



The Ramble

560 of 9th February 2026



The next Ramble is on Monday 2nd March

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| Monday 16th February | Krokusvakantie Holiday |
| Monday 23rd February | Krokusvakantie Holiday |
| Monday 2nd March | [561] |
| Monday 9th March | [562] |
| Monday 16th March | [563] |
| Monday 23rd March | [564] |
| Monday 30th March | [565] |
| Monday 6th April | Easter Monday - No Ramble |
| Monday 13th April | [566] |
| Monday 20th April | [567] |
| Monday 27th April | [568] |
| Monday 6th April | Easter Monday - No Ramble |
| Monday 13th April | [566] |
| Monday 20th April | [567] |
| Monday 27th April | [568] |
| Monday 4th May | [569] May Day Bank Holiday |
| Monday 11th May | [570] |
| Monday 18th May | No Ramble as at SVR Diesel Gala |
| Monday 25th May | [571] Spring Bank Holiday |

Spotting the Clues in AI Slop

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqBV-6nRdU0>

He is a bit loud but it is funny

For The Diary 2026

If you know of an event, let me know and I will put it here.

Shrove Tuesday is on Tuesday 17th February and there are Ski Trains from NL on Friday 13th & 20th returning on Sunday 15th and 22nd around this half term holiday week.

Trainworld Charter on Saturday 28th February

<https://trainworld.be/activiteit/afscheidstrein-m4-rijtuigen/>

Departure from Schaerbeek is at 09:00 and then Brussel-Zuid, Dendermonde & Gent-Sint-Pieters to De Panne where there is a stop of 45 min. Returning via Kortrijk, Denderleeuw, Ath, Charleroi-West and Brussel-South to Schaerbeek around 18:00. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on the train in the Lounge carriage located in the middle of the train.

Departure from Schaerbeek at 09:00 with a possibility to board the train in Brussels-South, Dendermonde or Gent-Sint-Pieters. Return to Schaerbeek at around 18:00 with a set down at Brussels-South.

Good Friday is on Friday 3rd April
Easter Monday is on Monday 6th April

Chemin De Fer De La Baie De Somme - Fête de la Vapeur - 25th and 26th April

<https://www.chemindefer-baiedesomme.fr/en/steam-festival-2026>

The link to both diesel hauled charters is here. One on Saturday and one on Sunday.

<https://chemindefer-baiedesomme.fr/fr/fete-de-la-vapeur-2026/trains-speciaux>

Train à Vapeur d'Auvergne Railtour on Saturday 2nd May

www.trainvapeur-auvergne.com/produit/train-de-chenonceau

Tour from Clermont-Ferrand to Chenonceau with a BB67400.

May Day is on Monday 4th May

Severn Valley Diesel Gala - Thursday 14th May to Sunday 17th May

If you have not been to a UK Diesel Gala this is usually one of the best to go to. I have started to make a week's holiday of it. Got my hotel booked in Birmingham.

Spring Bank Holiday is on Monday 25th May

Stoomtrein Dendermonde-Puurs - July 4th & 5th

On Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July the SDP usually kicks off their tourist season with Scheldeland in Steam.

Chemin de Fer Touristique de la Vallée de L'Aa - Le Festivallée 4th & 5th July

The festival at the Chemin de Fer Vallée de L'Aa is a regular preserved railway gala weekend. Arques Station is about 5km or 3 miles from Saint Omer station. Catch the Number 3 & 6 bus to Arques Centre Ville [Place] but note there are no buses on Sundays and Public Holidays.

There is 15 km of railway up the Aa valley in the heart of the Regional Natural Park of Caps and Marais d'Opal.

Tomorrowland

First Weekend Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th inbound
 Sunday 19th and Monday 20th outbound

Second Weekend Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23th inbound
 Sunday 26th and Monday 27th outbound

Chemin de fer à vapeur des 3 vallées [CFV3V] - July 18th

On this weekend the CFV3V usually have some form of event.

