

Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

Stafford

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HOLIDAY WEEK 1943
BOXING
TOURNAMENT
On the E.E. STYCHFIELDS GROUND
MONDAY, JULY 12th, at 7 p.m.

PAT HALEY v. TOMMY (Kid) HARLOW
STOKE—Northern Area Welter Weight Champion Who has met HARRY MUZZLER FRANK DUFFY, etc.
10—3 minute rounds at 11 stone.

LEN DAVIES v. BILL BLYTHING
STOKE—who has been doing well at the Liverpool Stadium lately. W'HTON — Western Command Army Champion—has met Jack Hyams, Bryn Morris, etc.
8—3 minute rounds at 12 stone.

Dennis (Kid) BYRNE v. Alf COTTRELL
IRISH TO THE BACKBONE. WOLVERHAMPTON
The leading contender for the light-weight title of Ireland, now held by Jimmie Smith. This boy has been anxious to meet the Irish Laddie, so look out for thrills
8—3 minute rounds at 9 stone 9lbs.

Two other contests will be published later.
and more THRILLS, more EXCITEMENT
Wednesday, July 19th, on E.E. Stychfields Ground, at 7 p.m.
ALL-IN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
● FIRST TIME IN STAFFORD. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
PRICES: 2s, 3s, 5s only reserved.
Tickets obtainable from HOLIDAY BUREAU,
Gas Showrooms.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

1943, I found a claim that this is the first pro wrestling as we know it in Stafford Town. Love these county towns, tea and toast here, with the bread cut two inches thick dripping in butter. They call the slices "Doorsteps"

Gran was from a Staffordshire Town and that was just how she cut her bread.

Might be inclined to think a boxing promoter put this show on as it's a duel advert. No wrestlers advertised on it but I can tell you that Dave Armstrong beat Francis Gregory, Van Wurden beat Bill McDonald, Dick Wills beat Hussey, and Pat Madden beat Bill Ogden.

Promoter could have been Jack Callaghan.

By the end of the 1940's Wrestling was on regular in the Market Hall. Not long though before The Borough Hall took over and continued through to the 1980's. The promoters though seemed to come and go. Here are my examples.

By the end of the 1950's the picture changes but I will save that for another post.

★ **ALL STAR WRESTLING** ★
MARKET HALL, STAFFORD
WEDNESDAY EVE, OCTOBER 27th
Doors open 6-45 1948 Commence 7-30

Under the personal supervision of MR. GEORGE CALLAGHAN
IN AID OF THE ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND
GRAND CHALLENGE MATCH 60 Minutes

THE COLLEGE BOY
Leading contender for Title, is confident of de-throning the Champion
JACK DALE
Official Middleweight Champion of Gt. Britain

Light-Heavy classic 40 mins. Middleweight Bout 40 mins
NAT RABIN **STAN STONE**
The Pocket Hercules v. The Blonde Tiger v.
BILL BRENNAN **NORMAN THOMAS**
The Irish Bombshell of the Mat The Welsh Cyclone

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT THRILLER 60 Minutes
FRED UNWIN v. **LEN BRITTON**
Physical perfection a great grappler Has met and beaten the best

PRICES (inc. Tax) 2/- 4/- 6/- BOOK NOW
Sets can be booked and Tickets obtained at **E. F. ALLEN and SON LTD, 44, GREENGATE ST., STAFFORD**

★ **It's A CALLAGHAN PROMOTION** ★

DALE MARTIN PROMOTIONS LTD. (of London) Present—
WRESTLING!
Borough Hall, Stafford 1950

Doors open 7.30 p.m. **WEDNESDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 22nd** Commence 7.45 p.m.

FOUR STAR INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT
6 ten minute rounds 2 Falls, Submissions or K.O.

BLACK BUTCHER
JOHNSON
The Coloured Colourful Sensation. Famed and feared for his "La Savate"—The Toast of Three Continents Versus—
PAT CURRY
BOSTON, MASS. U.S.A.—Wrestling's most Spectacular Heavyweight. Tops all popularity polls. The most popular Irish-American in Europe

Welterweight Clash **MICK McMANUS** v. **JACK QUESICK**
IRELAND—An Action Star v. **IRELAND—An Action Star**
IRELAND—An Action Star v. **IRELAND—An Action Star**

Middleweight Bout **HARRY FIELDS** v. **BISHOP**
DEWBURY—No. 1 Contender v. **DEWBURY—No. 1 Contender**
DEWBURY—No. 1 Contender v. **DEWBURY—No. 1 Contender**

Heavyweight Match **JACK ATHERTON** v. **WIGAN—One of the best**
WIGAN—One of the best v. **WIGAN—One of the best**
WIGAN—One of the best v. **WIGAN—One of the best**

TICKETS and Advance Bookings from Messrs. E. F. ALLEN & SONS, LTD., Music and Radio Dealers, 44, Greengate Street, Stafford (Tel. Stafford 24) 8/- RINGSIDE 6/- OUTER RING FRONT 4/- BODY OF HALL 2/6 UNRESERVED SEATS

NORMAN MORRELL (LONDON), LTD., Presents— 1951
WRESTLING
BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 7.30 p.m. Doors Open 6-45 p.m.

HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
WALLY SEDDON v. **WILSON SHEPPARD**

CRUISERWEIGHT CONTEST
JACK RATCLIFFE v. **JIMMY MUNLACK**

CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST
JACK CUNNINGHAM v. **BERNARD MURRAY**

CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST
JIM BOYLE v. **TONY LAWRENCE**

PRICES 6s. (Ringside), 4s. 6d., 3s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. (Standing)

GLOBE PROMOTIONS present
★ **WRESTLING** ★
BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1951
Commencing 7-30 p.m. Doors Open 6-45 p.m.

TREMENDOUS ATTRACTION
JACK PYE (Doncaster)
Senior member of a famous family
v. **DAVID JONS** (London)
Southern Area Heavyweight Champion

RAB HANNAN v. **FRED WOOLLEY**
BILLY GALLOWAY v. **PAT BRENNAN**
NORMAN CARTER v. **GEORGE WADE**

PRICES (inc. Tax) 6/- 4/- 3/- Standing 2/6

It's got me thinking. Have we got a Dale Martins logo Bill as far North as this. Nothing on these but suspiciously Dale Martins.

★ **WRESTLING** ★
MARKET HALL, STAFFORD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1948
Doors open 6-30 Commence 7-30

SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT. 6 (10 minute) rounds
BERT ASSIRATI
Official Heavyweight Champion of Gt. Britain. Open Challenge to any Heavyweight in the Country. v.
CHICK KNIGHT
Recently returned from successful tour of U.S.A.

