

## Kingsley Players premiere new play *'Peterloo', 11-13 April 2019*

Award-winning Kingsley Players return with their popular theatre and supper shows this April and the premiere of an exciting new one act play *'Peterloo'*.

Written and directed by Lynn Pegler, the show tells the story of real and imaginary people caught up in one of England's greatest political events staged in Manchester 200 years ago.

On a sunny August day in 1819, a peaceful rally at St Petersfield (near the present day Bridgewater Hall) turned into a bloody massacre after troops were ordered to attack a crowd of around 60,000 men, women and children. 17 people died and over 600 were injured.

A talented cast of 14 actors, who are drawn from as far afield as Stockport, Wirral and North Wales, will perform a dramatic stage representation of this tumultuous event.

Lynn said: "This year marks the bicentenary of an important milestone in our history, which took place just down the road in Manchester. I was fascinated by the story and I have tried to answer the big question '*why*' by portraying the intriguing stories of a range of characters, rich and poor."

The evening will start at 7pm with a two course meal, a tasty Lancashire hotpot supper and dessert (vegetarian option available), followed by the *Peterloo* play.

There will be three performances at Kingsley Community Centre, Thursday 11 – Saturday 13 April, 2019, 7pm. Tickets cost £12 (including meal and show) and should be reserved in advance through the website www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.