

Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

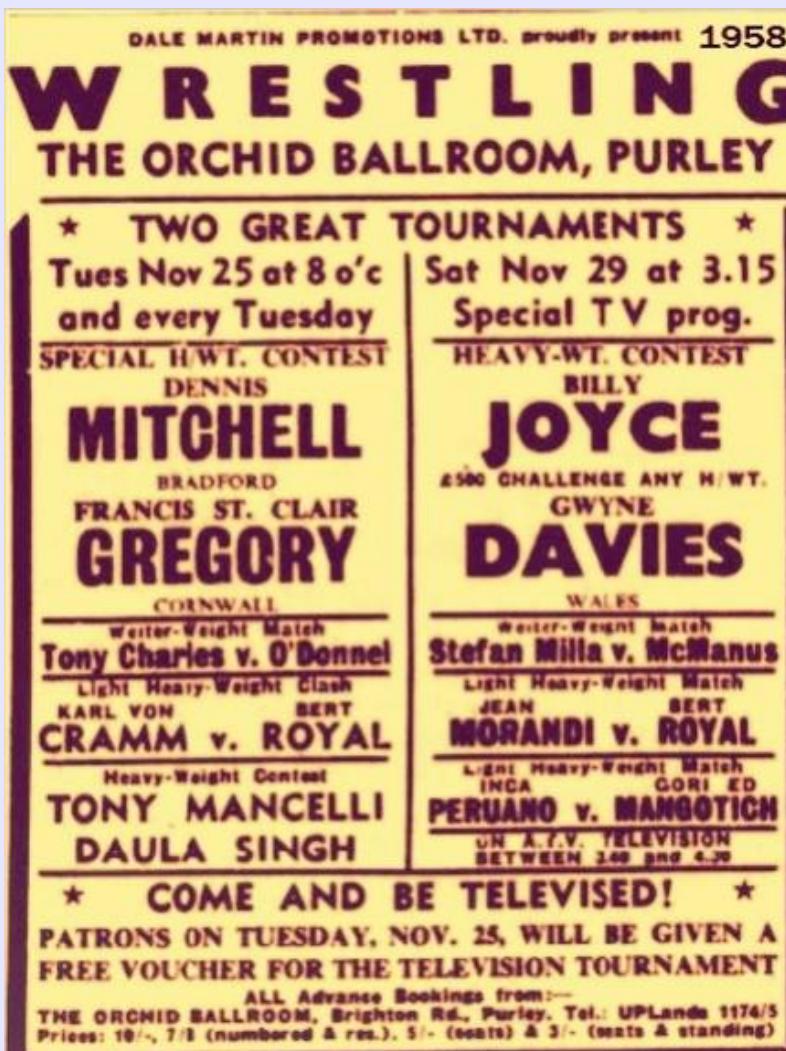
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RON HISTORYO....Time Cop



In the late 1950's ITV Wrestling was picking up momentum. Still very early days but in 1958 wrestling was televised from the Orchid Ballroom. Don't remember this venue being mentioned in later years. I have found a newspaper bill from this occasion contrasting with John Listers index which I think the TV Times may have been the

<https://www.itvwrestling.co.uk/58.html>

The following year there were more TV shows there.

The advertising was used to try and get people to come to the show so that they may see themselves on TV.

<https://www.itvwrestling.co.uk/59.html>

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WRESTLING

THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY

★ TWO GREAT TOURNAMENTS ★

Tues. next Feb. 17 at 8 o'clock and every Tues.

International H Weight Clash presenting the Gigantic BIG BILL Verna AUSTRALIAN MAN MOUNTAIN DAVID ARMSTRONG NEWCASTLE Welter-Weight Match MICK JACK McMANUS v. CUNNINGHAM Lt. Heavy-Weight Clash TONY STEVE VALLON v. LOGAN International H Weight Contest JACK O'REILLY PORTLAND, OREGON, U.S.A. JOE CORNELIUS DAZZLING LONDON STAR

Sat Feb 21 at 3.15 Special TV prog.

Hungary v. Australia Clash introducing The Olympic Games Star JOSEF KOVACS Hungarian H/Wght. Champion BIG BILL Verna PERTH, AUSTRALIA Welter-Weight Match JACKIE BRIAN PALLO v. BURKE Catch-Weight Clash ARCHER CLIFF O'BRIEN v. BEAUMONT Anglo-German H/Wght. Clash AXEL DIETER BERLIN BILL HOWES BRISTOL

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Tues. Next Mar. 24 at 8 o'clock and Every Tuesday

International H/Wt. Clash PRESENTING ISKA KHAN THE FABULOUS MONGOLIAN RAY HUNTER THE TASMANIAN GIANT

Heavyweight Contest JOHN VIC YEARSLEY v. HASSELLE CARDIFF BOLTON

International Clash THE GREAT INCA PERU Heavyweight Match JOHN DA SILVA ZEALAND KID PITMAN CHESTER BILL ROBINSON CHESTER

Heavyweight Contest DAVID ARMSTRONG NEWCASTLE BILLY JOYCE WIGAN

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I found a couple more bills which are the earliest I have ever found with "Local Boy" Bobby Barnes on.

