

## **JOHN WILLIAM COOPER**

John William Cooper was born in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 1886 in Rugby Warwickshire, the eldest child of William & Catherine Cooper. By 1891 the family were living in Church Street, Hampton Lucy and his father William was a school master. On the 1901 census they were living at Avonside, Bridge Street, Hampton Lucy and William was described as a schoolmaster and an organist, but by 1911 they had moved to the Grammer School House in Hampton Lucy where he was an Elementary Head Teacher at the C of E School and also still an organist.

By 1911, John had moved to Hertfordshire and was at The Chilterns, Halton, Tring (possibly a school) where he was a music maker & an organist.

In WW1 he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He served in France and was awarded the British & Victory medals, he also applied for the Silver Badge on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1920.

He survived the war and this article appeared in The Leamington Spa Courier on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1919 –

## **HAMPTON LUCY**

***“HEALTH SACRIFICED IN COUNTRY’S CAUSE – It is officially announced that Second Lieut. J.W. Cooper, 3<sup>rd</sup> R. War. R. (son of Mr. W. Cooper of Hampton Lucy), is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health contracted on active service”***