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Press Release.
Steam Festival 2018 – UPDATE

Plans are now finalised. Unfortunately, The long promised Prussian T7 is unable to attend, but a replacement has been found. Also, on the narrow gauge, the overhaul of “Peter Pan” is not yet complete, and this has been replaced by “Jack”. Full details below:

This year’s steam festival, will be held at Maldegem, Belgium, on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of May, 2018.

Planning is now almost finalised. The theme of the festival will be 100 years since the end of the First World War. There should be 7 locos in steam on narrow and standard gauges including two narrow gauge locos from the UK. Kerr Stuart “Joffre” class 0-6-0t from Apedale and Barclay Gas-works 0-4-0t “Jack”. Maldegem’s own Hanomag 0-4-0wt “Yvonne” of 1906 will also be operating, this loco is believed to have been taken “POW” by the British during WW1. On the standard gauge, a 1910 SLM built Swiss “Tigerli” 0-6-0wt from MBS in Haaksbergen, Holland, will be attending as Standard gauge guest loco. Three of Maldegem’s own locos will be in service, Austerity 0-6-0st WD196, Avonside 0-4-0st “Fred” and St Leonard 0-4-0t “Yvonne” of 1893. Several WW1 themed attractions are planned including re-enactors, musicians, and a small memorial festival involving a steam loco and a large work of art featuring a poppy each day. As usual, there will be an international selection of trade stands present.

Maldegem lays about 14km from Bruges on the Belgian – Dutch border.

For groups wishing to attend from the UK, transport from Zeebrugge P&O ferries terminal (nightly sailing from Hull) or Bruges railway station can be arranged by preserved bus.

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