

# Major Hugo Willis of Worton - War Writer

## **Worton 'rubbish writer' wins award**

Afghanistan veteran Major Hugo Willis has joined the ranks of Rupert Brooke and Wilfred Owen when he was officially recognised as a war writer.

His prose piece, Letter from Afghanistan, was highly commended in Kingston University's recent forces stories and poems competition.

The letter was the result of Major Willis's resolution to do something 'self-improving' every time he goes away on tour.

This has previously included such endeavours as painting and reading classic works of literature, but never before has 42-year-old Major Willis, from Worton, turned his hand to serious writing. In fact, he said that his wife would probably have described him as 'a rubbish letter writer'.

While on a tour of operations between April and October 2009, he decided to write something 'meaningful' for his friends and family in the form of a monthly letter.

It was only when he saw an advert for the competition that he considered submitting his writing. When his entry came runner-up he said: "I was really touched and surprised and very humbled."

Since his literary debut he is sifting through notes from Afghanistan and working on new material.

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