SUPPORTING BOUTS

KEN WILSON v. **AL JACKSON**
MICK McMANUS v. **NORMAN THOMAS**
ARTHUR FISHER v. **JOHNNY WILLIAMS**

PRICES (inc. Tax) 2/- 3/- 4/- BOOK NOW
Standing Unres. Ringside

Advanced Bookings from :—**E. F. ALLEN & SON, LTD., 44, GREENGATE ST., STAFFORD**

★ **WRESTLING** ★
MARKET HALL, STAFFORD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1948
Doors open 6-45 Commence 7-45

Two Sensational Heavyweight Thrillers.
Grand Xmas Programme

HEAVYWEIGHT THRILLER. 6 (10 minute) rounds
CHICK KNIGHT
The American Ace v.
BILL GARNON
Champion of Wales—First Appearance Here

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH. 6 (10 minute) rounds
TONY MANCELLI v. **HARRY BROOKS**
The Famous "Blackfriars Thunderbolt"—First Appearance The Northern Area Champion

MIC McMANUS v. **SONNY WALLIS**
DANNY FLYNN v. **DAN DAVEY**

PRICES (inc. Tax) 2/- 3/- 4/- BOOK NOW
Standing Unres. Ringside

Advanced Bookings from :—**E. F. ALLEN & SON, LTD., 44, GREENGATE ST., STAFFORD**

Hack

Well that's more than a bit of odd change Ron. Three of who would shortly become Joint members in a town that would seem ripe for Wryton. Well you've certainly got Dale Martin in 1950, so 1948 looks likely, and that Callaghan bill seems to have the prints of Dale all over it. Then we have Morrell and Beresford within a month of each other in 1951. We know all 3 were Co ordinating at this time, maybe this is the early signs of trading prior to Joints formation the following year. Intriguing.

Mad Mac

"EE" would have been English Electric, a big employer in Stafford.

The Ost

Yeah that October '48 Callaghan bill is very interesting.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

By 1959 the Borough Hall was still going, but Joint Promotions seems to have gone. In the last 12 months I have found a shed load of Twentieth Century Bills. We often talk about Lincoln rivaling Joint but Jack Taylor had quite a big venture and it is clear that Max Crabtree was also running something pretty big. Max spared no expense on advertising. These two also collaborated. Enjoy a few from 1959, Notice the Stafford Challenge Trophy below.

★★ TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present...★★

WRESTLING

THE BOROUGH HALL — STAFFORD
MONDAY, NOV. 9th, at 7-30 p.m.

STAFFORD CHALLENGE TROPHY

ROY LA RUE <small>South Africa</small>	CLIVE BROWN <small>Wales</small>
BILLY STERLING <small>Scotland</small>	JOHAN DATUS <small>Germany</small>
STEFAN BOLLA <small>Hungary</small>	GEORGE SCOTT <small>Newcastle</small>
AL BENNISTON <small>Birmingham</small>	LASLO BAKJO <small>Hungary</small>
ZOLTAN BOSCIK <small>Hungary</small>	ERNE COATES <small>Wales</small>

Ref. AL TARSEY

A grand knock-out competition ending in the presentation of the Stafford Challenge Trophy to the winner. The final for the first round will be made at 7.30 p.m. Sharp.

10 - 7/6 5 - 3 - 1959

Bookable from Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford
YOU ARE ADVISED TO BOOK AT ONCE

★★ TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present...★★

WRESTLING

THE BOROUGH HALL — STAFFORD
THURSDAY OCT. 29th at 7-30 p.m.

A TREMENDOUS BILL 1959

Max CRABTREE <small>HALFAN, Four standing for success. Comes from London wrestling family</small>	v. Dwight INGLEBURG <small>U.S.A. former Marine. Great wrestler with great reputation</small>
Light Heavyweight Contest MICK JOHNSON <small>NEWCASTLE</small>	Middleweight Contest JIM STEELE <small>BOLTON</small>
v. DEAN MERCER <small>LIVERPOOL</small>	v. BRETT WILLIAMS <small>CARLTON</small>

International Catchweight Contest
JACK TAYLOR v. JOHAN DATUS
LEICESTER GERMANY

10/- 7/6 5 - 3/-

Bookable from Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford

TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present 1959

WRESTLING

Borough Hall, Stafford, Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 7-30 p.m.

SHIRLEY CRABTREE

Master, South and European Heavyweight Champion, 17 times 8 lbs. 4th Div. Britain's biggest claimant for World Honours.

v.

WOLFGANG HACK

Germany. The powerful German star from Bremen. Just returned from Far Eastern tour

LASZLO BAKJO <small>Hungary</small>	JOHAN DATUS <small>Germany</small>	ERNE COATES <small>Wales</small>
LITTLE SCOTT <small>Newcastle</small>	JACK TAYLOR <small>Leicester</small>	STEFAN BOLLA <small>Hungary</small>

10/- 7/6 5/- 3/- Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford

1960

★★ TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present...★★

WRESTLING

THE BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
THURSDAY, APRIL 14th, 1960, 7-30 p.m.

ONE OF THE GREATEST BILLS ever presented in the Midlands

TARZAN

Africa. The sensation of the Continent

v.

IVOR MARTINSON

Denmark. Former Heavyweight Champion of the World. One of the mightiest figures of modern wrestling

GRAND SUPPORTING BILL

ZOLTAN BOSCIK <small>Hungary</small>	BILLY STERLING <small>Scotland</small>
YOUNG McALLISTER <small>Scotsman</small>	ERIC SANDS <small>Stafford</small>
LINDY CAULDER <small>West India</small>	KURT VON HESS <small>Germany</small>

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 3/-

All Seats Bookable from Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford.
YOU ARE ADVISED TO BOOK AT ONCE

★★ TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present...★★

WRESTLING

THE BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
THURSDAY, FEB. 11th. Commence 7-30 p.m.

FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN, LEND ME YOUR SAYS, I

GRASSUS CALVA

The Mighty Supper from Rome, will honour the Stafford People with my presence and will wrestle in the true traditions of my forebears.

v.

BRITAIN'S BERT CRADDOCK

Big, Powerful Heavyweight, who will not let the old country down

FAST WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST IVOR PEREKOFF <small>London's</small>	A GOOD IRISH CONTEST ED MCCOY <small>Connors's</small>
YOUNG McALLISTER	DANNY FLYNN <small>Windsor's</small>

KNOWLES PETERS
Now determined to get to the top

DANNY FLYNN
A fine figure of a man

BOOK NOW FOR THE MOST EXCITING SPORT IN THE WORLD at the door on the night. Seats Bookable Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford.

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 3/-

★★ TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present...★★

WRESTLING

THE BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th, 7-30 p.m.

GIGANTIC! MASKED! FLEARED! UNDEFEATED!

£1,000 for anyone who can unmask him

SOUTH AMERICA'S 24 times 4th Div.

MONSTER

v.

AUSTRALIA'S LEON ARRAS

Rough, tough male who says he will hit him and take the £1,000

TERRIFIC WELTERWEIGHT CLASH

Yorke's BUTCHER GOODMAN	Rutland's RON (Big) KINCLOFFE
Queens KURT VON HESS	Britain's BOM ENIGHT
West India LINDY CAULDER	Ireland's JOE MURPHY

One of the strongest Wrestlers in the world All Action Grappler

Don't delay, go along and see Harold Parkes, The Music Shop, he will fit you up with a good seat

10/- 7/6 5/- 3/- (at the door on the night)

1961 Dr Death well before "peak" Dr Death with Al Hayes and bottom right, a very early Andy Robbin in small print.

TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present

WRESTLING

BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
THURSDAY, APRIL 20th, 1961, 7-30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
BRITISH AND EUROPEAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

SHIRLEY CRABTREE

Defeated Felix Hlavat, Palais De Sports, Brussels; Ivor Hartmann, Grange Hall, Leicester; Big Bill Verna, Harringay Arena, London. Assailed the World over.

v. BRITAIN'S

BIG BOY SCOTT

The Newcastle Destroyer, "Dadara" "I will lick Crabtree easy"

INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST
Britain's JACK TAYLOR v. Denmark's CLIFFE MILLA

INTERNATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST
Hungary's LASLO BARJO v. Britain's BOB SHERRY

INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
26 Stone 6ft. 6 ins. THE MONSTER v. Ghana's PRINCE KUMALI
with Beautiful Beauties A Real Athlete

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 3/-

Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford. 3/- at the door.
Don't delay Book Now. It is advisable to arrange permanent bookings.

TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present

WRESTLING

BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 1961, 7-30 p.m.

THE ONLY APPEARANCE IN STAFFORD THIS SEASON OF—HANG ON TO YOUR SEATS—IT'S THE FABULOUS

DOCTOR DEATH

From Hollywood, U.S.A., the most controversial Wrestler in the world
v. Wymondham, London

JUDO AL HAYES

The Finest exponent of Judo in England. Winner of the Albert Hall Tournament.

INTERNATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST
Portugal's EL MEDICO-CANTILLON v. Britain's BILL TUNNEY

INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST
Hungary's ZOLTAN BOSCH v. Bulgaria's BARJO LARLO

INTERNATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST
Germany's KURT VON HESS v. Britain's BOB SHERRY
The German Rider A Great Wrestler

10/-, 7/6, 5/-

Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford.
DON'T FORGET NEXT THURSDAY—BOOK NOW. 3/- at the door.

1961
TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present ...

WRESTLING

Borough Hall, Stafford, Thurs., Aug. 17th — 7.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST

BRONCO JACK CASSIDY

CALGARY, CANADA 6ft. 18 stone 11 lbs.

v.

BIG BILL COVERDALE

AUSTRALIA 6 ft. 1 in. 25 stone 4 lbs.

LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST
ZOLTAN BOSCH v. YOUNG CORTEZ
Hungary London

WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST
HARRY RHODES v. CLIFF MILLA
Bradford Denmark

INTERNATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST
BOB SHERRY v. MIKE MURA
Baton Poland

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 3/- Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford.

TWENTIETH CENTURY PROMOTIONS present

WRESTLING

BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
THURSDAY, FEB. 16th, 1961, 7-30 p.m.

GREAT CHALLENGE CONTEST

THE RED SCORPION

(1) v.

KURT VON HESS

(Germany)

GREAT SUPPORTING BILL

JIM BELL (Glasgow) v. GEORGE PASILAMS (Greece)

ANDY ROBBINS (Stafford) v. ERIC SANDS (Barnsford)

GUNBOAT SMITH (Prestonmouth) v. DON STEADMAN (London)

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 3/-

Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford. YOU ARE ADVISED TO BOOK AT ONCE

Enjoy these and stay with me because the promotional web and plot thickens.

grahambrookjazz

The most frightening night of my life occurred at The Borough Hall, Stafford, in the late 1970s when promoter Stuart ("Big Boy") Miller engaged me to be the "crooked manager" of Doctor Blood (Bill Clarke). I had previously been M.C. for Stuart and, fools going where angels fear to tread, I fully embraced the role of crooked manager and decided to play to the prejudices of the good Stafford folk by addressing the audience (just like George Gillette) but being blatantly homosexual. I forget my actual words but I do recall going on about seeing Doctor Blood's bottom in the showers and what a beautiful bottom it was to the boos of the crowd.

As the bout progressed I was to produce a block of wood from under my jacket which I handed to Doctor Blood to use on his opponent (Harry Palin). No sooner I had passed the block to Blood than a large West Indian man on the front row jumped up and punched me in the face. Harry Palin saw the incident and jumped from the ring to forearm smash me (protect me) all the way back to the dressing room. He then returned to the ring to be smashed over the head by the block of wood whilst referee Miller took his eye off what was happening in the ring to appeal to the crowd to resume their seats. He turned round to see Blood covering a "knocked out" Palin making it another win for the evil doctor.

Back in the dressing-room I was shaking as a mischievous Ian Wilson was trying to persuade me to go back out again ("You've got them in the palm of your hand."). Plans were afoot to attack me after the show by waiting at the dressing-room door for me to come out. The West Indian had a walking cane and had snapped it in two and was sharpening one of the broken ends to a fine point using a bowie knife he just happened to have with him. Al Miquet helped me to escape by lending me one of his kung fu masks. I also switched tops with Stuart Miller and managed to walk past the baying group outside and into the car without being recognised.

Stuart thought the whole thing was a huge success and employed me to be Sir. Percival Pinkwhistle (that was my "crooked manager" persona) a month or so later for a show he was doing for Preston North End football club in their social club but I bottled it and did a comedy gay persona with a silly high voice which caused the punters to laugh at me but did not inspire the hatred which I had drummed up in Stafford.

I remember "Hellcat" Haggetty being on the show (wrestling her sister Lolita Loren) and telling off both Stuart and myself for my performance saying that we were flushing the image of professional wrestling down the toilet (although not expressed quite so gracefully).

I only have a vague recollection of the hall but it was certainly bigger than the halls Stuart and I were using at the time such as Memorial Hall, Northwich, Civic Hall, Nantwich, Public Hall, Wilmslow and Civic Hall, Bollington. Perhaps the wrestling was upstairs. I have a vague recollection of there being a difficulty with setting up the ring. Incidentally, the bill-topper in the show I have recalled was Abe Ginsberg versus Mike Dallas.

adrianpollard.shangri-la

I've Told GRAHAM-He should Write a Book!-It Would be a Big Seller!!

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

What an absolute super yarn Graham and we have squeezed that memory out of you just because I started a Stafford Thread. Maybe you can tell us roughly the capacity of the Borough Hall. was the wrestling upstairs. Moving on to 1962 Twentieth century still seem pretty much a Max Rota. Bit did wonder at Ernie Riley in there. here is the start of the year.

Shirley and Max still starring. devils and Scorpions typical of Max's imagination.

TWENTIETH CENTURY 1962 **WRESTLING**
 PROMOTIONS present...
 Borough Hall, Stafford, Thurs., Feb. 22nd — 7.30 p.m.

HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
 GUNBOAT

SMITH
 Portsmouth. Ex Royal Marine Commando. 6ft 5ins. 21st. 111bs.

v.

ROY 'BULL' DAVIES
 Redruth, Heavyweight Champion of Cornwall

STRONG SUPPORTING BILL

BARNEY KNIGHT Hull	BILLY STIRLING Scotland
v.	v.
FRED NAYLOR Manchester	DAVE SHILLITO Huddersfield

HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST

HARRY BENNETT v. **BARRY DOUGLAS**
 Sheffield Leeds

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Seats Bookable from Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford. 3/- at the door on night only.

TWENTIETH CENTURY 1962 **WRESTLING**
 PROMOTIONS present...
 Borough Hall, Stafford, Thurs., Mar. 22nd — 7.30 p.m.

BY PUBLIC DEMAND. SPECIAL EXTRAORDINARY TAG TEAM CONTEST

SHIRLEY & MAX CRABTREE
 v.
THE RED DEVIL AND THE RED SCORPION

This contest was asked for by the Red Scorpion to avenge his defeat by Max Crabtree

FRANK O'DONNELL Ireland	ERNIE RILEY Wigan
v.	v.
HARRY WALKER Manchester	RED WRAY Wakefield

LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST

BERNARD MURRAY v. **TERRY NYLAND**
 (Bradford) (Bristol)

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Seats Bookable from Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford. 3/- at the door on night only. It is advisable to Book early for this programme.

