

Akehurst List statistics for 2018

A total of 119 messages were posted during the year, slightly up on the previous year. January was the busiest month (with 24 postings) and there were four months with only four postings in each.

There are now 151 members on the List but only 14 of us posted anything to the List during the year. Thank you to those who posted. If you did not post a message during the year, we look forward to you joining in this year. Your email does not have to be complicated - it can range from something as simple as "I am still here" to "My current brick wall is ....".

Address your email to <Akehurst@yahoogroups.com>. If we want this List to continue to help with the Akehurst research, then more of you will need to join in - either by asking a question about your brick wall or by helping to answer the questions.

Here are the subjects we covered in 2018

- 2017 - The Akehurst Year in Review
- 2017 GetTogether
- A Most Interesting Site - the digital panopticon
- Abel Akehurst
- Agnes Akehurst in 1871 census
- Agnes M. A. Akhurst (1906-1985)
- Air Mechanic 2c Cyril Kenneth Akehurst d.26/3/1918
- Akehurst War Dead
- Akehurst Wills of East Sussex
- Akehurst Wilson Holmes (1896-1917)
- Akehurst/Akhurst servicemen with Surrey connections
- Albert Henry Akehurst (1890-1918)
- Alexander Akehurst of Surrey c1660
- Desma Russell
- Dorothy Lilian and Ronald Arthur Akehurst
- Early Hellingly Akehurst
- eBay autograph book
- Frank S E Akhurst (1907-1942)
- Frederick & Sophia Helena Akehurst, Southwark, 1939
- Frederick Akehurst B 1890
- Frederick Mitchell (1893-1918)
- Freidrich Richard Ackehurst 1919-1943
- George Ackhurst Jenner
- Graham Akhurst - MPhil student in Brisbane
- Howard David Akehurst (1948-1968)
- James Akhurst, d. 4/1892
- James Henry Akhurst d. 3/6/1918
- John Ackhurst and Miriam Pilcher - help required
- John Akhurst b.1831-9, d.1909 - help needed
- John Akhurst c.1816-1902
- Lawson Akhurst Smith, d.13/5/1918
- Lance Corporal I Frederick George Akhurst (1888-1918)
- Leslie Ronald Akehurst 1920-1943
- Mary Akehurst 1666 token

- Mary Akhurst - md Joseph Eales
- Michael Akhurst (1943-2018)
- New to the group
- Norman Walter Akhurst (1896-1918)
- Nurse Jennie Akehurst an ancestor?
- Private Ernest Gilbert Akehurst (1900-1918)
- Private George Alfred Akhurst, KiA 27/8/1918
- Private H. C. Akehurst, KiA 23/8/1918
- Private Harry Akehurst Piper (1887-1918)
- Private Harry Samuel Baker, KiA 27/8/1918
- Private Arthur W Akehurst, KiA 2/2/1918
- Private Charles Akehurst ... and ...
- Private John Akhurst, d. 4/11/1918
- Robert William Akehurst
- Sarah & Elizabeth Akehurst, Hove, 1939 – solved
- Sidney George Akehurst (1893-1918)
- Sophia Akehurst Year 1934: Southwark Ward
- Staff Sergeant D S Akhurst - uniform for sale
- The peripatetic William Mower Akhurst (b.1878)
- Thomas John Akehurst (1899-1919)
- Ubert St. John Poynter Jenner-Akehurst (1880-1944)
- Walter J Akhurst - ironmonger of Sandwich
- Website changes
- Welcome to the Akehurst List
- William John Akehurst (1885-1968) – repeat
- William Robert Akehurst, KiA 19/8/1918

If you missed any postings that interest you, simply ask the List by posting your query to Yahoo-Group.

### 'Departures'

During the year we were advised of the death of Antony Akehurst (Cornwall), Ron Akehurst (Sussex), Michael Akehurst (Suffolk), and Desma Russell (NZ). If I have missed anyone, please let me know so we can remember them next year.

As part of our Akehurst War Dead Project, we continued to remember the deaths of 'our name' who died as a result of war service. This year we remembered 25 - 18 from World War I (100th anniversary), six from World War II (75th anniversary) and one from Vietnam (50th anniversary). There will be seven next year (one from 1919 and six from 1944).

### The 2018 Akehurst GetTogether

Twenty of us met in the Community Centre in Shoreham-on-Sea from the 21-24 September. Activities commenced with dinner on the Friday evening, continued all day on Saturday and Sunday, and spilled over into the Monday. As usual, it was a very successful gathering with much talking, listening, learning, sharing, reminiscing, eating, and laughing. A number of previously unknown connections were made - the quirkiest of which was to discover that an Akehurst descendant lived four doors from an Akhurst descendant!

