

# Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

## Widnes

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### RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

While researching I have come across dozens of cinema's that converted to Wrestling Stadiums in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Maybe a bit of a new one is a Methodist Chapel built in 1964 and converted into a Studio Hall mainly for music in 1957. The Beatles were to play there. Eventually bulldozed early this century.



**QUEENS HALL :: WIDNES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th 1957**  
Doors open 7 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

**SENSATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST**  
**DOMINIC FYE v. BILL COVERDALE**  
(Blackpool; son of Jack) (Manchester)  
6ft. 2in., 17st. Tibb. Recently returned from America, where he was a sensation. 6ft. 11in., 18 stone Tough and strong, a worthy opponent

**MELVYN RISS (Wigan) v. JIMMY RUDD (Newtown)**  
**DANNY FLYNN (Ireland) v. JOHNNY MACK (Liverpool)**

**International Heavyweight Contest**  
**BRIAN TRAUTMAN v. ALF CADMAN**  
(Germany) (Salford)  
The Blonde Adonis A Tough Wrestler with a Great Record

Referee: Martin Conroy (Belle Vue, Manchester)

Prices: Stage and Ringside 5/-; Circle 4/-; Body of Hall 3/-

**QUEENS HALL - WIDNES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th 1957**  
Doors open 7 p.m. Commence at 8 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

International Wrestling Stars as featured on I.T.V.  
**HASSAN ALI BEY** (Egypt)  
18 stone 7 lbs. Reputed to be the world's strongest wrestler

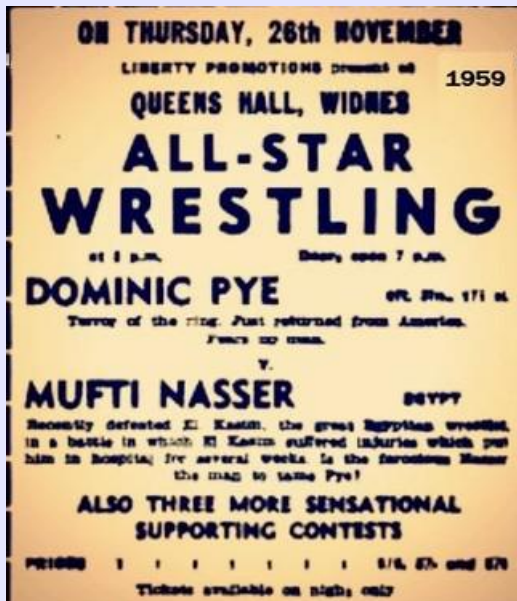
**"JUMPING" JIM HUSSEY** (Manchester)  
17 stones. The pocket giant and one of Britain's top rankers

Thrilling Catchweight Contest  
**DANNY FLYNN** (Ireland) v. **HARRY HALL** (Bolton)

Light Heavyweight Contest  
**ALEC BRAY** (Seotland) v. **BILL HARGREAVES** (Rochdale)

Terrific Light-Heavyweight Clash  
**BILL HOWES v. TERRY RICARDO**  
(Bristol) (Wigan)  
The TV Star. No. 1 Contender for the championship Scientific - Fast and Strong

Prices: Stage and Ringside 5/-; Circle 4/-; Body of Hall 3/-



Just before this ITV had started wrestling on TV and a boom was coming. The hall was up for grabs and anyone could hire it. For Sure Wryton did some shows. They did regular shows right through to end of 1959 and I believe 750 was a typical attendance.

