

THEATRE ROYAL HANLEY HISTORY

The History of the Theatre by Stewart Green ©

1894 THEATRE ROYAL HANLEY

The Theatre Royal started life as a Primitive Methodist Chapel in 1841 when it was converted into a theatre by Mr Elphinstone. Originally called the “**People’s Hall**” it was later renamed the “**Potteries Royal Theatre**” owned by the “Potteries Theatres Ltd” under the management of Mr Albert Blmer. The building only survived in this format until 1870 when it was demolished. The first brick of the new theatre was laid in 1870 and within the year “The Theatre Royal” opened in 1871.

In 1875 new developments were funded by licensee Mr Windley who knocked down cottages in Pall Mall to make way for a new entrance and the larger theatre which spilled over into the Brunswick Street area.

In 1888 the building was enlarged but it was still not large enough for the number of patrons who wanted to visit the theatre and soon well-known theatre designer Frank Matcham was asked to design a new 2,600 seat building.

On the 6 August 1894 the Frank Matcham theatre was opened

Marie Lloyd, Hetty King, George Elliot and Gertie Gitana (Hanley Entertainer) all appeared at the theatre.

An article in the Crewe Chronicle 1 August 1908 announced that Mr Dudley Bennett had taken over the Lyceum theatre in Crewe and had installed Mr Howard as his resident manager. He had previously managed the Royal in Hanley, Hippodrome Eastbourne, and the Eden, Brighton.

Mr John Walshaw managed the theatre Royal Hanley from 1932 to 1938. He had previously managed the Keighley Hippodrome (1918- 1932), and theatres in Hull and Chesterfield. He then went on to manage the Theatre in Crewe.

Between the 17 - 22 April 1933 the entertainer George Formby Jnr (Ukulele) appeared at the Theatre Royal Hanley this week. In 1934 he would make his first film "Boots! Boots!"

The week of the 15-20 May 1933 the entertainer Will Fyffe (Comedian) appeared at the Theatre Royal Hanley.

The now legendary Laurel and Hardy appeared at the Theatre Royal Hanley on the 31 March 1952 as part of their one and only UK Tour.

In 1934 a small fire caused damage to the Matcham theatre but on the 2 June 1949 at 5am a fire ripped through the building destroying it completely.

On the 14 August 1951 a new building was opened with Amile Littler's production of “Annie Get your Gun” starring Annette MacDonald, but after poor attendance it was sold 10 years later to MECCA Bingo halls.

27 Oct 1958 Tony Hancock appeared at the Theatre Royal, Hanley for the week.

In 1980 it closed as a Bingo hall. 18 months later in August 1982 it was opened by local Theatre enthusiasts under the company name “Theatre Royal Restoration Trust”.

On the 7 September 1982 it again closed. On the same day, 7 September in 1984 the theatre was opened by a new company called “Theatre Royal Hanley PLC”.

The 10 March 1983 Crewe Chronicle announced that the Lyceum Crewe Administrator Mr Leslie Parker -Davies has been appointed to the same post at the “Theatre Royal”. He will work with the Theatre Royal trustees under the Chairmanship of Mr Charles Deacon.

9 March 1987 and the KEN DODD "Palace of Laughter" was a recorded at the theatre produced by BBC Radio 2 by Ron Mc Donnal. The programmes were broadcast in September 1987.

In 1988 Carl Reiner the famous American film producer made a film in Stoke on Trent called “Bert Rigby You’re a Fool” starring Robert Lindsay in the title role. The film was based on the story of a young dancer who wants to find fame and restore his old theatre into a variety theatre. The Theatre Royal doubled as the exterior of the building and filming took place over two days (2 June and ## 1988). The film was also directed by Carl Reiner and assisted by Marty Ewing.

The comedian Ben Warriss of Jewell and Warris fame was still performing in the 1990’s with one of his last appearances at the Theatre Royal in Hanley in Pantomime during his appearance at the theatre he became ill. He died on the 14 January 1993 (.b. 29 May 1909) in poverty, while his entertainment partner Jimmy Jewell on the other hand died peacefully in 1995.

During the 1990's it went through various Managers before closing on the 23 April 1996.

It was taken over by Mike Lloyd in November 1996 who after redeveloping the building, managed to get Ken Dodd to open it on the 29 November 1997. Mr Lloyd ran the theatre as a "Theatre and live music venue". It then became a Night club "Jumping Jacks" in 2000. (1438 Seats)

In June 1998 the theatre Royal in Hanley celebrated its history with a show on stage called "THE ROYAL STORY". Artists including Gertie Gitana (Virginia Bryan playing the part) a local singer from the Potteries who made the song "Nellie Dean" a hit, Gracie Fields (Also Virginia Bryan), Max Miller (Ray Johnson), Laurel and Hardy (Pete Lindup and Steve King), Frank Randle (Roy Watts), Norman Evans (Roy Watts), George Formby (John Walley) and Flannigan and Allen (Ray Johnson and Richard Masters) will be appearing in this tribute show directed by Ray Johnson. The show started at 9pm on Friday Night the 13 June 1998 and also included film and live performances (by copycat artists) from artists who have appeared at the theatre.

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SHOWS in Date order.

1841 OPENED as ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

There are records of alterations being made to a former Methodist Chapel in Pall Mall to change it into a lecture hall known as the PEOPLES HALL which was by 1850-51 became a theatre.

Owner, Mr Elphinstone.

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1857 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

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1857 The Theatre was modernised.

29 Sept 1857 THE WIFE

Incl; Mr James Rogers
Mr Edmund Green
Miss Agnes Burdett

With Singing and Dancing
THE COUNTRY COUSINS

Incl; Mr Charles Swan
Miss Agnes Burdett

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1858 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

MANAGER James Rogers

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In the ERA of the 19 September 1858, Theatrical Manager of the "Hanley Royal Pottery Theatre" Mr James Rogers was advertising for a leading man

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1859 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

MANAGER James Rogers

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By May 1859 the theatre was being known locally as the THEATRE ROYAL.

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1860 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

MANAGER James Rogers

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1861 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

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11 Feb 1861 IRON CHEST

Incl; Sir Edward Mortimer
T.C. King and his daughter Bessie King
T C Elmo
Mr Eglinton (Comic Songs)
Miss Isabel Theodore (Favourite dance)

12 Feb 1861 DAMON AND PYTHIAS

Incl; Mr T C King as Damon
Miss Bessie King
Mr Eglinton (Comic Songs)
Miss Isabel Theodore (Favourite dance)
Therasas Vow

13 Feb 1861 THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

Incl; Mr T C King as Shylock
Miss Bessie King as Portia
Mr Eglinton (Comic Songs)
Miss Isabel Theodore (Favourite dance)
Corsican Brothers
Damon and Pythias

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1862 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

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1863 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

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1864 ROYAL POTTERY THEATRE

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22 Sept 1864 FOR THE BENEFIT OF GUSTAVUS V. BROOKE

LOVE'S SACRIFICE

Incl; Matthew Elmore
Mr G.V. Brooke
Mr James Elmore
Mr J B Preston
Mr Fitzroy Wallace
Miss Calvert (Ballad Singer)

POOR PILLICODDY

/ STRANGER!

Incl; Mr G.V. Brooke as the Stranger
Mr Sinclair

HIS LAST LEGS

Incl; Mr G.V. Brooke as Mr O'Callaghan

24 Sept 1864 RICHARD III

Incl; Mr G.V. Brooke as Richard Duke of Gloucester
With Slasher and Crasher (Variety Act)

EXTRA INFORMATION

Benefit performances were usually staged for actors or managers who were not paid a lot of money for a season's shows and this was a play or variety performance set aside for them to earn a little more money from the evening's performance sales. Depending on sales for that night's performance, depended on how much they would get. Similar to a football testimonial.

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1870 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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May 1870 HEART'S DELIGHT London Company
(6 Nights) Incl; Mr Alfred Young
Miss Chester

1871 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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1871 REBUILT and Modernised by Mr R Twemlow of a Mr T Hinde.

An 1870 report said 'A new theatre is to be erected at Hanley during the coming summer. It will occupy the same site as the present building, which is a very inconvenient and inelegant structure, and will be more than twice as large. It will be 113ft. long, by 54ft. wide, with two tiers of boxes, gallery, and pit, seating 3200 persons.

The stage will have a depth of 42ft., and a width of 54ft. and will be provided with an iron drop-curtain, as a precaution in case of fire. The dressing-rooms and green-room, will be on a level with the stage. Attached to the boxes and pit will be retiring-rooms.

The street front will be in the Corinthian style, the materials used being red, black, and yellow bricks, with terra-cotta pillars, caps, pediment, and panels bearing medallion portraits of Massinger, Shakespeare, and Ben Jonson, and monograms of the proprietors.

The scenery will move vertically, instead of horizontally, and spacious cellars will be left below the stage. The estimated cost of the new erection will be £4500, and the plans have been prepared by one of the proprietors, who is said to have given much study to the subject.'

1872 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

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1873 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

THEATRE REDECORATED

1874 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

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1886 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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1887 NEW THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
LESSEE Mr James H Elphinstone
ACTING MANAGER Mr Charles G Elphinstone
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Architects C.J. Phipps and Frank Matcham were given the job of rebuilding the theatre.
On the 8 August 1887 the new theatre was opened.
The first production was CRIMES OF PARIS.
The theatre holds 1,100 people (250 in the Circle / 250 in the Upper Circle / Gallery 1,000) and has a refreshment-bar, ladies cloak-room. There are also 12 Dressing Rooms. The stage is 92ft wide and 46ft deep (Laid in 20 sections), with a back drop painted by Mr Edmund A Swift of the Manchester and Sheffield Theatres who was hired as a permanent scenic painter at the theatre.
The main entrance is from Pall Mall while the gallery is entered from Brunswick Street.
Another report puts the seating at a capacity of 3,700 when it opened.

8- 13 Aug 1887 CRIMES OF PARIS Mr E Dotteridge Presents
By Charles Melville

1888 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY

1888 ENLARGED

1889 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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1897 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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1897	LADY SLAVEY	Carl Rosa Company
1897	D'OYLY CARTE OPERA COMPANY	D'Oyly Carte Opera Co
1897	FRANK BENSON'S COMPANY	Frank Benson's Co
1897	LIFE OF PLEASURE	Unknown
1897	GENTLEMAN JOE	Unknown
1897	GEISHA	Mr George Edwards No 1 Co
1897	HENRY IRVING	Unknown
1897	CHARLEY'S AUNT	Unknown
1897	SIGN OF THE CROSS	Unknown
1897	TWO LITTLE VAGABONDS	Unknown
1897	THE RED ROBE	Unknown
1897	PRISONER OF ZENDA	Unknown
1897	LORD TOM NODDY	Unknown
	Incl; Little Titch	
1897	NIGHT OUT	Unknown
1897	THE KENDALS	Unknown
1897	SHOP GIRL	Unknown

1898 THEATRE ROYAL, HANLEY
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1905 THEATRE ROYAL
THEATRE MANAGER

Pantomime for 1905 included Miss Hilda Guiver as Principal Boy.

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1920 THEATRE ROYAL
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1921 THEATRE ROYAL
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1922 THEATRE ROYAL
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1925 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

Nov 1925

NO NO NANETTE

Albert and Charles Butler

Incl; Maud Denny as Pauline
Gladys Johnson as Sue Smith
Frank Hector as Billy
Connie St Clair as Lucille
Gladys Cruickshanks as Nanette
J Roy Macnaghton as Tom Trainor
Hal Gordon as Jimmy Smith
Eunice Vickeridge as Betty
Ivy Stuart as Winnie
Dorothy Ewins as Flors
Orchestra directed by Fred Baker
Dances arranged by Rita McLean
Produced by John Wrigley

1926 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Walter Clarke

1927 THEATRE ROYAL

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1929 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

18- 23 Feb 1929 IOLANTHE

North Staffs Amateur Operatic Society

NEW THEATRE MANAGER

Sometime during 1929 the theatre hired Archie Thompson as the new manager of the Theatre Royal Hanley. He had been an actor manager before coming to Hanley and was married to actress Belle Russell.

Archie was also a friend of George Bernard Shaw.

In 1938, Archie retired as manager due to ill health caused by the effects of the First World War and he and his wife Bell started to take in theatricals at their home in Hanley.

In 1982, Belle died at the age of 95.

Their daughter, Miss Winifred Thompson was the deputy head of Sneyd Green Primary School.

