

# Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

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## Purley

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# WRESTLING

THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY

<p>★ TWO GREAT TOURNAMENTS ★ Tues Nov 25 at 8 o'clock and every Tuesday</p> <p>SPECIAL H.WT. CONTEST DENNIS <b>MITCHELL</b> BRADFORD FRANCIS ST. CLAIR <b>GREGORY</b> CORNWALL</p> <p>Wester-Weight Match <b>Tony Charles v. O'Donnel</b></p> <p>Light Heavy-Weight Clash KARL VON BERT <b>CRAMM v. ROYAL</b></p> <p>Heavy-Weight Contest <b>TONY MANCELLI</b> <b>DAULA SINGH</b></p>	<p>Sat Nov 29 at 3.15 Special TV prog.</p> <p>HEAVY-WT. CONTEST BILLY <b>JOYCE</b> £500 CHALLENGE ANY H.WT. GWYNE <b>DAVIES</b> WALES</p> <p>Wester-Weight Match <b>Stefan Milla v. McManus</b></p> <p>Light Heavy-Weight Match JEAN BERT <b>MORANDI v. ROYAL</b></p> <p>Light Heavy-Weight Match INCA GORI ED <b>PERUANO v. MANGOTICH</b></p> <p>ON A.T.V. TELEVISION BETWEEN 3.40 and 4.30</p>
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PATRONS ON TUESDAY, NOV. 25, WILL BE GIVEN A FREE VOUCHER FOR THE TELEVISION TOURNAMENT

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In the late 1950's ITV Wrestling was picking up momentum. Still very early days but in 1958 wrestling was televised from the Orchid Ballroom. Don't remember this venue being mentioned in later years. I have found a newspaper bill from this occasion contrasting with John Listers index which I think the TV Times may have been the

<https://www.itvwrestling.co.uk/58.html>

The following year there were more TV shows there.

The advertising was used to try and get people to come to the show so that they may see themselves on TV.

<https://www.itvwrestling.co.uk/59.html>

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★ TWO GREAT TOURNAMENTS ★

Tues. next Feb. 17 at 8 o'clock and every Tues.

International M Weight Clash presenting the Gigantic BIG

**BILL VERNA**  
AUSTRALIAN MAN MOUNTAIN

DAVID **ARMSTRONG**  
NEWCASTLE

Walter-Weight Match  
MICK JACK  
**McMANUS v. CUNNINGHAM**

Lt. Heavy-Weight Clash  
TONY STEVE  
**VALLON v. LOGAN**

International M Weight Contest

**JACK O'REILLY**  
PORTLAND, OREGON, U.S.A.

**JOE CORNELIUS**  
DAZZLING LONDON STAR

Sat Feb 21 at 3.15  
Special TV prog.

Hungary v. Australia Clash introducing The Olympic Games Star

**JOSEF KOVACS**  
Hungarian M/Wght. Champion

**BIG BILL VERNA**  
PERTH, AUSTRALIA

Walter-Weight Match  
JACKIE BRIAN  
**PALLO v. BURKE**

Catch-Weight Clash  
ARMER GLIFF  
**O'BRIEN v. BEAUMONT**

Anglo-German M/Wght. Clash

**AXEL DIETER**  
BERLIN

**BILL HOWES**  
BRISTOL

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Tues. Next Mar. 24 at 8 o'clock and Every Tuesday

International M Wt. Clash PRESENTING

**ISKA KHAN**  
THE FABULOUS MONGOLIAN

**RAY HUNTER**  
THE TASMANIAN GIANT

Heavyweight Contest  
JOHN YIG  
**YEARSLEY v. HASSELLE**  
CARDIFF BOLTON

International Clash  
THE GREAT  
**NCA**  
PERU

Heavyweight Match  
JOHN DA SILVA  
ZEALAND

KID BILL  
**PITMAN**  
GLASGOW

ROBINSON  
GLASGOW

Easter Mon. Mar. 30 at 3.15  
Special T.V. Programme

Anglo-Italian M/Wt. Match

**MIKE MARINO**  
WRESTLING'S GOLDEN BOY

**DENNIS MITCHELL**  
BRADFORD

Walterweight Contest  
CHICK JOHN  
**PURVEY v. FOLLEY**  
DUNDEE WIGAN

International Catch Wt. Clash  
THE GREAT TONY  
**INCA v. VALLON**  
PERU MANCHESTER

