

Ron Historyo goes where no man has been before

NOOKS AND CRANNIES

Barrow-In-Furness

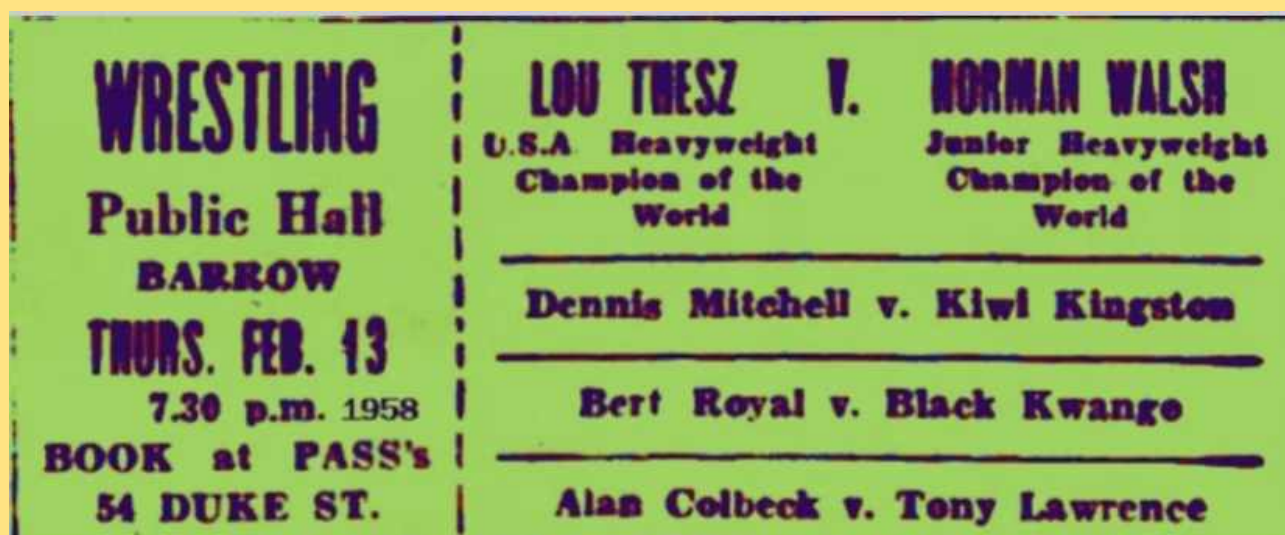
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RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Barrow, originally a Lancashire town made the transition to Cumbria. Relwyskow gave us a break and advertised that he promoted in Morecambe, Barrow and Carlisle. Not sure if he took over or was supplying wrestlers to William Little for his Carlisle shows. But what this told me was that he did not seem to be promoting in Workington or Whitehaven. Maybe I will find them another time.

Can I justify Barrow is a Nook and Crannie. Well I have passed by and looked down on the Rugby League town, but I don't recall us mentioning Barrow or having a member that way. Fleetwood and Morecambe threads brought our Heritage fans out so maybe finding Barrow will.

On another thread, I put this find. Truly some effort was being put into Barrow to put Thesz on here. Not that many towns were bestowed this honour.



My understanding is that the Public Hall was the old, small and original Town Hall, the later one a magnificent building, and the old Hall used for the public was a compact 800 seater. Relwyskow, I think got keen on wrestling here in late 1957. If you want history, I found Wrestling on with Boxing in 1931 at The Drill Hall.

Hard to believe that Billy Riley would take part in a match with Strangler Harris with Nose Pulling, Ear Twisting and Finger Biting to display All In Wrestling as a Violent Sport, when you consider the comedy here.

In the war and even the late 1940's they had some matches at the Strand Skating Rink. 1948 The Ghoul v Eric Day. and other years Vic Hesse, Jack Atherton, Cordite Conroy, Dave Armstrong and what looks like mainly Lancashire Wrestlers operated here. But from the Relwyskow era, I have picked out a few bills of note and will show some of what I collected later.

WRESTLING — PUBLIC HALL, BARROW
THURSDAY, JAN. 15 1959 7.30 p.m.