(Article in The Sentinel 8 Mar 1997 Page 21 Pictured with Tommy Handley the Comedian who appeared in the Theatre during the 1930's)

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1930 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

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19 Oct 1930 FODENS BAND
Theatre Royal, Hanley, Potteries Choral Society (Paid £25)
Carl Oliver. One Concert

Dec 1930 ALADDIN Unknown
Incl; Ally Benson as Widow Twankey

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1931 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

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1932 THEATRE ROYAL

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1933 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson

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17- 22 Apr 1933 **GEORGE FORMBY JNR** (Ukulele)

15- 20 May 1933 **WILL FYFFE** (Comedian)

26 Dec 1933 CINDERELLA and the Glass Slipper Tom Vernon Presents
Incl; Norah Chapman
Jack Murray
Barry Barnes
Chuck O'Neil
Mollie Mackay

Stanley Grant
Mignon Jarrold
Dorothy Kay
The Faure Sisters
Fiery Jack (from the Tower Circus Blackpool)
The Potteries Kiddies
The Orpheus Male Quartet
Judith Espinosa's Ballet

1934 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER Archie Thompson
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16 Apr 1934 VAREITY SHOW Unknown

Incl; **Gertie Gitana** (local Star Entertainer)
G.H. Elliott (Chocolate coloured Coon)
Ted Ray (Comedian)
Tubby Turner
Harry Herbert
Joy Dean
Eileen Audrey
Jack and Dave Sharpe
Master Georgie Kitchen
Florence Revell
Dorrie Maye
The C.C. Girls
Six Little Bon Bons

23 Apr 1934 ALL YOU WISH YOURSELF Unknown

Incl; Tom Gamble (Comedian)

1934 SMALL FIRE

1934 After the fire the Theatre installed a Projection box to show films.

1935 THEATRE ROYAL

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9 Oct 1938 Foden Motor Works Band - Potteries Choral Society (Paid £25)
Organised by Carl Oliver, 10 Eastwood Place. One Concert

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1939 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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26 Dec (Start) LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD Unknown
Incl; **Betty Driver (Betty Driver in Coronation Street)** as Jill
(Sang Run Rabbit Run during the show)
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1940's THEATRE ROYAL

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8 Oct 1940's ANGLO POLISH BALLET Unknown
With Halama and Konarski and 40 cast members

MONDAY

Les Sylphides
Divertissement
Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

TUESDAY

Swan lake
Divertissement
Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

WEDNESDAY

Les Sylphides
Prelude
Divertissement
Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

THURSDAY (Mat)

Les Sylphides
Divertissement
Schubertian
The Cow that Spoke
Cracow Wedding

THURSDAY (Eve)

Swan Lake
Divertissement
Schubertian
Dancing Woman
Cracow Wedding

FRIDAY

Les Sylphides
Divertissement

Schubertian
 Dancing Woman
 Cracow Wedding
 SATURDAY (Mat)
 Swan Lake
 Divertissement
 Schubertian
 Dancing Woman
 Cracow Wedding
 SATURDAY (Eve)
 Swan Lake
 Divertissement
 Schubertian
 Dancing Woman
 Cracow Wedding

1940's MELODY IN FUN (Variety Show) Lew and Leslie Grade
 Incl; Margery Manners (Sings the Pride of the Prairie)
 Curtis and Lavoie
 DeVere Dancers
 Tamiriff and Elanda
 Alex Pleon (Funny Face)
 Norah Moody
 Tommy Trinder Presents The Kerry Allen Trio (with the Electric Organ)
 Veronica Martell (Young Lady Novelty Juggler)
 Theatre Royal Orchestra directed by Reg Lawton
 Company Stage Crew
 Manager S Black
 Stage Manager W Jones
 Musical Director C Haworth

Following Week LADY HERE'S A LAUGH Jack Taylor Presents
 Incl; Albert Burdon
 Karina
Donald Peers
Jimmy Clitheroe
 30 Jack Taylor Lovelies

7 May 1940's MACARI AND HIS ACCORDION SERENADERS Unknown
 Incl; Jack Stocks
 Billy Merrick
 Larry
 Valmar Trio
 Zuider Zee Girls

1940 THEATRE ROYAL
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1941 THEATRE ROYAL
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1942 THEATRE ROYAL

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1943 THEATRE ROYAL

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5 Dec 1943 FODEN MOTOR WORKS BAND (Paid £35)

1944 THEATRE ROYAL

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1945 THEATRE ROYAL

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1946 THEATRE ROYAL

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1947 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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26 Dec –
2 Jan 1948

RED RIDING HOOD

Bert Loman's Production

1948 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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Dec 1948 GOLDBLOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

Unknown

1949 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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- 2 June 1949 SADLER'S WELLS BALLET COMPANY Sadler's Wells Presents
(See Fire)

1949 FIRE 2 June 1949



The stage newspaper of the 9 June 1949, reported on the fire.

'Fire, destroying the Royal, Hanley, in a three-hour blaze, on Thursday last, has deprived a community of 330,000 of its last professional theatre. Fred Peake, local bus service pioneer, who bought the Royal from a Potteries syndicate four years ago for £72,000, has assured our correspondent that he will "rebuild it, and be putting on shows at the earliest possible moment."
Stoke-on-Trent City aldermen and councillors have said that, recognising what it means for such a large community to be without a single "live" theatre, they will give any priority possible under current building restrictions to speed up rebuilding. With the theatre gutted, roof gone, stage and backstage destroyed and only the foyer and offices intact, an architect's estimate of the cost of rebuilding is. "Anything up to £150,000." Of this, it is stated, only £30,000 is covered by insurance... *Neal.*
...The fire, the cause of which is unknown, was discovered by a passing policeman at 5 a.m. By 8 a.m. the fire was out, but the theatre was a hollow shell. Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet lost almost everything they had on tour, including unique music scores and many orchestral instruments. Dancers wept in the street outside the theatre, and 18-year-old Australian principal ballerina, Elaine Fifield, in great distress, said, "Nearly everything I had in England has gone. I almost wish I had been burnt with it."
With everything for the tour-repertory gone, and an engagement at Hull duly fulfilled on Monday, Peggy van Praagh, the ballet-mistress, phoned Covent Garden to find what settings were in stock, and had the company rehearsing ballets to suit in a Methodist Sunday school nearby the same afternoon. Harry Hanson's Court Players were to have started a season of repertory on Monday. Percy E. Hughes, general manager of the theatre, made tremendous efforts to find an alternative hall so that the Court Players' engagements could be kept, but his quest failed as the theatre is the only one in the Potteries area, the Potteries motor transport company is endeavouring to make arrangements to cater for the entertainment needs of North Staffordshire theatre-goers by running special excursion trips to Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Manchester, Liverpool and Dudley. Fire has struck heavily at the stage in the Potteries. Up to 1932 the district had two top-rate halls, but in that year the Grand, 100 yards away from the Royal, and built by the proprietors of the old Royal, was destroyed by fire in similar circumstances. In 1894, what was then the finest theatre building in the Potteries – The Queen's, Longton - was destroyed by fire. It is curious that the man who is credited with establishing the local pre-eminence of the Royal in the 1870's, James Elphin-stone, took it over after he had lost a fortune through the London Pavilion, of which he was lessee, being burned down. Thieves had absconded with his safe on the night of the fire.'

1950 THEATRE ROYAL
THEATRE MANAGER

CLOSED FOR REBUILDING

Architects for the rebuilding of the theatre were Forshall and Greaves who designed a building in the 1930's Art Deco style.

The theatre included

- 17 Rows of seats in the stalls.
- Dress Circle in a U shape with Three Boxes.
- 360 lights illuminated the auditorium area.
- 6 Waterford Crystal Chandeliers formally from the German Embassy in London.



STRAND LIGHTING BOARD (Pic c/o Roger Fox © 1995)

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1951 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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RE OPENED

14 Aug 1951

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN
Incl; Annette MacDonald

Emile Lester Presents

Dec 1951

CINDERELLA
Incl; Johnny Lockwood

Unknown

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1952 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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31 Mar 1952

LAUREL AND HARDY

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1953 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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1954 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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1955 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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1956 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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DESERT SONG

Stoke Amateur Operatic Society

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1957 THEATRE ROYAL

GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes
 OWNERS Potteries Theatres Ltd / Tel 25251

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Feb 1957 THE QUAKER GIRL Unknown
 16- 21 Sept 1957 RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE A.F. Productions
 By William Douglas Home (Direct from Cambridge Theatre after 2 years)
 Incl; **Jack Hulbert**
 Marjorie Sandford
 Carol Austin
 David Conville
 Toby Perkins
 Rose-Mary Graham
 Audrey O'Flynn
 Shelly Rodway

Dec 1957-58 JACK AND JILL Unknown
 Incl; **Charlie Chester (Comedian / Later BBC Radio 2 Presenter)**

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1958 THEATRE ROYAL

GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes
 OWNERS Potteries Theatres Ltd / Tel 25251

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26 Feb 1958 (Week Of) SIMPLE SPYMEN (Whitehall Play) Rix Theatrical Productions
 By Brian Rix
 Incl; **Brian Rix**
 Leo Franklyn
 Larry Noble
 Charles Cameron
 Gerald Andersen
Joan Sanderson
 Peter Mercier
Andrew Sachs (Later Fawlty Towers)
Raymond Cooney (Ray Cooney Later a Writer)
 Toby Perkins
 Peter Allenby
 Merylin Roberts
 (Prior to its London opening on the 19th March at the Whitehall Theatre)

(Pre June) 1958 VARIETY SHOW with Terry Dean Unknown
 2 June 1958 VARIETY SHOW? Arthur Fox Presents

8 -13 Sept 1958 REBECCA Carl Clopet Repertory Co
 By Daphne Du Maurier
 Incl; **Joan Rice** (Young Film Star / Maid Marion on Disney's Robin Hood)
 (CHECK YEAR)

27-31 Oct 1958 **TONY HANCOCK** (Comedian).

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1959 THEATRE ROYAL

GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes

OWNERS Potteries Theatres Ltd / Tel 25251

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1960 THEATRE ROYAL

GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes
OWNERS Potteries Theatres Ltd / Tel 25251

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23- 28 May 1960 THE GRASS IS GREENER (Comedy) Carl Clopet Productions
By Hugh and Margaret Williams
With Artro Morris
Incl; John Martin
Joy Andrews
Denzil Ellis
Phoebe Bradley-Williams

31 Oct –
5 Nov 1960 LOVE LOCKED OUT R. B. Cooper Productions
By David Kirk
Incl; **Bill Owen** (Later “Last of the Summer Wine”)
June Cunningham
Chris Baker
Queenie Barratt
Jon Newbury
Sarah Travis
Joyce Carpenter
Directed by David Kirk

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1961 THEATRE ROYAL

THEATRE MANAGER

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20- 25 Feb 1961 S FOR SCANDAL Frederic Piffard Presents
By John O’Hare
Incl; Sonia Dresdel
David Rose
Anthony Beckley
Edmund Bailey
Adele Strong
Keith Rawlings
Brian Coburn
Roy Roberts
Tom Deere
Directed by Robert Young

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1961 (2) MECCA BINGO HALL

THEATRE MANAGER

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1962 to 1980 MECCA BINGO HALL
1981 CLOSED

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1982 THEATRE ROYAL

CHAIRMAN Charles Deacon
MANAGING DIRECTOR Paul Barnard

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Aug 1982 The Theatre Restoration Trust took over the theatre with an option to purchase the freehold.

7 Sept 1982 The Theatre Royal, Hanley was derelict when it was taken over by the Theatre Royal PLC.

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1983 THEATRE ROYAL

CHAIRMAN Charles Deacon
MANAGING DIRECTOR Paul Barnard

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5 -10 Dec 1983 PIAF Unknown
(Check Year) by Pam Gem

Incl; **Adrienne Posta** as Piaf

1983/4 ALADDIN Unknown

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1984 THEATRE ROYAL

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1984 JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

1984 SLEEPING BEAUTY (Northern Ballet)

1984 THE VAGABOND KING

1984 THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE

1984 CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

1984 RUN FOR YOUR WIFE

1984 THE **KEN DODD** SHOW

1984 BILLY LIAR

1984 STEAMING

1984 THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

1984 AN EVENING OF RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN

1984 STRIPPERS

1984 SOUND OF MURDER

3- 8 Sept 1984 ONCE A CATHOLIC Theatre Royal Hanley PLC
(1st performed at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham on the 7 September 1984)

Incl; **Fenella Fielding**

Leslie Randall

Veronica Doran

Tom Price

Mike Kinsey (It Ain't Half Hot Mum)

Simon Barry

Louise McKenna

Venessa Pett

Tessa Wood

Julia Howson

Lorraine Porter

Producer Paul Bernard

Director Brian Howard

1984 ZIGGER ZAGGER

14- 19 May 1984 THE SOUND OF MURDER Malcolm Knight Presents

By William Fairchild

Incl; **Garfield Morgan** (The Sweeney) as Charles Norbury

Caroline Jones as Anne Norbury

Edward Arthur as Peter Merriott

Lyn Langridge as Miss Forbes

Dan Caulfield as Inspector Davidson

Jeremy Smith as Police Constable

3- 8 Sept 1984 **THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG** Theatre Royal PLC
(1st performed at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham on the 7 September 1984)
Book by Neil Simon
Music by Marvin Hamlisch
Lyrics by Carol Bayer Sager
Incl; Barry Quin
 Peta Toppano
 Louise McKenna
 Tessa Wood
 Shaun Doherty
 Graham Caws
Musical Director Malcolm Sircom
Produced by Paul Bernard
Choreographer Rota Henderson
Lighting Curtis Fredricks

29 Oct –

3 Nov 1984 **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Unknown
5 – 10 Nov 1984 **EDUCATING RITA** Channel Theatre Co
 By Willie Russell
 Incl; **Norman Bowler (Softly Softly)**
 Joanne Good (Crossroads)

19 –23 Nov 1984 **WIND IN THE WILLOWS**

1984 **ROSE ROYCE IN CONCERT**
1984 **A NIGHT OF THE SWINGING SIXTIES (concert)**
1984 **THE DRIFTERS** in concert
1984 **LEO SAYER** in concert
1984 **SCREAMLINE**

SCREAMLINE

Started in 1934 at the Queen's Theatre Burslem and was there in the 1960's and 1970's when the Theatre Royal was a Bingo Hall.

22 Dec –

2 Feb 1985 **CINDERELLA** Paul Bernard Presents /
 By Bryan Blackburn Theatre Royal PLC
 Incl; **Lewis Collins** as Dandini
 Clodagh Rodgers as Cinderella
 Robert Young as Prince Charming
 Paul Squire as Buttons
 Roy Alvis and Danny Odell as the Ugly Sisters
 The Cox and Mills Twins
 Eve Ferret
 Second Generation

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1985 **THEATRE ROYAL**

CHAIRMAN	Charles Deacon
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	Neil Bradley
MANAGING DIRECTOR	Paul Barnard
DIRECTORS	Anthony Capper, Graham Fairweather, Alan Fox, Christopher Johnson.
COMPANY SECRETARY AND ACCOUNTS	John E Jones
THEATRE ROYAL STAFF	
THEATRE DIRECTOR	Paul Barnard
GENERAL MANAGER	John E Jones

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STAGE MANAGER Tbc
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FRONT OF HOUSE SUPERVISOR / CASHIER Eileen Edwards
BOX OFFICE NUMBER 1 Lee Carroll
BAR MANAGER Derrick Millington
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11- 17 Mar 1985 THE GHOST TRAIN Walter Jokel /
By Arnold Ridley Portman Theatrical Productions
Incl; **Fenella Fielding (Carry On)**
Nyree Dawn Porter
David Janson
Mark Wynter (Singer)
Stephen Lewis (On the Busses)
Peter Byrne (Z Cars)

22- 27 Apr 1985 SUMMER SONG Newcastle Amateur Operatic
Music by Anton Dvorak Society
Book by Hy Kraft and Eric Maschwitz
Lyrics by Eric Maschwitz

29 Apr –
4 May 1985 WHY NOT STAY FOR BREAKFAST Paul Elliott Presents
By Ray Cooney
Incl; **John Inman (Are you Being Served)**
Amanda Bairstow

6- 11 May 1985 THE NERD Unknown
Incl; Michael J Jackson
Julia Deakin
Marc Smith
Peter Schofield
Anna Cropper
Jason Grimwood
Gary Simmonds
Jasper Carrott (Comedian)

13- 18 May 1985 (Evening) ALFIE Unknown
Inc; **Christopher Blake**
Jennifer Wilson
Carolyn Jones

14- 18 May 1985 (Morning and Afternoons) WIZARD OF OZ Unknown
20- 25 May 1985 SNOOPY – THE MUSICAL Unknown
10-15 May 1985 DEADLOCK (Thriller) Unknown
By Leslie Sands
Incl; **Hildegard Neil**
Nicholas Smith (Are You Being Served)

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1986 THEATRE ROYAL

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28- 30 Aug 1986 ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
By Richard O'Brien
Produced by Paul Barnard
(2nd Great Year of UK Tour)

15- 20 Sept 1986 SUPERTED (Based on the BBC Series) Unknown
Incl; **Melvin Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Mum)** as Skeleton

Victor Spinetti (Actor) as Texas Pete
 Terry John-Wood as Superted
Madeline Bell (Singer) as Queen of the Spooks
Wendy Padbury (Dr Who) as Blotch

29 Sept - 4 Oct 1986	JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice	Bill Kenwright Presents
6- 11 Oct 1986	LEAVE HIM TO HEAVEN (Rock 'n' Roll Musical) By Ken Lee	Malcolm Knight Presents
13- 18 Oct 1986	Incl; Jess Conrad GUILTY CONSCIENCE By Richard Levinson and William Link (Columbo) Incl; William Franklyn Carol Cleveland Steffanie Pitt Darren Nesbitt	Bill Kenwright Presents
20-25 Oct 21986	THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER By C S Lewis (Adapted by Glyn Robbins)	Vanessa Ford Productions
2 Nov 1986	GARY WILMOT	Unknown
3 Nov 1986	LEO SAYER in Concert	Unknown
4 Nov 1986	KELLY MONTEITH (Comedian)	Unknown
5-7 Nov 1986	FUR COAT AND NO KNICKERS by Mike Harding	Studio One Presents
8 Nov 1986	OPEN DAY (Behind the scenes)	
9 Nov 1986	VAL DOONICAN SHOW Incl; Peter Hudson Roger Richards and his Music	Unknown
10-15 Nov 1986	DANDY DICK Incl; Anthony Quayle Margaret Courtenay Annette Badland (Bergerac / Midsommer Murders / Dr Who) Edward Jewesbury William Squire Derek Crewe Gabrielle Glaister Robert Mill Nigel Nobes Kevin Quarmby Janet Spencer-Turner	Compass Presents
17-22 Nov 1986	THE MUPPET SHOW	Jim Henson and BCC
29 Nov – 6 Dec 1986 1986-7	SCREAMLINE (Gang Show) MOTHER GOOSE by Roy Patrick Incl; Ken Dodd as Billy Goose Jacquie Toye as Colin Billy Whittaker as Mother Goose Barbara Newman as Priscilla the Goose George Reibbitt as The Squire Mimi Law as the Witch Sybie Jones as the Good Fairy Nuala O'Sullivan as Jill Digby Taylor (Signal Radio) as King of Gooseland Pat Dennison as Queen of Gooseland Chris Covington as Chief Yobo Howard Grace as Gargantua Diddymen (Russell Leite Theatre School, Manchester) Second Generation (Dancers) DANCERS – Pat Dennison, Andrea Armstrong, Elaine Dove,	Paul Barnard Presents

Eve Dove, Serena Horden, Charles Keel,
Guy Millward, Jonathan Crabtree

MUSICIANS

Brian Fitzgerald (Musical Director)
Kenny Adams (Percussion)
Stan Clarke (Keyboards)
John Ditchfield (Bass)
Peter Roof (Saxophone)
Ian Royle (Trumpet) (Millionaires / New Squadronaires)

1987 THEATRE ROYAL
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25 Jan 1987 FAIRPORT CONVENTION in Concert
26- 31 Jan 1987 ANNIE Mervyn Conn Presents
Book by Thomas Meechan
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Martin Charnin
2- 7 Feb 1987 FIDDLER ON THE ROOF Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
Book by Joseph Stein
Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick
Music by Jerry Beck
Cast included a Young **Robbie Williams** as the Fiddler
9- 14 Feb 1987 SWEENEY TODD Alan Clements Presents
Adapted by Roger Tolliday
16 – 21 Feb 1987 ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
By Richard O'Brien
Produced by Paul Barnard
2 – 7 Mar 1987 THE HOBBIT Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
Story by J.R.R. Tolkien
Adapted by Rony Robinson and Graham Watkins
Music by Stephanie Nunn
Incl; **Malcolm Dixon (Star Wars / Time Bandits)** as Bilbo Baggins
Dudley Long as Gandalf
Peter Wiggis as Bifur
Kim Joyce as Bombur
James Powell as Thorin Oakenshield
Philip Foster as Elrond
Anita Danielle as Gollum
Robert Neil Kingham as Beorn
Steve Edison as Beorn the Bear
Peter Gallagher as Elf King
Anita Danielle as Great Goblin
Robert Neil Kingham as Bard
Anita Danielle as Goblin Woman
Howard Grace as Tom the Troll
Philip Foster as Bill the Troll
Steve Edison as Bert the Troll
Philip Foster as Man
Anita Danielle as Dwarf Messenger
Peter Foster, Howard Grace, Peter Gallagher, Mark Bond, Steve Edison
as Smaug Operators
Howard Grace as Thrush Operator
Philip Foster as Raven Operator
Howard Grace and Philip Foster as Spiders
Steve Edison, Peter Gallagher, Philip Foster, Anita Danielle as Elves
Dudley Long as Narrator
Russell Leite Theatre School, Manchester as Other Parts

MUSICIANS

- David Gonella (Percussion)
David Barker (Keyboards)
- 9 March 1987 **KEN DODD** "Palace of Laughter" Radio Show was a recorded at the theatre produced for BBC Radio 2 by Ron Mc Donnal. The programmes were broadcast in September 1987.
- 10 Mar 1987 **OLD TYME MUSIC HALL** Unknown
Incl; Billy Stutt
Billy 'Uke' Scott
- 11 Mar 1987 **STEPHEN MAGUS** (Magician / Illusionist) Unknown
- 15 Mar 1987 **RICHARD DIGANCE** in Conversation Raymond Nedas Presents
- 16-21 Mar 1987 **SUPER GRAN** (Based on the ITV Show) Phil Woods Presents
By Phil Woods North Bank Leeds Productions
Based on the books by Forrest Wilson
- 22 Mar 1987 **THE DRIFTERS** Faye Treadwell Presents
Incl; Ben E King (?)
Johnny Moore
- 24- 28 Mar 1987 **ROWAN ATKINSON** (Not the Nine O Clock News) Unknown
- 29 Mar 1987 **THE SPINNERS** (Folk Group) Unknown
- 31 Mar-
4 Apr 1987 **A CHORUS LINE** Unknown
By Michael Bennett
Book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante
Music by Marvin Hamlish
- 5 Apr 1987 **ROY HUDD GALA CHARITY PERFORMANCE** Roy Hudd
(2nd Spectacular)
(In Aid of Charities –
North Staffordshire Hospitals and Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund
Incl; **Jimmy Cricket (Comedian)**
Lyn Paul (Singer)
The Great Suprendo (Magician)
Robert Earl (Singer)
Paul Shane (Hi Di Hi / Comedian)
Bert Weedon (Guitar Player)
Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
Ray Cornell's Dreamgirls
Don Shearman and His Orchestra
Victoria Wood was in the Audience to see her husband "The Great Suprendo")
- 12 Apr 1987 **DUNCAN NORVELL** (Comedian / Impressionist) Unknown
- 13- 18 Apr 1987 **HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE** Natural Theatre Company
of Bath Presents
- 19 Apr 1987 **RAYMOND FROGGATT** (Folk Singer) Unknown
- 20- 25 Apr 1987 **DAISY PULLS IT OFF** Unknown
- 26 Apr 1987 **THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES** North Staffs Music Hall Ass
North Staffs Music Hall Association
With the Black Watch Association Pipe Band
- 3 May 1987 **CANNON AND BALL** (Comedy Duo) Unknown
- 11- 16 May 1987 **HOME IS WHERE YOUR CLOTHES ARE** David Tudor for Mayville Prod
By Anthony Marriott and Bob Grant
Incl; **Philip Madoc**
Heather Chasen
Carolyn Jones
McDonald Hobley
James Aidan
Richard Ratcliffe
Lyndsey Richardson
Nikki Critcher
- 21 May 1987 **FREDDIE STARR** (Comedian) Unknown
- 22 May 1987 **PETERS AND LEE** (Opportunity Knocks) Unknown
- 24 May 1987 **PETER SKELLERN** (Singer) Unknown

