

The Parish of Beech Hill Remembers The Somme 1st July 1916.

The Somme Offensive 1st July to 17th November 1916.



There will be two short remembrance events held at the Memorial Hall, Beech Hill at 7.30 am on the morning of Friday 1st July and 7.30 am on Saturday 2nd July.

The actual first day of the Somme was a Saturday and zero hour for the troops to advance was 7.30 am. On the first day over 100,000 men advanced on the German trenches and by the end of the day 19,240 had lost their lives. One of those men was 2nd Lt William Hickman who is remembered on the Beech Hill role of honour that hangs in the Memorial Hall.

On Friday 1st July we will be raising the Union Jack at 7.25 am and lowering to half-mast at 7.31.

On Saturday 2nd July there will be a similar but longer remembrance, which will include information on 2nd Lt Hickman and a short walk within the Hall's grounds.

Anyone and everyone is welcomed to attend both days and even if you cannot perhaps you will spare a thought (as you pass by the Hall) for our 'Tommies' and what they endured 100 years ago to the day.

Graham Bell and David Price

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