RENEE BEN CHEMOUL Welter and M.W. Champion of France	v. JIM DEMSEY World's W.W. Champion and Holder of late Mr. G. de Relwyskow's Belt
ALAN COLBECK Dewsbury, European W.W. Champion	v. JACK CUNNINGHAM S. Africa
ROBERT McDONALD	v. LES KELLETT British C.W. Champion
JIMMY DAULA Germany	v. BILLY JOYCE British H.W. Champion

BOOK at PASS's, Music Dept. 56 Duke St. Barrow Phone 189
Prices: 6/6, 5/6, 4/6, 3/6

Interesting that Demsey is Holder of the Relwyskow belt

Nearly everyone on the above a champion or billed from another county to project the international Flavour. And below and especially for Bernard, a Trilogy of Walsh/Marino grudge matches. Virtually pre TV it is looking like this combo was one of the top matches that money could buy at that time. Very high quality. Sorry that I will never be able to see one of these. Thinking maybe Rocco/Jones Quality.

WRESTLING — PUBLIC HALL, BARROW
THURSDAY, FEB. 12th 1959 — 7.30 p.m.

NORMAN WALSH v. MIKE MARINO
ARCHER O'BRIEN v. FRED WOOLLEY
ALAN COLBRECK v. ERIC WASBERG (France)
JOHNNY de SILVA (New Zealand) v. TERENCE RICARDO

Prices: 6/6 5/6, 4/6, 3/6
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★ **SUPER ALL-STAR WRESTLING** ★
Public Hall, Barrow, Thursday, April 9th 1959
£250 CHALLENGE MATCH

MIKE MARINO v. NORMAN WALSH
Bernard Murray (Bradford) v. Fred Woolley (Salford)
Archer O'Brien (Chelmsford) v. Joe Critchley (Wigan)
Ernie Riley (Wigan) v. Tony Vallon (Manchester)
See Billposter Adverts Prices: 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6
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ALL STAR WRESTLING
PUBLIC HALL, BARROW
THURSDAY, MAY 7th 1959

£250 Junior Heavyweight £250
aside Championship of the World aside

Title and Belt, Promoter's Purse, and Side Stake

NORMAN WALSH v. MIKE MARINO
(Holder) (Challenger)

Fifteen 5-minute Rounds

With Full Supporting Programme

BOOK AT PASS'S, DUKE ST., BARROW Phone 189
Prices for this show: 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6

And the following year Marino defending the World Title that he must have swapped and changed with Walsh several times over I bet.

<p>THURSDAY FEB. 25th 1960 7.30 p.m. PUBLIC HALL, BARROW ALL STAR WRESTLING RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS</p> <p>RETURN CONTEST FOR THE MID HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD. TITLE & BELT PROMOTERS PURSE & SIDE STAKE.</p> <p>MIKE MARINO v. JUDO AL HAYES <small>Champion Challenger</small> <small>The sporting public will remember their last contest here.</small></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>WELTER WEIGHT CLASH</td> <td>MIDDLE WEIGHT BOUT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alan Mickey <small>Huddersfield v.</small></td> <td>Alan Dennison <small>Denhalme v.</small></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ted Hannan <small>Dundee</small></td> <td>Arturo Martinelli <small>Manchester</small></td> </tr> </table> <p>INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT MATCH VITTORIO OCHOA v. GEOFF PORTZ <small>Spain South Africa</small> <small>Matchmaker: GEO. F. H. de RELWYSKOW</small> BOOKING OFFICE: PASS'S MUSIC STORE, DUKE ST.</p>	WELTER WEIGHT CLASH	MIDDLE WEIGHT BOUT	Alan Mickey <small>Huddersfield v.</small>	Alan Dennison <small>Denhalme v.</small>	Ted Hannan <small>Dundee</small>	Arturo Martinelli <small>Manchester</small>	<p>PUBLIC HALL — BARROW <small>RELWYSKOW and GREEN present</small> ALL STAR WRESTLING 7.30 p.m. Thursday January 14th. 7.30 p.m. <small>Mid. H.W. Champion of the World Title and Belt</small></p> <p>MIKE MARINO v. BILL ROBINSON <small>Champion Challenger</small></p> <p>Gomez Pizarro v. Bobby Graham <small>(Spain) (Sheffield)</small></p> <p>Cliff Belshaw v. Jim Dempsey <small>(Wigan) Welterweight Champ. (Wigan) ex-Welter Champ.</small></p> <p>ARCHER O'BRIEN v. Jack Cunningham <small>(Chelmsford) (South Africa)</small> <small>Match-maker: G. F. H. de RELWYSKOW</small> BOOK at PASS'S DUKE STREET, BARROW 1960</p>
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All for now, but more to display later.

