



Thame Remembers



Pioneer George Chowns

George Chowns was born in Thame in 1878.

In 1891 he is described as a 13 year old plowboy living in Moorend Lane Thame with his shepherd father John Chowns, mother Mary, elder brother Fred (also a plow boy) and younger brother William. He married Annie Phillips on 1st December 1906 in Aylesbury and by 1911 he is at 3 Church Row with wife and three young sons.

He was called up for service on 19th Feb 1917 and enlisted in the 344th Road Construction Company, Royal Engineers. (WR/26650) when he was 38 years old. He gives his home address as Ivydene Cottage, Aylesbury Rd. Thame.

After training he served in France from 12th May 1917 to 16th February 1919. He died at home of pneumonia on 23rd February 1919 during his demob leave, age 41 and was buried in St Marys Churchyard, Thame on 27th February 1919.

He left a wife and six children. The CWGC records his widow Annie living at 6 Hampden Avenue, Thame.

He is also remembered on Thame War Memorial, St Mary's Church Memorial Board and on All Saints Church Memorial Board.



The Thame Remembers Cross was delivered to his grave on 3rd August 2014 by Mr Adam Buckland (former Mayor of Thame)