TWENTIETH CENTURY **WRESTLING**
 PROMOTIONS present...
 Borough Hall, Stafford, TUES., April 17th — 7.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST 1962
 COUNT

BARTELLI
 Great Masked Star of the Mat

v.

SAYAD SHAH
 Pakistan Outstanding Eastern Heavyweight

STRONG SUPPORTING BILL

JIM ARMSTRONG Sheffield	ALAN DENNISON (Keighley)
v.	v.
BILL RAWLINGS (Dewsbury)	PETE GINSBERG (Manchester)

NORMAN COOPER (Bradford) v. **RAY ST. CLAIR** (Redruth)

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Seats Bookable from Harold Parkes, The Music House, Stafford. 3/- at the door on night only.

But then I was taken aback by this bill.

Suddenly these are "Joint" men.

Bartelli was Wryton and if you think about 1962 Pete Ginsberg and Roy StClair were just starting out, often found cutting their teeth in the Russell Club in Hulme for Wryton. The Yorkshire men were Morrell.

Is this a one off?

Later in the year it was pretty regular, Young Vic Faulkner, Mann, Martinelli, a right mixed Roster. Could it be that Twentieth Century were doing work for Joint.

1962
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURS., Nov. 15th—7.30 p.m.

NEEDLE MATCH

MAX CRABTREE v. **THE BULLY**
JOE CRITCHLEY v. **ABE GINSBURGH**
ROY ST. CLAIR v. **BILL HARGREAVES**
DAI SULLIVAN v. **HENRI PIERLOTT**

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music Shop,
3/- at the door
All Wrestlers are Licensed B.W.F. Members of Joint Promotions

1962
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURS., Nov. 29th—7.30 p.m.

THE MAYOR OF STAFFORD'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY SHOW

JOHNIE DA SILVA v. **IRISH STEVE O'MAHONEY**
CLIFF BELSHAW v. **VIC FAULKNER**
PROFESSOR X v. **ROBERT McDONALD**
WARRIOR NIGEL v. **TOMMY MANN**

All proceeds of this Promotion to the Mayor of Stafford's Christmas Fund

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music Shop,
3/- at the door
COME ALONG AND SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE

1962
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURS., Oct. 4th — 7.30 p.m.

DOCTOR DEATH v. **THE BLACK PANTHER**
TOMMY MANN v. **KEITH MARTINELLI**
LASLO BAJKO v. **JOHN URE**
GWYN DAVIES v. **DAI SULLIVAN**

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music Shop,
3/- at the door
PLEASE BOOK EARLY FOR GOOD SEATS

1962
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURS., Sept. 20th — 7.30 p.m.

TERRIFIC OPENING PROGRAMME

BRITISH AND EUROPEAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

SHIRLEY CRABTREE

Halifax. Just returned from successful European Tour. Likes to wrestle in Stafford

v.

IRELAND'S

ROUGHHOUSE BIG MAHONEY

Dublin. Comes to this Country with a terrific reputation. Very Strong

International Heavyweights Contest 1 1 1 1 THE BLACK MASK v. Ghana's WARRIOR NIGEL	International Mid Heavy Contest Australia LEON ARIAS v. West Indies JEM MOZA
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INTERNATIONAL LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST

Scotland's **GEORGE KIDD** v. Britain's **TERRY NYLAND**
World's Lightweight Champion. The wrestler of a thousand holds. Rochdale. Just the wrestler to upset Kidd. Leading Contender

10/-, 7/6, 5/-, Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music Shop,
3/- at the door
All wrestlers licensed by the International Wrestling Board of Control
Members of Joint Promotions, T.V. Wrestling

Look at the bottom of this bill. All Wrestlers are members of Joint.

Why would Joint advertise Shirley as British and European Champion?

Well Hack, I think you wrote Men In Suits. Any ideas what this is all about?

Hack

Yes I can explain Ron. At the beginning of 1962 agreement was reached between Joint and a group of independent promoters - Kidd, D'Orazio, Devereux, Conrad Davis, Max's 20th Century and I think Frankie Price, but I would need to check if Price was later. There was talk of Paul Lincoln being included but he didn't join them, maybe he still had hopes for TV. Exactly what the deal was I don't know but those opposition promoters began working with Joint, so in 1962 these would be Joint shows. There was one reunification title match, Capelli v Dempsey, that being the only one I've heard of.

Max always had a complex relationship with Joint. He mostly seemed to work as Relwyskow's rep in Scotland but always seemed to have the right to put on his own shows, using Joint men, as 20th Century or Combat Promotions.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

1963, Shirley, Max and even Brian are still there working with Joint people.

Still the Brand is Twentieth Century.

It's a right mix. Midge Cowan Cropped up recently, not sure if we thought he never worked for Joint. Can't remember. Warrior Nigel became Zimba. Cadman and Colbeck in there. Elrington and Campbell.

1963
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURS., Jan. 10th—7.30 p.m.

WILD MAN IAN CABBELL
v.
THE LEGIONAIRE
EL. GRECO v. MONTY SWANN
BARRY DOUGLAS v. CARL DANE
BRONCO JACK CASSIDY v. BIG BILL COVERDALE

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music Shop, 3/- at the door.

1963
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURS., 7th MAR.—7.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT TAG MATCH
Achmend The Turk Shirley Crabtree
Big Steve O'Mahoney Max Crabtree
JIM ARMSTRONG v. DON BRANCH
BARRIE CANNON v. MIDGE COWAN
STEVE BELL v. FRANK O'DONNELL

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, The Music Shop, 3/- at the door. Please book early.

1963
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURS., 21st MAR.—7.30 p.m.

THE LEGIONAIRE v. BRUNO ELLINGTON
ALAN COLBECK v. MICK McMICHAEL
MICKEY GOLD v. JOE KEEGAN
JOHNNIE CRAZY HORSE v. JIM MELLOR

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Bookable at Harold Parkes, Music Shop, Stafford 3/- at the door. Enjoy the best fights at Stafford.

1963
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURSDAY, MAY 2nd—7.30 p.m.

TAG CONTEST BY PUBLIC DEMAND
SHIRLEY CRABTREE MAX CRABTREE
YURI MOLOTOV ACHMEND THE TURK
MIDGE COWAN v. TERRY NYLANDS
BOB SWEENEY v. JIM ARMSTRONG
PROFESSOR X v. ALF CADMAN

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Bookable at Harold Parkes, Music Shop, Stafford 3/- at the door.

1963
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURSDAY, MAY 1st—7.30 p.m.

AIN RETURN CONTEST
JIM MUSSEY v. NASSAN ALI BEY
ON RETURN CONTEST
JIM MELLOR v. TERRY NYLANDS
JACK JOWETT v. AIRZEFER ELAM
TAG MATCH
ROY ST. CLAIR FRANK O'DONNELL
VIC FAULKNER TOMMY MANN

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Bookable at Harold Parkes, Music Shop, Stafford 3/- at the door.