The next GetTogether will be an Antipodean GetTogether, to be held in Melbourne, Australia, on (or about) the weekend of 24-25 August 2019; and the next main GetTogether will be held in Chatham, Kent, on (probably) the weekend of 25-27 September 2020.

#### Akehurst Family History Society

The Akehurst Family History Society continues to operate in the background and acts as the umbrella group coordinating the various research activities. The Society meets formally every two years - at the Get-togethers in even-numbered years. The last meeting was at Shoreham-on-Sea in September, the next will be in Chatham in 2020.

The main change to the Society in 2018 was brought about as a result of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force in EU countries in May. It was agreed that full implementation of the GDPR would be too difficult for a small society such as ours. Instead, it was agreed that the Society would no longer keep a membership list but use the one maintained by the Akehurst One-Name Study. The One-Name Study is classed as a 'personal hobby' and not subject to the GDPR. Both the Society and the One-Name Study are fully cognisant of the privacy issues involved.

If you have any questions about the Akehurst Family History Society, email them to [Chairman@akehurst.org](mailto:Chairman@akehurst.org).

#### Akehurst Forest of Trees

Morwenna Akehurst continues to maintain our 'forest' of trees. The forest is well tended and continues to grow. If it has been a while since you updated your tree - whether through growth, grafting, or pruning - please send a copy to Morwenna. Her email address is [KeeperOfTheTrees@akehurst.org](mailto:KeeperOfTheTrees@akehurst.org).

#### Akehurst One-Name Study

The Study continues to build trees using civil registration and census data as the primary input. Most of 2018 was taken up placing the 1500 people found in the 1939 Register into trees. We have placed 94%, and the remaining 90 individuals are really 'tough nuts' to crack. A number of them have been posted on the Akehurst List but no-one has yet popped up with any answers.

We now have over 1,300 BDM certificates (either originals, or photocopies, or full transcriptions) in our 'vault'. If you have any Akehurst certificates (from anywhere in the world), we would be really pleased to receive a copy. Email them to [ONS@akehurst.org](mailto:ONS@akehurst.org).

A wonderful addition to our One-Name Study was the publication, by Geoff Barber, of his book "The Akehurst Wills of East Sussex (1541-1858)". Geoff has transcribed all the Akehurst (& variant) wills for East Sussex and has worked out the family relationships from those wills. The result has been to shed light on a number of trees which have been subject to some confusion over the years. Work will be ongoing to merge those early trees with the main body of the more modern trees. If you would like a PDF copy of the book, visit either our website at [www.akehurst.org](http://www.akehurst.org) or the Wills Repository at the Sussex Family History Group. Well done, Geoff!

### Akehurst DNA Project

The Akehurst DNA Project - Y-DNA - has 12 participants. A number of direct matches were made during the year, connecting Akehurst's in the USA back into the UK. It is most encouraging to see the results slowly coming together. The results have also shown up genetic relationships between three of our unconnected trees - the hunt is now on to find the paperwork which proves those connections.

The other part of the Akehurst DNA Project is with autosomal DNA. This test is proving very useful for finding cousins, whereas the Y-DNA project is useful for deeper genealogy. Both projects are looking for participants. If you are interested, please contact the Akehurst DNA Team at [DNA@akehurst.org](mailto:DNA@akehurst.org).

### The Akehurst War Dead Project

Alan Pett has been coordinating the collection of information about our people who have died whilst serving their country during time of conflict. There is a total of 90 on our Roll of Honour, spanning the Boer War, First & Second World Wars, the Vietnam War, and the Yangtze Incident. Eighty of them have been placed in our trees and we are still endeavouring to find homes for the remaining ten. As noted earlier, we are commemorating them on their anniversary of their death.

Alan is still collecting information, particularly photographs of the servicemen. We have photographs on 56 of their headstones/memorials and are working to complete the set. If you have any information, please send it to Alan at [AkehurstWarDead@akehurst.org](mailto:AkehurstWarDead@akehurst.org).

### The Akehurst-er World Website

Angela Hollands continues to maintain our website, at [www.akehurst.org](http://www.akehurst.org) Angela has recently refreshed the website (a lot of work, thank you Angela) and it is a good place to go to see what we are doing. Angela is always looking for material, so why not send her an email describing an aspect of your research - it could be a success story or your current brick wall. Contact Angela at [Webmaster@akehurst.org](mailto:Webmaster@akehurst.org)

If you have managed to read this far, have a pat on the head. Also, a big thank you goes to the small group of people who contribute their time, money, and expertise to keep the Akehurst family together.

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David

List Owner of the Akehurst List

