

HOMAGE TO HEROES

The list of Framlingham College Heroes, however you might wish to define heroism, is headed by the three men who were awarded the Victoria Cross: **Augustus Agar, Gordon Flowerdeew and William Hewitt**. This book is centred on these three men, the circumstances of their gaining those awards, the subsequent saga of what became of them and their medals, and how Framlingham College and the Society of Old Framlinghamians has subsequently honoured their memory.

The scope of the book has become so much more than that. It examines the ethos of education and of Framlingham College at different times in history. It attempts to define what it is that makes a hero, in evolving historical circumstances. It looks at the huge supporting pyramid of men and women below the apex that the VC represents, human beings who have, in some way, given much of themselves, up to and including life itself, in the service of others.

We all have our own heroes, possibly friends, possibly family members, possibly someone we have never personally known. We invite all who would like to pay homage to a Framlingham hero to support this venture with an advance subscription of £20 – or more (please!). That subscription will bring a copy of the book, which we plan to publish in late Spring 2026.

You can also have a mention in the book, your name coupled to a dedication (20 words) to a Framlingham hero of your choice. If you wish to honour no-one in particular, we could link you to anyone on the WW1 and WW2 memorial tablets, in the same way that current students place Remembrance Day poppies on the altar on Remembrance Day, each poppy recalling the loss of one life, one Old Framlinghamian.



If you would like to support this project, please contact the author:
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GORDON FLOWERDEW



AUGUSTUS AGAR



WILLIAM HEWITT



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THE BOOK: 150 pages (approximately). Fully illustrated

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Subscription to include copy of book and opportunity to include a dedication to your own OF hero

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