

## • ‘Letters to the Living, Songs to the Dead’ •

This event is the conclusion of a series of creative workshops led by Claire Raftery and Damian Wright, of Brighton based, Periplum, (funded by BBC Performing Arts Fund), and a series of after-school Drama Workshops for students from Allenbourn Middle School, led by WCT’s Tony Horitz, (funded by Dorset Community Foundation, Education Award) both groups focusing on the theme of the First World War in Wimborne.

It’s an opportunity to share work-in-progress to a small invited audience as a way of evaluating and reviewing ways of creating community theatre in public spaces, using just a small part of the research material we have gathered about the impact of lives on people during the First World War.

Following this project, WCT will decide whether to apply for funding to develop a larger project on the theme of life in Wimborne during 1914-18, involving schools and community. It would be really helpful if you would give us your feedback, on the questionnaire.

**If you would like to take part in WCT’s next project, either as a performer or as part of a support/‘back stage’ team, please contact us through our new archival website to see the range of community production undertaken in local places since 1991.**

[www.wimbornecommunitytheatre.co.uk](http://www.wimbornecommunitytheatre.co.uk)

## Cast List:

### **Scene: School**

Rev. Fletcher:	Tony Horitz
Nurse Coggin:	Barbara Hart
Teacher:	Marion Leatherdale
Wounded Solider:	Dave Arkell

### School Children:

Alannah Bryant	Belle Bryant	Esme Hide
Lotte Wright	Max Masterman	Libby Witt,
Ellen McKenzie	Caitlin Chaldecott	Roisin Miller
Anna Wiseman	Freya Board	Jess Wiseman
Charlie Davies	Kier Israel	Lara Paba
Rosie Tighe	Grace Anstey	Jess Evans

### **Scene: Forest Garden**

Jean Austreng	Elly Dowdle	Tam Gilbert
Tony Horitz	Gill Horitz	Jeff Hart
Barbara Hart	Clare Small	David Small
Alec Sutton	Charlie Williams,	

Costume Co-ordination: Dot Watkins, Harriet Cox

### **Special Thanks to:**

**Claire Raftery and Damian Wright**, of Periplum, for helping the group to move into new territory (literally!) ([www.periplum.co.uk](http://www.periplum.co.uk))

**Jayne Payne, Wimborne Children’s Centre** for use of Forest Garden

**Suzy Collins & Amber Nash**, Allenbourn Middle School

**Emma Ayling**, Priest’s House Museum

**Dot Watkins and Harriet Cox**

**Vanessa Herrick**, Rector of Wimborne Minster

**Victoria Sturgess**, Black Pug Books

Everyone who came to Priest’s House Museum to share stories





**Wimborne Community Theatre**

*original theatre in unusual places*

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*an informal sharing of work in progress***

**Saturday, July 19 2014  
Forest Garden, Wimborne**