

Four acclaimed British artists have joined together to pay tribute to the most senior soldier killed in action in the past 25 years. This important exhibition of painting, sculpture, and photography is being held in London in memory of the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Rupert Thorneloe MBE, who died on 1st July 2009. This special event will mark what would have been Lt Col Thorneloe's birthday, and is curated by his cousin, the sculptor Wilbur Heynes. The contributors are:

David A. Light RSA whose work features in the National Library of Wales

Grahame Hurd-Wood RAS who lives and works in St Davids

Luke Martineau an official tour artist for HRH The Prince of Wales

Wilbur Heynes curator, and cousin of Lt Col Thorneloe MBE

In the summer of 2009 as the Afghanistan national elections approached, the Welsh Guards joined American and Afghan soldiers to conduct a joint operation, freeing nearly 100,000 local residents from Taliban control. This work exerted a dramatic toll on the Regiment, including the loss of their Commanding Officer and men from nearly all other ranks.

In spring next year the Regiment is going back to Afghanistan. The next years promise to make extraordinary demands on the Regiment, serving Welsh Guardsmen, their partners and families and particularly those members of the Regiment who have left through disability or work-related illness. The Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal is designed to support, alleviate and improve the prospects of all those consequently in need.

The four artists have contributed new work that celebrates the landscape of Wales, the Land of My Fathers, and the lives of the men and women of the Welsh Guards, to whom the exhibition is dedicated.

## The exhibition will be held at Gallery 8, 8 Duke Street St James's, London SW1Y 6BN

## 18th October 2011 to 23rd October 2011.

Proceeds will go directly to the Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal.