



The Ramble 490 - 17/06/24

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Keighley & Worth Valley Diesel Gala

I aim to be there on both the Saturday and Sunday in 2024. I will see you around either on the trains or in the pub!

<https://kwvr.co.uk/events/dieselgala/>

The Ramble

At the moment I am feeling better but I am still not 100%. Having come back off my holiday I have made a request at the Doctors to have a referral for Sleep Apnoea. I do snore like a pregnant hippo and I have all the symptoms of Apnoea.

I am also looking at retirement as well. I have looked at the sums and I think I can retire sometime in the Spring of 2025. I have been with the Company for thirty years on 30th January 2025 and wish to make this milestone.

There is little point in leaving my present employer to go part time elsewhere when I can go part time at work. So there is also the option of staying at work and going down to four days a week.

I intend to retire when I am 60, it is whether I can go at 57.

I am also looking at merging some of my pensions as well.

There is a lot to think about and I have been doing that instead of doing this newsletter.

For the Diary

UEFA Euro In Germany

Final on Sunday 17th July [with help from an Observant Pete!]

Stoomtrein Dendermonde-Puurs

<https://www.stoomtrein.be/>

Scheldeland in Stoom is Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July.

Chemin de Fer à Vapeur des 3 Vallées [CFV3V]

<https://site.cfv3v.eu/site/>

Their Diesel Day is **Saturday** 20th July 2024.

Tomorrowland - Antwerpen

First Weekend is 19th - 21st July

Second Weekend is 26th - 28th July

There are party trains to Antwerpen Centraal from Düsseldorf and Amsterdam.

Olympics In Paris

Wednesday 24th July to Sunday 11th August

Bocq Railway

<https://www.cfocq.be/>

There is no Festival at the Bocq Railway in 2024 and possibly 2025.

PFT/TSP Festival

The **PFT/TSP Festival** is on the 15th, 17th and 18th August 2024.

The PFT/TSP Festival will not take place at the Bocq Railway this year (and probably next year) but in Saint-Ghislain instead on the 15th, 17th and 18th August. All presentable engines of PFT/TSP will be exhibited, those of Retrotrain in front of the shed and those from the ATD loco shed in the station of Saint-Ghislain with some engines of NMBS/SNCB, Infrabel and private transporters. As the Eurostar (red) and Inoui in this period will pass Saint-Ghislain, our TEE stock (15, 18 and TEE coach) will be placed so that the combination TEE >< TGV can be included in photographs.

It is planned to have a train hauled by 5519 to the event. If it is authorised, PFT/TSP are planning to run three trains per day travelling over Line 100 to Tertre and then Line 242 to Baudour.

PFT/TSP Bourse

The next Bourse at St. Ghislain is on 14th September 2024

Innotrans

<https://www.innotrans.de/en/>

Messe Berlin Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th September 2024



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TSP RETROTRAIN

SPOORFEEST

15, 17 ET 18
AUGUSTUS
2024

Op het programma:

- TSP locomotieven tentoonstelling
- Moderne locomotieven tentoonstelling
- Treinritten op de lijn Saint-Ghislain Baudour via tertre
- De collectie van de Retrotrain
- En vele andere avonturen

RETROTRAIN SAINT-GHISLAIN



- Kleine catering
- Autobar en disco!
- TSP winkel open
- Stands spoorwegmaatschappijen

GRATIS
TOEGANG

PRM-TOEGANG BEPERKT TOT
BEPAALDE ACTIVITEITEN

VOLG ONS OP FACEBOOK PFT-TSP

Cargo

INFRABEL
Right On Track



CERTUS



PFT/TSP Tour - Saturday 15th June 2024

These photographs are by Bruno Malfait. The tour ran from from Schaerbeek via Antwerp-Noord, Berchem, Lier, Mol, Hasselt, Tongeren, Liège-Guillemins, Ougrée, Statte, Namur, Auvélais, Fleurus, Ottignies, Leuven, Mérode, Brussel-Luxembourg back to Schaarbeek. The main motive power was 5519 with 2715 at the other end.

Schaarbeek at the off.



Antwerpen Dam



Tongeren



Ottignies



2715 on the back



Maxim sent me these links to photos of the tour that have been put on Flickr

<https://flickr.com/photos/191006294@N08/53793588040/in/feed-190913481-1718473571-1-72157721723199595/>

<https://flickr.com/photos/150227934@N04/53792712020/in/feed-150195795-1718435405-1-72157721723209381/>

<https://flickr.com/photos/maartenschoubben/53793569292/in/feed-44302067-1718533444-1-72157721723310814>

<https://flickr.com/photos/spiketrain2008/53794582594/in/feed-32861693-1718521940-1-72157721723291504>

<https://flickr.com/photos/193418660@N06/53792349482/in/feed-193373338-1718478474-1-72157721723272143>

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<https://flickr.com/photos/wallorail/53793621124/in/feed-52339428-1718478363-1-72157721723238524>

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<https://flickr.com/photos/135235560@N07/53794708492/in/feed-135214230-1718568308-1-72157721723411126>

HLE 28/29/186

Some revision dates have come out of some of the ex-NMBS/SNCB HLE 28s

186 123	12/01/24
186 206	03/04/24
186 209	20/02/24
186 210	29/11/23
186 218	13/12/23
186 219	18/11/22
186 224	22/09/23
186 225	19/04/24
186 229	27/05/22
186 231	20/07/23

186 226 arrived in Brugge on 29th May from Kassel. The loco had an accident on 17th November 2022 and has been stored for a long time in Kassel. It has been moved to Alstom Brugge to be cannibalised for spares. It is a safe assumption that 186 226 has been written off and is withdrawn.



