

Ron Historyo goes where no man has been before

NOOKS AND CRANNIES

Bedlington

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RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Some crazy bills here from 60 years ago. Bedlington Station ironically closed in 1964 and had a nearby ballroom that sometimes doubled as a Roller Rink.

Who some of the wrestlers were, maybe Hack knows from his North east Contacts.

Arnie Bulloch has cropped up before and of course Dicky Swales. Just enjoy the nostalgia. Looks reasonably priced after a quick look round 1964.

CLAYTON BALLROOM, BEDLINGTON STATION
SATURDAY NEXT, 3rd OCTOBER 1964 7-0 p.m.: Doors open 6-15

WRESTLING

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST BILL
60 MINUTES NON-STOP TAG TEAM EVENT

SON OF THE CHOUL v. **AL WILSON (N c) & SCARLET MASK** v. **TIM CARRUTHERS**
Anything can happen

6 Rounds Lightweight
DICKY SWALES v. **DAVE BARRON**

Outstanding 8 Rounds Welterweight
CHARLES PRICE (Keighley) v. **DAVID COLE** (Leeds)

Prices — Ringside 5/6; Outer Ring 4/6; Rear Ring 3/6;
Accompanied Children 3/6 all parts.

Book at —
Bedlington — The Travel Bureau, 3 Ravensworth Terrace;
Ashington — Dawson's, 18 Station Road;
Morpeth — Dawson's, 22 Bridge Street;
Blyth — Blakeborough's, 2 Turner Street.

CLAYTON BALLROOM, BEDLINGTON STATION
SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 7-0 p.m. Doors Open 6-15

WRESTLING

1964
SENSATIONAL DOUBLE TOP ATTRACTION
★ TWO EIGHT-ROUND HEAVYWEIGHT CONTESTS ★

The Fabulous Red Indian Star v. **Australian H/Weight Champ.**
BILLY RED CLOUD (Canada) v. **DIGGER ROWELL** (Australia)

ROB ROY (Balloch) v. **SON OF THE CHOUL**
Should prove an outstanding bout.
SIX ROUNDS WELTERWEIGHT

TOM BERRY (Choppington) v. **JOHN WALSH**

DICKIE SWALES (Middlesbro') v. **ROBERT EARL** (Scotland)

Prices — Ringside 5/6; Outer Ring 4/6; Rear Ring 3/6;
Accompanied Children 3/6 all parts.

CLAYTON BALLROOM, BEDLINGTON STATION
SATURDAY NEXT, 10th OCTOBER 1964 7-0 p.m., Doors Open 6-15

WRESTLING

BY POPULAR DEMAND
SIXTY MINUTES NON-STOP TAG-TEAM CLASH

The Undefeated **PHANTOM BROTHERS** v. **ARNI (Bull) BULLOCH** (Bedlington)
Europe's Most Notorious Masked Team v. **JIM (Cast Iron) CARRUTHERS** (Hull)
Two Rising Young Stars — as tough as they come

EIGHT ROUNDS LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
ROB ROY (Balloch) v. **JIM DARKE** (Hull)

EIGHT ROUNDS WELTERWEIGHT
DON O'NIEL (Manchester) v. **JOHN SULLIVAN** (Ireland)

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CLAYTON BALLROOM, BEDLINGTON STATION
Harvey Ashman presents
FIRST CLASS INTERNATIONAL
WRESTLING
SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, at 7-0 p.m. 1964
Doors Open 6-15

Outstanding Heavyweight Clash, 10 Rounds
DIGGER ROWELL v. **NICK BRADEN**
Australian Heavyweight Champion v. One of Europe's toughest Mat Men
6 Rounds Welterweight: **TOM BERRY** v. **PETER MACKLEY**
6 Rounds Lightweight: **DICKY SWALES** (Lpool) v. **LEN HOLT**

First Visit to North-East:
THE SCARLET MASK v. **ARNI (Bull) BULLOCH**
As yet undefeated v. The Northumbrian Ox

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Hack

Nice one Ron. I'd not heard of Bedlington let alone most of these names.

Already in the A-Z are

Dickie Swales

Billy Red Cloud, an Hungarian, Julian Gurgris

Rob Roy, listed as Rob Roy McGregor and Jim McCombie

Digger Rowell

John Walsh, listed as Lord Bertie Sinclair

Arni Bullough

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Gosh , I am tied up in knots at that lot.

Nooks and Crannies all over the country. Wrestling got everywhere.

Who would have promoted this imaginative stuff. Who is Harvey Ashman. (sep 26)

Powerlock

He doesn't appear anywhere online, I wonder if he was a local business man or even manager of the dance hall who bought in the show from another promotion.

The Clayton Ballroom has come up before when we had a thread on Arni Bulloch I believe there's a photo of the Clayton on that thread, I believe the building is now a medical centre.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Yes I think owner or manager , I did find an advert where he was after someone to run a function. So it is likely when presenting wrestling he would have been acting as MC. Someone would have laid on the wrestlers.

Powerlock

You had regular shows in Whitley Bay, Tynemouth and South Shields (Bolingbroke Hall), and other venues in the area I would imagine the promoters at these venues would have been these gents who provided the ring and line up for the shows.

Hack

We are not alone in our ignorance.

Word went out and asked Pete Ross, Jim McCormack, Les Prest, Lord Bertie Sinclair, Sean McNeil if they had heard of

Al Wilson

Tim Carruthers

Jim Carruthers

Dave Barron

Charles Price

The masked Phantom Brothers

Jim Darke

John Sullivan

Don O'Neil

Tom Berry

Robert Earl

Nick Braden

Peter Mackley

Len Holt

Son of The Ghoul

David Cole

Scarlet Mask

Promoter Harvey Ashman.

They hadn't. (Muttered something about being too young).

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This was in my heyday as a wrestling fan and the only name I recognise is Digger Rowell, who appeared once or twice at Morecambe around that time.

Hack

I've managed to find out a bit about Harvey Ashman, who it was said presented the Bedlington shows.

In 1959 it was reported that he had been appointed manager of the Essoldo Cinema in Gateshead. It was said he had been a singer, actor and now theatre and cinema manager. His first post as cinema manager was at the Picture House in Whitley Bay and went on to manage a cinema in Minden, Germany and later Hamburg. Back in Britain he was at the Newcastle Essoldo prior to Gateshead in 1959. In 1962 he went on to manage the Theatre

Royal in Blyth and two years later we find him at Bedlington.

There doesn't seem to be any wrestling connection, so I guess he bought the shows in. Seems to have been born in Tynemouth in 1925, died 1999.

Powerlock

The Theatre Royal in Blyth was ran at the turn of the century by Arthur Jefferson the father of Stan Laurel

Dave Sutherland

I wasn't previously aware that there had been wrestling in Bedlington at this time but in the early sixties there were several events advertised around the North East featuring names quite unknown to local wrestling enthusiasts.

The only name that stands out here is Digger Rowell who was a regular name at Newcastle from 1959 to mid 1963. I never got to see him live as I didn't start going to St James until November of that year but interestingly enough it was only a year later that he appears on these promotions as a bill topper; quite an elevation from his Joint Promotion days!

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