Hack

For a small town and small hall Barrow was certainly fighting above it's weight. Possibly because in 1948 George DeRelwyskow and wife Elsie took over as licensees of the Concle Inn in Barrow.

I've only been to Barrow twice, both times over fifty years ago. The first time was for a wedding. Travelled in a car and it seemed like we were travelling to the end of the world. Second visit was, unknowingly, during Wakes Week and the place was deserted with everything shut. In those days Wakes Weeks in small Lancashire towns meant everything stopped - I remember buying newspapers from outside the closed newsagents and bread from a van outside the closed bread shop. At least the milkman still came.

bjh99

Thanks Ron. Very Intriguing.

4 Visits by Norman and 5 by Mike Marino in a short space of time.

It would have been easier for Norman to get there, but a longer trek for mike if he was coming from London.

They would have been old friends by the time that they finished. By the way Ron I did see them meet at Newcastle a couple of times.Both excellent wrestlers then.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Clearly Marino/Walsh went on at a lot of Halls. So many have come to light now..

Were they rough fights Bernard . How did both men come over.

Was it very aggressive or technical.

Like McManus Pallo..... Box Office.

I forgot to mention that Wrestling started in September and sometimes went to the first week of June with a summer break. It was generally fortnightly and roughly 16 shows a year. Mcmanus and Pallo visited, Scots v the Rest nights were popular and many top visitors went there. Bill Robinson was often on and in the days when he was not yet full heavy.

In my own experience it's a long way to get round that corner to Barrow. Used to give it a miss when I watched rugby because it was so time consuming. It may get judged as not as nice a place to draw people in as some of the great spots like Grange Over Sands and Cartmel. Still a long way after you exit the motorway at Milnthorpe. When I have been up that coast I gave it a miss. But I do know it's an important place, my brother-in-law worked there for a couple of years re roofing the submarine base.

