

Captain Tom Jennings, Royal Marines was killed in Afghanistan on 22 December 2011 after the vehicle he was travelling in struck an explosive device whilst on an operation to the south of Kabul. Squadron Leader Anthony Downing RAF, whose eulogy also appears, had been travelling in the same vehicle. Captain Tom Jennings, 29, was a true leader, selfless in his professional approach serving those who were his responsibility. Dedicated and humble, he was an archetypal Royal Marine with a keen sense of humour even when faced with adversity. Whilst working with the Afghan forces that he partnered, he displayed empathy and a broad cultural understanding that ensured he was highly valued by the Afghans as well as his Royal Marine brothers. He was devoted to his wife and their two young sons whose loss cannot be portrayed in words. The Royal Marines have lost a brother, they have lost their world. Capt Jennings family have asked that their privacy is respected.