

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO  
New Steam for the Main Line



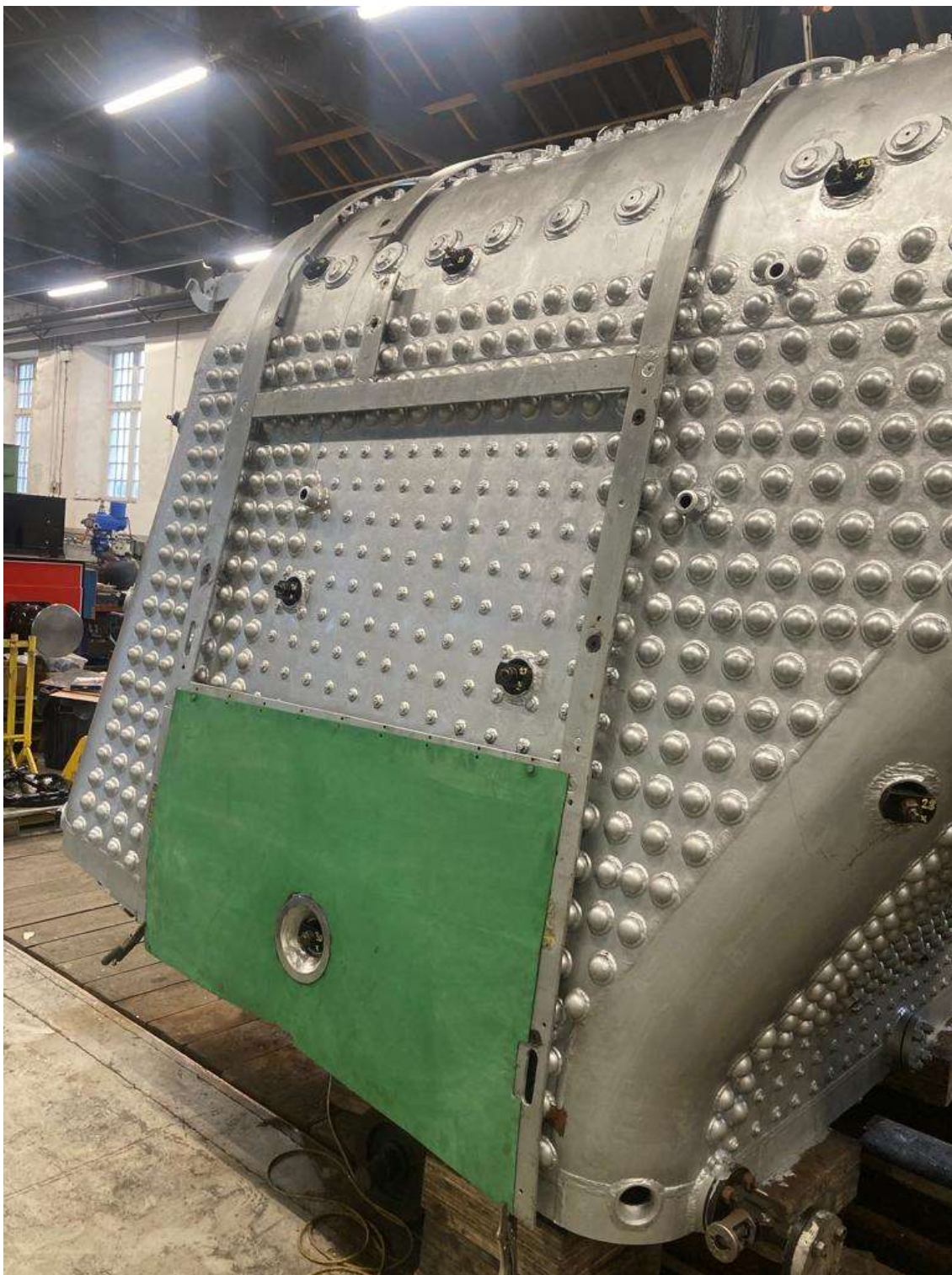
Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

We have plenty to report from the past six weeks work on *Tornado*. The boiler arrived in Darlington prompting a hive of activity at DLW as we gear up for the steam test in two weeks' time. In Loughborough, the team there are busy getting the frames prepared ready for the boiler to be returned, as the whole locomotive comes back together. DLW2 (the new home for the Trust) continues to take shape and we plan to move across this summer. Additionally, we are delighted to be visiting the North Norfolk Railway at the end of May - more details on that below!