ALL-STAR WRESTLING PUBLIC HALL, BARROW-IN-FURNESS Thursday, June 4th 1959. Doors open 6.45. Commence 7.30. Presented by RELWYSKOW & GREEN, Promotions Ltd. SENSATIONAL * PROGRAMME JUDO "AL" HAYES v. DON MENDOZA ALEX WENZIE v. BILL ROBINSON SMASHING WELTER-WEIGHT CONTEST (Eight 5 minute Rounds) JIM FOLEY (Lisak) v. JOE SMITHLEY (Wigan) TERRIFIC MIDP. HEAVY-WEIGHT GLASH (Eight 5 minute Rounds) EMIL POILVE v. VIC STEWART Prices of Admission: 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-. 54 DUKE STREET, BARROW-IN-FURNESS. Phone 189. Booking Office: PASS'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT.	RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS LTD. PRESENT WRESTLING AT PUBLIC HALL, BARROW Thurs., Nov. 5th, 7.30 p.m. SENSATIONAL TOP OF THE BILL CONTEST The Great Jacob Grobbs v. Ray Napalitano Liden - Holland Ex British citizen now USA resident. Alan Nicker v. Deen Stockton Bernard Murray v. Tony Vallon Mick McManus v. Tommy Mann BOOK AT: PASS'S MUSIC STORE, 54 DUKE ST. BARROW. PHONE 7186. 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- ALL SEATS BOOKABLE.	Thurs., Nov. 19 1959 Thurs., Nov. 19 PUBLIC HALL, BARROW ALL STAR WRESTLING HEAVY WEIGHT CONTEST TEN 5min. ROUNDS. BILL TWO RIVERS v. BILLY BOWEN Full blooded Red Indian v. Bristol. Eight 5min. Rounds ARURO MARTINELLI v. FERNAND BAWIN Manchester v. Belgium CLIFF BELSHAW v. TONY ZALE Wigan v. Southport. FINAL ELIMINATING CONTEST FOR MIKE MARINO'S BELT JUDG. ALL HAYES v. BILL ROBINSON Westminster v. Manchester. 1/2 5min. Rounds. MATCHMAKER: G. F. H. de RELWYSKOW. Phone 31/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-. BOOK AT PASS'S DUKE STREET, BARROW.
PUBLIC HALL — BARROW-IN-FURNESS * ALL-STAR WRESTLING * THURSDAY, APRIL 14th 1960 DOORS OPEN 6.15 p.m. COMMENCE 7.30 p.m. RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS STUPENDOUS ATTRACTION SCOTLAND v. ENGLAND 16-5 minute Rounds IAN CAMPBELL v. TONY MANCELLI Sant. Heavyweight Champ. v. Sant. Southern Heavyweight Champ. (Lisak) 8-5 minute Rounds CHICK PURVEY v. MONTY SWANN Middleweight Champ. (Gundee) v. Strong and Bristle (Bhamam Port) 8-5 minute Rounds TED HANNAN v. JIM FOLEY Welterweight Champ. v. Outlander for W.M. honors (Lisak) 16-5 minute Rounds CLAYTON THOMPSON v. TONY ZALE Light Heavyweight Champ. v. Great round contest in Europe (Southport) MATCHMAKER: G. F. H. de RELWYSKOW. BOOK AT PASS'S DUKE ST. BARROW. Prices: 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-.	PUBLIC HALL THURSDAY, JUNE 18th 1959 CLOSE OF THE SEASON Fabulous All-Star Programme MIKE MARINO v. JUDO AL HAYES NORMAN WALSH v. FARMER JOHN ALLAN BY PUBLIC REQUEST BERT ROYAL v. CHIC PURVEY SPECIAL BLACK v. WHITE CONTEST BLACK KWANCO v. TOMMY MANN Matchmaker: G. F. H. de Relwyskow Retired Undefeated British Empire Champion	RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS. PRESENTS WRESTLING — PUBLIC HALL, BARROW THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th 7.30 p.m. 1959 GREAT INTERNATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT International Team v. British Team Luis Gonseso Menjara v. Alf Gadmian Spain, Ex. M.W. champion v. Stockport Antonio Gasulla Lucan v. Al Nicol Spanish W.W. champion v. Notts. Fernand Bawin v. Tony Vallon Belgium W.W. champion Two highest points winners on each side will compete in TAG Team Tournament, same evening. 2nd HALF OF PROGRAMME TAG TEAM TOURNAMENT INT. SIDE v. BRITISH SIDE Book at: PASS'S MUSIC DEPT. 54 Duke Street. Phone 189. Prices: 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-.

Anglo Italian

Just an aside, after we have been discussing Harry Fields all week. I see here in Barrow that Alan Colbeck was billed from Dewsbury, as was Harry. You'd have to think there was an important connection.

Ron, you mention Walsh v Marino as being box office à la Pallo v McManus. Isn't it more a case of Logan v Kellett or Colbeck v McManus? Two buddies putting on their show all around the place? All the while concealing that they were wrestling each other up to three times a week. Never a mention of the regularity of their bouts in the literature.

Pallo v McManus was much more of a rarity because fans knew, through tv and programme publicity, that it was a real feud. And it was indeed box office.

So I am asking you what makes you believe it was such box office? Was there some kind of ongoing story or feud that fans could lock into? Or was it box office just because of the toing and froing of the belt?

Judging by all your comments about access to Barrow, it would have been an ideal secluded spot for promoters to get up to all kinds of naughtiness.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Walsh/ Marino just comes across to me as a huge rivalry before it could be captured on tv. Yes of course there were others. I think what jumps out for me is it's always to do with the World Title. When you bring that into it, it is a massive selling point for the promoters. Indeed, I am asking Bernard, were they exciting, or was the World Title the best way that the Promoters could sell it.

