



Military records reveal the extraordinary deeds of your bravest ancestors. You can start with any relative who you think was in the Army, Navy or RAF. Perhaps you had a grandfather in one of the World Wars.

Members of the Western Front Association will be on hand to assist with WW1 family history research

Our team of experts based in the Council Chamber within West House will help you research and remember your war time family members.

Marcus Payne, Senior Librarian of Penarth Library will be present with displays of materials from his own Penarth Area War Dead researches, and newspaper reports from the Penarth Times.



The Glamorgan Heritage Society will be in attendance on the day to add a real sense of occasion to the event.

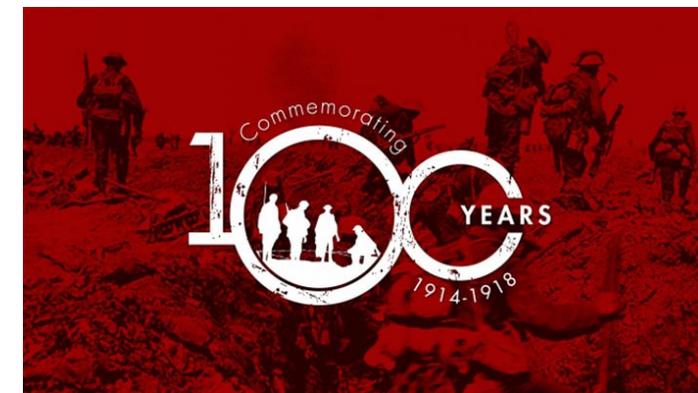
Members dress in period uniforms and equipment, learn the drill, and undertake the training and everyday activities of the time. They are a living history, rather than a battle re-enactment group.

There will also be a display of authentic WW1 artifacts on display from Marion Avon, a Penarth resident who recently discovered a box of WW1 memoirs that belonged to her father-in-law Ivanhoe Avon including the complete diaries, postcards, medals, camera, uniform buttons, badges, pictures, flag and other incredible memorabilia that belonged to Ivanhoe and documented his incredible journey through the First World War.



Penarth Remembers

Join us at Penarth Town Council's WW1 commemoration event on
18 Oct 2014
11am-3pm at West House



What's Going On?

In honour of the Centenary of the start of World War 1, Penarth Town Council will be holding a World War 1 event for the town to gather and remember our ancestors who lived through The Great War.

We will be holding a commemoration event every year for five years to mark each year of the War

The event will include:

- Military ancestor searches
- Living Histories
- Display Cabinets
- Authentic Memorabilia
- WW1 Children's games
- Cakes and sweets

WW1 Café

Stanwell Road Baptist Church (opposite West House) will run a café throughout the day to compliment the WW1 event .

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Town Council Offices at West House (Stanwell Rd):

11.00am to 3.00pm

Members of the Western Front Association will be staging a WW1 display in West House in Stanwell Road.

In West House visitors will be able to see displays of uniforms, weapons and artefacts from World War one and researchers will be on hand to conduct free on-line searches for soldiers who served during the First World War.

St Cyres head teacher and WFA member Dr Jonathan Hicks commented that, "We have staged this roadshow at many venues throughout South Wales for several years. I am certain that visitors will find it a fascinating experience and we look forward to assisting them with their family history research."

The Quakers

The Quakers will highlight the contribution of those who opposed the war and the effect that their opposition had on their lives.

St Augustine's Church

The Friends of St Augustine's are opening the church from 11am - 3pm and there will be a display the histories of some of the men whose names are on the Roll.



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About The Event

Penarth Town Council has co-ordinated the commemoration of the beginning of WW1 bringing together a number of key organisations and voluntary groups with the Town. There will be a large number of exhibits to remind you of what life was like for both those serving in the armed forces on the front line and also for the people in Penarth. This commemoration ties in with the diary 'This day in History' published each week in the Penarth Times telling us of the events of 100 years ago.

This day will perhaps raise our awareness of the suffering of many during what turned out to be a World War affecting everyone in some way "Many people in this centenary year have only a vague idea of the earth shattering events that took place in 1914-18 in many areas and involving people from every continent. Those who get involved with remembrance services each year repeat the promise "lest we forget" but the more you look at what happened the more you realise there are many things you never knew.

The philosopher George Santayana said "Those who cannot remember the past, are condemned to repeat it."



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