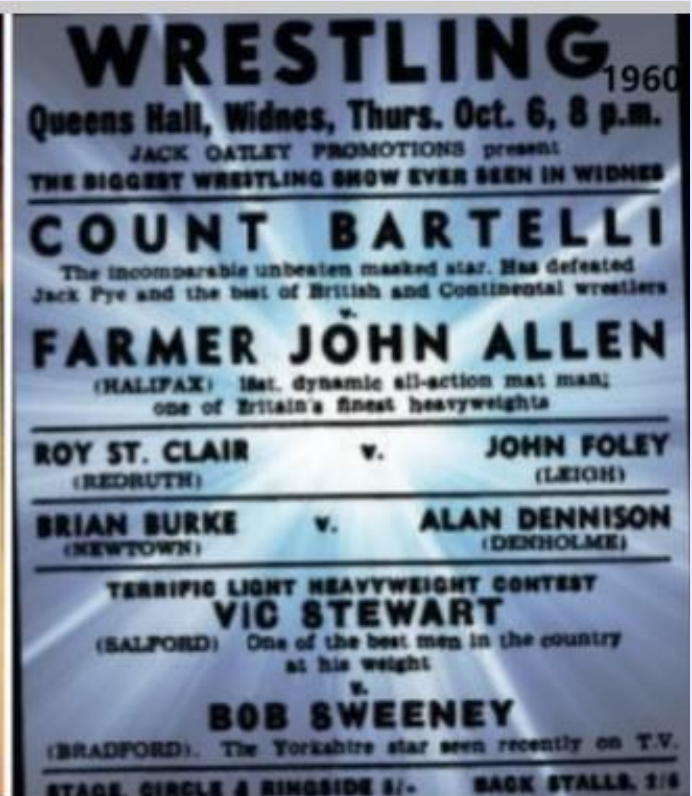
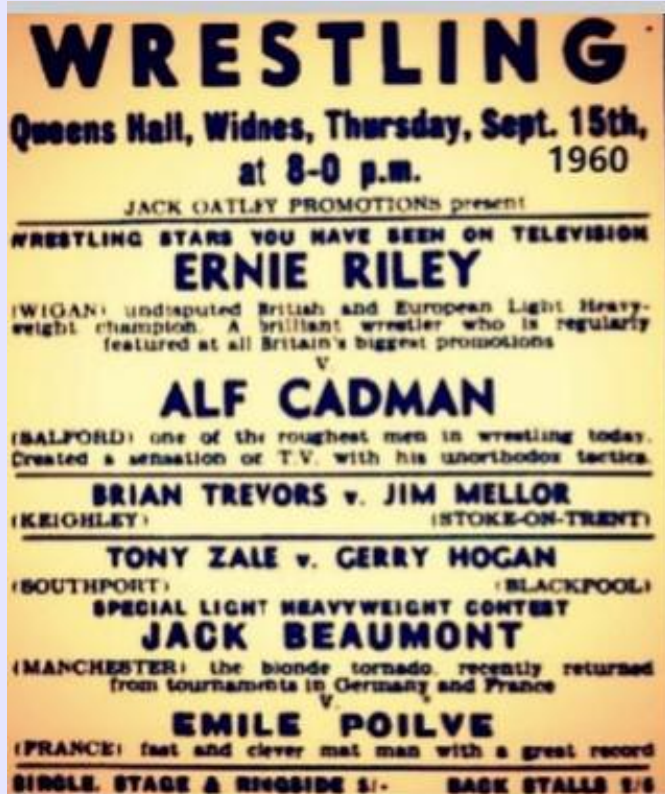
Take note of Danny Flynn working for Wryton here. Later he was to become significant.

Not sure who Liberty promotions were. Maybe Dominic Pye was promoting himself here.

Also suspecting that at This point Wryton pulled the plug. Conroy had been there at most shows refereeing so for sure Wryton and not Best.

1960 saw Jack Oatley do some shows , strange because the Roster looks pure Wryton. Oatley was later to be in partnership with Bartelli as Bartley promotions , but not this early.

Oatley I think we must assume had been contracted to run these shows for Wryton.



grahambrookjazz

I was the M.C. for a poorly attended show here in the late 1970s promoted by Stuart "Big Boy" Miller. I only have hazy memories of the show but recall that Mitzi Mueller wrestled "Hellcat" Haggetty, Pedro the Gypsy wrestled Butcher Goodman and Abe Ginsberg was also on the card. Al Miquet provided the ring and acted as referee.



# RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

**QUEENS HALL WIDNES**  
**WRESTLING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 17th at 8 p.m. 1962**

Proudly presenting the one and only  
**RANDOLPH TURPIN**  
 Former Middleweight Boxing Champion of the World. Now in peak condition and challenging for the wrestling championship.

**WILD PIERLOT**  
 The French Hercules. One of Europe's strongest men.

<b>Fred Woolley</b>	<b>Danny Flynn</b>
<b>Red Naylor</b>	<b>Martin Robson</b>

**INTERNATIONAL CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST**  
**ABDUL THE TURK**  
 Sensational heavyweight from the East. Probably the world's strongest man. After the show Abdul will demonstrate his colossal strength by LIFTING A HORSE

**SEAN O'SHEA**  
 Ireland. A rough tough grinder who is a test for the best.

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**MONDAY, MARCH 11th 7-45 p.m. start**

**DON VINES**  
 The Wakefield Trinity Rugby League International is leading for the top honors in the tag game

**NICK DALLAS**  
 Big rough. Now Nick Dallas is here to give you a rough time of it

<b>PAUL CARPENTIER</b>	<b>BILLY GRAHAM</b>
<b>EMERIL PETERS</b>	<b>RED WOOLLEY</b>

**THE GHOUL**  
 4ft. 10in. and 35 stone, the huge monster of the west challenges himself and the monster he must win or Wilson on night of this performance to attempt a contest with him

**GINO GARNERA**  
 Brilliant young Italian star promoted by WWWF to try and win the Ghoul

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**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES**  
 CAPE PROMOTIONS proudly present  
**WRESTLING**  
**THURSDAY, 17th OCTOBER 1963**  
 Doors open 7-8 p.m. Commence 7-45 p.m.