Earlier this week, you will have received the news of the extended timeframe for the A1's overhaul, inevitably meaning the start of *Tornado's* railtour programme is pushed back to the summer, rather than beginning in March as originally planned. If you missed the update, please follow the link below. With donations impacted by the emerging cost of living crisis, ever growing material and labour costs, all whilst unable to be out in the public eye and running trains, the overhaul this has meant an expensive time for the A1! With this in mind, we would be delighted if you would consider joining [The Overhaul Club](#) today.



## BOILER WORK IN DARLINGTON



Crinolines attached and a section of cladding trial fitted

In mid-December we received the early Christmas present that we had waited so long for: the A1's overhauled boiler returned to Darlington, transported from Meiningen by Allelys. Since then, the team has wasted no time and *Tornado's* boiler has been subject

to much activity with the replacement of many of the overhauled fittings and a start made on recladding the cleaned and painted boiler barrel. Shortly after its arrival, the boiler passed its hydraulic exam, although some light remedial work has been recommended. This is underway and will be complete before the steam test in a couple of weeks. For further images of the work on the boiler in Darlington, follow the link:

[BOILER WORK IN DARLINGTON](#)

## GETTING READY IN LOUGHBOROUGH



The tender is now all but complete and painted, with the ETCS locker ready for the heart of the digital signalling equipment to be fitted. The frames have been painted and pipework installed ahead of final alignment checks in preparation for the wheels to be returned. Click the link for more images, including of the pipework going back on the cabsides.

[MORE FROM LOUGHBOROUGH](#)

## TORNADO ON TOUR TO NORFOLK



No. 60163 *Tornado* will be paying a visit to the North Norfolk Railway from 27<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June, hauling special trains from Sheringham to Holt and return.

This will be one of the locomotive's first appearances following the overhaul, so tickets are expected to sell fast. No. 60163 spends most of its time hauling premier excursions on the mainline, so grab your tickets for this rare chance to ride behind one of Britain's most famous locomotives on a heritage railway.

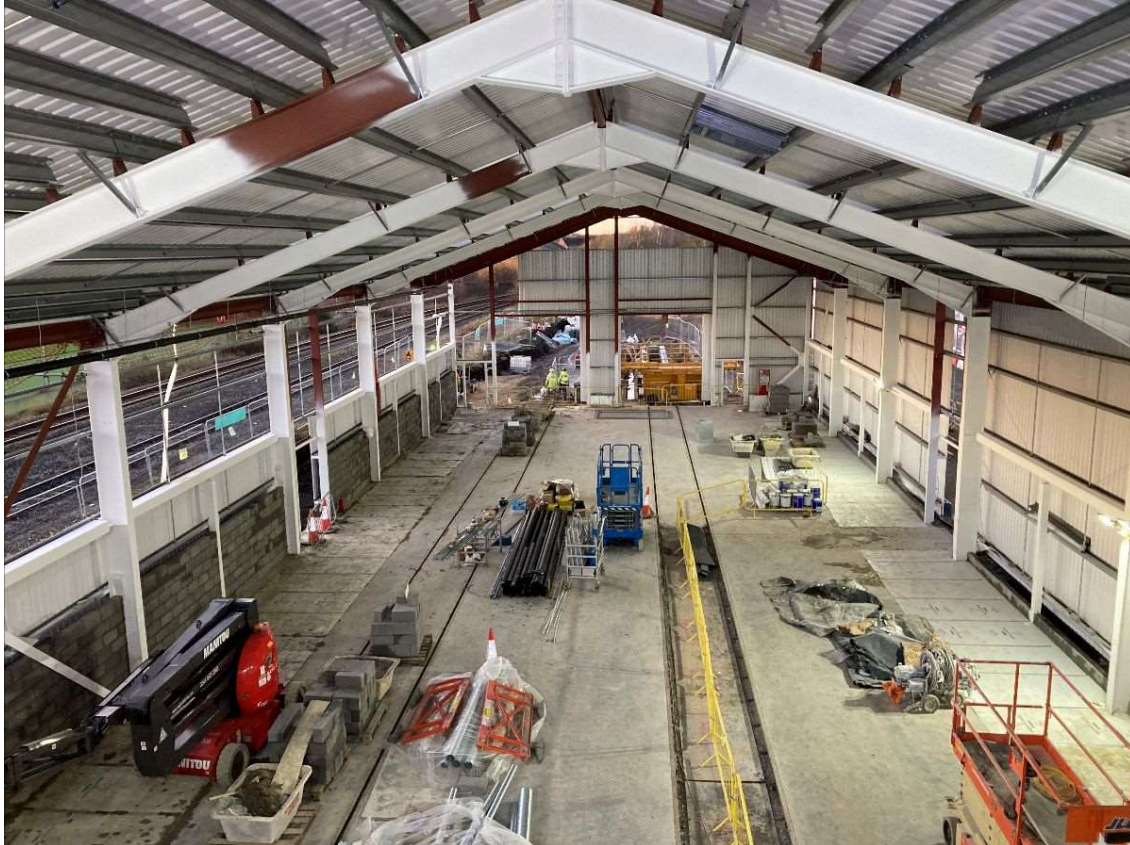
Special trains hauled by *Tornado* will depart from Sheringham Station at 10.00, 11.40, 13.20, 15.00 and 16.40 each day from 27<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets will include a reserved seat for a trip from Sheringham to Holt and return with time at Holt Station to take photographs of the express engine. *Tornado* will also haul 'The North Norfolkman' dining train on Saturday 3 June - advance booking is essential.

