

# Kingsley Players

## **Kingsley Players back on stage with *'Goodnight Mr Tom'***

Kingsley Players return to the stage in October (18-21) with the heart-warming World War Two drama, *'Goodnight Mr Tom'*.

Originally a novel by Michelle Magorian, the uplifting story about a shy, young evacuee from London, was made into a highly acclaimed film in 1998, starring John Thaw as the recluse Tom Oakley.

This stage version by David Woods is equally compelling and features a talented local cast including Dylan White as Mr Tom and 11-year-old Matthew Betteridge as young William Beech. They are supported by 14 adults and children who play a range of roles from William's disturbed mother to vicars, nurses, school children and air raid wardens.



*Kingsley Players cast of 'Goodnight Mr Tom'.*

The story traces the relationship between the grumpy loner, Tom Oakley, who reluctantly accepts young William into his home at the outbreak of war. Their blossoming friendship is interrupted when the boy is summoned back to London by his mother. When his letters go unanswered, Mr Tom decides to brave the blitz to rescue his young friend from potential disaster.

Laura Williams, a regular actor with Kingsley Players, is making her directorial debut with this production, in a joint venture with award winning director Malcolm Barker.

***Goodnight Mr Tom*** will play for five performances at **Kingsley Community Centre, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017**, including a Saturday matinee.

**Tickets cost £7/£8, with £5 concessions available on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday matinee. Book in advance through the website [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.**