother-in-law to dad.  
And so became my uncle,  
Though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle,  
Then that also made him brother  
To the widow's grown-up daughter  
Who, of course, was my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son,  
Who kept them on the run.  
And he became my grandson,  
For he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mother  
And it makes me blue.  
Because, although she is my wife,  
She's my grandmother too.

If my wife is my grandmother,  
Then I am her grandchild.  
And every time I think of it,  
It simply drives me wild.

For now I have become  
The strangest case you ever saw.  
As the husband of my grandmother,  
I am my own grandpa!

*Source: Unknown*

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## RICHARD AND JUDITH VISIT 'DOWN UNDER'

*[Richard and Judith Akhurst journeyed to Melbourne to attend the 2001 GetTogether. The following is Judith's story, subtitled "What We Did On Our Holidays" <big grin> Ed.]*

What started out as a glimmer of a possibility became fact when we decided to finally take our first proper holiday in ten years. Thanks to the generosity and hospitality of Colin and Neena (Ackehurst) who put us up, or perhaps put up with us(!), and David (Evans) who lent us a car, we had a wonderful time in Oz. Generosity did not stop with the aforementioned, as Phillip and Jan (Renfree) very kindly offered to look after us in Mildura, and Judy (Harvey) offered us a tour of Melbourne Cricket Club. If anyone has the chance to go to Oz, jump at it. It is wonderful.

The weather over the weekend of the Melbourne GetTogether was, we are told, the best for a long time. It was spring time but was a little colder than normal. The GT was held in the Meteorological Office (thanks to David) but it had no windows - ideal for computer use! We met new researchers and also other members of the same family who attended the GetTogether at Canterbury in 2000. As with all events, the secret is in the planning and it went very well - especially the dinner!



We spent the rest of the holiday living an Australian way of life - highly recommended - and did a little exploring up the Great Ocean Road as far as Warrnambool. We travelled only 1,000 miles by car (on our own) and it was amazing how the scenery changed. The Twelve Apostles and the coastline were impressive especially against an occasional lowering sky.

We visited Cape Otway, a rainforest which has a 1,000 year old tree. While we were catching our breath, sitting at the base of said tree, a man appeared from nowhere. He reiterated David's suggestion that we should go to Sovereign Hill at Ballarat - an old gold mining town. We drove across country - sounds very adventurous and pioneering, but the roads are straight (on a grid system), and every road is sign-posted - even in the middle of "nowhere".

We booked into Sovereign Hill, and were given two keys - one to our room. After settling in, we followed the footpath as directed which led to a house. Using our second key, we opened the door and found ourselves in the museum - it was just like "Mr Benn", an old children's (English) television programme. We were back in the 1850s. A lady walked by in a crinoline and holding a parasol! The noise of the mine workings, wheelwrights, iron foundry, factories, shops, stage coaches and wagons and horses assailed us. All the shops were working shops, staffed by volunteers dressed in period costume, and who spoke and behaved with the manners of the 1850s. A man even called me a "hussy" as I inadvertently walked into the Men's Smoking Room of the hotel. I said it was in the interests of research!



That night, under the stars, we saw the "Blood on the Southern Cross", a spectacular sound and light performance. It is the story of the rebellion of the gold miners against what they saw as an unjust and corrupt English administration (and it was). It was brilliantly done - the audience watched the workings come to life by sound and light, and became part of the scene at the end. In the morning, it was as though you had dreamt it.

Our trip to the Old Melbourne Gaol, on the last leg of our holiday, put me off visiting Alcatraz. The history and artefacts of Ned Kelly and his Gang illustrated his story and showed prison life in general. Grim and cold, but well done.

But my most happy tourist memory was of Captain Cook's cottage in the Fitzroy Gardens, a large public garden full of huge beautiful trees. The house was purchased from the Cook family in York, England, dismantled brick by brick, numbered, transported by sea and rebuilt in Melbourne. The atmosphere in the house and garden is so calming and quiet. The small garden is a haven, full of English trees, plants, flowers and herbs - a little oasis - and it was hard to believe that it was in the centre of a city, and especially an Australian one! It was so English - just like Neena and Colin's beautiful garden.