1963
TWENTIETH CENTURY
PROMOTIONS present... **WRESTLING**
Borough Hall, Stafford, THURSDAY, MAY 30th 7.30 p.m.

NEEDLE MATCH FIGHT TO THE FINISH, ONE MUST EMERGE
WINNERS—TAG MATCH
SHIRLEY CRABTREE MAX CRABTREE
YURI MOLOTOV ACHMEND THE TURK
BOB SWEENEY v. GAMA OF INDIA
WARRIOR NIGEL v. ELARKO HART
BRIAN CRABTREE v. CHUCK PURVEY

10/-. 7/6. 5/-. Bookable at Harold Parkes, Music Shop, Stafford 3/- at the door.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

I was not quite sure of my facts but it was certainly looking that way and as I work the timeline you can see slight changes of branding illustrating Hack's explanation. 1964/1965 now.

THE MOST THRILLING & SENSATIONAL OF ALL SPORTS
TWENTIETH CENTURY COMBAT 1964
WRESTLING
BOROUGH HALL, Stafford, Thur., 10th Dec.
COMMENCE 7.30 p.m.
In Aid of the Mayor of Stafford's Appeal for O.A.P.
SENSATIONAL INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
BILLY JOYCE
WIGAN: Recently regained the British heavyweight title from Geoff Porter
v.
IVAN JOSEF ZARANOFF
LENINGRAD: The Brilliant Russian ring general
TWO OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING CONTESTS
ALAN DENNISON Denholme
v.
ERIC CUTLER Sheffield
COLIN JOYNSON Manchester
v.
BARRY CANNON Yorkshire
TERRIFIC LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
LES KELLETT v. ROY ST. CLAIR
BRADFORD: A rough tough matman who needs no introduction
v.
CORNWALL: A leading title contender
Prices: 10/-. 8/-. 6/-. 4/- Bookable at Harold Parkes' Music Shop
Permanent Bookings Available

1964
TWENTIETH CENTURY
MANAGEMENTS present... **WRESTLING**
FRIDAY, OCT. 23rd, Borough Hall, Stafford, 7-30 p.m.
The Rough-House Boys v. The Coloured Boys
ALF CADMAN
AND
KEN CADMAN
The T.V. Toughguys
v.
THE BLACK PANTHER
BARRIE AND
LINDY CAULDER
That Fine Wrestling Team
JACK CUNNINGHAM v. TERRY NYLAND
DON MITCHELL v. PADDY O'DONNELL
ACHMEND THE TURK v. JESS HODGESON

10/-. 8/-. 6/- Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, Music Shop, Stafford. All Bookable.

20th Century Sports 1965
WRESTLING BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
 Thursday, Sept. 2nd, 7-30 p.m.
Visit of the Official Lightweight Champion of the World

JANOS SVADJEC
 Hungary. Brilliant young Slav matman who has beaten the World's best

ST. JOHN
 Scotland. The renowned young Scot in line for title fight in near future

MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST
 DAVE NEWMAN (Wigan) v. LES WILLIAMS (Wales)

HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
 IAN GLASPER (Storkstar) v. STEVE O'MAHONEY (Ireland)

GRAND HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
GEORGE GOODYEAR
 Wakefield. 19 stone. Powerful matman

MEL KIRK
 Pontefract. Tough opponent for Goodyear. Ex R. L. forward

10, 7/6, 4/- Seats Bookable from Harold Parkes, The Music Shop, Stafford. You are advised to book your seat at once



MEL KIRK

A third Variant on the left and a Rare picture of Young Mal Kirk and Joint promotions below.

T.V. Stars Promotions, Joint Promotions 1965

WRESTLING

Borough Hall, Stafford (Wed.) 25th Aug.
 COMMENCE at 7-30 p.m.

Special International Tag Team Match **ENGLAND v. FRANCE**

BERT ROYAL v. **VIC FAULKNER**

RENE DEN CHEMAU v. **EL CESCA**

Challenge to the world, especially newspaper reporters. If they feel it's fixed 'Let them put their heart where their mouth is' and face this great tag team.

GENTLEMAN JIM LEWIS v. **CHICK PURVEY**

BOY ST. CLAIR v. **JOHNSON SMITH**

LEON ARRAS v. **TONY CHARLES**

Seats Bookable at Harold Parkes, Stafford
 10/- 7/6 5/-
 Don't delay, book now for the world's No. 1 promotions

Shirley still about in 1966 with Brian. And some of the earliest Lady wrestlers since the short 1930's failed venture.

WRESTLING Borough Hall, Stafford 1966
 Friday, February 11th commencing 7.30 p.m.

giant top of the bill tag match contest



Shirley Crabtree, Mummy 1
Brian Crabtree, Mummy 11

PABLO THE GYPSY v. **ERIC SMITH**
PAUL DE'GLANE v. **YOUNG APPOLO**

ladies wrestling match
SHIRLEY TEMPLE v. **JUDI STARR**

10/- 8/- 5/- don't delay book now, Harold Parkes, Music Shop, Stafford

TWENTIETH CENTURY MANagements

NEXT MONDAY
 21st MARCH at 7-30 p.m.
 BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD

WRESTLING
 The 42 stone wrestler from the wilds

MAD KLONDYKE BILL
 The American wrestling star

MAN MOUNTAIN DEAN

The ring will be reinforced for the match



Ladies Wrestling Match
 American coloured bell cat

SUGAR PIE HARLEM
MISS JENNY PEEL

ERIC SANDS
DON MITCHELL

ROUGHHOUSE BENNETT
THE FARMERS BOY

BOOK NOW Harold Parkes Music Shop, Stafford BOOK NOW
 10/- 8/- 5/- 1966

Hack

Brilliant finds Ron.

August and September 1965 are in the wrong order which is a shame.

Put them in the right order and you see August Max has put on a Joint bill, as I said from 1962. But one month later he's using independent wrestlers and no mention of Joint Promotions.

What happened in the summer of 1965?

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Combat were still about in 1967, but not on all the bills. One year on they were to do Bartelli attempted revenge over Naggers that sold well for many years. That photo of Kendo was still very common in 1972, I have a signed one somewhere.



One unrelated intruder to the Borough Hall is this one. No idea on this, just someone got a slot and had a go?????

Have we heard of this promoter.

Maybe some of these can go on that 1960's "Little Known " List

RISS-DALLAN (WRESTLING) PROMOTIONS PRESENTS

★ **WRESTLING** 1967 ★

BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
THURSDAY, MAY 18th at 7.45 p.m. (Doors 7.0 p.m.)

MAIN EVENT 8 x 5 Minute Round Contest
TERRIFIC Masked Star Victor of many contests
The MAD MONK
 Rough—Tough—Rugged
 V. **POWERFUL** (6ft 6ins, 171 Stone)
"Handsome" JACK LITTLE
Specialty contracted—"Little" has asked for this contest to clear up previous disputed decision

6 x 5 Minute Round Middleweight Bout
 Excellent all action Star Fast and Furious
FRANK MORLEY v. **BILLY NORMAN**
A great favourite everywhere Says Morley hasn't a chance while he's in such terrific form

8 x 5 min. Lightweight contest Drop Kick Specialist
BRIAN SPENCER
 V.
MORRIS MILLWARD
Fine Young Wrestler and a Worthy opponent to Spencer

6 x 5 min. Catchweight match Very Classical Wrestler
TREVOR WARDEL
 V.
MICK BRADSHAW
A Real Handful for Wardel

PRICES 10/-, 7/6, 5/- **BOOK EARLY BOOK NOW!**
Booking Agent: Harold Parkes (Music Shop), Mill St., Stafford. Tel. 2715 Tickets obtainable on the night

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Hack

It gets better Ron. The only constant in all this is the fella that owns the music shop selling the tickets.