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Doors Open 7 o'clock TUES. NEXT JUNE 17 & Every TUES. Commonwealth 8 o'clock

A Sensational Commonwealth Heavyweight Contest The Turbulent The Outstanding Springbok Athlete Alan GARFIELD v. Geoff PORTZ Sydney, Australia Johannesburg

An Ultra Special Heavyweight Contest Joe CORNELIUS v. Arthur BEAUMONT Bermondsey Wigan

A Welterweight Contest Jack Cunningham v. Barnes Bobby Cunningham Sidcup A Welterweight Contest Bob Archer Len O'Brien v. Wilding Chelmsford Brixton

A Sensational International Heavyweight Contest Royal Albert Hall Tournament Winner Tibor SZAKACS v. Daula SINGH Budapest The New Indian Sensation Punjab

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Doors Open 7 o'clock TUES. NEXT JULY 8 & Every TUES. Commonwealth 8 o'clock

A Sensational "Battle of Giants" The Harringay 1957 All Nations Tournament Winner Ray Hunter v. Big Bill Verna Hobart, Tasmania Perth, Australia

An Outstanding Light-Heavyweight Contest Harry Fields v. Arthur Fisher Bradford Litham A Welterweight Contest Bobby Barnes v. Eric Sonda

LES KELLETT v. STEVE LOGAN Bradford Walworth

An Outstanding Anglo-American Heavyweight Contest The Southern Area Champion TONY MANCELLI v. BUDDY CODY Blackpool Dallas, U.S.A.

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Thanks for these Ron. I have a few handbills from this venue.

Anglo Italian

COME AND BE TELEVISED remained the slogan well into the seventies. The likelihood of being recognisable was 1%, unless you were a Duchess. So much to pore over there, Ron, especially the timings.

Inca on two of the three tv bills! A final outing for Kid Pitman? And Bill Robinson still right down the bill in 1959.

So clever how they nurtured a full tv crowd via coupons.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

A few years later and Top of the Pops was the place to get seen on. Even George Best was caught on film on the dance floor there. I had a cousin always there and she auditioned for Pans People when they put that together.

Enjoy some of Purley 1958. Dale Martins did manage to get plenty of Northerners down to keep a fresh look to the Roster.

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WRESTLING		
THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY		
Doors Open 7 o'clock	TUES. NEXT JULY 1 & Every TUES.	Commonwealth 8s 6d
Introducing the New French Adonis		
Michel Chaisne v. Gordon Nelson		
Paris	St. Boniface	
Heavyweight Contest		
The Tough Canadian—Gori Ed		
MANGOTICH v. ROBINSON		
Toronto, Canada	Ex-Brush Amateur Champion	
A Welterweight Contest	Heavyweight Contest	
Jack CUNNINGHAM v. PALLO	Johnny Yearsley v. Czeslaw	
South Africa	Cardiff	Cardiff
Introducing Ivan		
JOSEF ZARANOFF v. GWYN DAVIES		
Leningrad	Macness	
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WRESTLING		
THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY		
Doors Open 7 o'clock	TUES. NEXT JULY 15 & Every TUES.	Commonwealth 8s 6d
★ TWO SENSATIONAL MAIN EVENTS ★		
Mr. Europe of Wrestling		
Robert DURANTON	Most Sensational Figure in Wrestling	Alan GARFIELD
Paris	versus	Australia
Dennis MITCHELL	Bradford	AI HAYES
Bantamweight Contest		
Black Kwango v. Jack Cunningham		
West Africa		South Africa
Welterweight Contest		
Steffan Milla	v. Jeno Horvath	
Anglo-Danish Star		Budapest
Heavyweight Contest		
The Official Light-Heavy Champion		
ERNIE RILEY (Wigan) v. EDDIE SAXON (U.S.A.)		
The Sensational "Brawny"		
Late of		
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WRESTLING		
THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY		
Doors Open 7.15 p.m.	TUES. NEXT JUNE 3 & Every TUES.	Commonwealth 8s 6d
A Sensational Commonwealth Heavyweight Contest		
The Hartmann 1957 All Nations		
Tournament Winner		
Ray HUNTER v. Dai SULLIVAN		
Hobart, Tasmania	Tonyandy	
An All-Action Welterweight Contest		
JACKIE PALLO v. TONY LAWRENCE		
Highbury	Dundee	
Heavyweight Contest		
Tony Mancini	A Sensational Return	Heavyweight Contest
Blackfriars	Contest	Charlie Fisher
v.	BERT ROYAL	Eltham
Gene Murphy	Sutton	v.
Australia	STEVE LOGAN	Jude' Al Hayes
	London	Westminster
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THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY		
Doors Open 7 o'clock	TUES. NEXT JUNE 10 & Every TUES.	Commonwealth 8s 6d
£50	A SENSATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT	£50
Side	MONEY MATCH!	Side
A Fight to a Finish! No Rounds! No Time Limits!		
Mike MARINO v. Big BILL Verna		
The Famous Italian Golden Boy	The 100 lb. Australian "Man Mountain"	
A Catchweight Contest		
Harry FIELDS	Alan COLBECK	A Black v. White Contest
Derbyshire	Walsall, 13	Black
A Sensational Anglo-Canadian		
GORI ED MANGOTICH	Contest	Sponsor
London, Ontario	LES KELLETT	Wigan, Liverpool
An Ultra Special Heavyweight		
Contest		
BILL ROBINSON		
Man, Women, Children		
CHARLIE FISHER		
Eltham		
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INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING AT ITS BEST!