Chemin du fer du Bocq - August 15th & 16th

The 2025 Festival is just Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th with the Photo Safari on Friday 14th. The main themes of this year's event are the renewal of the railway line and 100 years of NMBS/SNCB. Special attention will be given to the renovated Spontin station, now expanded to three tracks, as well as the track doubling works in Bauche.

They hope to be able to present a large number of NMBS/SNCB railway vehicles during the event.

Pukkelpop - Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd August

Sometimes there are extra trains and it is always busy in the Hasselt area.

European Railtours 28th & 29th August 2026

Two days of tours based in Rotterdam with a short Friday tour and a full days tour on Saturday. RailExperts are again facilitating the tour. Booked my hotel.



The image is a screenshot of a Facebook post from the page 'European Railtours Ltd'. The post is dated '1h' ago and is public. The content of the post is as follows:

Save the date- 28th & 29th August 2026 - Netherlands

We are delighted to be working again with our friends at Railexperts.

Whilst we are still working through the finer detail, we are planning to operate a shorter trip on the afternoon of Friday 28th August, with a full day trip on Saturday 29th August. It is our intention to start and end both days at Rotterdam Centraal.

Building on the success of our charter in November last year, we are planning to operate over freight-only routes, visit freight terminals and feature locomotives which don't normally operate passenger trains.

Further details will be announced in due course, once plans are finalised.

The post shows 4 comments and is liked by 'You, Kevin Trumpie, Alana Simpson and 36 others'. At the bottom of the post are the standard Facebook interaction buttons: Like, Comment, and Share.

Innotrans 2026 - Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th September

One of the biggest train events is Innotrans at Berlin Messe. [Trade Only]

Train à Vapeur d'Auvergne Railtour on Saturday 5th December

www.trainvapeur-auvergne.com/produit/train-pour-la-fete-des-lumieres

Tour from Clermont-Ferrand to Lyon-Perrache with a BB67400. Note midnight return!



Belgische Nachrichten Nouvelles belges Belgisch Nieuws

Trainworld Charter on Saturday 28th February

<https://trainworld.be/activiteit/afschiedstrein-m4-rijtuigen/>

What chance has a private charter train operator got when this tour is being sold at €25 or £22? €25 doesn't even cover the cost of a headboard! Then platform end wibblers look and say these people selling tours at €150 are complete rip off merchants.

It even f**ks up people like PFT/TSP as they cannot match these prices either. So they run tours that are not full as why should I pay €50 for a trip when I can get them for €25?

Unfeasibly low loss leading prices like these are completely screwing the market for charter trains in Belgium. The market for charter trains with normal Belgians does not appear to be there, the Belgian enthusiasts expect everything for f**k all and the UK cranks are very fickle and only want certainty months in advance with all the right numbers on the front of the train.

All you need is a change of management at Trainworld to decide that they are no longer in the special train market and then what happens? The NRM in York is under budgetary pressure and is neglecting parts of their collection. I do not think the NRM in York has a main line certified locomotive apart from the Flying Money pit. The NRM in Utrecht is also cost cutting and again is trying to palm off parts of the collection.

TGV-M

Didier sent these photographs in of the test run with the TGV M 1402 between Ath and Le Coucou on Monday 9th February 2026.

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HLD 55

Still going but beginning to look a little faded is 5511. Seen here at Schaarbeek on Monday 9th February 2026. Photograph by Bruno Malfait.



M4

Some photographs have appeared on Facebook of the stripping out of the coaches on the Monnoyer Quay in the Port of Brussels [see link [here](#)]. They are taken by Märklin Philippe and there are twenty six photographs and they show what is being stripped out.

There is no way that this is a profitable thing for Vymetal to be doing. However it is a profitable thing for Vymetal to do if they are being paid to scrap these vehicles in a more environmentally and sustainable way by NMBS/SNCB. This might be a window dressing exercise to show how green NMBS/SNCB are, or it may be the future.

Some of the photographs show they are sorting the metal out on the quayside this photo shows the luggage racks in a skip.



Below is 51010 and you can see that most of the glass is out as well as some of the insulation.



You take the metal frames off these seats and the metal can go for recycling with no landfill tax. What is left are the seats and these could make its way to the local incinerator for burning. Maybe here there is a heat and power element and the heat is used for heating local homes etc.



One thing to note is that this work is being done in a very visible place, the other M4 have been trashed behind closed doors by Ecore in Aubange where a reporter is unlikely to visit and by Keyser in an area at Monceau, again well away from non-enthusiast eyes.

These are by Lucian Claeys and taken on Sunday 8th February 2026.



I do hope these are not the coaches they are planning to use on the Farewell Tour as it is going to take a lot of hours to clean off all the graffiti. Photos Lucian Claeys 08/02/26





2716 sat among a number of M4s at Schaarbeek on Monday 9th February 2026.
 Photographs by Bruno Malfait.



The kiss of death for 52175.

RSEF/VVESI 4.3 Recto

**(B) VEHICULE AVARIE
 BESCHADIGD VOERTUIG**

Modèle/Model M 8 n°/nr.: 2 2 2 2

A ENVOYER A:
 TE ZENDEN NAAR:

Vehicule Voertuig: 5 0 1 6 3 2 7 8 7 7 5 7

Train - n°/nr.:
 Train - DV AA
 Train - voie/spoor:

NATURE DES AVARIES — AARD DER BESCHADIGINGEN

Mettre une croix aux emplacements qui conviennent — Dit passend aubrukken met een kruis aantevinken.

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| 1 Essieux montés Wielassen | 2 Boîtes d'essieux Draaggooten | 3 Frein Rem | 4 Châssis Onderstel | 5 Suspension Ophanging | 6 App. de traction Trekstrijk | 7 App. de choc Stootwjk | 8 Caisse Kast | 9 Toiture Dak |
| 10 Portes Deuren | 11 Tare Eigengewicht | 12 Vehicule déraillé Voertuig ontspoord | 13 Rev. périmés Herz. wielren | 14 | 15 Réservoir Kist | 16 Fermeture herberg Sluiting kast | 17 Non étanchéité Dichttheid | 18 V.S.P. V.S.P. |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Fenêtres Ramen | 22 Chauff. - Climatis. Verw. - Klima | 23 Echappage Verficing | 24 Intérieur véhicule Interieur voertuig | 25 WC - Lavabos WC - Wasstel | 26 Intercouplage Doorgang | 27 Intercouplage Opvoertuig |
| 28 Appareillage BT LS-Torrelaten | 29 Appareillage HT HS-Torrelaten | 30 Parties pneumat. Pneus, gasterie | 31 Entretien Onderhoud | 32 Valeur approx. Grondtga schoot | 33 Moteurs de traction Trekstroem | 34 Moteur auxiliaire Hulpmotor | 35 Parafoudre Stroomafnemer | 36 Sans traction Zonder tractie |

• AVARIE - CODE CUU - ANNEXE B
 BESCHADIGD - CODE CUU - BIJLAGE 9

• DIVERS - ALLERLEI - *Material*

• Cause probable des avaries:
 Vermoedelijke oorzaak van de beschadigingen

• Constaté a *FSR*

• A charge de - Aan laste van (M, EF-SQ, liers - derde) *M*

Date - Datum: *27/2/2026*

Nom - Naam:

Safe Train:

BC X 10:

Débit de grille: 3 ans - Bewaartermijn: 3 jaar

M5

These pictures were shared by Maarten Schoubben of 52586 at Deerlijk going for scrap on 3rd February 2026. 52586 was at Cuesmes for a long time.



Salzannes Works on Saturday 7th February by Dorian Kastrati

The empty shell of 1330 needs putting out of it's misery.



7730 has been fitted with LED lights, ETCS and is fresh out the paint shop in Infrabel Livery. 7729 has been fitted with LED lights & ETCS and is on it's way into the paint shop for Infrabel Livery.



As you can see here 4175 [R] and 4182 [L] are in store at Salzennes. I do not know if this store is with an eye to stripping them for parts or whether they are awaiting repair. Also on site is 4102 and most likely, 4166 which is also in store.