Proudly presenting the fabulous American  
**MIDGETS**  
**GORGEOUS FUZZY KAY**  
 The 4ft. 8in. Midgetweight Champion of the World v.  
**TINY TIM GALLAGHER**  
 Another giant at 2ft. 10ins., 8st.

<b>KONDOR KARLOFF</b> 6ft. 4ins 30 st. Russian	<b>DENNIS TRACEY</b> Liverpool's Boy Star
<b>PAT CURRY</b> Boston, U.S.A. Another giant	<b>JOHNNY SAINT</b> Anglo/French Star

**Sensational Main Supporting Contest**  
**KAMIKAZE**  
 The FANTASTIC EN-JAPANESE OUTSIDER FILMS v.  
**MARTIN ROBSON**  
 The brilliant Scottish boy who has challenged Ernie Riley

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By 1962 you will see Fred Woolley and Danny Flynn on here and almost certainly promoting. For some reason offering no branding on their advert until late 1963. That was a massive year of wrestling boom. Johnny Saint of course worked with Danny Flynn erecting the ring and learning the trade. There he is above.

Over the last year or more I have shared many bills from Max Crabtree's and Jack Taylor's inventive promoting and advertising , but some of the Cape Promotions is right up there with them. So pleased to add these to my collection. For about five years Cape did shows at the Queens Hall.

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES**  
 Cape Promotions proudly presents **WRESTLING**  
**THURSDAY, 14th APRIL 1964**  
 Doors open 7-8 p.m. Commence 7-45 p.m.

**TOP-OF-THE-BILL CONTEST**  
**SENSATIONAL**  
**THE WILD MAN FROM BORNEO**  
 As seen on TV. Discovered in the jungle by Society Boy

**v. MARTIN ROBSON**  
 Scotland's brilliant champion. Is ready to meet the Monster anytime, anywhere

<b>Welterweight Contest:</b> <b>FRED WOOLLEY</b> British Champion	<b>Heavyweight Contest</b> <b>PRINCE MOZAMADULA</b> (West Africa)
<b>v. JOHNNY SAINT</b> (London)	<b>WILD ANGUS CAMPBELL</b> Huge black-bearded Highlander

**SENSATIONAL MAIN SUPPORTING CONTEST**  
**THE HUNCHBACK FROM NOTRE DAME**  
 Not Quasimodo, but an even uglier masked cripple. Banned on American TV because he is so horrible in appearance

**v. RED NAYLOR**  
 The Canadian fireball. Has volunteered to enter the ring with this freak

PRICES: 7/6 : 5/- : 3/6  
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**QUEENS HALL WIDNES**  
**WRESTLING**  
**MONDAY, 15th JUNE 1964**  
 Doors open 7-8 p.m. Commence 7-45 p.m.

**4 MEN IN THE RING**  
**The Ghoul**  
 20 stone & 6" monster of the mat

**AND**  
**The Blue Angel**  
 Hate raw meat for energy when entering the ring

**Duncan McRobert**  
 The heavyweight champion of Scotland

**AND**  
**Martin Robson**  
 Lightweight champion of Scotland

<b>CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST</b> <b>Dirty Dick Swales</b> World Flyweight champion	<b>ALL ACTION CONTEST</b> <b>Extra Okorododo</b> West Africa
<b>The College Boy</b> Cambridge	<b>Red The Fireball</b> Toronto, Canada

**SENSATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST**  
**BILLY RED CLOUD v. BOYO PAUL**

PRICES 7/6 5/- 3/6 Book now at Town Travel Agency. Phone 3827



Look at these crackers from 1964 , so good for newspaper bills. Some of the North East lads even came down showing how much the Indy's co-operated with each other. Ezra and the Zulu were one and the same. Dominic , Cassidy and Bertie were good value.

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES 1964**  
CAPE PROMOTIONS PROUDLY PRESENT  
**WRESTLING**

**MONDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER** Doors Open 7-8 p.m. Commences 7-45 p.m.

**SENSATIONAL BATTLE OF THE GIANTS**  
**DOMINIC PYE**  
The great Blackpool star. Packs the Liverpool Stadium on every appearance.  
**V. ALEXANDER ALEXINIS**  
The giant 6ft. 4ins., 19 stone American

Catchweight contest <b>ANDREOS SYAJIK</b> Brilliant Hungarian v. <b>INA ST. JOHN</b> Killed Dundee boy	ALL ACTION CONTEST <b>CORNELIUS MURPHY</b> Triloes v. <b>DENNIS TRACEY</b> Liverpool
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**IT'S PYE NIGHT AT WIDNES**  
**CASEY PYE**  
Smearing and tearing. Crafty Casey wins his bouts on cunning.  
**V. MARTIN ROBSON**  
GLASGOW. The Scottish Lightweight Champion

