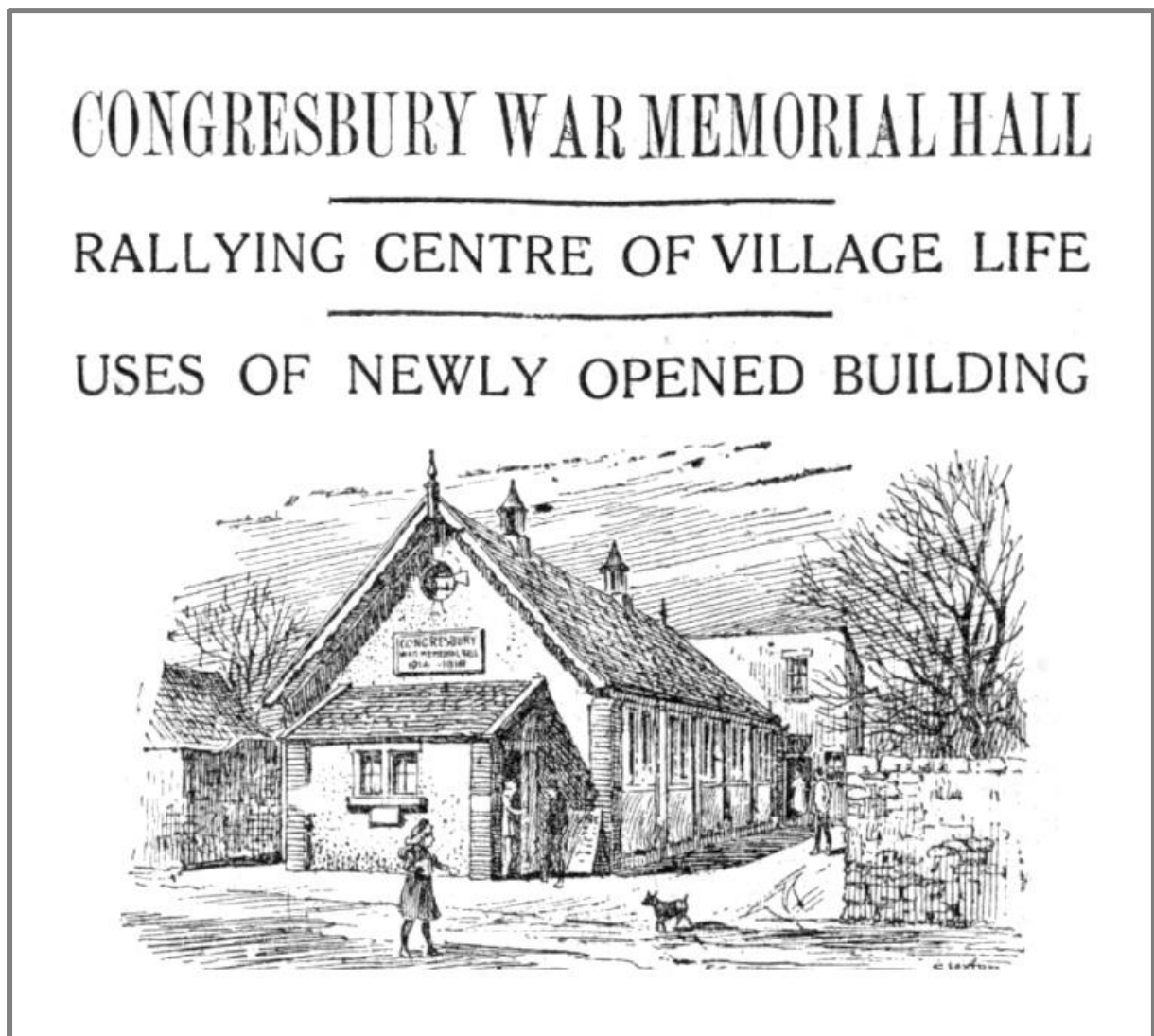


Memorial Hall 100 years not out!

At the opening ceremony of the War Memorial Hall on December 7, 1920, Congresbury vicar, Canon George Laws described the occasion as a 'red letter day for the village'. He went on to say that next to the Church and the Day School he considered there was nothing more important in the village for the well-being of the community than a parish hall. He finished his address by saying it was a rallying centre for much that was good, gracious and inspiring in village life...

The 'rallying centre' phrase was picked up by the Western Daily Press whose account of the opening of the Hall appeared on its pages on December 8, 1920. The report was also accompanied by the handy work of prolific illustrator Samuel Loxton (see below), who, with his love of art and architecture was employed by several local newspapers of the day to record various aspects of local life.



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A fuller history of the Memorial Hall will be published later this week...