Riss Dallan Promotions is a new one. My first thought was Mel Riss. But he was still working for Joint in 1967 so I doubt he would put his name to a bill. Anyway he would surely have connections to put on a more enticing show than this.

Jim Armstrong wrestled as a masked Mad Monk at that time. Jack Little was a Jack Taylor wrestler. And the rest?

I can't see that pulling them in.

TONIGHT COMBAT JOINT PROMOTIONS WRESTLING
BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD Commencing 7.30 pm
 SPECIAL CHALLENGE MATCH MADE BY STAFFORD

Les Kellel
A great Stafford favourite except Legless
 V.
Steve Logan
London. Nick McManus Top Person named for being tough

TONY ST CLAIR
DAVE BARIE
ALLAN DENNISON
MIKE EAGERS

No Records
Fight in the Ring *Amateur Rules*
San Francisco
250 SHORTAGE 250 SHORTAGE
STEVE CLEMENTS
THE RED SCORPION
Address: Booking at Harold Parkes Music Shop, Mill Street, Stafford. Tel. 2715

29th Sep 1967

Combat T.V. Stars Promotions 1968

WRESTLING
BOROUGH HALL STAFFORD
Friday 29th November commencing 7.30 pm

Open Heavyweight Knockout Tournament for the British Gold Medal
 7 Contests to the winner Some of the names competing:

Negro Champ. of the world USA
DORY DIXON **TONY ST. CLAIR**
JUMPING
JIM HUSSEY **MIKE POWERS**
BILL CONNERS **MICK DALLAS**
DIRTY **PETER STEWART**
LEE SHARRON

Ringside 10/-, 7/6, 5/-
Harold Parkes Music Shop, Stafford
Book Now!

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Pushing ahead now for a few more years, astonished that Wryton Promotions never get their name on this venue despite having Hanley and Willenhall and Crewe amongst others. That word "Combat" prevails and we have learned that Max could either promote his own show or run one with Joint Wrestlers or even the most unexpected mixture of the two that I have ever seen.

Combat finally goes missing and it's just TV Stars. Rocco v Hussey in Marks earliest days. That popular StJohn V Svasjick match they did a hundred times or more.

★ **TELEVISION WRESTLING STARS** ★
BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD — SAT. JUNE 13th — 8 p.m.
 1970

MICK McMANUS
TOUGH TAD
PARTNER

STEVE LOGAN
 LONDON V.
ADRIAN STREET
 WALES The Blonde Headed Nature Boy
Will forearm smash him out of the ring "stages Logan"

COME, ENJOY A GOOD NIGHT OUT EVERYBODY WELCOME
The Manchester Bully, All-Action **The New Young Sensation**
JIM HUSSEY v. **MARK ROCCO**

Scotland's IAN ST. JOHN v. **Poland's ANTON SWASJICK**
Brilliant Lightweight *CRACOW*

MICK McMICHAEL v. **TONY SAINT CLAIR**
SUPER WRESTLING CLASH — THE BEST!

Prices: Ringside 12/6, 10/-, 8/-, 5/- All seats are bookable in advance from Harold Parkes (Music Shop), Mill Street, Stafford or at the door on night of performance.

★ **TELEVISION WRESTLING STARS** ★
BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD — SAT. OCT. 10th — 7.30 pm
 1970

SUPER TAG TEAM OF TELEVISION STARS
THE CLASSY

JOHNNY EAGLES & PETER STEWART
 Versus
RIOT SQUAD
CAPTAIN COLIN JOHNSON — TWICE PICKED FOR JAPAN
COME AND ENJOY A GOOD NIGHT OUT. EVERYBODY WELCOME
A Great Stafford Favorite
JOHNNY SAINT v. RAY STEVENS
"The College Boy"
Return Match, Brilliant Wrestling.
Ian St. John v. Andreas Swasjick
SCOTLAND **HUNGARY**
Having a Good Season **Liverpool Docker**
Mick McMichael v. Jack Martin
DONCASTER **FIERY SCOUSE**

Usual Prices: Ringside 12/6, 10/-, 8/-, 5/- All seats are bookable in advance from Harold Parkes (Music Shop), Mill Street, Stafford, or at the door on night of performance.

But this was not the final Promotional name to capture this venue. The expansion of Brian Dixon, whose partner I believe was Monty Swan until Kendo came in in 1974 meant yet another taste of wrestling presentation for Stafford fans.

Below bottom right, Saints, Wonderboys, Hells Angels, Judokas, all could claim to be copies of better known ones if you ask me. Some not even named. Bartelli top left lending his name to Wrestling federation of Great Britain. Are all of the for below even Dixon, You tell me.

WRESTLING FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
Doors 7 pm present 1970 Start 8 pm

WRESTLING

BOROUGH HALL STAFFORD - FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

SENSATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHALLENGE MATCH
Commonwealth Heavyweight Champ—A great favourite in this area

COUNT BARTELLI

Forces

THE OUTLAW

(1000 CHALLENGE TO ANY MAN)
Will have to be on his guard tonight

WELTERWEIGHT THRILLER

IAN McKENZIE v. JOHNNY PALANCE

HEAVYWEIGHT BATTLE

GORDON CORBETT v.

Birmingham Mid-Heavyweight Champion

ROUGHHOUSE ALF CADMAN

Buy a "Trap Man" needs no introducing

INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT THRILLER

KLONDYKE JAKE v.

24 stone one man Riot Squad

ORIG WILLIAMS

Dynamic all action Welshman

Prices 10/6, 8/6, 6/- Advance booking from Harold Parkes Music Shop, Mill Street, Stafford

WRESTLING

BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd at 7.45 pm 1971
Doors Open 7 p.m.

£200 ASIDE SENSATIONAL RETURN TAG MATCH £200 ASIDE
American Rules, Unlimited Time, No Disqualification, Fight to a Pinfall

HELLS ANGELS

BAD BOY STEVE YOUNG
JOHNNIE PALANCE

v.

BLACKBELT ED HAMILL

Defiant Judo Star
AND
MIKE DALLAS
Warrington

MIDDLEWEIGHT THRILLER

ROMEO JOE CRITCHLEY v. MELVYN RISS

With Joe in the Ring anything can and will happen!

Former British L/W Champ

TOP HEAVYWEIGHTS MEET!

ROY BULL DAVIS

TV's Rule-breaking Ruthless Heavy

v.

REBEL ORIG WILLIAMS

Dynamic All-action Welshman
All out for Victory

TERRIFIC CLASH OF LEADING TITLE CONTENDERS

MONTY SWAN

Popular Young Ellesmere Port Star

v.

BOB 'VEIDOR' BELL

Golden Boy of TV Fame
from Wirral, Cheshire

Seats: 55p 45p 35p. Book early at Harold Parkes Music Shop, Mill Street, Stafford (Tel. 2710); or at the door on evening of promotion.