1- 6 June 1987	With the Little Big Band THE MONKEY WALK By John Murray Incl; Ross Davidson (Eastenders) Shirley Cheriton (Eastenders)	Perry Milsom Productions
23 Aug 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
30 Aug 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
6 Sept 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
7 -12 Sept 1987	BOUNCERS By John Godber	Hull Truck / John Godber Presents
13 Sept 1987	ROBERT HALPERN (Hypnotist and Illusionist) (23 Aug, 30 Aug, 6 Sept, 13 Sept)	Unknown
15 Sept 1987	THE JIM BOWEN BULLSEYE SHOW	Unknown
16 Sept 1987	DAVID YOUNG (Psychic)	Unknown
17 Sept 1987	BROADWAY SALUTES	Unknown
18 Sept 1987	THE THREE DEGREES	Unknown
19 Sept 1987	INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR WRESTLING	Unknown
27 Sept 1987	COPY CATS (LWT Television Show) Incl; Allan Stewart Aiden J Harvey Hilary O' Neil Andrew O'Connor Mike Osman	Unknown
28-29 Sept 1987	THE DANCERS COMPANY	Unknown
1 Oct 1987	DAVID ESSEX	Unknown
2 Oct 1987	DANNY LA RUE (Entertainer)	Brian Shaw Management / D.L.R. Enterprises Ltd
3 Oct 1987 (Day)	A PSYCHIC FESTIVAL	Unknown
3 Oct 1987 (8pm)	SPIRITS IN CONCERT Incl; Olive Giles Rita Taylor Eileen Roberts	Unknown
6 Oct 1987	TOM O'CONNOR (Comedian)	Unknown
7 Oct 1987	OLD TYME MUSIC HALL Incl; Billy Stutt (Comedian)	Unknown
8 Oct 1987	INTERNATIONAL STAR WRESTLING	Unknown
9 Oct 1987	BOBBY VEE (Rubber ball) And BRYAN HYLAND (Sealed with a Kiss)	Unknown
10 Oct 1987	THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS (Folk Group)	Unknown
11 Oct 1987	MASSED BAND CONCERT Incl; The Pegasus and Falklands Band of the Parachute Regiment	Unknown
12-16 Oct 1987	THE SOOTY WILD WEST SHOW With Sweep, Sue etc. Incl; Matthew Corbett	Matthew Corbett Presents
16 Oct 1987 (Eve)	JOHN MANN (Organist)	Unknown
18 Oct 1987	ROSSER AND DAVIES (Opportunity Knocks Winners / Pianists)	Unknown
19- 24 Oct 1987	FUNNY PECULIAR By Mike Stott Incl; Peter Duncan (Blue Peter) as Trevor Linda Lucardi (Model / Page 3) as Shirley Jaqueline Beaty as Irene Mike Burnside as Reverend Thwaite Ron Davies as Sergeant Asquith Tessa Worsley as Mrs Baldry Scott Bennett as Stanley Baldry Tom Lambert as Eric Mike Burnside as Desmond	North Bank Productions

25 Oct 1987	THE CRYSTALS (Then he Kissed me) With George McCrae (Rock Your Baby)	Barry Collings Enterprises
28- 31 Oct 1987	ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST	Studio One Productions
2- 7 Nov 1987	THE BOYFRIEND By Sandy Wilson	Unknown
9 Nov 1987	JOHNNY LOGAN (Eurovision Song Contest Winner)	Unknown
11-14 Nov 1987	PALACE OF VARIETY Incl; Old Mother Riley / Roy Roland (Original Stand in) Bruce James Alan Terry Helen Scales Jonathan Marshall Nigel Blatcher Miss Ellen Farrow Alexander Bridge (Chairman / Devised and Directed by)	Proscenium Theatre Presents
16- 21 Nov 1987	GYPSY BARON (Musical)	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society Presents
23 -28 Nov 1987	THE ACTOR THE JESTER AND THE RAVER NEXT DOOR By	Unknown
26-27 Nov (2.30pm)	BUTTON MOON – TINA'S SURPRISE	Unknown
30 Nov 1987	AN EVENING OF MEDIUMSHIP with JAMES BTRNE	Unknown
4 Dec 1987	LIBERTY MONTEN - ELVIS SHOW	Unknown
5 Dec 1987	INTERNATIONAL ALL STAR WRESTLING	Unknown
13 Dec 1987	HALE AND PACE (Comedians)	Unknown
15 Dec 1987	BRENDON SHINE (Singer)	Unknown
17 Dec -		
16 Jan 1988	JACK AND THE BEANSTALK by Mike Goddard Incl; Alvin Stardust as Jack Freddie Garrity as Simple Simon and the Dreamers Linda Davidson as Jill Ken Platt as King Kenny Terry Hall and Lenny the Lion Peter Thorne as Dame Durden Digby Taylor (Signal Radio) The Second Generation The Hanley Babes	Charles Deacon Presents

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ADMISTRATOR	Brian Pridmore
GENERAL MANAGER	John E Jones
PUBLICITY / PARTY BOOKINGS	Patricia Seeto
STAGE MANAGER	John Ankers
CHIEF ELECTRICIAN / SOUND	Brian Beech
HON. FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER	Christopher Tatton
FRONT OF HOUSE SUPERVISOR / CASHIER	Eileen Edwards
BOX OFFICE NUMBER 1	Lee Carroll
BAR MANAGER	Glyn F Lester
JOINT LICENSEES Brian Pridmore, Christopher Tatton, John E Jones.	

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31 Jan 1988	GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS With THE SEARCHERS And PETER SARSTEDT	Flying Music Presents
23- 27 Feb 1988	MICKEY'S VARIETY PARADE Incl; Pelham Puppets (Micky Mouse, Bimbo, Donald Duck, Goofy, Minnie Mouse, Archie, Bertie, Claude, Pinocchio and the Seven Dwarfs)	The Proscenium Theatre Co

	Bruce James as Micky Muffler	
8 Mar 1988	THE TREMELOES (Pop Group Silence is Golden) With MUD ("Tiger Feet")	Unknown
10-11 Mar 1988	TURKISH STATE FOLK DANCE COMPANY	Unknown
12 Mar 1988	BOOK FAIR (Book Sale)	Unknown
12 Mar 1988	DIVERSIONS AND DELIGHTS By Oscar Wilde	Unknown
	Incl; Donald Sinden (Never the Twain)	
13 Mar 1988	THE SPINNERS (Farewell Concert) With Count John McCormack (Bass) "Final Fling" Concert	Apollo Leisure Presents
14-19 Mar 1988	BREEZEBLOCK PARK By Willie Russell	Unknown
	Incl; Nick Conway (Billy from Bread) Jean Fergusson (Martina from Last of the Summer Wine) Anthony Morton (Crossroads) Andrew Charleson (No Place Like Home) Veronica Doran (Marion from Coronation Street) Diane Whitley Raymond Cross Carleen Ann London Colin Meredith	
20 Mar 1988	AN EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE Incl; Astra (Medium) Ruby Silk (Psychic) Eddie Burke (Hilarious Comedy Hypnotist)	Unknown
22 Mar 1988	DUNCAN NORVELL (Comedian / Impressionist)	Unknown
24 Mar 1988	SALUTE THE SUPREMES SHOW Incl; Beverly Andrews The Downtown Dancers New Yorker Band	Unknown
25 Mar 1988	MAIN EVENT (Local Band Live on Stage)	Unknown
26- 27 Mar 1988	NORTH STAFFS MUSIC HALL PRESENTS "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES"	North Staffs Music Hall
31 Mar – 2 Apr 1988	PAGE THREE GIRLS (Includes Nudity) Incl; Ken Platt (Comedian) Debbie Linden (Page 3 Girl / Actress) Alex Flashman Page Three Girls	Reg Bradbury Presents Alternative Plays Presents
5 – 9 Apr 1988	Pic and Feature 31 Mar AD News Page 2 (Scouts Stopped from rehearsing) HIGH AND WIDE Longton Gang Show	Longton Scouts
10 Apr 1988	Pic and Feature 31 Mar AD News Page 2 (Scouts Stopped from rehearsing) MARK SHAKESPEARE in Concert (Electronic Organ demonstration)	Unknown
11- 16 Apr 1988	BRIEF ENCOUNTER (1 st Time on Stage) Based on the Noel Coward written film.	Unknown
18- 23 Apr 1988	CAMELOT (Musical) By	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
24 Apr 1988	ROY HUDD VARIETY SHOW With All Star Cast (In Aid of Charities – North Staffordshire Hospitals and Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund) Incl; Russ Conway Julie Rogers Cosmotheka Larry Grayson The Audley and District Male Voice Choir	Unknown

	Debs Delights Denny Hodge Don Shearman and His Orchestra	
26 –30 Apr 1988	CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY Based on the stories by Roald Dahl Adapted by Jeremy Raison Music and Lyrics by Christopher Reason	Armada Gerrard Presents
11 May 1988	JIM DAVIDSON SHOW	Jim Davidson Presents
14 May 1988	An Evening of NEW AGE MUSIC Incl; Claire Hamill and the Voices John Themis Stephen Caudel	Flying Music Presents
17- 21 May 1988	IN ONE BED AND OUT THE OTHER Incl; Jilly Johnson (Page 3 Model) Melvin Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Mum)	Unknown
23- 28 May 1988	GODSPELL (Musical) Conceived by John-Michael Tebelak Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz Incl; Alvin Stardust (70's Pop Star)	Freshooter Productions

BERT RIGBY YOU'RE A FOOL

In 1988 Carl Reiner the famous American film producer made a film in Stoke on Trent called "Bert Rigby You're a Fool" starring Robert Lindsay in the title role. The film was based on the story of a young dancer who wants to find fame and restore his old theatre into a variety theatre. The Theatre Royal doubled as the exterior of the building and filming took place over two days (2 June and ## 1988). The film was also directed by Carl Reiner and assisted by Marty Ewing.

2 June 1988 **FILMING OF BERT RIGBY YOU'RE A FOOL**
2nd day with the theatre in ruins.



(Filming Set © Stewart Green)

5 June 1988	THE DRIFTERS (Pop Group)	Faye Treadwell Presents
7 – 11 June 1988	WINNIE THE POO Based on the books by A A Milne Adapted by Chris Robbins	Vanessa Ford Productions
13 -18 June 1988	FUNNY PECULIAR (Adults Only) By Mike Stott Incl; Nigel Pivaro (Terry Duckworth in Coronation Street) Paula-Ann Bland (Grange Hill) as Shirley Heather Williams Mike Burnside Scott Bennett	North Bank Productions

	Jo Manning Wilson Richard Avery Andrew Rushton	
20 June 1988	SOLID SILVER SIXTIES SHOW Incl; Del Shannon Gerry and the Pacemakers Marmalade	Flying Music Presents
21- 24 June 1988	TOMMY BOY By Ted Willis Incl; Peter Howitt (Bread) George Sewell (UFO) Louise English	Malvern Festival Theatre and Ken Wood Presents
11- 16 July 1988	PETER PAN By Purves Puppets	Purves Puppets Presents
23 July 1988	THE CARE BEAR SHOW (Live on Stage)	Unknown
1- 6 Aug 1988	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (Farewell Tour) Incl; Mark Turnbull as Dr Frank-n-Furter (A Scientist) Craig Deegan as Brad majors (A Hero) Sue Cotter as Janet Weiss (A Heroine) Paul Critchlow as Riff Raff (A Handyman) David Ian as Rocky Horror (A Creation) Julie Fix as Usherette / Magenta (A Domestic) Lorinda King as Columbia (A Groupie) Paul Cottinham as Eddie (An Ex Delivery Boy) Roger John-Lee as Dr Everett V. Scott (A Rival Scientist) Marc Seymour as Narrator (An Expert Criminologist) Phillipa Blake as a Transylvanian Ghoul Cast as Transylvanian Ghouls	Theatre Royal Hanley Presents
	BAND OF MUSICIANS Malcolm Sircom as Musical Director / Keyboards Ken Newton as Drums Cyril Newton as Bass Les Beavers as Guitar Alan Miller as Saxophone	
5 Aug 1988	ROCKY HORROR FAREWELL PARTY 11pm	Theatre Royal Hanley
14 Aug 1988	MAIN EVENT (Local Band Live on Stage)	Unknown
20 Aug 1988	HANLEY BOOK FAIR (Book Sale)	Unknown
22-27 Aug 1988	THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST / HILDA Based on the Play by Oscar Wilde Incl; Hinge and Bracket Philip Goodhew as Algernon Moncrieff Cubby Oakes as Lane (A Manservant) Simon Coates as John Worthing JP Dame Hilda Brackett as Lady Bracknell Judy Clifton as Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax Dr Evadne Hinge as Miss Prism Catherine McQueen as Cecily Cardew Derek Beard as Rev. Canon Chasuble Chubby Oates as Merriman (A Butler)	Genius Productions
5-10 Sept 1988	BE BOP A LULA (60's Tribute) By Bill Morrison	Unknown
10 Sept 1988 (2.30pm)	THE WACKY WIZARD SHOW Incl; Jack Pervis and John Brett	Unknown
12- 17 Sept 1988	HAVING A BALL By Alan Bleasedale (Adults Only)	Unknown
19-24 Sept 1988	WHO GOES BARE By Richard Harris and Leslie Darbon	Nick Thomas and Jon Conway