**PRICES : 7/6 : 5/- : 3/6**

Book now at TOWN'S TRAVEL AGENCY. Phone: 3627

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES 1964**  
CAPE PROMOTIONS PROUDLY PRESENT  
**WRESTLING**

**MONDAY, 29th OCTOBER** Doors Open 7-8 p.m. Commences 7-45 p.m.

**SENSATIONAL TOP-OF-THE-BILL CONTEST**  
**LORD BERTIE TOPHAM**  
The millionaire wrestler, complete with white tie and tails and his faithful valet, Ponsenby  
**V. BRONCO JACK CASSIDY**  
The gun-firing cowboy has returned again from the U.S.A. Was in a bloody battle in this arena last time here

Lightheavyweight contest <b>ANGEL GONZALEZ</b> (Mexico City) v. <b>BILL TUNNY</b> (Preston)	Catchweight Contest: <b>RAYMOND TAYLOR</b> (Clayton-le-Moors) v. <b>BOYO PAUL</b> (Cardiff)
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**TERRIFIC MAIN SUPPORTING CONTEST**  
**THE ZULU**  
A very peculiar character with his Impl warrior dances  
**V. FRED HAYLOR**  
Toronto, Canada. A top of the bill star

**PRICES : 7/6 : 5/- : 3/6**

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More with the Cape Branding and by 1966 the girls were starting their revolution. These were the pioneers. Klondyke Jake has written for a trial for Widnes Rugby League Club , what a yarn.

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES 1966**  
CAPE PROMOTIONS PROUDLY PRESENT  
**WRESTLING**

**THURSDAY, 21st APRIL** Doors Open 7-8 p.m. Commences 7-45 p.m.

**Sensational Ladies Tag-Team Match**

<b>Naughty Nancy BARTON</b> Dark haired beauty & <b>Lolita LOREN</b> A dainty little handful	<b>V</b>	<b>Judy STARR</b> Beautiful blonde American & <b>Yvonne WILLETZ</b> Another attractive Californian
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All-Action Contest <b>BILLY GRAHAM</b> Dundee v. <b>TANKEY WILLIAMS</b> Oregon	Welterweight Contest <b>DENNIS TRACEY</b> Liverpool v. <b>NICK McHANNERS</b> London
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**Special Needle Match**  
**BRONCO JACK CASSIDY**  
Popular gunfiring cowboy from Calgary, Canada  
**V.**  
**WILD ANGUS CAMPBELL**  
Huge bearded vicious Highlander

**Prices: 7/6; 5/- Book Now at Towns Travel Agency, 130 Widnes Road, Phone: 3644**

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES 1968**  
CAPE PROMOTIONS proudly present—  
**WRESTLING**

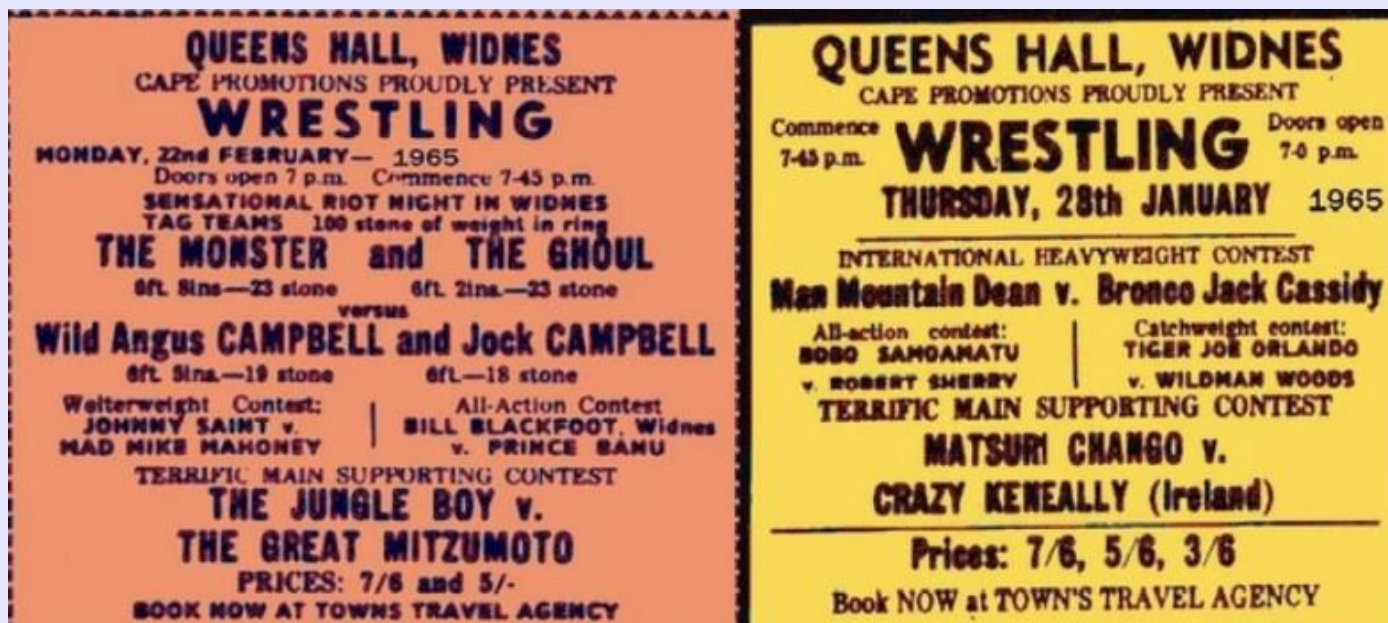
**Thursday, March 14th** Commencing 7-45 p.m. Commencing 7-45 p.m.