Fares for advance bookings vary from £19 to £21 for adults and £13.00 and £14.50 for children.

[BOOK NNR TICKETS HERE](#)

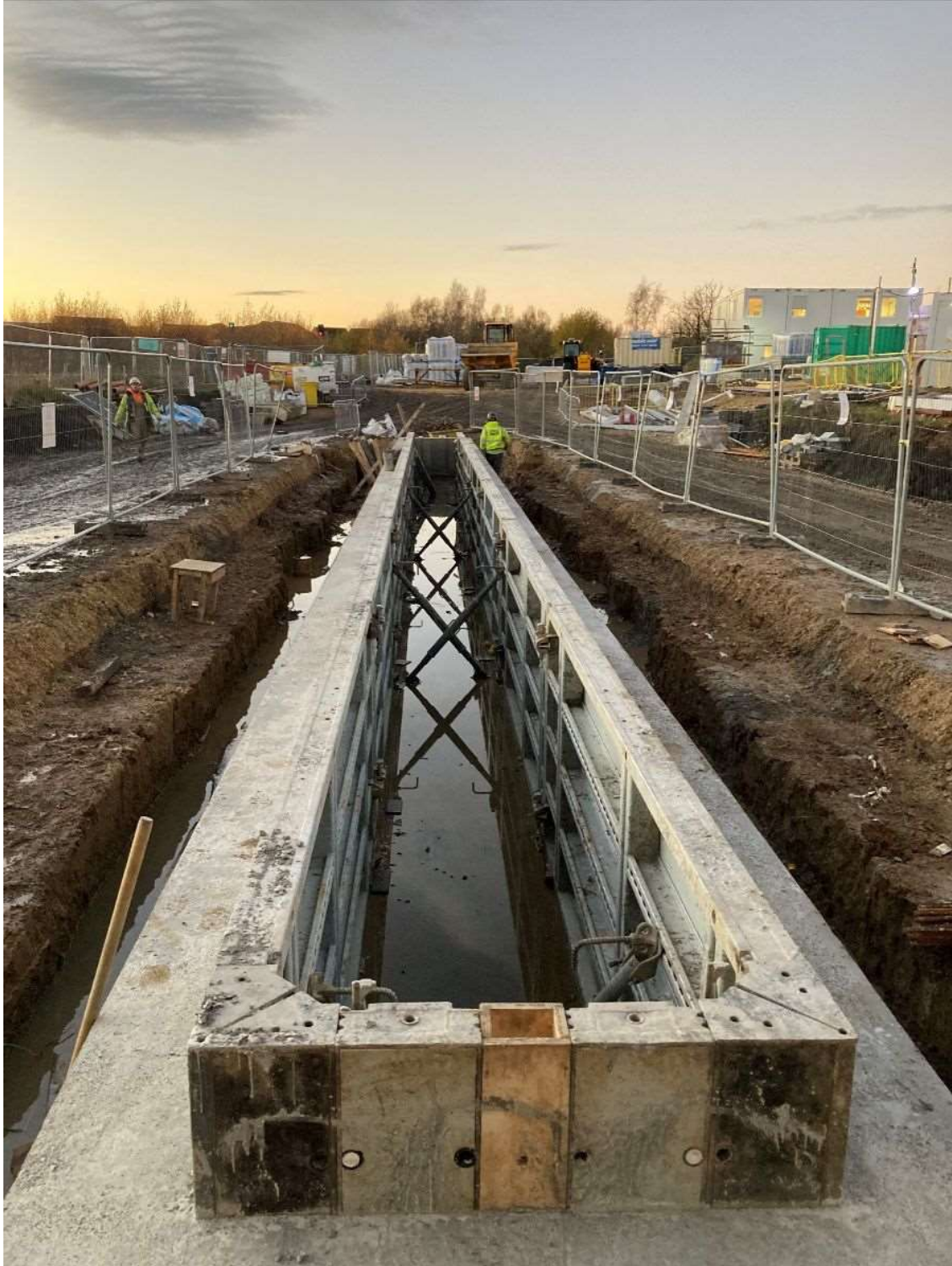
**DLW2 - A NEW HOME FOR THE TRUST**





After all the excitement of the new works building rising from the ground at an impressive rate, the hub of activity has moved from the structure to the interior where the first rails have been laid into the ground. The above photo shows the scale of the works, which will be able to house four locomotives of A1/P2 length. Out the front of the shed, the all-important inspection pit has been installed.

[Join The P-Way Gang](#)



As the rails start to be laid around the site, now is a superb time to sign up to the P-Way Gang to sponsor a 60ft length and have your name immortalised on our track plan displayed at the new works.

A "permanent way gang" is a long-standing term for track workers and engineers, and honouring that tradition, we ask you to make a contribution to join our P-Way Gang.

To cover the cost of materials and transport we are looking to raise £75,000. Any contributions are welcome, but for full club membership the minimum donation is £500, with £750 sponsoring a full 60ft rail with your name going next to that section on the track plan displayed in the new building.

**Join The P-Way Gang**





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RAILTOURS WITH *TORNADO*



*Tornado on the Forth Bridge - Jonathan Gourlay*

*Tornado* will return to passenger trains on the main line this summer. The full programme will be announced soon and the following tours are available to book now:

## [The Aberdonian](#)

From Edinburgh to Aberdeen

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

## [The Clyde Aberdonian](#)

From Glasgow and Stirling to Aberdeen

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

# THE OVERHAUL CLUB



Volunteers working on components at DLW - if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Trust

We are thankful to all of *Tornado's* supporters for their continued patience and patronage though this major overhaul. As *Tornado* will be away from main line duties until the spring, all contributions are gratefully received.