Engineering Diversions in Antwerpen 01/02 & 8/9 June

The first weekend the trains did go the way that was expected but on the second weekend the Saturday trains went round the yards but the Sunday ones the driver changed ends in Fan A1. Apparently this was due to overnight cable thefts in Yard C1 and so the tour around was no longer possible, all NMBS trains had to switch ends in Yard A1.

As far as is known these 'tours' will be no longer planned as they are causing hold ups for freight trains. In Antwerpen Noord, freight is king.

Bumps in Schaarbeek

These have been sent in showing the end of 2719 at Schaarbeek.



HLR 77

Some photos of 7793 inside at Salzannes having the finishing touches applied.



M7

New out this week is 76093 [14/06/24].

There are 89 M7 BMx in service with 23 to go.

76007/08/09 [3]

76010/11/12/13/14/15/16/##/18/19 [9]

76020/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29 [10]

76030/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39 [10]

76040/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49 [10]

76050/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59 [10]

76060/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69 [10]

76070/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79 [10]

76080/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89 [10]

76090/91/92/**93**/94/95/96/97/99 [7]

76093 came into service with fellow newbies 72120, 72128, 73119, 73128 & 75083 on 14th June.



Photograph by Christian Vanheck <https://flickr.com/photos/cfl1969/53790358466>

Bmx 76102 M7 + Bx 75092 M7 (15914), Berloz, 13/06/2024

Bmx 76102 M7 + Bx 75092 M7 (15914) on High Speed Line 2 along E40 motorway, Berloz, 13/06/2024.

DB ICE

ICE-3NEO (BR408) sets have taken over the Amsterdam - Frankfurt/Basel ICE service replacing the ICE-3M (BR406) sets. The first ICE-3NEO appeared on the 13th June with the last ICE-3M running on the 15th.

NS Units

DM 90



Here is SD85-001 [ex 3429] at Krakow on Thursday 13th June 2024. Photograph by Matthijs Hoornstra and posted to Rail Magazine.nl fotogroep on Facebook.

You can tell the ex-NS number from the UIC number on the front!

ICM

Withdrawn: 4045

4011 was handed over to the NSM Museum at Utrecht Maliebaan on 14th June after travelling from Onnen. It had been at Amersfoort until 12th June when it moved to Onnen for cleaning.

Strukton loco hauled moves in connection with stripping for parts at Hengelo:
11th June - 4014 and 4045 from Amersfoort to Hengelo (4014 as brake force), returning to Amersfoort with 4014 and 4204.

The half a year's respite for 4011 fell on June 14th. It was decided that the set was going to be part of the collection of the Railway Museum.

So 4011 ran as Train 28211 from Onnen via Groningen and Amersfoort to Utrecht Maliebaan on 14-6-2024. Just before the final destination, NS ICMm 4011 passes the former stop Biltstraat in Utrecht.



Photograph by Daniël Friederichs and posted to Rail.Magazine NL on Facebook

ICNG

Having looked at the list, I would think that apart from the ICNG-D units, actual construction of ICNG shells has finished. All there really is now is retro fit work.

Arriving on Sunday 16th was 3206 which was brought in by 9903. It is seen here at Deventer in a photo by Bram Stienissen and posted to the ICNG Group on Facebook.



3101 has been moved around Europe but is not yet in the Netherlands.

3138 is still on test

3141 was back in passenger service from 11th June.

3142 is still driver training.

3146 is still on Acceptance.

NS TRAXX

Aad asks if anyone know what is going on with this Traxx E186 032? On May 1, 2024, the locomotive was located at the Alstom Services Center on the Albert Plesmanweg in Rotterdam with a sign saying "do not move". On June 16, 2024 (so 6 weeks later) the locomotive was still at the same location.



Photograph by Aad de Meij

It looks as if 186 032 is sat on the bricks but there is a traverser behind both locos!

Sik Corner

Ex NS locomotive 348 of NBM Rail on an end track in the yard at Boxtel on 23rd February 2003. In the background, a converted Plan V had just left the station on a Tilburg West - Eindhoven stopping train.



Photo by Bevadi <https://www.flickr.com/photos/bevadi/26723074450>

348 was built by Werkspoor and is Works Number 885 of 1950.

Owner - N/A.

Location - Cut up in 2004.

Information from <http://locomotor.nl/index.php/locaties/>

No Photograph Found 202, 205, 208, 212, 221, 233, 239, 269, 272, 275, 277, 280, 304, 313, 333, 356, 365 & 367 [19].