Proudly presenting at 40 stone, the world's heaviest wrestler  
**KLONDYKE JAKE**  
The 40 stone brutal giant who has written for a trial with Widnes Rugby League Club  
**V.**  
**TERRY McDONALD**  
The brilliant Manchester Express

Middleweight contest <b>THE UNDERTAKER</b> (Germany) Carries his coffin into the ring <b>V.</b> <b>PADDY CASEY</b> The Irish Champion	A sensational attraction . . . <b>NAUGHTY NANCY BARTON</b> (Manchester) Queen of the ring <b>V.</b> <b>NITZI MULLER</b> Beautiful blonde German girl	All-action contest <b>THE AFRICAN WITCH DOCTOR</b> Hypnotises his opponents <b>V.</b> <b>DOCTOR DEATH</b> (Hollywood, U.S.A.)
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## Hack

Another great find Ron. This place looks like it has lots to offer. Wryton in 1957 making good use of local wrestlers, not handing out much petrol money on these shows. Maybe you overlooked, or just left it for me, Brian Trautmann on your earliest 1957 Wryton show. A rare Joint Promotion appearance for the man who went on to become Lord Bertie Topham. Dominic did go to America, but I don't think there's any evidence of him being a sensation. Back in Britain he did buy a Cadillac, though, and used to drive up and down Blackpool Prom.

Jack Oatley was a Widnes man and did work in association with Joint. I would have thought these 1960 shows were Oatley making use of Joint wrestlers via Wryton. They are all Joint wrestlers and champions of the time.

Then you get to the good stuff. Cape Promotions move in. Les Thornton as Wild Pierlot. Not seen that before. But then Wild Pierlot, a French Hercules, is a far more credible main eventer than Les Thornton from Salford. What about Abdul demonstrating the lifting of a horse. Now if Danny and Fred couldn't pull em in with that, what would?

I can't see this Nick Dallas being Mick Dallas. I've seen him on other early 1960s bills, always with heavies like Streiger, Cassidy, and Ingleburgh.

When I saw Johnny Saint on Cape bills he was always from London, far more exotic than Failsworth. But here in Widness they go one better, now he's Anglo French. Dennis Tracey was on the first show I went to. Saw him a few more times. A good welterweight.

Martin Robson was on my first show too. On these bills he's both Scottish lightweight and light heavyweight champion. At Preston he was Heavyweight champion. He wasn't Scottish either.

The Hunchback was probably Danny Flynn. And No, he wasn't. Red Naylor and Red the Fireball were one and the same, Fred Naylor of Cleveleys.

June 1964 and we have a car from Stockton with Blue Angel Jim Stockdale, Dicky Swales and Billy Red Cloud, who was Julian Gurgis.

Mitzumoto who cropped up the other day, an early Al Marquette. And that masked man Chango.

The Undertaker wasn't masked. He had a good gimmick with a full sized coffin but once the wrestling started it was all pretty ordinary. And the wonderful Angus. I could go on forever Ron. I'm in my element.

Oh, nearly forgot. Liberty Promotions.

I don't know the answer Ron, but suspect your guess is spot on. Look what I found. Liberty Promotions in Blackpool. Photo of Dominic. And he doesn't even seem to be wrestling.

#### **Hack**


Having just posted the above I had a look to see what the A-Z had about Red Naylor. This is the last sentence which again suggests Liberty Promotions was Dominic Pye;

Barbara Sandwell told us, "I worked with him at Imperial Chemical Industries, Thornton Cleveleys in Lancashire. One morning shift we worked together and imagine my surprise when that evening he wrestled on Dominic Pye's bill at Blackpool Central Club."

*Liberty Promotions present*

# **WRESTLING**

**at CENTRAL CLUB**



Kent Road, off Rigby Road  
Nr. Coach Park BLACKPOOL  
OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
**Wednesday, 10th JUNE**  
Doors Open 6-30 p.m.  
Programme Commences 7-30 p.m.  
**Air Conditioned Hall**

*Dominic Pye*

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## **LORD BERTIE TOPHAM & his VALET**

OXFORD

v.