The hard work by the teams in both Darlington and Loughborough will ensure that *Tornado* returns to the tracks as good as new ready for years of operations.

If you have not yet signed up but would like to make a donation towards the overhaul, please find out more [here](#).

The Overhaul Club

## WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

We couldn't do any of this without you, and remain hugely grateful for each and every contribution to *Tornado*. Your support as Covenantors, Donors and Volunteers remains vital as we navigate the overhaul, and mean all the more at this time.

Here are some of the ways people choose to support us:

**DONATIONS** - We continue to encourage donations of all shapes and sizes (every pound counts). To make a donation, please click [here](#).

**COVENANTORS** - We always welcome new Covenantors as we have overhauls, maintenance and repairs to fund. The Covenantors are the backbone of all we do at The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust. To become a Covenantor for the price of a pint a week, learn more [here](#).

**JOIN THE CLUB** - Help us to fund the engineering maintenance on *Tornado* by joining The Overhaul Club. Find out more [here](#).

**VOLUNTEERS** - Do you have skills that could help the Trust? We can always use extra pairs of hands. If you enjoy meeting people, please consider joining our merchandising team at events and on tours. If your talents involve engineering, locomotive cleaning, or administrative work, we can always find something for you to do! Contact [volunteer@a1steam.com](mailto:volunteer@a1steam.com) for more details.

**LEGACY PROGRAMME** - Help us to continue our work long into the future. Learn more about how to leave a gift to *Tornado* [here](#).

Alternatively, if you would like to speak with someone directly, please contact the office on [01325460163](tel:01325460163) or email your details to [enquiries@a1steam.com](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.com) and someone will get back to you.

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