Haltelink

It does look as if Haltelink has stopped being updated

Trainfo Tracker

If you type in 4175 into Trainfo you will see that information is that this vehicle is out of service. Hopefully all of the EMUs and DMUs that are out of service have been flagged like this.

Warning

This unit is flagged as problematic / out of service.

In Park from 01/10/25. Last Worked 01/09/25.

Do you want to see the information anyway?

[Cancel](#) [Show Info](#)

My aim is to help Sibren by looking at the out of service vehicles at least once a month to make sure all is good. The problem is Mr Fat Fingers typing in the wrong number and this remains as a ghost entry. Hopefully these measures will enable people to see when there is a ghost entry.

321 Withdrawn after accident at Liège on 14/08/00.
355 At Mechelen after accident at Ardooie on 14/11/23.
407 At Mechelen after accident at Zedelgem on 29/11/24 .
426 At Mechelen after accident at Belsele on 23/03/24.

449 Withdrawn after accident at Bracquegnies on 27/11/17 .
454 Withdrawn after accident at Mons on 19/11/09.
483 In Park after accident at Bracquegnies on 27/11/17.
Currently showing on Trainfo as working on 28/12/25. A ghost entry.
548 Withdrawn after accident at Hermalle-sous-Huy on 05/06/16.

810 Out of service in 2019. Two cars to be preserved, two scrapped.
826 Withdrawn after being set on fire at Schaarbeek on 02/09/19. Cut up.
831 Withdrawn after being set on fire at Schaarbeek on 02/09/19. Cut up.

932 Withdrawn after accident at Pércot on 27/03/01. Cut up.
935 In Park after accident at Schaarbeek on 22/09/25. Component recovery.

4102 In Park and partially stripped at Salzinnes.
4117 Withdrawn after fire at Mol on 09/03/02. Both cars scrapped.
4131 Withdrawn
4133 Test bed for a major overhaul. Last Worked 12/03/24. Not in Service at Salzinnes.
4166 In Park from 01/10/25. Last Worked 11/02/25.
4175 In Park from 01/10/25. Last Worked 01/09/25. At Salzinnes on 07.02.26.
4182 In Park from 01/10/25. Last Worked 16/08/25. At Salzinnes on 07.02.26.

72001 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?
72002 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?
72003 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?
72004 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?

73001 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?
73002 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?
73003 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?
73004 is a prototype that need retro fitting. At Alstom Brugge?

73215 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.
73216 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.
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73225 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.

75004 will enter service towards the end of February 2025
75056 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.
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75058 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.
Marked on Trainfo as a ghost entry.
75059 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.
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75134 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.
75135 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.
75136 I do not know if this vehicle will be built.

76017 Fell off the traverser pit at Melle before it was accepted.
Currently a training vehicle / plukloc at Melle.
Marked on Trainfo as a ghost entry.

Norichten aus Lëtzebuerg

CFL 2400

2453 on test at Wasserbillig on Friday 6th February 2026. Photograph by Eric VM Wnglr and posted to Lëtzebuenger Eisebunn, Tram an Bus Frënn on Facebook.



Class 1700

In the news this week is the spontaneous combustion of 1775 / 101103 on Wednesday 4th February 2026. Word on the streets is that 1775 / 101003 internals are burnt almost completely. It is a reasonable assumption that 1775 is a write off, and with plenty of spare 1700s around, it will be easier to take the insurance money and get another one.



Usually the chemical foam the fire brigade use to put out electrical fires causes more damage than the actual fire, as it is very corrosive especially if left for any period of time. The locomotives are left with their pantographs up to keep the compressor going, provide power for the converter and train heating (if attached). They are plugged into the coaching stock to keep them serviceable over the winter.

101001 - 1781 and is not useable at the moment I believe
101002 - 1772 is operational
101003 - 1775 and caught fire
101004 - 1751 and I think is still hired off DC Tractie

NS Units

ICM

There are now two versions on social media of the intended use of the mBFk car of 4043 which is at Haarlem Works.

One version reported here last week claims it will go as a gate guardian at Zaanstraat, while another version has appeared claiming it will be used for training at Haarlem Works.

