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**TO REMEMBER 33 SERVICEMEN WHO LOST  
THEIR LIVES IN A PRE D-DAY AIRBORNE  
EXERCISE ON 04 APRIL 1944**

Image: Stirling with Horsa glider in tow taking off for Normandy. Source: <https://www.paradata.org.uk>

**> WHAT:  
MEMORIAL  
UNVEILING  
SERVICE**

**> WHEN:  
04 APRIL 2022  
BETWEEN 10AM  
AND 12 NOON**

**> WHERE:  
AT THE NEW  
MEMORIAL STONE  
BESIDE THE SOUTH  
DOWNS WAY BETWEEN  
MEONSTOKE AND OLD  
WINCHESTER HILL**

On the night of 4th April 1944, as part of Exercise 'Dreme', Stirling IV LJ-842 of No 196 Squadron RAF was towing 1 HGSU, Horsa glider, LG999 containing two glider pilots and members of No. 3 Platoon, 'A' Company, 7th (Airborne) Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers. Tragically the Stirling struck a tree to the East of Warnford Park. The Horsa Glider crashed in the fields of Warnford Park killing all 27 soldiers on board. The Stirling flew on with catastrophic damage and crashed near Romsey; also killing all 6 of the RAFVR & RAAF aircrew.

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