	Incl; Linda Lucardi (Page 3 Girl) Trevor Bannister (Are you Being Served) Melvin Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Mum) Anna Karen (On the Busses) Brian Cant (Playschool) Terry Duggan Laurel Ford Betty Benfield Peter Slade James Saw	
25 Sept 1988	AN EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE Incl; Ruby Silk Eddie Burke	Unknown
30 Sept 1988	HOUGHTON WEAVERS	Unknown
1 Oct 1988	FRANKIE VAUGHAN in Concert with THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA	Unknown
2 Oct 1988	BBC RADIO STOKE PRESENTS "ALL ABOUT IVOR The Story of Ivor Novello	BBC Radio Stoke
3-5 Oct 1988	THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE Based on the book by C.S. Lewis	Vanessa Ford Productions
6-8 Oct 1988	THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW Based on the book by C.S. Lewis	Vanessa Ford Productions
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ADVERTISED WRONGLY in the Listings.		
6-8 Oct 1988	THE MAGICIAN'S APPRENTICE Based on the book by Roald Dahl	Unknown
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9 Oct 1988	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa) With ROSSER AND DAVIES (Opportunity Knocks	Flying Music / Signal Radio Winners / Pianists) Presents
10- 15 Oct 1988	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS Incl; Lorraine Chase (TV Celebrity / Advert)	Unknown
23 Oct 1988	JOHN MANN (Organist)	Unknown
24- 29 Oct 1988	BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE By Leonard Gershe Incl; Peter O'Brien (Shane in Neighbours) Marina Friedman Ursula Smith	Theatre Royal Hanley PLC
31 Oct 1988	BERNARD MANNING (Comedian)	Lions Club of Stoke on Trent
1 Nov 1988	THE YETTIES (Folk Group)	Unknown
2 Nov 1988	DAVID ESSEX in concert	Unknown
4- 5 Nov 1988	THE LEWIS LONDON BALLET COMPANY	Unknown
6 Nov 1988	BBC RADIO STOKE "KNOCKOUT BRASS CHALLENGE"	
7- 12 Nov 1988	THE RELAPSE Incl; Roy Marsden as Lord Foppington Kate O'Mara (Howards Way / Triangle) as Berinthia Peter Adamson (Coronation Street) as Sir Tunbelly Clumsey John Challis (Only Fools and Horses) as Worthy Sabina Franklyn as Amanda (Advertised as Sabrina Franklyn) Michael Thomas as Young Fashion Richard Heffer as Loveless Knight Mantell as Coupler Raymond Mason as Sir John Friendly Peter Leeper as Lory Blair Plant as Syringe Lawrence Good as Bull Robert White as Musician Jane Arden Hoyden Laura Cox as Nurse	British Actors Theatre
14-19 Nov 1988	LADYBIRD	First Theatre Presents

By Don Webb
 Incl; Karl Howman (Brushstrokes)
 Diane Keen
 Kenneth MacDonald (It Ain't Half Hot Mum)
 Jimmy Chisholm
 Lynn Turner

18-19 Nov 1988	PLAYBOARD PUPPETS "HOLIDAY ON BUTTON MOON"	Playboard Puppets
26 Nov –		
3 Dec 1988	SCREAMLINE Shout Gang Show	Scouts Presents
4 Dec 1988	VIENNESE MEMORIES Incl; Angela Jenkins John Noble Jeffrey Cresswell (Tenor) Christopher Cox (Pianist) Brenda Bailey Singers	Operetta for All
15 Dec –		
14 Jan 1989	CINDERELLA Incl; Frankie Howard (Comedian) as Baron Hardup Anne Aston as Cinderella (Poster) Or Gilly Coman (Aveline in Bread) as Cinderella (Programme list) Scott Fitzgerald as Dandini Aiden J Harvey (Comedian) as Buttons Tony Monopoly as Prince Charming Simon Barry and Alan Vicars as Ugly Sisters Kerry Wilson (Local Impressionist) Paul Critchlow Craig Deegan Digby Taylor (Signal Radio) The Hanley Babes Pavlov's Fabulous Puppets	Unknown

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27 Feb –		
4 Mar 1989	THE HOBBIT Based on the Story by J R R Tolkien Adapted by Rony Robinson and Graham Watkins Music by Stephanie Nunn	Upstart Presents a Nottingham Playhouse Prod
12 Mar 1989	SWING INTO SPRING Incl; Vince Hill Tony Christie New Squadronaires	Unknown
13- 18 Mar 1989	POSTMAN PAT ADVENTURES Based on the characters by Ivor Wood Written by John Cunliffe Book and Lyrics by Bryan Daly	Duddley Russell for Laystone Productions
15 Mar 1989 (Eve)	PALACE OF VARIETIES (25 th Anniversary Tour) Incl; Ruby Murray	Unknown
18 Mar 1989	BBC RADIO STOKE 21 ST ANNIVERSARY SHOW Incl; David Alexander (Singer)	BBC Radio Stoke
19 Mar 1989	THE WOMBLES SHOW	Unknown
20- 25 Mar 1989	HOBSON'S CHOICE By Harold Brighouse Incl; Bill Maynard (The Gaffer / Later "Heartbeat") Shirley Stelfox	Realised Productions

	Don Crann Jacki Piper	
4- 15 Apr 1989	EVITA Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice Incl; Jacqui Scott as Eva Peron (Evita) Christopher Corcoran as Che Michael Bauer as Peron Adrian Beaumont as Magaldi Tracy Taylor as Peron's Mistress Becky Norman as Eva at certain performances	Robert Stigwood Presents
9 Apr 1989 (Sun)	ROY HUDD VARIETY SHOW Charity Fundraiser organised by the Rotary Club of Newcastle Under Lyme And the Entertainment Artists Benevolent Fund Incl; Paul Daniels (Magician) and Debbie McGee Ray Allan and Lord Charles (Ventriloquist) Gary Lovini (Violinist) Marion Montgomery (Singer) Deb's Delights (Debbie Mc Gee Dancers?) The Simmons Brothers (Comedy Duo) Newcastle Scout Gang Show Son Shearman Orchestra	Unknown
17-22 Apr 1989	SHOWBOAT Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein Music by Jerome Kern	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
24- 29 Apr 1989	NOT WITH A BANG By Mike Harding Incl; Ken Platt	Unknown
2- 6 May 1989	BEDSIDE MANNERS By Derek Benfield Incl; John Inman (Are You Being Served) Nikki Kelly Georgina Moon Peter Symonds Maurice Thorogood	Trent Theatre Productions Salisbury Playhouse
6 May 1989 (2.30pm)	RUPERT BEAR AND THE MAGIC CASTLE	Unknown
7 May 1989	JOHN OGDEN AND BRENDA OGDEN (Classical Pianists)	Unknown
12 May 1989	CHAS 'N' DAVE	Unknown
13 May 1989	THE PHILADELPHIA TOUR Incl; The Three Degrees Harold Melvin and the Bluenotes Billy Paul	Unknown
14 May 1989	THE KEN DODD LAUGHTER SHOW	Unknown
22- 27 May 1989	HUCKLEBERRY FINN Musical based on the Mark Twain Novel	Unknown
28 May 1989	THE SUPERTED MAGIC SHOW	Unknown
30 May – 3 June 1989	WEST SIDE STORY By Leonard Bernstein	Unknown
5-10 June 1989	YOU'LL DO FOR ME! By Michael Pertwee Incl; Cannon and Ball (Tommy Cannon and Bobby Ball) Richard Avery Mandy Humphrey Erna Larsen Linda Regan	Triumph Theatre Productions
11 June 1989	Directed by Brian Rix SIGNAL RADIO PRESENTS GALA NIGHT AT THE PROMS Incl; English Philharmonic Orchestra	Signal Radio Presents

17 -22 July 1989	THE PRO'S AND THE CON'S By Seymour Sherman (Adults only Contains Nudity)	Unknown
23 July 1989	THE CARE BEARS	Unknown
23 July 1989 (Eve)	BBC RADIO STOKE CHARITY CONCERT In Aid of the Kidney Took Kit Appeal	BBC Radio Stoke
24- 29 July 1989	ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MUCKY MEN Incl; Peter Duncan (Blue Peter) (Adults Only)	Unknown
30 July 1989	BARBARA DICKSON	Unknown
31 July – 5 Aug 1989	UP IN THE GALLERY - The Story of Marie Lloyd Incl; Adrienne Posta John Altman (Nick Cotton in Eastenders) Jack Douglas (Carry On Films etc.)	Unknown
6 Aug 1989	SOLID SILVER 60'S SUMMER SHOW Incl; Freddie and the Dreamers The Fortunes Dave Berry and the Cruisers	Unknown
8- 12 Aug 1989	REVUETIME '89 Community Review	Theatre Royal Hanley
17- 19 Aug 1989	YOU CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC Angela Beardmore School of Dance	Angela Beardmore S O Dance
31 Aug – 2 Sept 1989	WHO KILLED AGATHA CHRISTIE? By Tudor Gates Incl; Roger Toliday Keith Myers	Corpus Productions / Wells Art Centre Presents
10 Sept 1989	SIGNAL RADIO PRESENTS THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES Incl; English Philharmonic Orchestra	Signal Radio Presents
29- 29 Sept 1989	THE RUSS ABBOT SHOW Directed by John Bishop Incl; Bella Emberg (Russ Abbot Show) Bright and Breeze The Ray Cornell Dancers Basil Soper The Russ Abbot Orchestra	Mike Hughes Presents
30 Sept 1989	ROGER WHITTAKER in Concert	Unknown
27 Oct 1989	JIM DAVIDSON (Comedian)	Unknown
20 Nov 1989	BERNARD MANNING (Comedian)	Lions Club of Stoke on Trent
5 Dec 1989	LINDISFARNE (Meet me in the Corner)	Flying Music Presents
20 Dec – 20 Jan 1989	BABES IN THE WOOD By Bill Robertson Incl; John Inman (Are You Being Served) as Nurse Wanda Gerry Marsden (Gerry and the Pacemakers) as Gerry Susan Maughan (Singer) as Robin Hood Rowena Mohr (Neighbours as Sally) as Maid Marion Barnaby (TV Talent Show) as the Good Robber Christopher Farries as the Sherriff The Hanley Babes	Pantomime Productions Ltd

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11 Feb 1990	YOGI BEAR	Unknown
13- 17 Feb 1990	MATILDA (Musical Play) Based on the story by Roald Dahl Adapted by Rony Robinson Music and Myrics by Ken Howard and Alan Blaikley Incl; Annabelle Lanyon as Matilda	Castle Productions / Redgrave Theatre
2 Feb – 3 Mar 1990	EVITA Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice Incl;	Robert Stigwood Presents
25 Feb 1990	MIKE HARDING (Comedian)	Unknown
8-10 Mar 1990	THE LAND OF NEVER, NEVER	Tweedale Academy of Dancing
11 Mar 1990	DAVID ALEXANDER (Singer)	Unknown
12-17 Mar 1990	TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD Based on the book by Harper Lee Adapted by Christopher Sergel Incl; Jack Hedley as Atticus Finch	Unknown
18 Mar 1990	THIS IS SOUL Incl; Ben E King (Drifters / Stand By Me) Dorothy Moore (Misty Blue) Eddie Floyd (Knock on Wood)	Flying Music Presents
20- 24 Mar 1990	FIREMAN SAM TO THE RESCUE (Based on the BBC Series)	Unknown
24-25 Mar 1990	THE VALIANT YEARS North Staffs Music Hall Society	North Staffs Music Hall
26- 31 Mar 1990	JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Tim Rice	Bill Kenwright Presents
2- 7 Apr 1990	ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD By J Offenbach	Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society
8 Apr 1990	ROY HUDD THEATRE ROYAL VARIETY SHOW Charity Fund Raiser (In Aid of Charities – North Staffordshire Hospitals and Entertainment Artistes Benevolent Fund	Roy Hudd Presents
9-14 Apr 1990	LADIES NIGHT By Stephen Sinclair and Anthony McCarten	Unknown
17-21 Apr 1990	HIGH AND WIDE Longton Gang Show	Longton Scouts Presents
23- 29 Apr 1990	PRISONER CELL BLOCK H Direct from Australia Incl; Fiona Spence (Prisoner Cell Block H) as Vera Jane Clifton (Prisoner Cell Block H) as Margot	Unknown
3 May 1990	THE HOLLIES (He Ain't Heavy He's my Brother)	Unknown
4 May 1990	THE KEN DODD LAUGHTER SHOW	Unknown
16 May 1990	OLDE TYME MUSIC HALL	Unknown
17 May 1990	FREDDIE STARR (Comedian)	Unknown
28 Oct 1990	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa)	Flying Music Presents
20 Dec – 19 Jan 1991	SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS Incl; Jessica Muschamp (Neighbours) as Snow White Fiona Spence (Home and Away) as the Wicked Queen Paul Squires (TV Entertainer) as Muddles Mark Thrippleton (Eastenders) as the Prince Roy Alvis as Sarah (Dame)	Pantomime Productions Ltd

