**Percy James Ashby**

Percy James Ashby was born in 1889 in Bushey, the oldest son in a family of 8 children. His parents, George and Jane Ashby lived initially on Clay Hill but as their family grew, they moved to 136 School Lane, Bushey. George Ashby was a farm labourer and Percy and William, his two oldest sons, became domestic gardeners. Both Percy and William served in the war. Percy enlisted in London and served as Lance Corporal 1208 in the Middlesex Regiment. 1st Battalion. He died of wounds in France on 17 June 1917 and was buried in the Doullens Communal Cemetery in Picardie. He is commemorated on the Bushey Memorial, at St James’ Parish Church and at the Congregational Church, Bushey High Street.