A Dynamic Heavyweight Contest The Fighting Welshman

Mike MARINO v. Dai SULLIVAN

The Popular Anglo-Italian Star Tommy MANN v. Frank O'DONNELL

Light-Heavyweight Contest Manchester

Steve LOGAN v. Eric TAYLOR

Light-Heavyweight Contest London

Charlie FISHER v. Buddy CODY

Anglo-American Contest Dallas, U.S.A.

Ernie RILEY v. Bert ROYAL

Official British Light-Heavy Champion Wigan

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Doors Open 7.00 p.m. TUES. NEXT MAY 13 & Every TUES. 7.45 p.m.

OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS

SENSATIONAL HEAVY-WEIGHT, K.O. TOURNAMENT PRELIMINARIES, SEMI-FINALS & FINAL ALL ON THIS ONE GREAT NIGHT

MIKE MARINO ITALY	GORDON NELSON CANADA	NORMAN WALSH MIDDLESBROUGH
A Special Heavyweight Contest	CHIT Beaumont v. Jackie Pallo	
MILIO POPOCOPOLIS GREECE	E250 PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHY	ERNIE "KIWI" KINGSTON NEW ZEALAND
JOHNNY CZEZLAW POLAND	CHARLIE FISHER LONDON	GEOFF PORTZ SOUTH AFRICA

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THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY

Doors Open 7.00 p.m. TUES. MAY 20 & Every TUES. 7.45 p.m.

A SENSATIONAL ANGLO-ITALIAN HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST The Official Heavyweight Champion of Italy The Harrimay 1957 All Nations Tournament Winner

MARIO MATASSA v. RAY HUNTER

GENOA ITALIA

A SENSATIONAL BLACK & WHITE HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST

MASAMBULA v. Billy JOYCE

THE African "Wimbledoster" GHANA WIGAN

BLACK KWANGO v. STEFFAN MILLA

West Africa ANGLO-DANISH Contest

Tommy MANN v. Arthur FISHER

BERT ROYAL v. STEVE LOGAN

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An Outstanding Italian v. Australian Heavyweight Clash

Mike MARINO v. Big Bill VERA

Winner of the Recent H-Weight Tournament at this arena 22 st. Australian Giant

Mick McHANUS Hove Cross, London	SPENCER CHURCHILL Famous Physical Culturist	Steffan MILLA Anglo-Danish Star
AL NICHOLS Nottingham	DOUG JOYCE Rushden	Archer O'BRIEN Chelmsford

Extra Special Hungarian v. Welsh Heavyweight Contest

TIBOR SZAKACS v. GWYN DAVIES

The Great Star from Budapest Native, Wales

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mitchel.steve454

Off the wrestling theme, a very old friend of mine told me The Orchid and Wimbledon Palais were really posh!

Any memories?

big_al_hibbert

Ha Ha, Steve if you "eard" me talk it's the last thing you would call me posh.

Working class.

williamr

Some great bills there.

Hack

48 years is nothing to apologise for. We should all calenarise 2023 for a Heritage celebration.

I was interested to see Dale Martin offering free tickets for the TV show. About 15 years ago I told of Morrell giving free tickets for TV shows.

My sanity was challenged. A tradition that has continued to this day.

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