Paul Critchlow
Fantaisie En Noir (Speciality act)
The Hanley Babes

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18- 23 Mar 1991 IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR Unknown
By Philip Ryan
Incl; **Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band**

1992 THEATRE ROYAL
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1993 THEATRE ROYAL
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25 Nov 1993 WEST END OF BROADWAY SHOWS Unknown
26 Nov 1993 PUDSEY'S PARTY NIGHT Unknown (Poss BBC Radio Stoke)
In Aid of Children in Need
10 Dec 1993 LA BOHEME Unknown
By Puccini
11 Dec 1993 GERSHWIN – A TRIBUTE London Lewis Ballet

23 Dec –
15 Jan 1994 JACK AND THE BEANSTALK Potteries Theatre
By Simon Ellingham (Management) Ltd
Incl; **Jeremy Beadle (Beadle's About)** as Simple Simon
Richard Franklin (Emmerdale / Dr Who)
As Odus the Giant's Evil Henchman
Alistair Divall (ITV Keynotes) as Jack
Audrey Leybourne (Roly Polys) as the Fairy
Sam Plank (BBC Radio Stoke Presenter)
As King Plank of Trentoria
Barry Craine
Misha and Larissa Kalinin (Moscow State Circus)
Sarah Miller (Local Girl) as the Princess
The Hanley Babes
The Hanley Dancers
The Theatre Royal Orchestra
With the VOICE of **Bruno Brookes (BBC Radio 1)** as Giant Blunderbore
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4-5 Mar 1994 PINOCCHIO Unknown
6 Mar 1994 SONGS FROM THE SHOWS Encore Presents
7-12 Mar 1994 PATSY CLINE – Musical Tribute Unknown
Incl; **George Hamilton IV** (Country Star)
Sandra Kelly as Patsy Cline
15 Mar 1994 THE GOOD OLDE DAYS Unknown
Incl; **Danny La Rue**

18-19 Mar 1994	UP THE BLUE STALK (Adult Panto)	Unknown
20 Mar 1994	EDDIE BURKE (Hypnotist)	Unknown
26 Mar 1994	YOGI BEAR and the Magic Lamp	Unknown
27 Mar 1994	SEAN WILSON With Sally O'Brien	Unknown
1 Apr 1994	A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN	Unknown
3 Apr 1994	AND EVENING WITH MARK RATTRAY AND FRIENDS	Unknown
6- 8 Apr 1994	SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS	Unknown
9 Apr 1994	THE EUROPEAN BALLET – Gala Performance	European Ballet Presents
13- 16 Apr 1994	IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC Angela Beardmore School of Dance	Angela Beardmore SODance
18- 23 Apr 1994	OKLAHOMA (Musical) Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	Newcastle AOS Presents
27 Apr –		
1 May 1994	SESAME STREET – WHERE'S THE BIRDIE?	Unknown
4-7 May 1994	BLITZ (Musical) By Lionel Bart	New Stoke Panto Co
8 May 1994	MARK SHAKESPEARE (Organist)	Unknown
10 May 1994	STARS OF THE RUSSIAN OPERA With Guests from the BOLSHOI OPERA	Unknown
12 May 1994	KEVIN 'BLOODY' WILSON	Unknown

24 June 1994 (**Pic and Feature 25 June Evening Sentinel Page 14**)

THEATRE STAFF WEEP AS THEY ARE MADE REDUNDANT

On the 24 June 1994 (Fri) staff at the theatre were made redundant as the management try to sell the theatre building via local estate agents Louis Taylor.

STAFF LISTED

Pat Leyland (Press and Publicity Officer), Brian Beech (Technical), Chris Blackwood, Philip Kempson, John Ankers, Paul Wood and Andrew Dutton.

UPDATE

By December 1994, the theatre was in the hands of "TR Hanley Ltd" (Theatre Royal Hanley Ltd) with financial support from the City of Stoke on Trent.

General Manager was Chris Grady.

23 Dec –

Jan 1995	ALADDIN By? Incl; Danny McColl (Brookside) as Wishee Washee Rachael Lindsay (Brookside) as Princess Jasmine Jack Wild (Oliver, Artful Dodger) as Aladdin	John Redgrave and Chris Hennen Presents
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CANCELLED PART WAY THROUGH THE RUN?

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1995 THEATRE ROYAL

GENERAL MANGER Chris Grady

PUBLICITY / MARKETING MANAGER Jenny Rainsford

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29 Jan – 4 Feb 1995 Closed for Maintenance

5 Feb 1995	COLDSTREAM GUARDS	Unknown
10-11 Feb 1995	KILL ME I LOVE YOU!... TOO	Opera Circus Presents
14- 25 Feb 1995	A CHORUS LINE By Michael Bennett Book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante Music by Marvin Hamlish City of Stoke on Trent Amateur Operatic Society	City of Stoke on Trent AOS

19 Feb 1995	A PUBLIC AUCTION	Unknown
26 Feb 1995	THE GOLDEN SOUNDS OF THE 60'S Incl; Bachelors Craig Douglas (Only 16) Peter Sarstedt (Where do you go to my lovely) Jess Conrad (Singer) Vernon Girls Host, Dave Johnson (Signal Gold Presenter)	Unknown
27 Feb –		
4 Mar 1995	RITA SUE AND BOB TOO! By Andrea Dunbar	Unknown
5 Mar 1995	THE SNOW QUEEN Based on the Story by Hans Christian Anderson Presto Puppets	Presto Puppets Presents
6 Mar 1995	JIM TAVARE (Comedian)	Unknown
8 Mar 1995	ADAM NIGHT (Hypnosis)	Unknown
9- 10 Mar 1995	THE HISS AND BOO MUSIC HALL Incl; Jimmy Cricket (Comedian) Richard Gauntlett Judith Hibbert Ian Liston – Chairman Musical Director Barrie Bignold	Hiss and Boo Co
11 Mar 1995	SAVELOY-BAGGS Incl; English National Opera Company Royal National Opera Company (Members from Both)	ENO / RNO Co
12 Mar 1995	RICHARD STILGOE AND PETER SKELLERN	Unknown
13- 18 Mar 1995	To Be Confirmed (programme listing)	
19 Mar 1995	HARRY HILL (Comedian)	Unknown
21 Mar 1995	TOSCA By Giacomo Puccini Compagnia D'Opera Italiana di Milano	CD'OItalia Presents
24 Mar 1995	KENNY BALL AND HIS JAZZMEN	Unknown
25 Mar 1995	THE MAGIC OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN Including a Masterclass at 2.30pm Incl; Stars from the Original D'Oyly Carte Company	Unknown
28 Mar –		
1 Apr 1995	THREE STEPS TO HEAVEN (Tribute Show)	Mervyn Conn / Chester Gateway Presents
3-8 Apr 1995	DIE FLEDERMAUS By Johann Strauss Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	Newcastle AOS
11- 22 Apr 1995	PETER PAN Based on the Story by J B Barry Adapted by Piers Charter-Robinson (Book, Music and Lyrics) Incl; Terence Donovan (Doug Willis Neighbours) as Captain Hook Nicola Stapleton (Mandy in Eastenders) as Peter Flying by Foy	International Theatre and Music Ltd
23 Apr 1995	EDMUND HOCKRIDGE (Singer) The Magical World of Musicals	Unknown
24- 29 Apr 1995	WUTHERING HEIGHTS Based on the book by Emily Bronte Adapted by William Ash Incl; Jane Freeman (Last of the Summer Wine) as Ellen Dean Billy Geraghty as Heathcliff Jacqueline Leonard as Cathy	Good Company
2-6 May 1995	SWEET CHARITY (Musical) Pic and Feature 1 May Evening Sentinel Page 14	Unknown

This show only sold 300 seats before the first night out of 5,024 available for the run.

CANCELLED? (In the programme but replaced date with Sweet Charity)
 2- 6 May 1995 THE CANTERBURY TALES Charles Stephens and James Tillit
 Based on an original production by Michael Bogdanov
 Incl; **Brian Glover**

19 May 1995 DEADRINGER FOR MEATLOAF Unknown
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 24 May 1995 LEE EVANS (Comedian) Unknown

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Unkn 1996 MY FAIR LADY Newcastle AOS
 By
 Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society

1- 6 Apr 1996 BARNUM UK Productions
 Music by Cy Coleman
 Lyrics by Michael Stewart
 Book by Mark Bramble
 Incl; **Andrew O'Connor**

10- 13 Apr 1996 LOVE ON THE DOLE Meridian Theatre Company
 By Ronald Gow and Walter Greenwood and Oldham Coliseum Theatre
 Incl; Ann Aris
 Eileen Bell
 Tilly Edwards
 Peter McCabe
 Kevin McGowan
 Clifford Milner
 Grace Mitchell
 Tara Moran
 Vanessa Rosenthal
 Alan Rothwell

15- 20 Apr 1996 THE BLUES BROTHERS David Pugh Presents
 Based on the film

24 April 1996 The Sentinel Page 12.
LIGHTS OUT AT CASH-CRIPPLED THEATRE ROYAL
 Theatre Royal owner Don Stewart didn't expect to be chaining shut the doors 18 months later and £105,000 worse off.
 Don Stewart and fellow directors Sarah Shaw and Colin Fisher took over in 1994. A few months after taking over the pantomime "Aladdin" with Jack Wild in the cast was cancelled followed by a sell out "Rita, Sue and Bob Too". In 1995 the Blues Brothers raked in £50,000 with its return in 1996 making £70,000 but with the revamped Regent Theatre and a plea to the Council for £140,000 towards refurbishment being turned down on the morning of the 23 Apr 1996 the theatre was in a bad way.

Apr 1996 CALAMITY JANE Unknown
 The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed.

18 May 1996 GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS Flying Music and
 The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed. Bill Kenwright Presents
 "Ferry Cross the Mersey" New Musical
 By Maggie Norris and Guy Picot

5 May 1996 ROSE MARIE Unknown
 The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed.

Summer 1996 LEE EVANS (Comedian) Unknown
 The Show was cancelled as the theatre closed.

9 August 1996

SALE OF THEATRE ROYAL INTERIOR FITTINGS

Closed since April 1996 with debts of £400,000 and has been on sale for £500,000 by Estate Agents Louis Taylor.

A possible buyer will be announced in the next two weeks according to the article. However, Mr Glyn Weston a sign maker has snapped up the Theatre Royal Crest for £250 and now wants to know what to do with it.

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MIKE LLOYD TAKES ON THEATRE

During the 1990's the theatre went through various Managers before closing on the 23 April 1996. It was taken over by Mike Lloyd in November 1996 who after redeveloping the building, managed to get Ken Dodd to open it on the 29 November 1997. Mr Lloyd ran the theatre as a "Theatre and live music venue". It then became a Night club "Jumping Jacks" in 2000. (1438 Seats)

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1997 THEATRE ROYAL

OWNER Mike Lloyd (Mike Lloyd Music Ltd)

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Theatre directors Michael Fontaine and Brian Pridmore the directors of "Potteries Theatre (Management) Limited" have been banned from being company directors for 4 and 3 years respectively) after miss-manging the theatre before it closed in September 1993 owing money to various companies including the show "Alfie" starring Adam Faith.

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It was announced that the Theatre Royal would reopen in November 1997 after spending thousands on a new roof and refurbishment of the building.

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Feature on the refurbishment of the Theatre Royal Hanley by owner Mike Lloyd.

Rewiring and electrical systems £215,000

New seating in the Stalls and 190 Smoke Alarms £85,000

Theatre auditorium will seat 1,800 with the stalls being able to be removed for standing room.

The Original seating is being kept in the Gallery Area.

Brian Beech who worked as the Technical Manager of the theatre between 1983 and 1994 said with the new improvements the theatre has got the best chance it has ever had for success.

The Theatre will be renamed **THE ROYAL** and was due to be opened to the public on Saturday 29 November 1997.

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FEATURE ON MIKE LLOYD AND REOPENING

The 55-Year-old Mike Lloyd runs record stores and promotes shows across the City of Stoke on Trent. In the early days he played with a group called The Shouts who backed Gene Vincent at some of his concerts.

Mike is also Vice Chairman of Walsall Football Club.