I may have digressed from genealogy into horticulture but it's all branches and twigs in the end.

We would like to thank everyone as they made our holiday such a welcoming, happy, enjoyable and unforgettable life-time experience. It was wonderful. Thank you.

Parish Register of Little Chart, Kent (1538-1813) transcribed by C H Wilkie (1914) SoC

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Type	Day/Mon	Year	Surname	Given Name	2nd name	Father	Mother	Spouse Given	Spouse Surname	Misc Info
C	11-Jul	1790	Akhurst	Saunders		Jennings	Elizabeth			
C	14-Dec	1794	Akehurst	James		Joseph	Frances			
C	20-Jul	1798	Ackhurst	Edward		Joseph	Frances			
M	9-Nov	1777	Akhurst	George				Ann	Venus	
M	27-Mar	1779	Akhurst	Jennings				Elizabeth	Parks	
M	13-Feb	1794	Akhurst	Elizabeth	widow			John	Hooker	by Lic
M	21-Nov	1795	Akhurst	Edward	of Boughton Aulph			Sarah	Harrison	by Lic
M	9-Jun	1740	Acust	Elizabeth				John	Garret	
M	5-Sep	1749	Akhurst	John				Elizabeth	Ashbee	
M	24-Oct	1749	Akhurst	Joseph				Elizabeth	Jennings	bdtp: by Banns
M	13-Dec	1768	Akhurst	Joseph	widower			Elizabeth	Taylor	
M	24-Dec	1770	Akhurst	Richard				Sarah	Bright	
M	29-Nov	1810	Akhurst	John				Mary	Barker	of Boughton Aulph: by Lic
Bd	21-Apr	1742	Acust, Snr	James				Infant (Affid)		
Bd	8-Oct	1852	Ackhurst	Jennings				from Charing		
Bd	8-Jun	1755	Achurst	Hazel				(Affid)		
Bd	7-Sep	1759	Ackhurst	Elizabeth				(Affid)		
Bd	5-May	1762	Akhurst	Elizabeth				of parish of Egerfton or Charing (Affid)		
Bd	7-Sep	1762	Akhurst	Jane						
Bd	13-Dec	1770	Akhurst	Elizabeth				(Affid rec'd in due time)		
Bd	24-May	1777	Akhurst	James						
Bd	26-Nov	1778	Akhurst	Sarah						
Bd	27-Mar	1780	Akhurst	James						
Bd	7-Dec	1784	Akhurst	Richard						
Bd	14-Jul	1786	Akhurst	Thomas				of parish of Lenham		
Bd	22-Aug	1787	Akurst	Robert						
Bd	6-Oct	1787	Akurst	Elizabeth						
Bd	5-Dec	1787	Akurst	James						
Bd	30-Jul	1790	Akurst	Joseph						
Bd	28-Jul	1792	Akhurst	Richard						
Bd	3-May	1793	Akhurst	Jennings						

Example of data held by the Akehurst One Name Study  
(in this case an excerpt of the Parish Register for Little Chart, Kent)



# 2002 AKEHURST-ER GET-TOGETHER DRAFT PROGRAM

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## SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2002

**9:30-10:00am** Morning coffee; introductions  
Trees on display

**10:00-10:30am** Official opening

**10:30-11:00am** The Akehurst-er website and  
the Akehurst-er newsletter

**11:00-12 noon** Other resources - e.g. census,  
wills, probate, inquests, newspapers,  
newsletter, other publications

**12:00-1:00pm** Lunch; Group photograph;  
Tree swapping; Scanning/copying of  
photographs; Bookstall

**1:00-2:00pm** Using the LDS Library  
catalogue and the Church's internet resources

**2:00-3:00pm** Guest speaker (local historian)  
- "The Akehursts of Sussex in a local context"

**3:00-3:30pm** Afternoon tea / tree swapping

**3:30-4:00pm** Genealogy software - why?  
what? how?

**4:00-4:30pm** Acrobats, Soundex and  
GeDCom - what and why me?

**4:30-5:00pm** Benefits of the Akehurst email  
discussion list

**5:00-5:30pm** Summary/closing

**6:30-10:00pm** Informal dinner - nearby  
hostelry

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## SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2002

