

Easter parade

HI COUNTRY FANS. Next weekend sees the International Festival of Country Music at Wembley, where stars from the USA line up in force to give us our annual Easter treat — at least that's the way they and promoter Mervyn Conn seem to see it.

There are still no main stage appearances for our home-grown talent such as Stu Page Band and a few more who would give good accounts of themselves.

The line-up is:

● **Saturday** — Tammy Wynette, Boxcar Willie, Bobby Bare, Larry Boone, Rosie Flores, Pinkard and Bowden and Bill Conlan and Emerald.

● **Sunday** — Buck Owens, Janie Fricke, Billy Walker, Susan McCann, Keith Whitley, Suzy Bogguss, The Stonemans and Mick Flavin.

● **Monday** — Waylon Jennings, Jessie Colter, Earl Thomas Conley, Asleep At The Wheel, Townes Van Zandt, Billy Joe Shaver and Kimmie Rhodes.

Ticket enquiries ring 01-930-7502.

There are still tickets available for The International Gala Night at Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, on Saturday April 1 — those appearing include Graham Broughton from Britain.

Tickets are £8 in advance — £9 on the night. Children and OAPs — £5. Full details from Frank Hambleton on 0298 70194.

Some good shows in the area over the next couple of weeks, starting tonight with the appear-

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ance of Randy Blue, Miss Bobby Wyatt and Deep Water at The Golden Buckle CMC, Walesby S & S Club, Forest Lane.

Also tonight at Woolsthorpe village hall near Grantham you can catch those masters of mirth and bluegrass, the Duffy Brothers, with support from Darren Busby.

Tomorrow at Silver Buckle CMC, Kirkby Catholic Club, a rare appearance in the area of Old Hat Band.

The Pete Brazil Band are at Fred's Place tomorrow, while Tuesday sees the Les Close Band at Stapleford CMC, Horse and Jockey, Nottingham Road, Stapleford.

Easter weekend locally sees Dillinger at British Shoe Corporation Social Club, Leicester Forest East, on the Saturday, Stu Page Band at Fred's Place on the Sunday, while on the same night West Virginia are at Barneys Country Club, Haughton Farm, near Walesby.

T. P. Stubbs Barroom Band are at Springwater WC on Friday and the Star and Garter C and W Club operating on both Easter Saturday and Monday, with Randy Blue and Deep Water plus Karl Richmond on the Saturday and Bandwagon plus support on the Monday. On Friday at Cades Country CMC, Shireoaks MW, the highly-rated duo Rivendel Country.

I'll be at the Country Music Round-Up house party over Easter, where locals Adeys Hardware Company will be among the star-studded line-up of British talent who will entertain after the shows at Wembley are over — stamina is what's needed!

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SATURDAY: High Lane CMC, Cams Club, High Lane, Stockport — Gambler. Golden Buckle CMC, S&S Club, Forest Lane, Walesby — Randy Blue, Bobbie Wyatt and Deep Water. Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir Village Hall, near Grantham — Duffy Brothers; Darren Busby.

SUNDAY: Bourne CMC, Golden Lion, Bourne — Rivendel Country. Fred's Place CMC, Gedling MW, Plains Road, Mapperley — Pete Brazil Band. Hazel Grove CMC, Reform Club, Napier Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport — Bob McKinlay Band. Silver Buckle CMC,

Kirkby Catholic Club, School Street — Old Hat Band. Springwater WC, Springwater Restaurant, Calverton — Pete Young Trio.

MONDAY: Lone Ranger CMC, Labour Club, Coalville — Bandwagon.

TUESDAY: Stapleford CMC, Horse and Jockey, Nottingham Road, Stapleford — Les Close Band.

FRIDAY: Cades County CMC, Shireoaks MW, near Worksop — Rivendel Country. Springwater WC, Springwater Restaurant, Calverton — T P Stubbs Barroom Band.