The Theatre "The Royal" will be officially opened by Ken Dodd on Saturday the 29 November with a chance to look round the newly refurbished building.

The first show will be by Liverpool band "Cast" on the 2 Dec 1997.

Unk 1997

KEN DODD IN CONCERT

Unknown

Unk 1997

ROY CHUBBY BROWN

Unknown

13 Dec -

11 Jan 1998

CINDERELLA

By Bryan Blackburn

Effective Productions

Incl; **Ruth Madoc** (Hi Di Hi) as the Fairy Godmother
Diane Louise Jordan (Blue Peter) as Cinderella
Johnnie Casson (Comedian) as Barron Hard Up
Stephen Mulhern (Disney Channel / Later Catchphrase) as Buttons
Tim Churchill as the Prince
Simon Bashford and Mark Two as the Ugly Sisters
Mark Thrippleton as Dandini
Mr Blobby (Noel's House Party) as Himself
Les Peppitques En Noir (from the London Palladium)
The Royal Dancers

Directed by **Jim Davidson**
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Unkn 1998 JASPER CARROTT
Unkn 1998 JIMMY NAIL
Unkn 1998 LEO SAYER
Unkn 1998 VIENNA FESTIVAL BALLET
Unkn 1998
Unkn 1998
4- 9 May 1998 THE BLUES BROTHERS David Pugh Presents
Based on the film
Pic and Feature 1 May The Sentinel Page 79
June 1998 "THE ROYAL STORY" a history of the Theatre Royal.
Artists including Gertie Gitana (Virginia Bryan playing the part)
Gracie Fields (Also Virginia Bryan),
Max Miller (Ray Johnson),
Laurel and Hardy (Pete Lindup and Steve King),
Frank Randle (Roy Watts),
Norman Evans (Roy Watts),
George Formby (John Walley)
Flannigan and Allen (Ray Johnson and Richard Masters)
Directed by Ray Johnson.

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THE SENTINEL ROYAL CARD LAUNCHED

Collect 6 vouchers from the newspaper will give the card holder discount on special shows, special Sentinel event discounts at the theatre and discount on certain days at Mike Lloyd Music shops.

1 Sept 1998	LEE EVANS (Comedian)	Unknown
9 Sept 1998	DANNY LA RUE 50 Glorious Years	Unknown
10 Sept 1998	DANCE ON (Tribute to Cliff and the Shadows) Incl; Steve Christie as Cliff Richard Nick McNutty as Hank Marvin	Unknown
15-19 Sept 1998	ONE FOR THE ROAD By Willie Russell	Charles Vance Presents
22-26 Sept 1998	AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER By Arthur Smith and Chris England	Charles Vance Presents
2 Oct 1998	BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Music from Weber, Beethoven and Rimsky Korsakov	Stoke and Newcastle Music
3 Oct 1998	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa) With support	Derek Nicol and Phil Walden for Flying Music
7 Oct 1998	THE UNTIMATE FANTASY SHOW (Adults Only) (Contains Male Nudity)	Unknown
8 Oct 1998	CARWASH 98 TOUR Incl; Rose Royce Odyssey	Tony Denton Promotions

The Real Thing		
10 Oct 1998	BILLY PEARCE (Comedian) (Adult show)	Unknown
16 Oct 1998	THE BILLY FURY EXPERIENCE Incl; Fury's Tornados (Telstar) Colin Gold as Billy Fury	Unknown
17 Oct 1998	JANE MCDONALD (The Cruise)	Unknown
COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK		
20 Oct 1998	DON WILLIAMS	Unknown
21 Oct 1998	FOSTER AND ALLEN	Unknown
23 Oct 1998	JOE BROWN'S COCKNEY COWBOY TOUR	Unknown
24 Oct 1998	CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH	Unknown
29 Oct 1998	HALLE ORCHESTRA Music from Dvorak, Mussorgsky / Ravel, Sebelius	Stoke and Newcastle Music
27- 31 Oct 1998	THE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS (101 Dalmatians) By Dodie Smith Adapted by Glyn Robbins	Vanessa Ford Productions
1 Nov 1998	BRITANNIA BUILDING SOCIETY BAND (was FODENS BAND) The Royal, Hanley (Theatre Royal) (14 th Annual Concert) In Aid of the North Staffs, Special Schools Holiday Home. With the Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir (Musical Director John Glyn Williams) (Accompanist Anne Philips) Advertised as the Fodens Courtois Band formally known as Britannia Building Society Band. MC for the evening Bill Humphreys (BBC Radio Stoke)	
2 Nov 1998	STEREOPHONICS	Unknown
4 Nov 1998	HANK MARVIN In and out of the Shadows 40 th Anniversary Show	Unknown
6 Nov 1998	CHAMPAIGN SUPERNOVA (Oasis Tribute) With URBAN VERVE (Verve Tribute)	Unknown
7 Nov 1998	THE STRANGLERS (Golden Brown)	Unknown
8 Nov 1998	THE ILLEGAL EAGLES (Tribute Show)	Unknown
9- 14 Nov 1998	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT (Adult Play) By Dave Simpson	Paul Farrah Presents
10- 14 Nov 1998	THE SECRET GARDEN (Musical)	Paul Farrah Presents
15 Nov 1998	ALEXANDER O'NEAL	Unknown
16 Nov 1998	PAUL MERTON (Comedian)	Unknown
17 Nov 1998	BJORN AGAIN (Abba Tribute)	Unknown
18 Nov 1998	FREDDIE STARR (Comedian)	Unknown
19 Nov 1998	ALL AMERICAN SOLID GOLD SHOW '98 Incl; Bobby Vee (Rubber Ball) Chris Montez (Let's Dance) Little Eva (The Loco-Motion) Johnny Preston (Running Bear) Brian Hyland (Sealed with a Kiss) The Vees	Derek Nicol and Paul Walden for Flying Music
20 Nov 1998	SQUEEZE (Cool for Cats) (Including Jools Holland)	Unknown
23 -28 Nov 1998	THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE By Gilbert and Sullivan Incl; Paul Nicholas as the Pirate King	UK Productions
29 Nov 1998	THE LORD MAYOR'S ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE Comperre Sam Plank (BBC Radio Stoke) Proceeds to Potteries Glass Benevolent Fund and Stoke on Trent Save the Children	SOT Council
2 Dec 1998	QUEEN A CELEBRATION (Tribute)	Unknown
4 Dec 1998	THE MAGIC OF SINATRA Incl; Andy Prior Orchestra Donna Canale	Unknown

5- 6 Dec 1998 **ROY CHUBBY BROWN** (Adult Comedian) Unknown
8 Dec 1998 **THE NUTCRACKER** Vienna Festival Ballet
By
9 Dec 1998 **THE CHRIS BARBER BAND** Cromwell Management
With Special Guest **LONNIE DONEGAN**
11 Dec 1998 **DANIEL O'DONNELL** Unknown
19- 20 Dec 1998 **KEN DODD CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS SHOW** Unknown
(see Below)

17 Dec –
17 Jan 1999 **THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD** Effective Productions
Incl; **Little and Large** (Comedy Duo) as Good and Bad Robbers
Jess Conrad (Singer / Entertainer) as the Sheriff of Nottingham
Otis the Ardvark as Himself
Francine Lewis (Generation Game) as Maid Marion
Tim Churchill as Robin Hood
Steve Barclay as the Nurse (Dame)
Eddie Caswell as Friar Tuck
The Acromaniacs (Speciality Act) as the Merry Men
The Royal Dancers
Director **Jim Davidson**
Music written by **Rick Wakeman**
(19 and 10 December performances at 2pm with Ken Dodd at 7.30pm)

EXTRA INFO

Syd Little and Eddie Large last played in Panto at Stoke in 1972 when they appeared at the Regent.

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2-7 Feb 1999 **CINDERELLA ON ICE** Wild Rose Ice Theatre Ltd
Russian Ice Stars
(Originally advertised as 1-6 Feb)
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11 Feb 1999 **ANTHOLOGY OF THE BEATLES** (Tribute) Unknown
12 Feb 1999 **QE II (QE2) Tribute to Queen** Unknown
15- 20 Feb 1999 **SOUTH PACIFIC THE MUSICAL** Porthill Players
By Richard Rodgers
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
Book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan
22-27 Feb 1999 **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT IN IBIZA** Paul Farrah Presents
(Sequel to Girl's Night Out)
By Dave Simpson
1- 6 Mar 1999 **ME AND MY GIRL** North Staffordshire Operatic
By Society
Incl; Tim Churchill
Michaleen Hilton
12 Mar 1999 **THE SOLID SILVER 60'S SHOW** BBC Radio Stoke
BBC Radio Stoke's 31st Birthday Concert
Incl; **Peter Noon (Herman Hermits)** Derek Nicol and Paul Walden
Freddie and the Dreamers For Flying Music
Billy J Kramer and the Dakotas
Brian Poole (with Electrix)
15- 20 Mar 1999 **CARMEN** Civit Hills Opera Presents
By Bizet

	With LA BOHEME By Puccini	
28 Mar 1999	SPIRIT OF THE DANCE	Unknown
29-30 Mar 1999	MICHAEL BALL in Concert With Special Guest	Unknown
6 Apr 1999	THE CHUCKLE BROTHERS	Unknown
8 Apr 1999	THAT'LL BE THE DAY By Trevor Payne	Trevor Payne Presents
9 Apr 1999	THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA Compere Malcolm Laycock (BBC Radio 2' Big Band Era)	Unknown
10 Apr 1999	SHAKIN' STEVENS Incl; Linda Gail Lewis (Sister of Jerry Lee Lewis)	Kennedy Street Enterprises
13 – 17 Apr 1999	BE OUR GUEST	Jill Clewes Dance Studios
19- 24 Apr 1999	THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS Music and Lyrics by Carol Hall Book by Larry L King and Peter Masterson Based on a Story by Larry L King (The film included Dolly Parton singing "I will always love you")	Newcastle AOS
28 Apr 1999	60's GOLD Incl; Gerry and the Pacemakers The Merseybeats Mike Pender's Searchers The Fortunes	Unknown
29 Apr – 1 May 1999	A NIGHT AT THE MUSIC HALL Incl; Cannon and Ball John Stokes Bachelors The Roly Polys (Les Dawson Show) Craig Douglas (Only 16) Luciano Ann Duval Johnny Dennis (Chairman)	Unknown
8 May 1999	THE NUTCRACKER Music by Tchaikovsky	English Youth Ballet
9 May 1999	DOMINIC KIRWIN (Irish Singer)	Ritz Productions
12 May 1999	ERROL BROWN (Hot Chocolate)	Unknown
13 May 1999	THE DUBLINERS	Unknown
19 May 1999	PHIL COOL (Comedian)	Unknown
20 May 1999	THE DRIFTERS with Johnny Moore	Faye Treadwell Presents
29 May 1999	JIMMY TARBUCK With KENNY LYNCH	International Artists
4 June 1999	RICHARD STILGOE AND PETER SKELLERN	Unknown
7 June 1999	The big READY STEADY COOK EVENT (Based on the BBC TV Series) Incl; Fern Britton (TV Presenter) Plus 2 Celebrity Chefs	Unknown
20- 25 Sept 1999	THE KING AND I City of Stoke on Trent Amateur Operatic Society	City of Stoke on Trent AOS
29 Sept – 2 Oct 1999	MADAM BUTTERFLY By Puccini	Civit Hills Opera Presents
3-4 Oct 1999	THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Based on the Story by Kenneth Graham	Compass Theatre Company
8-9 Oct 1999	JANE MCDONALD (The Cruise)	Unknown
10 Oct 1999	BILLY PEARCE (Comedian)	Unknown
11 Oct 1999	SEAN LOCK (Comedian)	Unknown
12 Oct 1999	BJORN AGAIN (Abba tribute)	Unknown
14 Oct 1999	JOE PASQUALE (Comedian)	Unknown
15 Oct 1999	FLASHBACK starring SISTER SLEDGE Incl; Imagination starring Lee John	Unknown