WRESTLING FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN
present 1971

WRESTLING

BOROUGH HALL STAFFORD - THUR 18 JAN at 7.30

HEAVYWEIGHT CHALLENGE TAG MATCH—50 mins. Duration

The RIOT SQUAD

HANS STRIGGER and ROY 'BULL' DAVIS

Ruthless Anglo-German Forces Punjabi

WELSH WIZARDS

GWYN SULLIVAN and JACK ROWLANDS

Fast & Clever Young Heavyweights Popular Welshmen—recently returned from Germany

HEAVYWEIGHT GLADIATORS

TONY BARRY v. JOHNNIE PALANCE

18-year-old Wonderboy Liverpool

HEAVYWEIGHT BATTLE

WILDMAN of BORNEO

Accompanied by his 100lb second, Chas. First time in England

v.

MIKE DALLAS

Dynamic all action star seen on TV every time

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH

The Arrogant Blonde Dynamo

STEVE YOUNG

v.

MONTY SWANN

Ellesmere Port Fast All Action Young Star

Prices 10/- 8/- 1/- ADVANCE BOOKING: Harold Parkes Music Shop, Mill Street, Stafford.

WRESTLING

BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4th at 7.45 p.m. 1971
Doors Open 7 p.m.

THURSDAY NIGHT IS WRESTLING NIGHT
TERRIFIC TAG TEAM TOURNAMENT. FOUR TEAMS TAKING PART
£100 CHALLENGE TROPHY

The Arrogant Blonde Dynamos

HELLS ANGELS

Ruthless Team of Ring Villains—need no introduction

v.

THE WONDERBOYS

TONY BARRY COLIN RICE
Up and coming young team of schoolboys

THE JUDOKAS

Black Belt Judo Stars—determined to win the tournament

v.

THE SAINTS

IAN ST. JOHN RAY STUARE
Popular pair — have beaten the best

Winners of the above v. Winners of the above

DON'T MISS THIS WRESTLING SPECTACULAR
3 TAG MATCHES ON THE SAME NIGHT

PLUS — British Welterweight Title Clash 15 x 15 — PLUS

THE CHAMPION

JACK DEMPSEY v. SEAN DOIL

Wigan Ireland

Seats: 55p 45p 35p. Advance booking from H. E. PARKES, Mill Street, Stafford, or at the door on evening of promotion.

Hack

I don't think we can assume these were Brian's. They might be as they have the style of his earlier bills and he was using Bartelli, Wildman, and Orig from the start of his promoting. The first is in October 1970 which was when Brian started, but not sure of the date in Marple. The early shows I saw of Brian's were all Wrestling Enterprises of Birkenhead, including the first I saw in October 1970.

Wrestling Federation of Great Britain was an umbrella name for a dozen or so independents in the 1960s. Although I remember the promoters using their own name and stating they were members of WFGB I don't recall this title alone being used by an individual promoter.

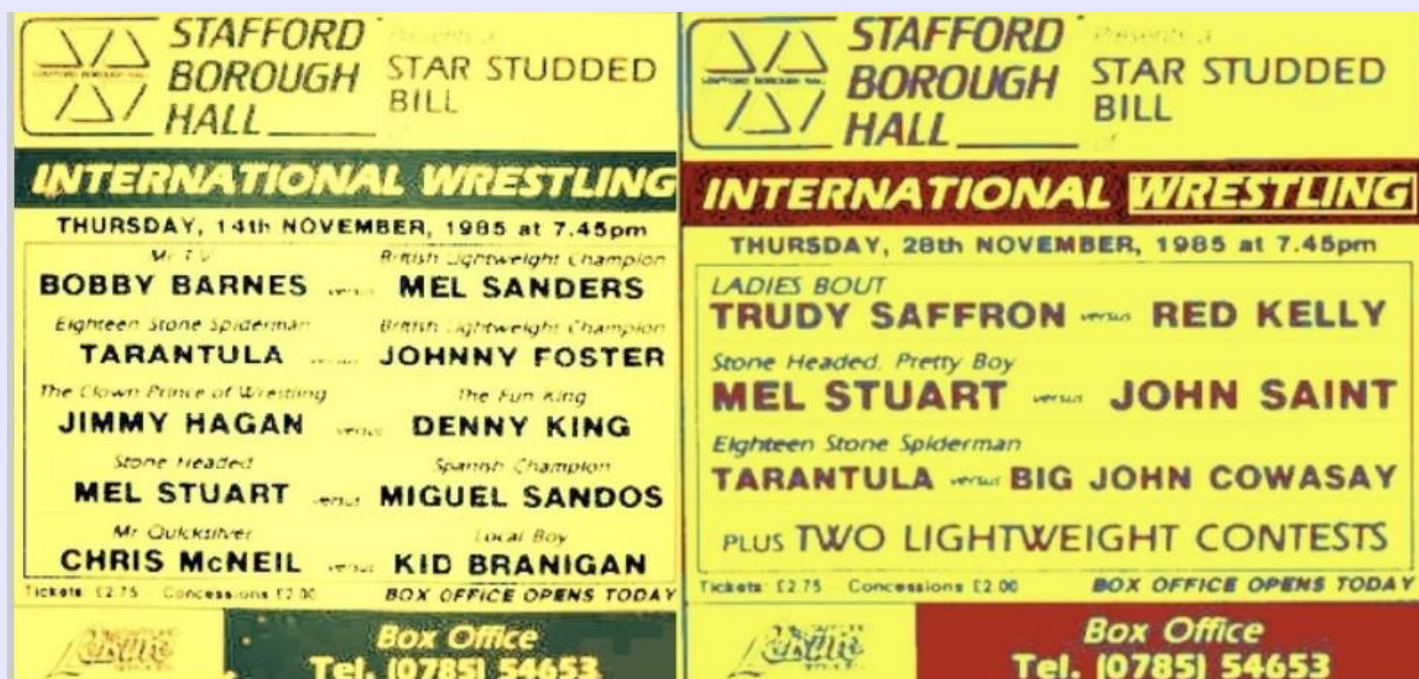
So not ruling Brian out. but I think Orig Williams another likely contender.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Yes I sort of expected to see girls on the Dixon stuff, very evident on the next set in 73/74 and of course Kendo was co promoter in 1974 selling that unmasking of the White Angel bout that he did at Belle Vue, Houldsworth and probably dozens of other places. He was a very poor effort, one of the most disappointing bouts I ever saw.