Just been looking at George Rel. he was married in Barrow in 1937 and certainly living there in 1950. he was a member of Furness Motor Club and drove his Triumph in Motor Trials, frequently making the papers. There is mention that he had a wrestling Field, who knows maybe at the pub. Relwyskow and Green was registered in Leeds where George owned a Coach business. He died there.

Rel and Green applied for the Public Hall in Barrow for wrestling in the autumn of 1957 and quickly got approval. Now we know that Wrestling in this Nook and Crannie was a cert. I only wonder why it took so long to get it going. No doubt due to bigger shows Thursdays was chosen to do the shows. ironically that was the same day as at Morecambe. At this time Carlisle was Mondays fronted by William Little.

Enjoy some from 1960/61

<p>PUBLIC HALL, BARROW-IN-FURNESS ALL-STAR WRESTLING 1960 Thursday, April 28th. Commence 7.30 p.m. GREAT PROGRAMME: H.W. THRILLER TEN 5min. ROUNDS THE MASK? v. TIBOR SZAKCAS (Hungary) W.W. CONTEST EIGHT 5min. ROUNDS. CLIFF BELSHAW v. JOE CRITCHLEY (Wigan W.W. Champion) (Newtown) CATCH WEIGHT CONTEST Eight 5min. Rounds BERT ROYAL (Bolton) v. MID H.W. BOUT BILL HOWES (Bristol) v. ALEX WENZLE (Germany) MATCHMAKER: G. F. H. de RELWYSKOW Prices: 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- Book at Pass's Duke Street.</p>	<p>THURSDAY MARCH 10 Commence 7.30 p.m. HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST THE MASK? v. PEDRO BENGEOCHEA 10-5min. ROUNDS Jack Cunningham South Africa Mick McManus London Tommy Mann Manchester Inca Peruano Basin LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT THRILLER Vittorio Ochoa v. Seamus Donleavy 10-5min. ROUNDS MATCHMAKER: G. F. H. de RELWYSKOW Prices: 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- Book at Pass's Duke Street 1960</p>	<p>THURSDAY MARCH 10th 7.30 p.m. 1960 PUBLIC HALL ALL STAR WRESTLING RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS BOOK AT PASS'S DUKE STREET. ANOTHER STUPENDOUS PROGRAMME HEAVY WEIGHT CONTEST (10. 5min. rounds) BILLY TWO RIVERS Red Indian Wrestler v. TV Star TONY MANCELLI London, Anglo-Italian, Southern Heavy Weight Champion. STEFAN MILLA v. AL. NICHOL Liverpool (8. 5min. rounds) Nottingham (8. 5min. rounds) VIC STEWART v. ERIC TAYLOR Manchester v. Bradford v. ENRICO MARQUES v. BILL ROBINSON Basin L.N. Star</p>
<p>PUBLIC HALL, BARROW THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th. Commence 7.30 p.m. ALL STAR WRESTLING PRESENTED BY RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS LTD. STUPENDOUS ATTRACTION SCOTLAND v. THE REST IAN CAMPBELL, Scots. H.W. Champion, Fifehire. v. GORDON NELSON, H.W. Champion of Canada. CLAYTON THOMPSON, Scots. L.H.W. Chamlo., Glasco. v. ALF GADMAN, English leading H.W., Stoc. CHICK PURVEY, Scots. W.W. Champion, Dun... v. BRIAN BURKE, Clever and scientific, Wigan. ROBERT McDONALD, Popular Scots. H.W., Stornaway. v. ERIC TAYLOR, British H.W.W. Champion, Bradford. MATCHMAKER: G. F. H. de RELWYSKOW. ADMISSION: 7/-, 5/6, 4/6, 3/6. BOOK AT PASS'S MUSIC DEPT. DUKE STREET. (Tel. 188).</p>	<p>All Star Wrestling Public Hall Barrow-in-Furness Commence 7.30 p.m. Thursday, March 23 1961 RELWYSKOW AND GREEN PROMOTIONS LTD. Heavyweight Contest—10 five-minute rounds. BILLY TWO RIVERS (Canada) v. JOHN ALLAN (Halifax) Welterweight Contest—8 five-minute rounds. TED HANNAN (Dundee) v. MICHAEL GALE (Doncaster) Heavyweight Clash—10 five-minute rounds. JOHN LEES (Stalybridge) v. ALBERT WALLS (Doncaster) Heavyweight Thriller—10 five-minute rounds. MASAMBULA (African Witch Doctor) v. REG WILLIAMS (Birmingham) BOOK AT PASS'S, BARROW — 7/-, 5/6, 4/6, 3/6.</p>	<p>ALL-STAR WRESTLING PUBLIC HALL BARROW COMMENCE 7.30 p.m. Thursday, October 26th RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS LTD. 1961 H.W. CONTEST, 8. 5min. Rounds HINO BRAYO (Canada) v. DOUG JOYCE (Rushden) H.W. CONTEST & 5min. Rounds. CHIEF MERETANA (New Zealand) v. BILL HOWES (Bristol) H.W. MATCH & 5min. Rounds. JULIAN MAURICE (France) v. CHIC PURVEY (Scotland) 5/5 ASIDE FIGHT TO A FINISH. NO ROUNDS ERNIE RILEY (champion) v. BOBBY GRAHAM (challenger) PRICES: 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6. BOOK AT PASS'S, DUKE STREET. 'PHONE BARROW 136.</p>

