

Review of 2012

This review primarily relates to the operation of the Akehurst Mailing List. A full report of the activities of the Akehurst Family History Society, the Akehurst One-Name Study, and the Akehurst DNA Project was presented at the 2012 Akehurst GetTogether which was held Canterbury in September (last year / this year, depending where you happen to be at present <grin>). It is in the Files Area.

Akehurst List statistics:

During 2012, there were 210 messages posted to the List, two more than for the previous year (my own Akehurst mailbox scored almost 1700 messages (both in and out), well up on last year). There are currently 136 members subscribed to the Akehurst List, up three from the previous year. Thirty-two members posted to the List during the year, well up on 2011's fourteen.

The Akehurst List is the place to announce your queries / problems / successes.

Some of the topics covered during the year were:

- 19th century urbanization maps
- 2012 Akehurst GetTogether, Canterbury
- 2012 Akehurst GetTogether - Research Interests
- Access to Akehurst List
- Acres reunion
- Ak\*hursts in the 16th Century
- Akehurst Susan (Mrs.) dress maker, 18 Kensington gardens
- Akehurst Fanny - B 1845 Meloney, France
- Akehurst / Akhurst / Ackehurst &c T-shirts.
- Akehurst DNA Surname Project
- Akehurst Family Milton-next-Sittingbourne
- Akehurst population worldwide currently c.3600
- Akehurst War Dead Project
- Akehurst/Avis connection
- Akehurst/Baldock links
- Akehursts of Hellingly [a perennial topic]
- Albert Akehurst, Cynderford in 1841 census
- Alfred Akehurst => Alfred Akers
- Arras Memorial Challenge
- Art deco vases made by R D Akhurst
- Auction of medal - John William George Ackehurst
- Baltimore Akehursts
- Biennial report - Akehurst FHS
- Bravery medal to Paul George Akehurst
- Charles Frederick J Akehurst, born Tunbridge Wells 1895
- Clan Macduff - questions and some answers [another perennial]
- Clara Adeline A(c)khurst, b.1860
- Edward Akehurst married. Frances Swan - Milton-next-Sittingbourne 1778
- Findhorn Community - book written by Raymond Akhurst
- James Akhurst = Elizabeth Hayes 6 December 1847
- James Edmonds B 1790 plumber = Ann HALL, Whitchurch
- John Akehurst, b. Mayfield 1837-8

- Painting by E. Akhurst
- Passing of David Paterson
- Passing of Richard Akehurst
- Photos of Seaford Akehurst descendants
- Pte Harry Stephen Ackhurst Fox
- Rebecca Akehurst - 1828, Etchingam, East Sussex
- Removal of John Akehurst and wife [Jane] to
- Ripper suspect - an Akehurst?
- S/Sgt Louis W. Akehurst - U.S.A.F
- Sarah Woodgate b: 29 March 1778 in Cuckfield married 3 July 1798 i
- Seaford Akehurst descendant photos
- Sgt C Akehurst, K.O.S.B
- Swarthy Akehursts [reprise of an earlier discussion]
- Walter J Akhurst (1866-1940) - item for auction
- William Frederick Akehurst - Masonic jewel
- William George Akehurst - which wife?

(Not all of those were discussed on the Akehurst List. If you have any queries, first check the List Archives and then give me a call)

Thank you to all who posted to the List during the year - whether it was a question, an answer, or a comment. Thank you, also, to everyone for staying on topic as it makes the Moderator's job so much easier. Talking of the Moderator, a thank you to Colin for his behind-the-scenes work keeping the Akehurst List running. List management is a thankless task, but not in this case ... thank you, Colin!

If you have any questions about the operation of the Akehurst List, send an email to Moderator@akehurst.org.

To post to the Akehurst List, address your email to akehurst@yahoogroups.com and remember to post in plain text. It's your List and we welcome all items of interest to Akehurst/Ackehurst/Ackhurst/Akhurst research.

### Elsewhere in the Akehurst World

THE 2012 AKEHURST GETTOGETHER was held at Thanington (nr Canterbury) in September. It was an excellent weekend of talks (and talking) and exchanging tree information (and talking) and enjoying the companionship (and talking!). Thank you to Alan and his team for arranging the weekend. All went smoothly until Alan took a tumble and arrived sporting a black eye, lacerations, and broken spectacles.

The 'new kid on the block' this year is the Akehurst War Dead Project. We are aiming to produce a booklet late in 2013 to commemorate the Akehursts (of all spelling variants) who fell in the service of their country. Alan Pett is coordinating the project and is on the look-out for any material. We already have records from the 'obvious' sites, such as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and various National/County Archives but we need your help for the more personal material. We have a growing collection of photographs of their headstone/memorials and are looking to complete the full set in time for publication. If you have any material to contribute, or have any questions, or offers of help,

Contact Alan at AkehurstWarDead@akehurst.org.

The 2012 GetTogether saw the advent of A(c)(k)(e)hurst clothing. Morwenna managed to secure a supply of windcheater's and polo shirts with 'your choice of spelling'. Thank you, Morwenna. Mine

has been worn to a number of genealogy meetings and has always received comments such as "why doesn't our FHS do that?". If you are interested in getting an item of clothing, see the website for details, or contact Morwenna at [KeeperOfTheTrees@akehurst.org](mailto:KeeperOfTheTrees@akehurst.org).

The Akehurst website - at [www.akehurst.org](http://www.akehurst.org) - continues to be our public face.

Our webmaster, Angela, does a great job keeping it up to date. If you have anything of interest for her, send an email to [webmaster@akehurst.org](mailto:webmaster@akehurst.org).

Our ' forest of trees' continues to grow under Morwenna's care. We are continually amazed at the amount of information she has in the forest. Morwenna asks that we remember to send her the occasional updated tree. Email them, preferably in GEDCOM format, to her at [KeeperOfTheTrees@akehurst.org](mailto:KeeperOfTheTrees@akehurst.org).

The "Akehurst-er" newsletter. Again, no issue was published this year. That will probably remain the case until more people submit articles for Steve, our Editor, to assemble into a new edition. Articles, long or short, are welcome - simply send them to [editor@akehurst.org](mailto:editor@akehurst.org)

If I've missed anything/anyone important, my apologies. If you send me an email, at [mailto:chairman@akehurst.org](mailto:mailto:chairman@akehurst.org), I will send out an addendum.

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David (D-Oz) ...  
List Owner of the Akehurst List