WRESTLING BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD 1973 FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd at 8 pm Doors open 7 GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS Miss Mitzi Mueller 42-24-36 Blond Bombshell v Cat Woman 777 BOB BELL v MONTY SWANN Wrest Champion Pedro the Gypsy v Butcher Goodman DECIDER FOR STAFFORD SILVER TROPHY Fight to a finish — No Dis Cowboy Cassidy v Jumping Jim Moser SEATS 75p. 60p. 50p. 40p Book now at Stafford Music Centre, 12 Mill Street Telephone 51522 or at door on evening of performance	International T.V. WRESTLING PICTURE HOUSE, STONE Doors open 7 p.m. THURSDAY, 8th MARCH 1973 Commence 8 p.m. GIRLS ! GIRLS ! GIRLS ! HELLCAT HAGGETY v MISS PAULA VALDEZ Ladies Wrestling Villain Sultry Spanish Star Mid Heavy Contest ERIC TAYLOR Brit Champ v ORIG WILLIAMS Wales Welterweight Contest EDDIE ROSE Manchester v DAVE MORGAN Yorkshire CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST MASSAMBULA v KLONDYKE JAKE Colourful African Witchdoctor 23 stone villain Seats 75p — 60p — 50p Advance Booking: The Picture House, Stone — Tel. 24411	WRESTLING BOROUGH HALL STAFFORD FRIDAY, 4th MAY at 7.45 pm Doors open 7.0 1973 GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS TAG EXPLOSION MISS MITZI MUELLER 42-24-36 Blonde Bombshell and PAULA VALDEZ Portugai Versus MISS VIV MARTELL and MISS SUE MARTELL The One and Only PEDRO Versus Blackbelt EDDIE HAMILL Plus two Terrific Heavyweight Supporting Bouts BOB BELL Wrest. Cheshire Versus JIM MOSER Winner of Stafford Trophy DOCTOR DEATH Versus MIKE DALLAS SEATS 75p. 60p. 50p. 40p Book now at Stafford Music Centre, 12 Mill Street Telephone 51522 or at door on evening of performance
WRESTLING BOROUGH HALL STAFFORD Friday 18 Nov. 8 p.m. Doors 7 p.m. 1973 TERRIFIC TAG TEAM TOURNAMENT . . . THE ASSASSINS 24 stone Dangerous Danny Lynch 20 stone Crusher Mason Versus Monty Swann Eddie Hamill THE MASKED STARS Doctor Death The Outlaw Versus HELLS ANGELS Badboy Steve Young Esq. Beautiful Bobby Barron WINNERS OF ABOVE VERSUS WINNERS OF ABOVE PLUS THE CLASH OF THE YEAR . . . WILD MAN OF BORNEO Half man half animal. Must be seen to be believed Versus Mr. Personality PEDRO THE GYPSY What a clash this will be . . . SEATS 75p 65p 55p. Book today at MUSIC CENTRE, MILL STREET, STAFFORD or at door on evening of promotion	WRESTLING BOROUGH HALL STAFFORD Thursday, 11th April at 7.45 Doors Open 7.0 pm 1974 The Clash of the Century . . . ONE MAN TO UNMASK IN RING Presenting TELFISONS MASKED SENSATION KENDO NAGASAKI with his personal Manager Gorgeous George Gillett versus THE WHITE ANGEL Mystery man from the Continent — comes here on tour of England with unbeaten record. HARRY PALIN v FRANK KARALIUS JOHN KENNY v MONTY SWANN ADDED ATTRACTION . . . 6 foot 11 in 31 stone HAYSTACKS GALHOAN Must be seen to be believed versus The One and Only world famous Bullet shooter RICKY STARR Makes one of his final appearances in England Seats — 75p, 65p, 55p, 40p	WRESTLING BOROUGH HALL, STAFFORD Thursday May 30th at 7.30 Doors open 6.45 1974 Challenge Accepted £100 a side WINNER TAKES ALL 6ft. 11in. 31 stone Man Mountain HAYSTACKS Must be seen to be believed versus KENDO NAGASAKI presented by his manager Gorgeous George Gillett publicly challenged by Haystacks here in April, had no alternative but to accept the challenge Beautiful Bobby Barron v Pedro The Gypsy Roger Green v An Other Girls, Girls, Girls... MISS MITZI MUELLER British and European ladies champion versus MISS PAULA VALDEZ Fast all action star from Portugal

So the Borough Hall all the way from 1950 and certainly still finding them in 1985.
Just a little bit of History about Stafford Wrestling. Unfortunately I have about 130 bills but the galleries are not accepting new stuff.



Hack

Looking back at your 4 1970/71 adverts Ron I wonder if the two labelled WFGB could be different promoters from the other two, with the other two being Dixon and WFGB Williams or Corbett. I only saw Bob Bell billed as Veidor Bell once, and that was for Dixon. Dempsey v Doyle was another Dixon favourite.

Of course we will never know, it's all trivial but it's fun.

Another to add to the pot. Years ago I was going through the Wolverhampton papers for Ray and the promoters were Bartelli and Jack Oatley. Must have been in the seventies.

grahambrookjazz

My final shows in 1986/7 were staged at Walsall Football Club's social club and Pete Evans provided the ring for me and also provided some wrestlers. Chris Mc.Neil was one (I put him on with Ezra who was surprised to arrive at the venue and find he was billed as Banana Bill) and there was a brother and sister with the surname Fitzhenry (I think) who wrestled as Kid Brannigan and Trudy Saturn respectively. Trudy Saturn is not a million miles from Trudy Saffron so I detect a Pete Evans influence here.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Wonderful info Graham You make a great contribution.

bkendo1

Graham you made me chuckle with the big Kath memory she obviously was unaware of irony.Stafford illustrates the wars within joint.Hopefully I'll be able to shed further when I come near to completing my Wryton investigations,funny at the time I didn't care I got paid. Mel did indeed promote using independent lads mainly put on shows at Blackpool Albert rd and Morecambe , Crabtree is another ballgame different when Berry was involved by that I mean better.The associate

member of joints was a minefield ,Dales hated it and wanted it stopped,Norman had meetings at the pack horse Bolton with Wryton re the use of their guys on comission for associates.Mick was on house percentage four others wanted it.This together with Ernie loftouse asking northern lads what dales were paying ,oops standard pay on joints.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

My Gosh, What a tangled web, Stafford, it turns out, has a history that reveals a bit more about promoting than most places have.

Hack

Fascinating Bkendo1. We look forward to learning more. Sam Betts always says Max was okay to work for when he was with Norman Berry but later hasn't a good word to say for him.

THE SANDONIA SANDON RD., STAFFORD
Tel. Stafford 51388
VIC KENDRICK OF M.E.A. presents

WRESTLING
SPECTACULAR
TUESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, at 8-0 p.m.

TERRIFIC HEAVYWEIGHT MAIN EVENT
REBEL'RAY HUNTER
Sydney, Australia, 6ft. 4ins., 18 stone. British Empire
Heavyweight Champion

WAYNE BRIDGES
Gillingham, England, 6ft. 2ins., 17 stone. Former Amateur
Champion. 24 year old Heavyweight Challenger

Middleweight Contest Handsome ROGER GREEN Havant v. KIM KENDO Kensington	Catchweight Contest GIPSY JOE SMITH Former bare knuckle fighter v. WEE BRIAN SPARKS Scotland
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A SPECIAL HEAVYWEIGHT SUPPORTING CONTEST
SUGAR RAY **HARD BOILED**
DO DO v. **HAGGETTY**
A Zulu Warrior Roughneck Irish Canadian

Ringside 10/6 (Reserved & Unreserved). Centre Stalls
7/6, Rear Stalls and Balcony 5/- (children half price).
Box Office open nightly, Sundays from 6 p.m.

SaxonWolf

Great stuff. None of this matters to the vast majority of the British public, but to us on here, this is gold dust. Working out who was promoting, and who was helping or turning a blind eye. Who cares? We do!

Hack

Another venue and another promoter for Stafford. The Sandonia was a one time cinema that had already turned to bingo when it was bought by the Midland Entertainment Agency in 1964, owned by Vic Kendrick. The same year he took over Dudley Hippodrome from Jerry Jeary.

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