SNG

Returned to Service (from repair): 2306

2306 had a fire in rooftop equipment at Zaandam on 1st January 2026.

Out of service (collision damage): 2319

2319 hit a car on a crossing at Klaas Kloosterweg Oost near Staphorst on 13th January 2026.

VIRM

Reformed and returned to service: 8633

Out of Service for overhaul of the low-voltage wiring: 9406

8633 hit a truck loaded with pears on a level crossing at Meteren on 30th October. The damaged Bvk1 car 290 8565 has been replaced by mBvk1 car 290 8511 from 9406. 9406 was been at Haarlem Works for low voltage cable revision since 15th September. This revision is normally completed within four to six weeks.

ICNG

In Commissioning/Acceptance/Testing are 3107, 3109, 3351 & 3352.

3107 is on Acceptance Testing.

3109 is on Acceptance Testing.

3114 went into passenger service on Friday 6th February 2026.

3143 has returned from retrofit work at Alstom Brugge and not yet back in service.

3226 is at Alstom Brugge for retrofit work

Blast From The Past



Noch in Bau: Die 4019 für die CFL bei Bombardier in Kassel. Im Hintergrund eine 146.1
(Foto: 14.1.2005 Wolfram Wittsiepe - www.br146.de)

4019 is seen here being fitted out at Bombardier in Kassel on 14th January 2005. The bodysells arrive painted with internal cabinets fitted, the bogies come from Siegen and Kassel basically assembles the locomotives. The assembly can be in as little as two weeks.

The next two Class 188s for CFL Cargo are on their way and they two have been put together in the same hall at Kassel.

The photograph came from Rail.lu.



Belgian Can Can



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This week it is the turn of 2111 to be the Can Can. 2111 is seen here on the ground at Ecore on 23rd March 2016. A number of locomotives were roaded there in 2016 and were scrapped. So NMBS/SNCB have been withdrawing HLE 21s for ten years!

Photograph by David Arnould.



If you want to see more of his photographs taken at the time see here

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/154376151@N04/albums/72157699600122904/>



Other News

And now for something completely different

This came up on my Facebook feed and was posted by Ian McGregor

The radio world's quarterly listener audit has just been published today by RAJAR meaning mixed fortunes for my friends in the biz.

Greatest Hits Radio has seen almost one in five listeners switch off in the last twelve months, down from 7.3 million to 5.9, although some may have re-tuned to its 60s, 70s and 80s partner stations which have jointly amassed an audience of 1.5 million. Its contemporary partner Hits Radio hasn't fared well either with a dip of three quarters of a million compared with the same time last year - 4.7 million down to 3.9. The station's breakfast show lost a fifth of its audience.

BBC Radio 2 remains the nation's most listened to radio station with 12.7 million of us - that's around one in five of the adult population - tuning in each week, albeit the station's lowest audience in over twenty years. Vernon Kay, in the former Ken Bruce slot, is still the UK's most listened to show with an audience of 6.7 million.

Virgin Radio continues to struggle with a 20% dip in its audience year on year and embarrassingly Chris Evans much vaunted breakfast show is beaten by his arch rival Chris Moyles who pulls in 1.1 million listeners against Evans' paltry 675,000. There will be tears !

Boom Radio saw a small reduction in listening compared with a year ago, 706,000 down to 692,000, but its listeners tune in for an average of 13.8 hours a week which is longer than any other national station.

GB News Radio increased its audience year on year by 43%, up from 468,000 listeners to 672,000.

Talk (formerly Talk Radio) sees a 16% rise (504K-585K) whilst its all-speech stablemate Times Radio recorded a 10% fall from 604K to 542K.

50 million adults - that's roughly 80% of us - tune in to the radio every week which is an impressive figure in our multi-media world.

The news that 75% of 10-18 year olds consume an average of an hour of radio a day is also very encouraging for the future of a medium in competition with Spotify, YouTube and TikTok for younger ears.

Please also remember to check out your local community radio station. They don't feature on RAJAR but most are firmly plugged into their areas and provide news and local information in an accessible way.

The question I have, is how do they know how many people are listening and of these people how many are actually listening and how many have the radio on as background music?