A number of Siks were lost during World War II. I am assuming that no photographs exist of these locomotors.
201, 206, 216, 220, 224, 236, 240, 258, 261, 266, 268, 282
287 & 295 [14]



Other News



FACEBOOK LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP BINGO

COMPLAINT ABOUT FIREWORKS BEING LET OFF

“WOT TIME DOES BIG ASDA OPEN?”

‘SUSPICIOUS’ LOOKING VAN SPOTTED DRIVING DOWN ROAD

“CAN ANYONE ELSE HEAR THAT HELICOPTER?”

“ANYONE KNOW WHOSE FRONT DOOR THIS IS AS THEY’VE GOT MY PARCEL.”

“DELETE IF NOT ALOUD”



Why men shouldn't write advice columns

Dear John,

I hope you can help me. The other day, I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled, and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter!

I am 32, my husband is 34 and the neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counseling, and I'm afraid I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

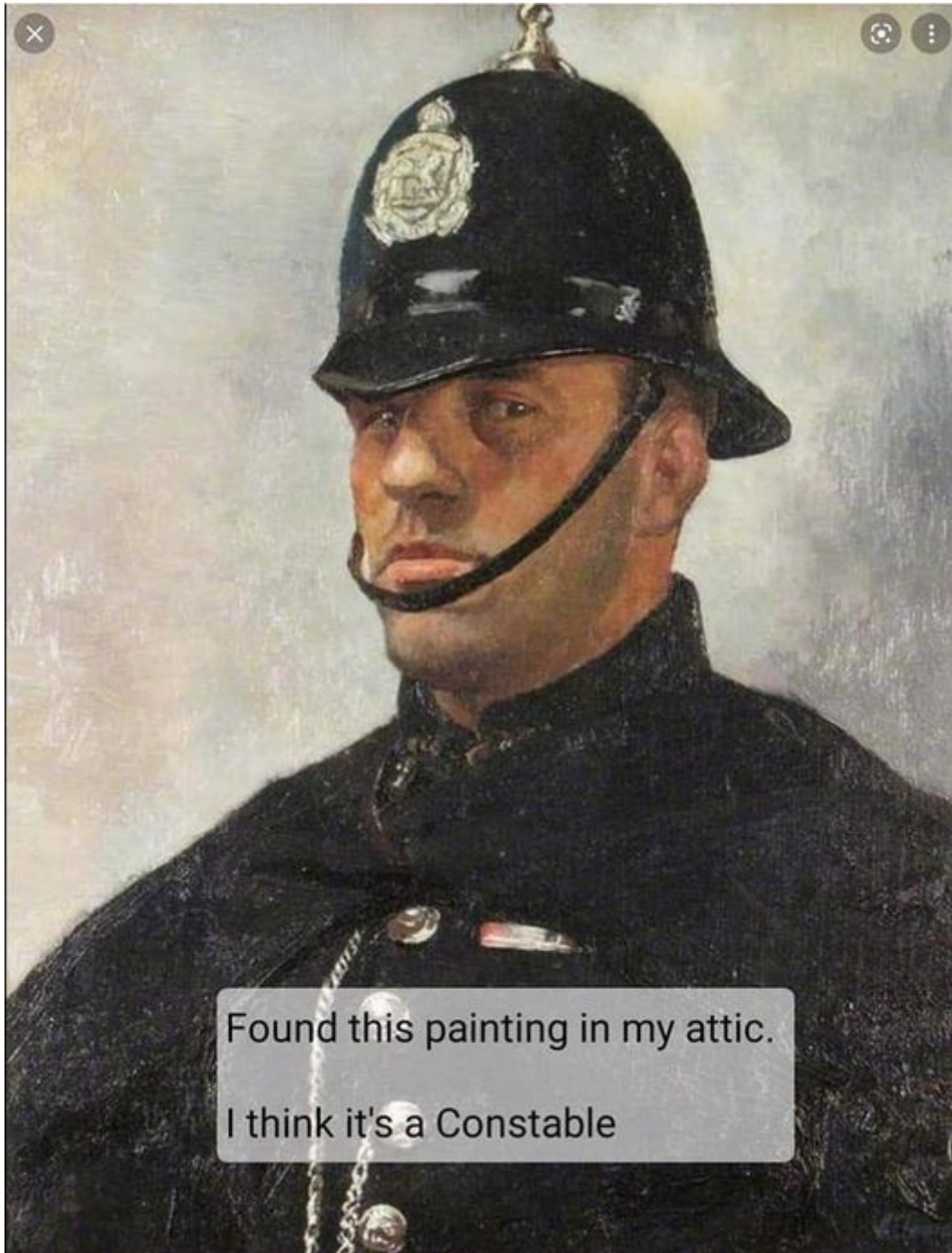
Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps,
John

— Forwarded by Steve Sanderson,
Gilbert, S.C.



Found this painting in my attic.
I think it's a Constable

Have a nice week

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