## **JAKE LARSEN**

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Sensational American Tag Team match 4 men in the ring

**Harry Walker & v. Jim Holden &  
Tommy the Demon Tommy Bayley**

This match will be fireworks from start to finish, a Battle Royal

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**And TWO MORE Dynamic Contests**

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# WRESTLING

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES 1968**  
**THURS. OCT. 10th at 7-45p.m.**

Bartley Promotions present  
**THE MR. B., THE GIANT MYSTERY MAN FROM THE U.S.S.R.**

## THE MONSTER

with 'LOLITA'  
his beautiful girl second and ex-London model and showgirl. V.

## COUNT BARTELLI

British Commonwealth Heavyweight Champion  
One of wrestling's all time greats.

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**'JUDO' ALF MARGATE** v. **JAKE LA RUE**  
(Stockport) (Huddersfield)

The man who has a 500 challenge to Puke and Williams, anytime, anywhere

**JACK DEMPSEY** (Wigan) v. **MONTY SWAN** (Dunfermline)  
Dynamic T.V. Star with a wonderful record.

**BILL BLACKFOOT** (Hillingdon) v. **BOBBY BELL** (Chester)  
Rising young Huddersfield Star. Handicapped man who has won his last 20 contests.

Stage and Ringside 7/6 (bookable).  
Near Seats 4/- (unreserved).  
Advance bookings at Town's Travel Agency, 130 Widnes Rd.

# WRESTLING

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES 1968**  
**THURSDAY, November 21st at 7-45 p.m.**

BARTLEY PROMOTIONS PRESENT  
Fight to a finish! No roundell! Return Grudge match!!!

## COUNT BARTELLI

The British Commonwealth Heavyweight who particularly asked for this match, has deposited £100 side stake. Winner take all.

## THE MONSTER

7 ft 6 in. 5 lb. 22 st. masked colossus from the U.S.S.R. who was disqualified at their last meeting.

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**Ian Wilson** (Stockport) v. **Roy Palham** (Sunderland) | **Kevin Connolly** (Liverpool) v. **Mickey Gold** (Swinton)

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**SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST**  
**PETER LINDBERG** (South Africa) strong man, (Amsterdam) a really tough physical cultural and h.o. and rugged wrestler from Holland. v. **ROY VAN SCOTT**

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**STAGE & RINGSIDE 7/6, NEAR SEATS 4/- (not bookable)**  
Advance Booking at Towns, 130 Widnes Road.

Sure enough in 1968 Bartley promotions took over , a strange arrangement with Bartelli and Oatley and not really a Wryton look about it.

# WRESTLING

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES 1969**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th at 7-45 p.m.**

Bartley Promotions present special heavyweight contest of Britain's newest stars.

## LORD BERTIE TOPHAM

6 ft. 2 in. blond handsome playboy but a great wrestler. The most sensational mat man since Billy Two Rivers. He is unique with his valet PONSONEY v. **JACK MARTINI** (Wrexham) 18 st. tough but recently returned from coast to coast tour in the rough house American rings. Sure to be a great contest.

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**"Judo" Alf MARGATE** (Stockport) v. **Jack LANG** (Crewe) | **Jack DEMPSEY** (Wigan) v. **Alex BOWEN** (Manchester)  
British Heavyweight champion.

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**THE BRILLIANT TV STARS—SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST**  
**"Farmer" John ALLAN** (Huddersfield) powerful Yorkshire mat weight champion and belt holder. A really great scientific wrestler. v. **Eric TAYLOR** (Bradford) British Light Heavyweight champion and belt holder.

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**STAGE and RINGSIDE 7/6, CIRCLE 7/6, NEAR SEATS 4/-**  
Advance booking at Towns, 130 Widnes Road.

# WRESTLING

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES**  
**FRIDAY, December 12th, 1969. at 8-00 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m.**

Sensational Four-Man Knockout Tournament.

## COUNT BARTELLI

Commonwealth Heavyweight Champ or

## TERRY O'NEILL

T.V. favourite.

## THE OUTLAW

1,000 challenge to any man or

## Dwight J. Engleburgh

New Jersey.

Winners of both contests to meet in the final later the same evening.

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Plus, plus, Tag Team bout. Best of 5 falls

"The Widnes Wizards"

## HARRY PALEN

partnered by

## MORRIS HUNTER

Local favourite now teamed up to make sensational tag team.

## JOHNNY PALANCE

London

Partnered by

## DAI SULLIVAN

Wales.

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Strange to see Bartelli working with Dwight seeing as Dwight never worked for Joint , then this must have been about as near as he got. The December bill above does not carry the Bartley branding, the price had gone up as well , but with Bartelli there one assumes he promoted. From here though I think it changed again.

### **Hack**

There is a change in 1968, nothing to do with Joint Promotions.

Cape are there in March, 1968 and gone by October. That may be because Cape were no longer active. I've not been able to find precisely when Danny Flynn was killed but think it was around this time. I believe Fred stopped promoting shortly afterwards. They moved out of Preston in 1968 or 69, and were out of Scotland, so the reason could have been as simple as that.

