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NOOKS AND CRANNIES

Matlock

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Another beautiful town not on the motorway network , visited many times , scenic run from Buxton. Never come across wrestling there before , but finally I have some in the Golden Age.

The Ritz Cinema opened in 1922 to seat 940 people and clear from the bills that Billy Shinfield , an ex boxer and Manager from Alfreton was running in conjunction with Joint Promotions. Would have thought Wryton as they were at Buxton. Billy Shinfield died age 82 in 1989.

<p>WRESTLING</p> <p>The Ritz Cinema, Matlock Monday, April 25th, 1960</p> <p>There Open 7-45 p.m. Commence 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>THE BLACK MASK ? ?</p> <p>EMILE POLIVE</p> <p>CIOPPER CONROY</p> <p>DRIAN T'EVORS</p> <p>A Denton v. Bobby Steele</p>	<p>WRESTLING</p> <p>Ritz Cinema, Matlock, Monday, Feb. 22nd, 1960</p> <p>Doors Open 6-45 p.m. Commence 7:30</p> <p>Heavyweight Classic 8 x 5 minute rounds</p> <p>Count Bartelli versus Alf Cadman</p> <p>Arthura Martinelli</p> <p>v. Mike Donlevy</p> <p>Gene Riscoe versus Jack Valonte</p> <p>Hilside 7/6d; Circle and Stalls 5/6d; Lounge 3/6d.</p>	<p>WRESTLING</p> <p>Ritz Cinema, Matlock, Mon., March 21st</p> <p>Doors Open 6-45 p.m. Commence 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ALL STAR PROGRAMME 1960</p> <p>Heavyweight Classic 8 x 5 min. Round</p> <p>Ernest Baldwin v. Farmer John Allen</p> <p>Return Heavy Bout 8 x 5 min. Rounds</p> <p>DON MENDOZA v. JIM HART</p> <p>Middleweight Bout 8 x 5 min. Rounds</p> <p>ALAN DENNISON v. JIM BREAK</p> <p>Light Heavy Special 8 x 5 min. Rounds</p> <p>LES KELLET v. ALEX BRAY</p> <p>Popular Prices: Ringside 7/6d.; Stalls & Circle 5/6d.; Lounge 3/6d.</p>
<p>WRESTLING</p> <p>The Ritz Cinema, Matlock Monday, May 16th, 1960</p> <p>Doors Open 6-45 p.m. Commence 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Count Bartelli v. Don Levy</p> <p>DON MENDOZA v. AJIT ACCRA</p> <p>BILL RAWLINGS v. CARL DANE</p> <p>AL MIQUET v. JIM BREAKS</p>	<p>RITZ CINEMA, MATLOCK</p> <p>MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 1960</p> <p>Doors Open 6-45 Commence 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>WRESTLING</p> <p>BILLY JOYCE v. MASSAMBULA</p> <p>GENE RISCOE v. CARL DANE</p> <p>Jo Romeo CRITCHLEY v. Mike Don LEVY</p> <p>VI: HESSEL v. LES. KELLETT</p>	<p>WRESTLING</p> <p>Ritz Cinema, Matlock 1963</p> <p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th—7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JACKIE (MR. TV) PALLO</p> <p>BERT ROYAL</p> <p>Heavyweight Match Terry Downs (Buxton) v. Al Nicol (Nottingham)</p> <p>Heavyweight Match Jim Rawlings (Buxton) v. Frank O'Donnell (Buxton)</p> <p>HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION REG WILLIAMS (Buxton) Midland Area Champion</p> <p>ARTHUR RICARDO (Wigan) A good Wrestler</p>

Some unknown names on the first bill as far as I am concerned.



Peter

Hack

Looking at the Matlock Bath independent shows - October 3rd and 31st, November 16th all have well known names on the independent circuit at the time - Angus, Curry, O'Shea, Matu, Monster, Klondyke, Moser, Zulu, Armstrong. But then look at the December bill, a ladies match and six unknowns in support. Very odd.

Hack

It's fascinating how the independents with their lesser known names could compete, and often outdo Joint Promotions with their familiar names made famous by television. At Preston, where I watched, the Cape Promotion shows in the 1960s often seemed to have bigger crowds than the Norman Morrell shows. There were exceptions, of course, but in no way could the independents be said to be second class. Those independent bills at Matlock Baths have a Cape Promotions look, but very strange to have such an underwhelming bill in that first show.

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