

In Remembrance
WHISTLE
for the
SOMME

At 7.30am on 1 July 1916 whistles blew along
The Western Front as a signal to the troops to go
'over the top'; this was the start of one of the bloodiest battles
of the Great War, the Battle of the Somme.



**Please remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice
in the Battle of the Somme by blowing
three short blasts on a whistle at your local War Memorial at
7.30am on 1 July 2016**

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Out of courtesy, we would advise that your local council is made aware of your intentions.

Whistle for the Somme

On Friday 1 July 2016, Woodchester will remember the start of the Battle of the Somme. Anyone interested in joining us for a few minutes is requested to arrive at the War Memorial (between North and South Woodchester) at 7:15 am. A whistle will be blown at 7:30 am to be followed by two minutes silence.

By the end of the first day's fighting, the British Army had lost 19,000 killed and 40,000 wounded in the largest battle of the western front. The Gloucesters were fortunate not to be in action on this day, however two days later the 8th Bn attacked La Boisselle in the early hours of the morning.

Two Woodchester men, Wilfred James Brinkworth and Frederick Percy Click were lost in this advance. By the time the Battle of the Somme was over on 18 November 1916, Woodchester had lost a further two men, George Home Ricketts (Headmaster of the School) and Frederick Ernest Rigsby.

1916 – 2016

Five Valleys men at the Battle of the Somme

A memorial Exhibition at the
Bedford Street Congregational Chapel Stroud

10 am – 1 pm

Fri 1st/ Sat 2nd July 2016

Admission Free