Heavyweight Contest  
**DAVID ARMSTRONG**  
NEWCASTLE

**BILLY JOYCE**  
WIGAN

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I found a couple more bills which are the earliest I have ever found with "Local Boy" Bobby Barnes on.

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# WRESTLING

THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY

Doors Open 7 o'clock | TUES. NEXT JUNE 17 & Every TUES. | Commences 8 o'clock

A Sensational Commonwealth Heavyweight Contest  
The Turbulent The Outstanding Springbok Athletic

**Alan GARFIELD v. Geoff PORTZ**  
Sydney, Australia Johannesburg

An Ultra Special Heavyweight Contest

**Joe CORNELIUS v. Arthur BEAUMONT**  
Bermondsey Wigan

A Walterweight Contest  
Jack Bobby  
**CUNNINGHAM v. BARNES**  
South Africa Sidcup

A Walterweight Contest  
Bob Archer Len  
**O'BRIEN v. WILDING**  
Chelmsford Brixton

A Sensational International Heavyweight Contest  
Royal Albert Hall Tournament Winner The New Indian Sensation

**Tiber SZAKACS v. Daula SINGH**  
Budapest Punjab

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Doors Open 7 o'clock | TUES. NEXT JULY 8 & Every TUES. | Commences 8 o'clock

A Sensational "Battle of Giants"  
The Harringay 1957 All Nations Tournament Winner The 21 Stone Australian "Man Mountain"

**Ray Hunter v. Big Bill Verna**  
Hobart, Tasmania Perth, Australia

An Outstanding Light-Heavyweight Contest A Walterweight Contest  
**Harry Fields v. Arthur Fisher** **Bobby Barnes v. Eric Sands**  
Dewsbury Ebbw Vale

A Sensational Light-Heavyweight Contest

**LES KELLETT v. STEVE LOGAN**  
Bradford Walsworth

An Outstanding Anglo-American Heavyweight Contest  
The Southern Area Champion The Yankee "Globetrotter"

**TONY MANCELLI v. BUDDY CODY**  
Blackfriars Dallas, U.S.A.

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**The Ost**

Thanks for these Ron. I have a few handbills from this venue.

**Anglo Italian**

COME AND BE TELEVISED remained the slogan well into the seventies. The likelihood of being recognisable was 1%, unless you were a Duchess. So much to pore over there, Ron, especially the timings.

