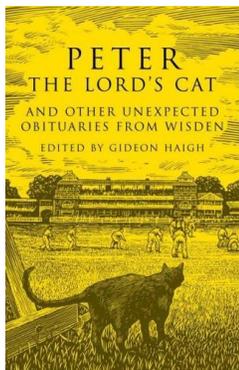
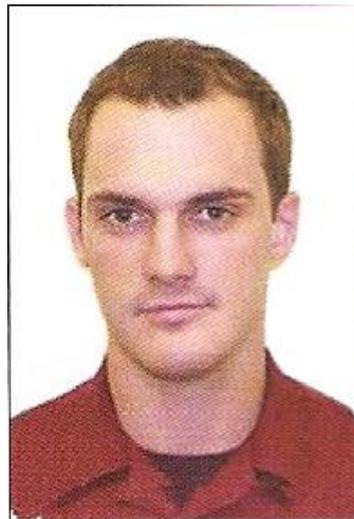


JEFFREY RICHARD TRISTAN WORNHAM GM (K89-95)

He was born in 1977 and became a Fireman. He was killed (along with a colleague) on 2 February 2005 while trying to save a trapped woman in a fire. See <http://www.oldframlinghamian.com/article.php?story=20050203095127763> for a lot more detail.



A book entitled **Peter The Lord's Cat and other Unexpected Obituaries** by Gideon Haigh and published in 2006 includes the following piece on Jeffrey :-

"Gideon has also included a rather sad tale of a 28 year old fire fighter from Stevenage who gave his life fighting a fire in a tower block when he and a fellow fire fighter were trapped. Jeffrey Richard Tristan Wornham lived and breathed cricket throughout his young life. If he wasn't playing cricket he was thinking cricket. If he wasn't thinking cricket he was dreaming cricket. Growing up he was often seen dressed in his whites on the off chance that he could get a game. That's how much he loved the great game. Soul Limbo the BBC theme tune was played at his funeral."

On 27 November 2007 it was announced in the London Gazette that he and his colleague had both been posthumously awarded the George Medal. The George Medal is 2nd only to the George Cross in terms of recognising acts of outstanding civilian bravery. The citation reads as follows :-

*Jeffrey Richard Tristan Wornham (deceased), Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.
Michael Liam Brady Miller (deceased), Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.*

For their actions in attempting to rescue people trapped in a fire.

In February 2005 in the early hours of the morning a fire was reported on the 14th floor of a block of flats in Stevenage. Reports received indicated that people may have been trapped. Firefighters Jeffrey Wornham and Michael Miller were part of the initial attendance and went aloft to assess the situation which was serious. Colleagues prepared the equipment and water needed to enter the premises but before these were ready cries for help were heard from inside the flat. The two firefighters decided to proceed even though they did not at that stage have the proper equipment with them. One man was rescued and he indicated that his girlfriend was still in the flat. Both firefighters re-entered the flat to search for the second person. By then the conditions were deteriorating rapidly with intense heat and zero visibility. While attempting the second rescue the fire intensified and Jeffrey Wornham, Michael Miller and the occupant of the flat were engulfed by flames and as a consequence died.

In November 2008 the following Memorial Plaque was installed in the College Chapel.



The following are some photos of the bench, tree and inscription at the College, sited on the Back by the Squash courts.