Anglo Italian

Sure, the world title makes it sexy.

Great bills, there 1960/61 with McManus still in a support bout and Robinson still light-heavyweight. Plenty of proper foreigners making it all the way to Barrow, too. Maybe G del Rel could offer hospitality there.

bjh99

Hi All. Walsh v Marino were generally good technical fights. Because of my interest in Norman, I always thought he was the better wrestler because he was more aggressive than Marino.

I never thought that he would lose to Marino, but of course I now know that this was at Newcastle and there would be stadiums where Marino would hold sway.

To answer one query. I think that these two drew good crowds because they were the two top wrestlers in that weight category at the time. Of similar ability and also there was often a title defence thrown in.

Bkendo1

Was Eric said milkman sorry couldn't resist.im puzzled now unless I made a mistake more than likely but in a date book iv got Barrow as a Wryton in 1973

Hack

bkendo, Are you referring to our superstar of Leyland wrestling? He's always worth a mention.

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bkendo1

Yeah of course Hack, I've got lots of contradictory info on date books like dates in Barrow for Wryton and also morrells in Morecambe at the winter gardens. Eric the bad boy milkman triggers the farm connection even Lawrence Arthur Wright was of Cheshire farming stock ,hence the gym in sandbach

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Don't know about the 1970's, could have gone to Wryton. I don't think anyone has any Barrow posters, again could be wrong but I don't think Even Ray Plunkett had these Barrow bills. The last I have thus far is 1963, here are some

Bruno was here, White Angel, Wall v Two Rivers (wonder if Albert went over)
Two more visits from Pallo.

ALL-STAR WRESTLING  **PUBLIC HALL, BARROW**

Thursday, February 28th 1963 Commence 7.30 p.m.

RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS LTD

OUTSTANDING PROGRAMME


H.W. CONTEST, 10—5 min. ROUNDS.
THE WHITE ANGEL (Europe) v. JIM HUSSEY (Manchester)

M.W. CONTEST, 8—5 min. ROUNDS.
AL NICOL (Nottingham) v. MICK McMICHAEL (Doncaster)

W.W. CONTEST, 8—5 min. ROUNDS.
TERRY DOWNS (Manchester) v. JEFF KAYE (Hull)

H.W. MATCH, 10—5 min. ROUNDS.
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PRICES: 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6.
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ALL-STAR WRESTLING  **PUBLIC HALL, BARROW**

Thursday, June 6th 1963 Commence 7.30 p.m.

RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS

SPECIAL HOLIDAY WEEK ATTRACTION
LAST SHOW THIS SERIES


MID. W. CONTEST, 12—5 min. ROUNDS.
JACKIE "T.V." PALLO (London) v. BERT ROYAL (Bolton)

CATCH W. CONTEST, 8—5 min. ROUNDS.
LES KELLETT (Denholme) v. PAUL LUTY (Leeds)

MID. H.W. CONTEST, 8—5 min. ROUNDS.
BILL RAWLINGS (Dewsbury) v. BARRY DOUGLAS (Leeds)

MID. H.W. CONTEST, 10—5 min. ROUNDS.
THE GREAT MASAMBULA (West Africa) v. BOB SWEENEY (Halifax)

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ALL-STAR WRESTLING  **PUBLIC HALL, BARROW**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3rd 1963 Commence 7.30 p.m.

RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS

SUPER PROGRAMME


H.W. BOUT 10—5 min. rounds
BILLY TWO RIVERS v. ALBERT WALLS (Doncaster)

L.H.W. CONTEST 8—5 min. rounds
JIM RAWLINGS v. LEE SHARON (Dewsbury) (Hullion)

CATCH WEIGHT BOUT 8—5 min. rounds.
ROY ST. CLAIR v. LES KELLETT (Corwall) (Denholme)

MID H.W. CONTEST 8—5 min. rounds
HENRI PIERLOTE v. BARRY DOUGLAS (Manchester) (Leeds)

MATCHMAKER — GEO. DE RELWYSKOW
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ALL-STAR WRESTLING  **PUBLIC HALL, BARROW**

Thursday, October 17th 1963 Commence 7.30 p.m.

RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS


H.W. CHALLENGE CONTEST
REG BRUNO ELINGTON (Purismouth, 6 ft. 6 in., 185 lb.) v. BILLY JOYCE (Wigan, H.W. Champion)

H.W. CONTEST
BARRY CANNON (Bradford) v. TOM JOWETT (Leeds)

H.W. TRIPLER
IAN CAMPRELL (Mr. Scotland) v. JIM ARMSTRONG (Leeds)

H. MID. W. BOUT
DON BRANCH (Bradford) v. GERRY HOGAN (Blackpool)

PRICES: 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, & 7/6.
BOOK AT: WILLIE HORNE'S SPORTS OUTFITTERS, PAXTON TERRACE, BARROW. PHONE 750.

ALL-STAR WRESTLING  **PUBLIC HALL, BARROW**

Thursday, May 9th 1963. Commence 7.30 p.m.

RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS.

ALL STAR PROGRAMME


H.W. CONTEST, 10—5 min. ROUNDS.
DENNIS MITCHELL (Bradford) v. JAN KOVACS (a wrestler with great experience) (H.W. Champ. Hungary)

M.W. CONTEST, 10—5 min. ROUNDS.
JACKIE "T.V." PALLO v. TOMMY MANN (Southern M.W. Champ.) (World M.W. Champ.)

L.H.W. CONTEST, 8—5 min. ROUNDS.
JOHN BODGSON (Bradford) v. MONTY SWANN (Ellesmere Port)

M.W. CONTEST, 10—5 min. ROUNDS
CHICK FURVEY v. ALAN DENNISON (Scots M.W. Champ., Dundee) (Denholme)

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ALL-STAR WRESTLING  **PUBLIC HALL, BARROW**

Thursday, February 14th 1963 Commence 7.30 p.m.

RELWYSKOW & GREEN PROMOTIONS LTD.

SENSATIONAL ATTRACTIONS

H.W. CONTEST, 10—5 min. Rounds.
WILHELM HALL (South Africa) v. DENNIS MITCHEL (Bradford)

SUPER L.W. CONTEST, 8—5 min. Rounds.
BERNARD MURRAY (Bradford) v. BARRY RHODES (Bradford) AN EXCITING MATCH

CATCH WEIGHT MATCH, 8—5 min. Rounds.
STEVE BELL (Wirral) v. JIM CROSSERT (York)

SPECIAL L.H.W. CHALLENGE MATCH, 8—5 min. Rounds.
JOSEPH MOLNAR v. ERNIE RILEY (Hungary Olympic coach) (Wigan, British Champion)

PRICES: 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6.
BOOK AT WILLIE HORNE'S, SPORTS OUTFITTERS, BARROW 750.

bkendo1

Public Hall was a known lively hall, known for jumpers,

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Just had a look at the Barrow connection. George Relwyskow married Elsie Lawrie there in 1937. Yes Elsie was born there.(1918) Here father William Lawrie was also born Barrow and had worked in Engineering, but in 1921 he was an Invalid (age 40) That year he died. Elsie Lawrie's Mother had been Jane Banister and whilst her husband was an invalid, she had took on a boarding house in Church Street that could accommodate 10 guests. After his death in 1921 Jane remarried (1923) and became Bailey. I find her again in 1939 in charge of The Concle Inn.

