**George Slaughter**

George Slaughter was born in Aldenham in about 1865 and married Charlotte Ada Hoskings in 1888, four years after her daughter, Ellen, was born. At the time of the 1901 Census, they were all living at 21 Clay Hill, Bushey. George was employed as a bricklayer and Ellen, aged seventeen, was working as a domestic servant. Charlotte’s father, Henry Hoskings, and a young niece and nephew, Grace and John Hoskings, were living with them. By 1911 Ellen had left home and Grace, aged fourteen, John, aged eleven, and Charles Hoskings, aged ten, were living with George and Charlotte.

George enlisted as Private 97043 in the Royal Engineers in Watford on 24 April 1915. He gave his address as 21 Clay Hill and his age as 37 year 5 months, although he was in fact about 49. He served in France with the British Expeditionary Force. In May 1916 he was buried by a shell. Dug out alive, he was discharged from the army as unfit for service. He died six weeks later of a heart attack, his condition exacerbated by his experiences. His name is not on any of the Bushey memorials.