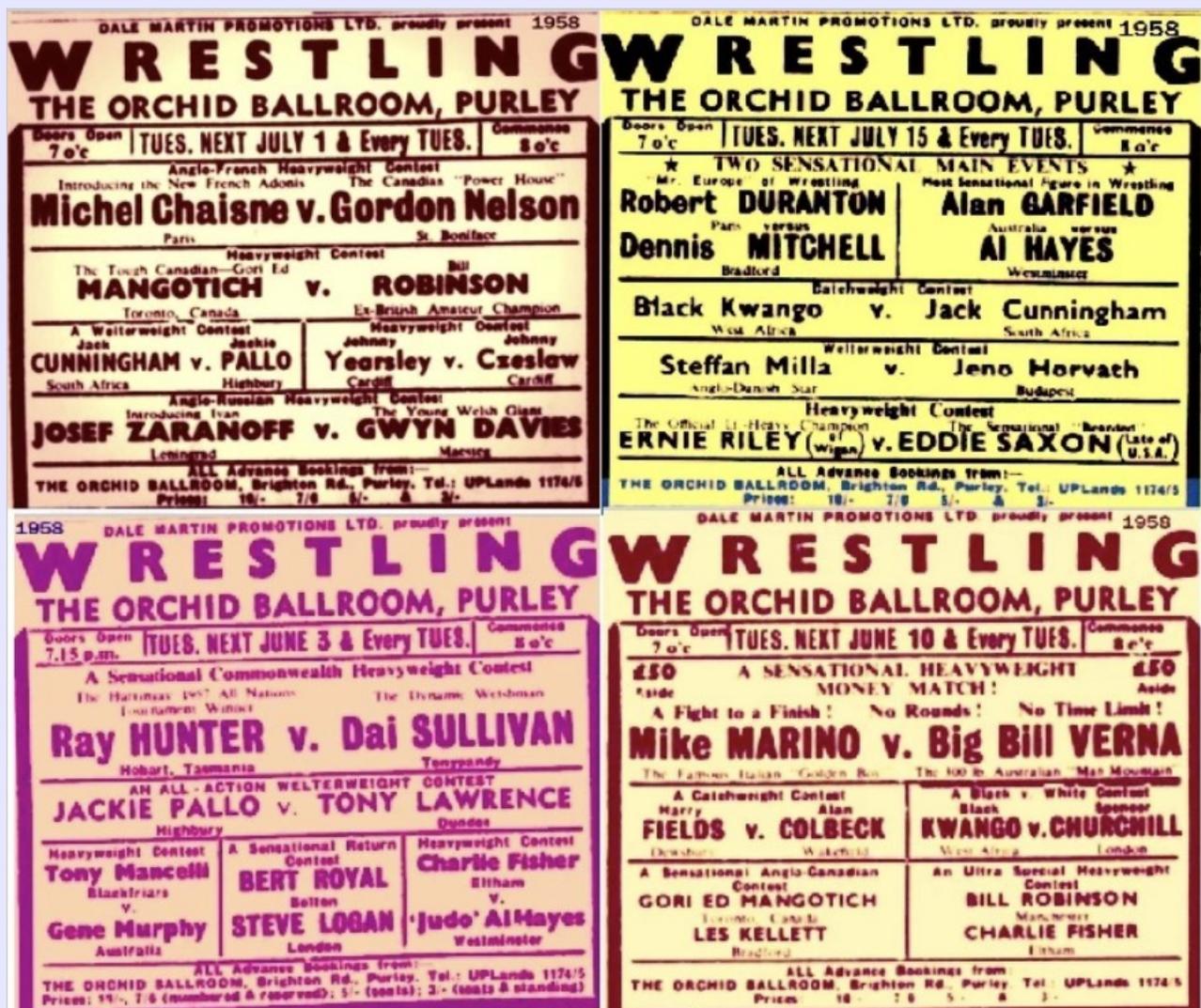
Inca on two of the three tv bills! A final outing for Kid Pitman? And Bill Robinson still right down the bill in 1959.

So clever how they nurtured a full tv crowd via coupons.

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

A few years later and Top of the Pops was the place to get seen on. Even George Best was caught on film on the dance floor there. I had a cousin always there and she auditioned for Pans People when they put that together.

Enjoy some of Purley 1958. Dale Martins did manage to get plenty of Northerners down to keep a fresh look to the Roster.



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Doors Open 7 o'clock | **TUES. NEXT JUNE 24 & Every TUES.** | Commence 8 o'clock

**INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING AT ITS BEST!**  
A Dynamic Heavyweight Contest  
The Dynamic Local Favourite The Fighting Welshman