**9:00-9:30am** The Akehurst-er Roll Call

**9:30-10:00am** Akehurst One Name Study and  
database - What is it? What is it trying to  
achieve? How can you help?

**10:00-11:00am** Presentation by the "Keeper of  
the Trees" and tree swapping

**11:00-11:30am** Morning coffee /tree swapping

**11:30-12 noon** Presentation by the "Registrar  
of Documents Researched"

**12:00-1:00pm** Lunch; Group photograph;  
Tree swapping; Scanning/copying of  
photographs; Bookstall

**1:00-2:00pm** Akehurst Family History  
Society meeting - reports, changes to  
constitution, election, other business, next  
meeting (UK 2004), next 'half-meeting'  
(2003)

**2:00-3:00pm** Guest speaker - "Records at  
the East Sussex County Record Office, and  
How to Make the Best Use of Them"

**3:00-3:30pm** Afternoon tea / tree swapping

**3:30-4:00pm** Panel - any questions?

**4:00-4:30pm** Summary / closing

**4:30-5:00pm** packing up

**5:00pm** Depart

**6:00-10:00pm** Informal dinner - nearby  
hostelry

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## MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2002

**9:30am** Meet at East Sussex County  
Records Office

**9:30-10:00am** Allocation of day's tasks for  
those helping the Akehurst One Name Study

**10:00-12:30pm** Research - jointly or severally

**12:30-1:30pm** Informal lunch together

**1:30-4:00pm** Further research

**4:00-4:30pm** Collation/swapping of material

**4:30pm** Depart

**What is the GetTogether?**

The Akehurst Family History Society has been holding meetings since 1998. The 2002 GetTogether is our third major gathering.

**Who can come?**

All people who have an interest in researching the name Akehurst (and/or one of its many variants).

**When is it?**

The weekend of 5-6 October 2002. There will be a Research Day on 7 October for whoever is interested in research at the County Record Office.

**Where is it?**

The GetTogether will be held at Southover Grange, Southover Road, Lewes, East Sussex.

**What will we be doing?**

The draft program overleaf gives you an idea of what we will be discussing; it does not give you much of an idea how much fun we have when Akehurst-ers meet together!

**How do I get there?**

By car: Car parking is opposite the Grange.

By train: Railway station is five minutes' walk (no hills)

Car pooling: The possibility exists for car pooling. Please contact the GetTogether Co-ordinator if you would like to offer space, or if you would like transport, and we will see what we can do (no promises, mind).

**Where can I stay?**

A list of accommodation, including B&Bs and hotels, can be obtained from either the GetTogether Co-ordinator or

Lewes Tourist Office  
187 High Street  
Lewes East Sussex BN7 2DE  
Phone: 01273 483448 Fax: 01273  
Email: <lewestic@lewes.gov.uk>

**How much will it cost me?**

£20 per person for the weekend or part thereof. The only other cost is for meals and accommodation.

**Who do I tell I'm coming?**

If you would like to attend, please complete the information in the box below, clip it out and post it to the GetTogether Co-ordinator (or phone or email):

Mrs Judith Akhurst  
95 Sea Road  
East Preston, West Sussex BN16 1LN  
Phone: 01903 773676  
Mobile: 07968 273948  
Email: <judith.akhurst@akehurst.org>

**Where do I go for more information?**

Further information, including maps, will be sent to all attendees. Also, keep an eye on the Akehurst-er website at [www.akehurst.org](http://www.akehurst.org)

**What if I'm not interested?**

If you do not wish to receive any further correspondence regarding the GetTogether, please advise your Country Contact and we will remove you from further mailing.

I wish to attend the Akehurst-er 2002 Get-Together in Lewes, Sussex, on the weekend of 5-6 October 2002. Please register my interest and keep me informed of the arrangements.

<b>Name of Researcher:</b>	.....
<b>Address &amp; Phone No.:</b>	..... ..... <b>Email..... Phone No. ....</b>
<b>Others Attending:</b>	<b>No. .... Names: .....</b> .....