In October Oatley was back. This time not involved with Wryton but now an outright independent promoting with Bartelli who had just come across. The 1968 and 1969 bills are outright independent shows.

December doesn't state the promoter but could still be Bartley. It was a few months soon for Brian Dixon, who started in October 1970.

January, 1969 we have Dempsey with Alex Bowen. Alex was usually known as Alec Burton. Like Danny he too met a premature death in a road accident on his way home from a wrestling commitment.

1968 and 1969 are independents at their best; a mix of experienced ex Joint men (Dempsey, Bartelli, Allan, Taylor, Sullivan, O'Neill); rising stars (Marquette, Conneely, Martin, Hunter, Palin), established quality independents (Ingleburgh, Martin, Burton, Palance, Blackfoot, Bell, Lindbergh, Wilson).

### **bjh99**

You missed the best bit Hack. I have been in the ring with the future World Flyweight champion!

### **Hack**

I bet it was news to Dicky too.

### **bjh99**

I don't know if Dick ever saw that bill, from 15th June at Widnes, but if he did I bet that he had a good laugh.

### **RON HISTORYO....Time Cop**

We have to laugh at wrestling these days Bernard , there was a time when we believed most of it. The greatest deception ever for me.

### **Romeo**

Sadly the Queens Hall Widnes was demolished some years ago. However, there was an annexe of some sort at the rear known as the Queens Hall Studio which survived which was still in use up until the start of the pandemic having Comedy nights and some bands were playing there. Not sure if any wrestling has taken place.

### **SaxonWolf**

*@Hack , when you say "...Dominic did go to America, but I don't think there's any evidence of him being a sensation..."*



I guess it depends on what you mean by "a sensation", he appears to have won all his singles bouts, and one of his three tag bouts. He was only 27 years old, so I doubt he was going to be pushed ahead of too many established, top-of-the-bill, Wrestlers.

## Hack

I no longer have access to the American newspaper database that led me to this conclusion SaxonWolf, but I was obviously underwhelmed. Maybe I'm too harsh or maybe as beauty is in the eye of the beholder maybe a sensation is in the eyes of the man selling the tickets.

Either way, I did like Dominic. To watch wrestle, that is, not someone to bump into on a dark night.

## Hack

Another name I noticed was the opponent of Dominic on 2nd November, 1964, bill, Alexander Alexinis.

Alex Alexenis came to Britain in the Second World War, serving in the Air Corps and based in Warrington. He was Alex Alexinis from Long Island. He wrestled in Britain in 1944 and 1945, often alongside fellow American Mike Jones.

Alex was reported in the Daily Mirror for having fought a 450lb Canadian black bear. Apparently the bear grabbed Alex and threw him out of the ring in under one minute. Match over.

On his return to the USA Alex continued to work in Canada and the United States using various names but mostly Al Smith, finally retiring in the early 1970s. Alex Alexinis died in April, 1986.

## RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

With the absence of Bartelli by 1970 it looks as though Bartley had gone. The bills below, I feel sure that some are Dixon but are they all. No promoter on the bill. Any ideas anyone?

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES** 1970  
Doors Open 7.45 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, commence 8 p.m.**

**THE RAGE OF AMERICA LADIES WRESTLING**  
**LOLITA LOREN**  
Anglo-French Star, Former Model in Paris. Sure to please. v.  
**MITZI MAULER**  
The Blonde Bomber, Young Teenager with a big fan following.  
Sensational Heavyweight Battle. 8 x 5.  
**COWBOY JACK CASSIDY**  
Calgary, Canada. The popular gun toting Cowboy star. v.  
**BILLY WHITE CLOUD**  
The sensational Indian star on tour of Britain, challenges all heavyweights.  
Tag Team Wrestling 60 minutes duration.  
**THE WIDNES WIZARDS**  
HARRY PALIN & MORRIS HUNTER  
The popular dynamic local boys, must be favourites in this contest. v.  
**LOS HALCONES DE ORO**  
MEXICO.  
**PLUS ONE SUPPORTING CONTEST**  
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**WRESTLING**  
**QUEENS HALL - WIDNES** 1970  
**THURSDAY, 12th NOVEMBER at 8-0 p.m.**

**HEAVYWEIGHT CHALLENGE**

**The Mighty CHANG** v. **Dr. DEATH**  
Star of James Bond Films. No. 1 Masked Star.  
Welterweight Return. 120 Lbds Return!

