

Akehurst List Statistics for 2014

There were 240 messages posted during the year, well up on the 131 in 2013. The Akehurst List now has 142 members, of whom 37 posted messages during the year.

As usual, we had a wide range of subjects discussed on the List. Here is a very brief listing:

- 2014 GetTogether
- Akehurst & Sellman families Akehurst Farm at Ninfield
- Akehurst War Dead Project
- Akehursts in Northampton
- Akhursts in Maidstone 1850-1860
- Albert Akehurst, b.1881
- An Akhurst Coincidence? - connecting Little Chart & Sheldwich Akhursts
- Bernard Spencer John Akehurst
- Clan Macduff
- Cyril Akhurst, b.1918
- Daniel Akehurst, b.1699
- Elizabeth Akehurst & George Camfield, m.1798
- Ellen Akhurst (daughter of William Mower Akhurst)
- Frederick Akhurst, b.1853
- George Ackhurst/Akhurst, b.ca.1812
- George Akhurst & Dinah Graffham, married. 1851
- George Alfred Akhurst of Pratts Bottom, b.1900
- Gunner Charles Akehurst
- Henry Akehurst - crew lists 1861 (yes, still researching the various Henrys!)
- Henry Akehurst & Sara Pitcher
- Henry Akehurst of Horsebridge
- Henry Osborne Akehurst, b.1868
- Herbert Farrant Akehurst, b.1902
- James & John Akehurst, born. Waldron
- Jane Harriet Akhurste
- John Akehurst, prisoner of war
- John Akhurst & Mary Hardy
- Joseph Henry Akehurst, b.1910
- Josephine Akehurst, d. Feb 2014
- Kaye Akhurst, d. Sep 2013
- Laura Ellen Akhurst
- Marjorie Akhurst, b.1893 Merthyr Tydfil
- Norman Walter Akhurst
- Private C Akehurst, d.31/12/1917
- Questions about Akehursts in the 1861, 1891, 1901 censuses
- Rev. Samuel Henry Akehurst, b.1841
- Richard Carden Akehurst
- Robert & George D Akhurst
- Rosetta Akehurst
- Sarah Akehurst & James Holden, m.1799
- Stephen Akehurst, b.1850
- Susannah Akehurst & William Vine, m.1752

- Thomas James Akhurst, 1st A.I.F.
- Walter Akhurst, b.1866
- William & Janet Harriet Akhurste
- William Ackhurst, Halifax Nova Scotia
- Where's Wally (Walter Akhurst, b.1868 but missing from the 1891 census)

It also seemed to be a literary year, as we had questions about these authors: Chris Akhurst, Ray Akhurst, Richard Akehurst, and Warren Ackhurst

If you have any questions about any of these subjects, simply ask the List. The address to post is <Akehurst@yahoogroups.com>.

Thank you to all who have posted questions and a particular thank you to all who have posted answers. It is this exchange of information which progresses our research. We can (well, maybe!) do it on our own, but it is much more beneficial to bounce questions off the people on our List, each of whom is an expert in part of the wider picture.

A thank you, also, to Colin Ackehurst in the 'back room'. Colin looks after the management of the List and answers questions about how the technology works (or should work).

Elsewhere in the Akehurst-er World

During the year, we were saddened to learn of the death of Norrie Akhurst ("Our Norrie"). Norrie had been researching her tree for many years and attended almost all of our Akehurst GetTogether. We missed her smile, and her input, at our recent GetTogether. We also learned of the deaths of Dorothy Joyce Brown (our David Brown's mother), Viv Akehurst (UK), Jordi Akhurst (UK), Robert Akhurst and John Akhurst and Judy Akhurst (AUS), Martha Akehurst (NZ), Brian Akehurst (USA). Whilst celebrating of arrival of the New Year, we pause to remember them.

2014 Akehurst GetTogether

Another very successful GetTogether was held during 2014 - this time at Shoreham-by-Sea in Sussex. There was a report posted to the List and also appears, with photographs, on our website. Thank you to Alan Pett for organising the weekend and to all the others who helped make it such an enjoyable and informative time.

If you have not attended a GetTogether, you are missing out on a great weekend. They are held in the UK every even-numbered year (the next will be in Ashford, Kent in September 2016) and elsewhere in the odd-numbered years (Melbourne, Australia in August 2015).

The Akehurst War Dead Project

Alan Pett is still collecting material relating to Akehursts (of any spelling) who have died in any war, with a view to publishing a booklet during the centenary of the Great War. If you have any material - photographs, letters, memorabilia - please let Alan know. You can contact him at <AkehurstWarDead@akehurst.org>

It was interesting to see the Akehurst war medals which people brought along to display at the GetTogether. I think we had five sets of World War One medals included in the display arranged by Morwenna.

Akehurst Forest

Morwenna continues to maintain our 'forest of trees'. From these, she answers many of the questions posed on the Akehurst List. If you have updated your tree recently, please send Morwenna a copy. Her email address is <KeeperOfTheTrees@akehurst.org>.

The Akehurst-re website

our website, at www.akehurst.org is our main public face. If you have not visited it recently, you will not have seen the changes that Angela, our Webmaster, has made. Thank you, Angela, for keeping it refreshed. Angela's job will be made a lot easier if she receives material to post. She'd also like some feedback, even if it is just a 'thank you'.

Akehurst One-Name Study

The Akehurst One-Name Study collects information relating to Akehurst and Akhurst and variants. Our study is registered with the Guild of One-Name Studies - www.one-name.org - and provides, along with our website, the public with an entry point into our various studies. The Akehurst One-Name Study has full information relating to Akehurst BDM's in England & Wales, Australia, and New Zealand and a growing collection for Canada, USA, and South Africa. It also holds copies of all the UK, Canadian, and US censuses. All this data is progressively being linked through fully-researched trees. If you would like any information about the Akehurst One-Name Study, send an email to <ONS@akehurst.org> or <akehurst@one-name.org>.

Akehurst DNA Project

we have recently had two Akehursts join the Akehurst DNA Project - one belongs to the extensive Hellingly Akehurst tree, the other to the East Dean Akehurst tree. Both these locations are between the Brighton Akehurst trees and the Little Chart Akhurst tree, so we eagerly await to see the results.

The company which does our DNA testing, Family Tree DNA, usually has two sales each year (mid-year and at Christmas) so we wait until these times to purchase the tests. If you have a male Akehurst/Akehurst/Akhurst who would be willing to join our project, we would love to hear from them (or you). Simply send an email to <DNA@akehurst.org> to get the ball rolling. For information about the project, visit <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/Akehurst>

Akehurst Family History Society

The Society is the umbrella group which co-ordinates all the above strands. It is free to join and meets formally once every two years (at the UK GetTogether). If you would like any information about the Society, simply send an email to <Chairman@akehurst.org>

A big thank you to the folk who willingly spend their time, effort, and money, by contributing to the various workings of the Akehurst Family History Society. Without your input, we would be on our own; collectively, you have helped to create a team to progress our hobby (err, obsession).

If you are reading this, then you have made it through to 2015. I hope the remaining 365 days of the year go well for you. Best wishes for a year in which your genealogical brick walls tumble.

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