16 Oct 1999	The Village People Tribute Show THE SOLID SILVER 60'S ROCK 'N' ROLL SHOW Incl; Marty Wilde and the Wilde Cats Joe Brown and the Bruvvers John Leyton Eden Kane The Vernon Girls	Unknown
19 Oct 1999	LA CAGE AUX FOLLES	North Staffs Operatic Society
25- 30 Oct 1999	THE BLUES BROTHERS	Unknown
31 Oct 1999	CHARLIE LANDBOROUGH	Unknown
1 Nov 1999	SUPER FURRY ANIMALS	Unknown
3 Nov 1999	HALFWAY TO PARADISE (Billy Fury Tribute) Incl; Fury's Tornados (Telstar) Colin Gold as Billy Fury	Unknown
4 Nov 1999	ELKIE BROOKS	Unknown
5 Nov 1999	MOSCOW BALLET – La Classique Various Classic Ballets	Moscow Ballet
6 Nov 1999	THE COMMITMENTS Various Stars from the Film	Unknown
8- 13 Nov 1999	CALAMITY JANE Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	Newcastle AOS Presents
14 Nov 1999	ELVIS EXPERIENCE	Unknown
15 Nov 1999	SIMON MUNNERY (Comedian)	Comedy Night
16 Nov 1999	FINBAR WRIGHT (Irish Tenor)	Unknown
17 Nov 1999	DES O'CONNOR	Unknown
18 Nov 1999	THINK FLOYD (Pink Floyd Tribute)	Unknown
20 Nov 1999	60's GOLD Incl; Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Titch The Tremeloes Wayne Fontana and the Mindbenders Dave Berry	Unknown
21 Nov 1999	Revel Red's MEN 'O' MEN	Unknown
23 Nov 1999	FREDDIE STARR (Comedian)	Unknown
24 Nov 1999	MAXIMUM RHYTHM AND BLUES Incl; The Manfreds Chris Farlowe Alan Price Colin Blunstone	Unknown
25 Nov 1999	GA GA The Ultimate Tribute to Queen	Unknown
26 Nov 1999	HINGE AND BRACKET	Unknown
27 Nov 1999	THE HOLLIES (He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother)	Unknown
28 Nov 1999	THE "ROYAL" VARIETY PERFORMANCE Incl; Jimmy Cricket (Comedian) Kerry Wilson (Local Impressionist)	Mike Lloyd Presents
30 Nov 1999	ALAN DAVIES (Comedian)	Unknown
1 Dec 1999	RAVE ON IT'S HOLLY AT CHRISTMAS (Buddy Holly Tribute)	Unknown
2 Dec 1999	THE ILLEGAL EAGLES (Eagles Tribute)	Unknown
3 Dec 1999	JAMES GALWAY (Flautist) Incl; Marisa Robles (Harp) The London Mozart Players	Unknown
4 Dec 1999	ROLF HARRIS in Concert	Unknown

EXTRA INFORMATION

At a previous visit Rolf Harris painted the number one dressing room door with one of his image pictures. It stayed in the theatre for many years until its closure. (1990's or 2000's)

5 Dec 1999	MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY Incl; SLADE II (Tribute Band) BC Sweet (Tribute Band)	Unknown
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6 Dec 1999	T Rextasy (Tribute Band) THE ULTIMATE 60'S SHOW Incl; The Searchers Swinging Blue Jeans The Tornados Billie Davis	Unknown
7 Dec 1999	THE ULTIMATE BALL, BARBER AND BILK With Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen Chris Barber's Jazz and Blues Band Acker Bilk and the Paramount Jazz Band	Unknown
8- 9 Dec 1999	ROY CHUBBY BROWN (Adult Comedian)	Unknown
17- 18 Dec 1999	KEN DODD'S CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS SHOW	Unknown
19 Dec 1999	CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS Biddulph Male Voice Choir With Special Guests	Unknown
15 Dec – 16 Jan 2000	ALADDIN Incl; The Grumbleweeds as The Chinese Policemen Arthur Bostrom ('Allo 'Allo) as The Emperor George Sewell (UFO) as Abanazer Warrior (ITV's Gladiators) as Genie Tim Churchill as Aladdin Steve Bee as Wishee Washee Jonathan Owen as Widow Twankey Jaqueline Blacker as The Princess The Royal Dancers	Duggie Chapman Presents

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7- 12 Feb 2000	CAMELOT Book and Lyrics by Lana Jay Learner Music by Frederick Lowe	Porthill Players
13 Feb 2000	MARK LAMARR (Comedian / TV Presenter)	Off the Kerb Productions
20 Feb 2000	DE+WITCHED (Bewitched Tribute) With MILLENNIUM (Robbie Williams Tribute)	Unknown
24 Feb 2000	ANTHOLOGY OF THE BEATLES	Unknown
25 Feb 2000	THE GRUMBLEWEEDS	Unknown
27 Feb 2000	BOYSONLY (Beyonce Tribute) With STEP BY STEP (Steps Tribute)	Unknown
29 Feb – 5 Mar 2000	PETER PAN ON ICE The Russian Ice Stars	Wilde Rose Ice Theatres Ltd
8 Mar 2000	LA BOHEME By Giacomo Puccini Compagnia D'Opera Italiana di Milano	CD'OItalia Presents
10 Mar 2000	GARY WILMOT Sings Music to Watch Girls by The Mike Alexander Quartet	Unknown
11 Mar 2000	BBC RADIO STOKE BIRTHDAY SHOW GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS With THE SEARCHERS PETER SARSTEDT THE SWINGING BLUE JEANS	BBC Radio Stoke Flying Music Presents
16- 18 Mar 2000	THE MIKADO By Gilbert and Sullivan DIE FLEDERMAUS By Johann Strauss	Carl Rosa Opera Company
21 Mar 2000	P.J. PROBY	Unknown
23 Mar 2000	DANCING IN THE STREET	Unknown

	Incl; Mary Wilson Martha Reeves Edwin Starr	
24 Mar 2000	ELVIS ON TOUR (Tribute) Incl; Liberty Mounten as Elvis	Unknown
25 Mar 2000	GAELFORCE DANCE (Irish Dance Show)	Unknown
26 Mar 2000	JOE LONGTHORNE With Special Guest	Unknown
29 Mar 2000	VOULES VOUS (Abba Tribute)	Unknown
30 Mar 2000	THE COUNTERFEIT STONES (Rolling Stones Tribute)	Unknown
31 Mar 2000	THAT'LL BE THE DAY	Trevor Payne
1 Apr 2000	MAGIC (Queen and Freddie Mercury Tribute)	Unknown
5-8 Apr 2000	VISIONS IN MOTION	Pauline Steel Dance Studios
10-15 Apr 2000	SHOWBOAT Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society	Newcastle AOS
18 Apr 2000	DUSTY (Musical Tribute)	Jim Davidson Effective Theatre Presents
20 Apr 2000	BANANAS IN PYJAMAS	Unknown
25 Apr 2000	JIM DAVIDSON (Comedian)	Jim Davidson Effective Theatre Productions
27-28 Apr 2000	THE RAT PACK (Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jnr and Dean Martin Tribute)	Unknown
29 Apr 2000	SHAKIN' STEVENS With Special Guest	Unknown
5 May 2000	JOHN MAYALL and PETER GREEN	Unknown
6 May 2000	GENE PITNEY (24 Hours from Tulsa)	Unknown
12 May 2000	DON WILLIAMS (Country Star)	Unknown
17- 20 May 2000	RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW Angela Beardmore School of Dance	Angela Beardmore SOD
21 May 2000	DOMINIC KERWAN (Irish Singer)	Unknown
24 May 2000	JALEO FLAMENCO (Spanish Dancers)	Unknown
25 May 2000	BBC MUSIC LIVE in Association with BBC Radio Stoke	BBC Radio Stoke

30 May 2000 (31 May 2000 The Sentinel Page 2 and 3)

THEATRE ROYAL CALLS IN THE RECEIVERS

Yesterday (30 May 2000) receivers KPMG were called in to the Mike Lloyd Empire after his record store, theatre promotions and Theatre Royal (The Royal) projects crashed.

EXTRA INFO

After four years of running the Royal the doors finally closed on the building which would never see the theatrical lights again as it lay dark for many years before being turned into a night club.

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Feature on Alan Barnett who took photographs back stage at the theatre for the last 12 months and wants to compile a book of them.

Pictures in the feature included Door Manager Paul Wood.

BELOW SHOWS ALL CANCELLED

2 June 2000	COLIN BLUNSTONE and ROD ARGENT	Unknown
4 June 2000	A 2000 GALA CELEBRATION Porthill Players and Special Guests	Porthill Players Mike Lloyd Presents
10 June 2000	THE CHUCKLE BROTHERS	Unknown
15 June 2000	JACK JONES in Concert	Unknown
16 June 2000	KEN DODD'S COMEDY FESTIVAL With various guest Comedians	Ken Dodd Presents
16 July 2000	GOSPEL ROCKY (Celebration of Jesus)	Unknown

4 Nov 2000

JULIAN CLARY (Comedian)

Unknown

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Unkn LIQUID AND JUMPING JACKS (Nightclub) / Theatre Royal

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2018 THE ROYAL MUSIC HALL / Theatre Royal

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Owned by the Deltic Group the theatre reopened as two venues with the Auditorium area becoming "THE ROYAL MUSIC HALL" and the upstairs area is named the "FICTION NIGHTCLUB" with access via Brunswick Street just like the entrance to the 1887 Theatre Gallery.

A feature in the Sentinel on the 20 June 2018 announced the opening of the new venue with a planned exhibition about the history of the theatre put together by ex-publicity and marketing manager Pat Leyland and Angie Stevenson (Local Historian) to be on display in July 2018.

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UNKNOWN DATES

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- 1) The Vagabond King (Incl; John Hanson)
- 2) Fred Duprez in MY WIFE'S FAMILY?

CELEBRITY APPEARANCES DATES UNKNOWN

Hilda Baker

Lewis Collins

John Hanson

Paul Henry

Tessie O'Shea

Bill Owen

Paul Squire

Mike and Bernie Winters

29 Jan 19?? **SHOWADDYWADDY**

Royal Premier Promotions

8-13 Feb 19?? **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW**

British Actors Theatre

Incl; **Kate O'Mara**
Tim Woodward
Jane Arden
Hattie Arkwright
Paul Bradley
Edward Brayshaw
Peter MacQueen
John Moreno
Graham Pountney
Charles Spicer
Craig Stevenson

18 Apr 19?? **THE SOUND OF MURDER**

Aldwych Theatre Presents

By William Fairchild
 Incl; Griffith Jones
 Louise Collins
 Hazel Terry
 David Conville
Michael Knowles (Later "It Ain't Half Hot Mum")
 Peter Henchie

2 May 19?? **CRYSTAL GAYLE** Ritz Productions
 2-7 May 19?? ALPHABETICAL ORDER Robert Kennedy and Lee Dean
 By Michael Frayn
 Incl; **Charlie Drake**
Maurice Kaufmann
Roy North (Basil Brush Show)
 Robert Grange
 Lesley North
 Tammy Ustinov
Pamela Vezey

30 May 19?? (THEATRE ROYAL GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes / Tel 25251)
 A PIECE OF SILVER (Play) Cheltenham Everyman Theatre
 By N.C. Hunter Co Ltd
 Incl; Joyce Heron
 Esmond Knight
 Eileen Draycott
 David Steuart (Poster Spelling) (or David Stuart / David Stewart)
 Sally Latimer
 Edward Vaughan-Scott
 Irene Bradshaw
Derek Fowlds (Later Heartbeat)
 Russ Hutchinson

9- 14 Oct 19?? Directed by Peter Powell
 PULL THE OTHER ONE (Contains Nudity) Proscenium Theatre Company
 By Norman Robbins
 Incl; Bruce James
 Dave Lynn
 Simon Barry
 Teresa Hennessey
 Debra Karen
 Anne Chauveau
 Special Guest Star Ben Warris as The Rev. Nookey
 Directed by Alexander Bridge

4- 8 Mar 19?? WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED? Malcolm Knight Presents
 By Tony Clayton
 Incl; **Trevor Bannister (Are you Being Served)**
 Richard Coleman
Ann Hamilton
 Suzanna Grant
 Beau Daniels
 Miranda Marshall

17-21 May 19?? IN ONE BED AND OUT THE OTHER North Bank Presents
 By Jean De Letraz
 Adapted by Mawby Green and Ed Feilbert
 Incl; **Melvyn Hayes (It Ain't Half Hot Mum)**
Jilly Johnson (Model)

15 Sept 19?? (Following Week)
 (THEATRE ROYAL GENERAL MANAGER P.E. Hughes / Potteries Theatres Ltd /
 Tel 25251)
 AS LONG AS THEY'RE HAPPY Carl Clopet Repertory Co
 By Vernon Sylvaine

28 Nov 19?? **SHEILA WALSH** (BBC Rock Gospel Show / Singer) Signal Radio and
Incl; Phil Keaggy Flying Music Presents

8 Dec 19?? (1 Week)
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DEAR DELINQUENT E.P. Clift and
By Jack Popperwell Anna Deere Wiman
and Laconril Limited
Incl; Michael Howard
Carol Austin
Robert Hunter
Daphne Jonason
Frank Pettitt
Christopher Banks
Grace Webb
Ross Hutchison
(2nd year)

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