**Maurice HUNTER** v. **Jack DEMPSEY**  
Local boy to reap the Welterweight title last month. BRITISH Welterweight Champion

**HAVOC! The WILDMAN of BORNEO**  
Half Man Half Animal v. **REBEL ORIG WILLIAMS** WALES

**HEAVYWEIGHT KLONDYKE JAKE**  
34 years old man ROYAL SQUAD v. **Gordon Corbett** BIRMINGHAM

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# WRESTLING

**QUEENS HALL, WIDNES**  
**Thursday, October 1st at 8-0 p.m.**  
Doors open 7-4 p.m. 1970

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BRITISH WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP 12 x 3 ROUNDS,  
 3 falls, 1 side or 1 l.o. to decide the winner.  
**THE CHAMPION AND WELTERWEIGHT TITLE HOLDER**  
**JACK DEMPSEY**  
Wigan  
 The challenger from Widnes  
**MAURICE HUNTER**  
Recently won the European Lightweight title. All out for a victory  
 tonight to gain the Welterweight Championship

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SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION  
**LADIES WRESTLING — TAG MATCH**  
Two girls v Two girls  
**Mitzi and Kathy**  
**Mueller and Starr**  
40-45-25 Blood Thander  
**Haggettys and Nancy**  
**Daughter and Barton**  
18 years old

THE MATCH OF THE YEAR  
LAST TO REMAIN IN THE RING  
**The Outlaw**  
The match of the year, 11-20-66 challenger to star team.  
**Dr. Death**  
A great favourite in Widnes

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**Plus One Supporting Bout**

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# WRESTLING

**QUEENS HALL WIDNES** 1971 THURS.  
**April 1st**  
 at 7-45 p.m.

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**A GIANT CAVALCADE OF TOP LINE WRESTLING STARS!**

★ **SPECIAL TAG TEAM CLASH**  
**WIDNES WIZARDS**  
**HARRY PALIN & SMILE WOLF**  
Dynamic local boys.  
**THE CHAMPIONS**  
**JACK DEMPSEY** **MILVIN RISS**  
Wigan Wigan  
**Welterweight & L-weight champs.**

★ **Heavyweight Tag Battle.**  
**Roy Bull Davis**  
**Hans Strieger**  
Tough all action Heavyweights.  
**Hell's Angels**  
Controversial Blood Dynasty.

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★ **Added Attraction Ladies' Bout**  
**MITZIE MUELLER**  
40-45-25 Blood Bomber.  
**Patti McGooghan**  
Pride of Ireland.

★ **European Title Championship**  
12 x 3 rounds The holder:  
**MAURICE HUNTER**  
Widnes.  
The Challenger  
**IAN ST. JOHN**  
Former Champion with his injury.  
 All out to regain the title.

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**5 BOUTS—All Top Of The Bill Clashes**

★ **WIDNES & CHESHIRE**  
**JOHN KENNY**  
makes his Pro. Debut  
**BAD BOY**  
**BUDDY WARD**  
The Cheshire Iron Man of the Ring

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# WRESTLING

**QUEEN'S HALL WIDNES** 1971  
**THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY at 7-45 p.m.**

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**THE RAGE OF SWEDEN ★ FIRST TIME IN ENGLAND**  
**WILDMAN OF BORNEO**  
Half Man—Half Animal. Accompanied by his topless second OLGA Y.  
**JACK ROWLANDS**  
Popular all action Heavy—all out for Victory.

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MIDDLEWEIGHT THRILLER  
**Romeo Joe Critchley**  
With Joe in the ring anything can and will happen  
**WONDERBOY**  
**Tony Barry**  
18 year-old Schooner.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH "BAD BOY"  
**Steve Young**  
Arrogant Blood Dynasty.  
**The ZULU**  
Popular African Wildfighter.

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**HEAVYWEIGHT BATTLE!**  
**HANS STRIEGER**  
**ORIG WILLIAMS**

Robbers And-Guns—A great favourite in this area.  
**★ DYNAMIC HEAVYWEIGHT STAR.**

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# WRESTLING

**QUEENS HALL — WIDNES 1971**  
**Thursday, November 25th at 8 p.m.** Doors open 7 p.m.

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**TEXAS DEATH MATCH**  
**NO ROUNDS NO FALLS NO DISQUALIFICATIONS**  
**FIGHT TO A FINISH**

**HELLS ANGELS v WIDNES WIZARDS**  
**STEVE YOUNG** **HARRY PALIN**  
**JOHNNIE PALANCE** **JOHN KENNY**  
Only the second time in wrestling history have the wrestling board allowed this type of contest. Don't miss this "ALL-IN" Rules American Tag Match

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**BRITISH WELTERWEIGHT TITLE CLASS 12 x 3 Rounds**  
**THE CHAMPION THE CHALLENGER**  
**JACK DEMPSEY v SEAN DOIL**  
(Wigan) (Ireland)

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**MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASH**  
**PEDRO THE GYPSY v RAY ST. CLAIR**  
With Pedro in the ring anything can and will happen Popular Young Star

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**HAVOC AT HEAVYWEIGHT**  
**WILDMAN OF BORNEO v VAL MARTIN**  
Half Man, Half Animal must be seen to be believed Popular Heavyweight title contender determined for victory

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Hack

I think the February 1970 bill is too early for Dixon. The others could be, or they might be Orig Williams.