

## Timeline 1910-17

### Swansea Town/City

**September 1912** – Swansea Town AFC are founded and their first ever game ends in a 1-1 draw against Cardiff City.

**April 1913** – Swansea win the Welsh Cup in their first ever season beating Pontypridd 1-0 in a replayed final.

**January 1914** – Swansea win their first FA cup game beating Merthyr Town 2-0 at the Vetch.

**January 1915** – Southern League Second Division Swansea beat reigning Football League champions Blackburn 1-0 at the Vetch in the first round of the FA cup.

**January 1916** – Swansea player Edward Mitchell is killed in action serving in the British army.

**April 1917** – Former Swansea player Thomas Spencer Bassett is killed in action in the Somme.

### Wales

**June 1910** – The future Edward VIII becomes the Prince of Wales.

**August 1911** – Two people are killed during the Llanelli railway strikes.

**1912** – The foundation stone of The National Museum is laid in Cardiff.

**October 1913** – 439 men are killed by a gas explosion at the Senghenydd colliery near Caerphilly.

**July 1914** – Pontypridd's Freddie Welsh wins the boxing World Lightweight title after defeating champion Willie Ritchie on points in London.

**February 1915** – The Welsh Guards, a regiment of the British army are created.

**October 1916** – T.E. Lawrence from Tremadog, better known as Lawrence of Arabia is sent to the Middle East to investigate the Arab nationalist movement.

**October 1917** – Dylan Thomas the renowned poet and writer is born in Swansea.

### World

**April 1910** – Halley's Comet is visible from Earth for the first time since 1835.

**August 1911** – The Mona Lisa is stolen from The Louvre in Paris and not found for two years.

**April 1912** – The Titanic sinks in the Atlantic Ocean claiming 1,500 lives.

**June 1913** – Emily Davison, a member of the suffragettes, runs in front of George V's horse at the Epsom Derby, she dies four days later.

**June 1914** – Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated in Sarajevo by Serbian nationalist Gavrilo Princip, this leads directly to the outbreak of the First World War.

**May 1915** – *In Flanders Fields* is composed by John McCrae the poem which inspired the poppy movement.

**July 1916** – The Battle of the Somme begins in France, it would eventually lead to the deaths of over 1,000,000 people making it one of the bloodiest battles ever fought.

**April 1917** – The USA enters the First World War after declaring war on Germany.