**Mike MARINO v. Dai SULLIVAN**  
The Popular Anglo-Italian Star | Tyneside

**Tommy MANN v. Frank O'DONNELL**  
Anglo-Irish | Manchester | Eborac

Light-Weight Contest <b>STEVE LOGAN</b> London v. <b>ERIC TAYLOR</b> Bradford	Anglo-American Heavyweight Contest The One and Only <b>Charlie FISHER</b> Ebbw Vale v. <b>Buddy CODY</b> Dallas, U.S.A.	Official British Light-Heavy Champion <b>Ernie RILEY</b> Wigan v. <b>Bert ROYAL</b> The Phenomenal Luton
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# WRESTLING

THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY

Doors Open 7 o'clock | **TUES. NEXT MAY 13 & Every TUES.** | Commence 7.45

**8 OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS 8**

**SENSATIONAL HEAVY-WEIGHT, K.O. TOURNAMENT**  
PRELIMINARIES, SEMI-FINALS & FINAL All on this One Great Night!

<b>MIKE MARINO</b> ITALY	<b>GORDON NELSON</b> CANADA	<b>NORMAN WALSH</b> MIDDLESBROUGH
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A Special welterweight Contest **CHW Beaumont v. Jackie Palle**

<b>MILU POPOCOPOLIS</b> GREECE	<b>ZENO PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHY</b>	<b>ERNIE "KIWI" KINGSTON</b> NEW ZEALAND
<b>JOHNNY CZESLAW</b> POLAND	<b>CHARLIE FISHER</b> LONDON	<b>GEFF PORTZ</b> SOUTH AFRICA

Tickets and Bookings available from P.M.A. Ltd. (Purley Leisure Coaches) 6 Banstead Rd., Purley, Surrey. Tel: UPLands 9873 & 6156

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Numbered and Reserved Seats and Standing

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THE ORCHID BALLROOM, PURLEY

Doors Open 7.00 p.m. | **TUES. MAY 20 & Every TUES.** | Commence 7.45 p.m.

**A SENSATIONAL ANGLO-ITALIAN HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST**  
The Official Heavyweight Champion of Italy The HARRISWAY 1957 All Nations Tournament Winner

**MARIO MATASSA v. RAY HUNTER**  
GENOVA | TASMANIA

**A SENSATIONAL BLACK v. WHITE HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST**  
**MASAMBULA v. Billy JOYCE**  
The African "Eitahoster" GHANA | WIGAN

**A Black v. White Contest**  
**BLACK KWANGO v. STEFFAN MILLA**  
West Africa | An Anglo-Danish Contest  
Wigan | Steffan Milla

**A SENSATIONAL LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST**  
The Phenomenal The "Iron-Man"  
**BERT ROYAL v. STEVE LOGAN**  
BOLTON | LONDON

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**An Outstanding Italian v. Australian Heavyweight Clash**

**Mike MARINO v. Big Bill VERNA**  
Winner of the Record H-Weight Tournament at this arena | 22 st. Australian Giant

Welter Wt. Clash <b>Mick McMANUS</b> New Cross, London v. <b>AL NICHOLS</b> Nottingham	Light Heavy-Wt. Clash <b>SPENCER CHURCHILL</b> Famous Physical Culturist v. <b>DOUG JOYCE</b> Rushden	Special Welter Classic <b>STEFFAN MILLA</b> Anglo-Danish Star v. <b>Archer O'BRIEN</b> Chelmsford
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**Extra Special Hungarian v. Welsh Heavyweight Contest**  
**TIBOR SZAKACS v. GWYN DAVIES**  
The Great Star from Budapest | Maelor, Wales

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mitchel.steve454

Off the wrestling theme, a very old friend of mine told me The Orchid and Wimbledon Palais were really posh!

Any memories?

big\_al\_hibbert

Ha Ha, Steve if you "eard" me talk it's the last thing you would call me posh.

Working class.

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Some great bills there.

## **Hack**

48 years is nothing to apologise for. We should all calendarise 2023 for a Heritage celebration.

I was interested to see Dale Martin offering free tickets for the TV show. About 15 years ago I told of Morrell giving free tickets for TV shows.

My sanity was challenged. A tradition that has continued to this day.

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