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There is no age limit to becoming a Friend of Parc Cefn-onn, the jewel in the gardening crown that has become the preserve of Lisvane residents to be shared with the citizens of Cardiff. Study this picture carefully and you will recognise some familiar figures ... Camera-shy volunteers working on the wildflower meadow at the entrance to the park include Alyson, Robert, Rose and isn't that Lisvane Community Councillor Alan Prosper next to the wheelbarrow? They say he is 96, yes, 96 and attends every workday. They do not make them like him any more ...

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Treating : War-time ban on buying drinks for others

isvane Historical Society is working on producing a Book of Remembrance to commemorate the men of Lisvane who died in World War One and World War II, so when we heard about a *WW1 Home Front Legacy and Living Legacies First World War* Workshop, run by the Council for British Archaeology and Living Legacies 1914-1918, we decided to go.

Consequently, Gill and Robert Lawson, Vernon Hanson and I went to Swansea on April 14. The workshop was aimed at discovering and recording sites in the UK that were relevant to World War One and although we do not know of any in Lisvane, we thought we might learn how to find out if that were the case. We also know that the contacts you make and the other things you learn 'by the way' are often as important as the actual event. And so it proved.

The day was useful. In addition to learning about how to find sites associated with World War One and how to add to the database (www.homefrontlegacy.org.uk), there were some suggestions for further research and interesting snippets of information.

For example, landlords could be fined for allowing '**treating**' that is people buying drinks for others. This was part of the Defence of the Realm Act, which also limited pub opening hours and reduced the strength of alcohol due to concerns that excessive drinking was hampering the war effort.

There was an interesting talk about **Project Zero** Airships over Wales 1916 to 1918. During World War One, the coasts of the British Isles were protected by the Royal Naval Air Service which was using airships to defend shipping from the German U-boat threat. Two airship stations were located in Wales, one in Anglesey and one in Pembrokeshire and both bases deployed the Submarine Scout Zero dirigible.

The aim of the project is to research the role and development of airships in Wales and reconstruct a Zero class airship control car. If you want to find out more, go to projectzerohistorymatters.blogspot.co.uk

If you are interested in World War One, we have two publications that will be put in the Community Library:

The Council for British Archaeology's *The Home Front in Britain 1914-1918* and **English Heritage's Conservation Bulletin No 72 about World War One**. The latter seem to be mostly about England, but there is general information there as well.

I mentioned the importance of the contacts and accidental information you discover. We have often thought '*wouldn't it be nice if ...?*' Well, some of the '*wouldn't it*

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and Apportionments are now on-line on places.library.wales where everyone can view them. We have a copy of the Lisvane Tithe Map, but only a photograph of the Llanishen one and what the website does is 'stitch' the maps neatly together so you see across the boundaries and you can see the landowners, occupiers and land use.

We were also introduced to a useful feature on National Library of Scotland's website – don't be put off by the title, it covers the whole of the UK – maps.nls.uk/geo/find/

You can go to a location and overlay an old OS map with the modern one so you can see exactly what used to be there. There is also a Historic Environment Records of Wales website archwilio.org.uk/arch/ where you can find the location of historic house, parks, boundary stones etc.

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Sue Johnson

MISSING believed lost in action

n the Lisvane Book of Remembrance we were hoping to include photographs of all of the Lisvane war dead but have been unsuccessful so far in locating three of them.

From World War One, we are seeking a picture of L/Cpl. Edgar Charles Drury, 109122 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles, 8th Canadian Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division. He was the son of George and Janet Drury of Lozelles, Church Road. He died, unmarried, on April 1, 1916. Edgar had a brother, Percy, - full initials G (George) H P) and a sister, Kathleen. Percy married Dorothy P Gillard in 1920. Kathleen did not marry, and as far as we can tell, George H Percy and Dorothy did not have any children. However, there seems to be a link to a George Harold Percy on Ancestry, so if you have an account and would be willing to look it up for us, and possibly contact the family who put the information there, we would appreciate it.

From World War II, we are seeking photographs and further information about Sergeant Richard Grosvenor and Aircraftman Raymond King.

Richard Grosvenor, Sergeant 1182429, 236 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, was the son of Harry and Lily Lucy Grosvenor. He was born in 1915 and had a number of siblings: Thomas, Sidney, Douglas, Percival, Marie and Hilda. He died on 7 September 1942. He is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial for those with no known grave.

In 1941, he married Johanna Gabriela Kern of Hendon, Middlesex. They had two children, Eileen, born in 1941 and James, born in 1943.

Raymond King, Aircraftman 1705006 2nd Class, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, was the son of Percival G King and Grace E M King, of Llanishen. He was born in 1922 had a twin brother, Arthur, who died in 1923, and a sister, Maureen, born in 1925. He died on June 29,1942 in Weston-super-Mare during a raid by German bombers and is buried in St Isan's Churchyard, Llanishen.

Is anyone in contact with any family members of either of these servicemen?

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