OFFICIAL RADIO AUDIENCE FIGURES (RAJAR) WITH YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

| | Q4 2025 (latest) | | Q4 2024 (twelve months ago) | | Q3 2025 (three months ago) | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------|---|-------|--|-------|
| | <i>to 14 Dec 2025, published 5 Feb 2026</i> | | <i>to 15 Dec 2024, published 6 Feb 2025</i> | | <i>to 14 Sep 2025, published 23 Oct 2025</i> | |
| | Reach (000s) | hours | Reach (000s) | hours | Reach (000s) | hours |
| BBC Radio 1 | 7,081 | 6.4 | 7,537 | 6.8 | 7,312 | 6.3 |
| BBC Radio 2 | 12,709 | 11.0 | 13,645 | 10.8 | 12,789 | 10.4 |
| BBC Radio 3 | 1,912 | 7.5 | 1,952 | 7.5 | 1,806 | 7.7 |
| BBC Radio 4 | 8,922 | 11.7 | 9,039 | 12.3 | 8,856 | 11.5 |
| BBC Radio 4 Extra | 1,545 | 7.2 | 1,477 | 8.3 | 1,491 | 6.6 |
| BBC Radio 5 Live | 5,291 | 6.2 | 5,344 | 5.7 | 5,416 | 5.8 |
| BBC 6 Music | 2,396 | 9.7 | 2,776 | 9.3 | 2,735 | 9.7 |
| BBC Local Radio in England | 4,623 | 6.6 | 4,880 | 6.7 | 4,674 | 6.7 |
| BBC Radio Kent | 142 | 3.3 | 129 | 3.5 | 157 | 4.5 |
| BBC Radio London | 460 | 1.9 | 491 | 4.0 | 446 | 3.0 |
| LBC (UK) | 2,775 | 9.9 | 2,690 | 11.1 | 2,640 | 10.2 |
| LBC London | 1,328 | 11.1 | 1,399 | 11.2 | 1,356 | 11.0 |
| LBC News (UK) | 981 | 2.5 | 974 | 2.2 | 1,040 | 2.5 |
| LBC News (London) | 408 | 2.9 | 373 | 2.8 | 446 | 3.6 |
| GB News Radio | 672 | 6.9 | 468 | 7.4 | 684 | 7.1 |
| Talk (was TalkRadio) | 585 | 12.4 | 504 | 10.3 | 506 | 9.9 |
| Times Radio | 542 | 8.2 | 604 | 7.3 | 564 | 8.5 |
| Boom Radio | 692 | 13.3 | 706 | 10.7 | 688 | 13.2 |
| Capital Network (UK) | 6,876 | 5.4 | 7,445 | 5.0 | 7,014 | 5.2 |
| Classic FM | 4,210 | 8.2 | 4,475 | 7.8 | 4,261 | 8.2 |
| Gold Radio UK | 1,683 | 7.2 | 1,729 | 6.3 | 1,660 | 7.2 |
| Heart Network (UK) | 9,483 | 6.5 | 10,058 | 5.8 | 9,358 | 6.3 |
| KISS Network | 3,400 | 4.8 | 3,762 | 4.2 | 3,469 | 4.8 |
| Radio X Network (UK) | 1,967 | 8.7 | 2,124 | 7.8 | 2,021 | 8.2 |
| Smooth Radio Network (UK) | 5,854 | 6.7 | 6,573 | 6.4 | 5,941 | 7.0 |
| Absolute Radio | 1,940 | 6.5 | 2,140 | 6.6 | 2,071 | 7.0 |
| Greatest Hits Radio | 5,912 | 9.3 | 7,367 | 8.5 | 6,230 | 9.1 |
| Hits Radio | 3,904 | 4.5 | 4,683 | 5.0 | 4,054 | 4.7 |
| KISS | 1,288 | 4.2 | 1,085 | 4.1 | 1,283 | 4.2 |
| KISSTORY | 1,715 | 3.7 | 2,165 | 3.6 | 2,099 | 4.2 |
| Magic | 2,294 | 5.5 | 2,273 | 5.2 | 2,402 | 5.3 |
| Virgin Radio | 1,133 | 5.8 | 1,430 | 5.6 | 1,304 | 5.3 |

