

## **ARMISTICE DAY - 11 NOVEMBER 1918**

Because of the flu pandemic, thousands ill, many dying and schools being closed, little is known about how Armistice was celebrated locally. However, Elsie Clements made this entry in her diary, which is likely to reflect the general mood of the time.

Monday 11 November 1918 - All disappointed as papers were late and we wanted to know if Germany had signed an armistice.... Soon after 9 o'clock we heard sirens and maroons. Rejoicing over armistice.... No one was at work. Aleck's people wanted a holiday. Aleck hung up what flags could be found. Lil brought one each for the boys.... Much shouting and excitement all round.

