

## Words of War as pupil's homework developed into a play

**"An absolute triumph" and "A touching performance" were among some of the comments made by the audience as they left Writhlington School's Dragonfly Theatre on Wednesday last week.**

Audiences were left lost for words as Writhlington School's Drama Club put on a Remembrance play written by Year 10 student, Patrick Withey. Inspired by the poetry of Siegfried Sassoon and the life of Wilfred Owen, Patrick's play was a celebration of life and loss in the First World War. The show started as a Homework Project in Year 9 and developed into a full script by the time he reached Year 10.

Drama Teacher, Helena Greenlees, said: "I was so impressed with Patrick's script, the homework was only to write a scene, but Patrick was so passionate about his theme that he just couldn't stop writing. He should be incredibly proud of his achievements, what he has produced is remarkable and I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to direct a piece written by such talent."

The show was attended by renowned writer, Chris Howell, author of *No thank-ful Village*, who congratu-



lated Patrick on his triumphant success and gave him the final copy of his book that was delivered to all the families who lost relatives in the War.

### Westfield switch on next week

**On Thursday, 26th November, Westfield Parish Council will be having an event to switch on the Christmas lights in the Parish.**

The lights will be switched on by children from Fosse Way School and Westfield Primary School. The event will begin at 6.30 p.m. at the living Christmas Tree at the junction of Elm Tree Avenue and Wells Road. The Rev. Jan Tate will be saying a few words and some carols will be performed by Midsomer Norton Silver Band and Westfield Ladies' Choir. Father Christmas will also be in attendance with small, complimentary presents for any children that would like to say hello. There will be free mince pies and mulled wine to keep you warm, along with non-alcoholic drinks. All Westfield residents welcome!



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