SOURCE: rajar.co.uk

Figures shown above are for each station's main brand

e.g. Capital Network (UK) does not include Capital Dance, Chill, Anthems or Xtra

Other stations and brand breakdowns can be found at rajar.co.uk

This informal summary was compiled by @ianmacdj, 5 February 2026

For the stories behind the numbers see adambowie.com, mattdeegan.com and radiotoday.co.uk

Photograph posted on Facebook by Mark Fowler, owner of 47765 and was taken from the cab of the locomotive at Summerseat on Saturday 7th February 2025.



DEAR ATHEISTS:

**How is it that cavemen
survived the asteroid but
the dinosaurs didn't?**

Haha Comment

and 31 others

Social distancing. They stayed 65 million years apart.
1h Haha Reply 19





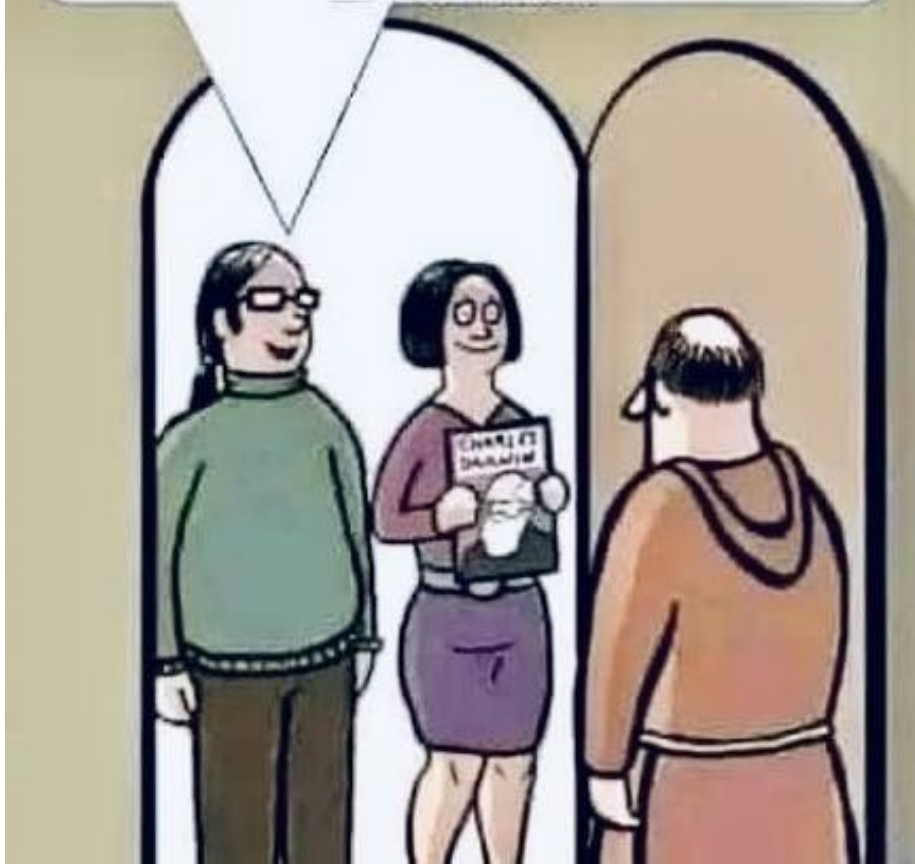
Viz Letterbocks.

APPARENTLY it costs the NHS over £300,000 a year to remove foreign objects from people's rectums. Why aren't we removing British objects instead? Was Brexit all for nothing?

Gerry Paton, London



Good Morning, We are Darwin's Witnesses and we would like to talk to you about Evolution.



An ancient mosaic from a forgotten world...



The Royal formerly known as Prince has moved to Norfolk and now only has three staff. Any staff who do not feel comfortable working for him, don't have to, it was reported.

Jules Berne's Cartoons



Have a nice week

Iain