George Rel and Elsie (Lawrie) must have took over the pub at some point, it was in the family. It's situated at Rampside and there are plenty of pictures on the web. Lots of land there at the back and I suspect the Inn could have put up wrestlers or maybe the Relwyskow family had other properties there.

The Concle was the staring point for Motor Rally's that George took part in. Without a doubt the connection with the town of Barrow brought the wrestling there. In a Nutshell Barrow was the home town of Elsie De Relwyskow. I also have found out that the council had recently approved a Caravan Site at the rear of The Concle Inn for workers who came in to Barrow and in 1961 they were reviewing it. However I think by this time the Relwyskows had already moved on.

Anglo Italian

Outstanding research Ron, the irony of such depth being that they went on to be synonymous with the east coast and Yorkshire.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Thanks Anglo, it shows there is always something new to be found. Very different, I have something else to show you.

Coming from the south of the county (Lancashire at that time) Barrow truly was a difficult Journey. What I see above makes me wonder about a stop off on the way back from Scotland.

So we have 11th, 12th, 14 April 1960.

Look at Foley and Mancelli. They are in Hamilton slightly south of Glasgow. The next day they are in Aberdeen, well over 100 miles. I conclude that they did not wrestle on the 13th because just to travel from Aberdeen to Barrow was about 320 miles and I bet they were too tired to do the Barrow show without the rest day.

Typically some wrestlers went Barrow to Yorkshire next.

Mask and Stockton did Hamilton to Aberdeen but did not do Barrow. Foley/Mancelli, an unexpected combo must have traveled together, I assume by car, but who knows, maybe trains.

Anglo Italian

I think you're onto something there, Ron.

Barrow was some kind of hub. And I imagine because Relwyskow could provide accommodation for the troupe. I believe this to be true because we know for a fact that he would put up visiting foreigners in his home. Didn't Enrique Shubasco live with him for a year?

So the Relwyskow home town is elevated to major wrestling centre. And why not! For sure there was a show somewhere on Wednesday 13th.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

In Ray's index there is nothing for 13th anywhere near, which does not mean that there was no Relwyskow show, just saying.

It was 55 miles just to get to Kendal and on the way north again or across to Yorkshire. It does not look like the family were interested in Workington or Whitehaven or even Seascale. No Motorways, probably at least two hours to Carlisle. Maybe best part of 2 hours to get to the A6 for north or south.

Truly in a tight spot on the north of Morecambe Bay.

It would seem the main reasons must be the hometown of Mrs Elsie Relwyskow and a large enough town to get a profitable audience. And yes, there may have been some accommodation thrown in too.

Nice little piece of history, it only took 65 year to unravel

Hack

May 11

16 September 1965 and it was sabotage. Well, sabotage was what independent promoter Norman Berry claimed when fans left the Twentieth Century wrestling show at Barrow Public Hall and headed round to the police station to claim they had been duped. The cause of their complaint was that a ladies match between Mitzi Mueller and Pauline Ash was replaced by a contest between Jim O'Malley and Shirley Crabtree. I've been to a good few independent shows and there could be a lot worse to complain about. The match ended with a Crabtree win in the second round. Berry said that a few fans wanted to sabotage his shows because Twentieth Century were now promoting alongside Relwyskow and Green. The police said this was a civil matter and they could not get involved.

The Ost

Thanks for this Ron. Interesting to see what other towns ran on the same night. I believe Kirkcaldy was a R&G town and that was one. Depending on the matchmaker's pencil you could go a long way in either direction.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

You would think R and G for most of Scotland, but I don't quite understand the connection with Jack Owens using Morrell wrestlers here in 1960.



RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

John Lister did pick this one up for his ITV site (In fact he has most of them now)
Yes the Public Hall Wrestling made TV.

Only the first bout made it and this Saturday show was only two days after one on Thursday the 7th June.



The Ost

Have thought for a while that scheduling the TV bouts must have been tricky at times.

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