



Thame Remembers

Private Richard John Green



Richard John Green was born 9th April 1898 in Streatham, London. His father John Green was a tailor but Richard's mother Mary Jane (née Arnold) died shortly after his birth possibly from complications during labour. Richard boarded at Lord Williams's School in Thame from September 1907 to July 1915 where he was in the Cricket and Football XI's.

After leaving school he moved to live with his aunt near Stratford upon Avon to take up farming, but shortly after reaching his 18th birthday, was enlisted with the Royal Sussex Regiment. Serving with the 4th Battalion, he travelled to Egypt, and saw service in Palestine, before the battalion moved to France in May 1918. He returned from leave in England, on 16th October 1918 to rejoin his unit on the Western Front, and on 2nd November he was at a dressing station near Harlebeke attending to the wounded when he was killed by a German bomb dropped in an air-raid over the British lines, this just nine days before the Armistice.

Initially buried in the local churchyard, in 1919 his body was reburied at the Harlebeke New British Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium.

Private Richard John Green was the last Old Tamensian to be killed, and is remembered in Thame on the Lord Williams School Memorial Board.



**The Thame Remembers
Cross was delivered
to his grave on
22nd May 2015
by
Joan Reid
Thame Resident**



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