

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



No. 60163 *Tornado* at Beeston on 15th July 2021 hauling 'The Cheshireman' for The Railway Touring Company - Mick Rogers/A1SLT

Dear Supporter

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*, which includes a look at *Tornado's* recent operations, how you can help to keep *Tornado* on the main line by becoming an A1 Covenantor, *Tornado's* 2021 and 2022 main line diary and more.

We are planning to hold our first face-to-face Annual Convention for two years on Saturday 25th September in Darlington. Please save the date and see further details below. In the meantime, do consider visiting Darlington Locomotive Works for one of our Open Days - see below for details.

TORNADO ON THE MAIN LINE



No. 60163 *Tornado* at Gargrave on 20th July 2021 hauling 'The Viking Venturer' - Alan Weaver/A1SLT

Well, we really are back amongst it, with *Tornado* working hard fulfilling our 'Aberdonian' series of trains in Scotland and supporting West Coast Railway's 'Northern Belle' trains too!

On 11th July, *Tornado* ventured Southwest into Devon taking The Railway Touring Company's 'Royal Duchy' from Taunton to Plymouth. This followed a light engine move from Southall to Bishop's Lydeard on the West Somerset Railway the day before and a similar move on 13th July returned us to Southall ahead of a train to Chester on 15th July. The failure of our GSMR radio could have scuppered the run to Plymouth, but a last-minute dash by our P2 Engineering Director, David Elliot brought the spare radio down from Darlington to be fitted overnight to save the day!

A successful run between Euston and Chester followed and at the end of the week, *Tornado* and her support coach made the uneventful move back to York onto familiar territory at the National Railway Museum ahead of workings further north and into Scotland for the summer series of 'The Aberdonian' trains between Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

On 20th July, *Tornado* worked the return leg of 'The Viking Venturer' from York to Edinburgh and Linlithgow and onto the Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway ahead of the first of the *Tornado* Railtours 'Aberdonian' series of trains. We were well supported by our friends from the Scottish Railway Preservation Society (SRPS), who helped our crew clean and prepare the locomotive for its first run to Aberdeen in 2021. A really challenging start caused by the failure of a coach delayed our departure onto the main line and threw the team at Edinburgh into some very rapid planning to rearrange seating for some passengers. Well done to them and a grateful thanks and apologies for those passengers who were impacted! Thankfully the remainder of the journey was far less eventful, and *Tornado* gave a excellent performance over the grades to Aberdeen and a stirring performance on the return!

The next morning after inspecting the locomotive and cleaning through the coach, we were about to head home, when we were asked if *Tornado* could be available to deputise for No. 6201 *Princess*

Elizabeth on the WCRC 'Northern Belle' from Carnforth to Carlisle and over the S&C. Hurried planning and consultations with "Home Command" allowed us to confirm that we could indeed assist. So, the fire was relit and the engine serviced in record time to allow a light engine move down to Carnforth to meet a Fitness to Run exam before taking charge of the 'Northern Belle' as it arrived into Carnforth. A great run over the S&C followed and we left the train at Hellifield to return to Carnforth.

We repeated this evolution in reverse at the end of the following week, when on Friday 30th July, *Tornado* ran again with the 'Northern Belle' to Carlisle and southbound over the S&C, before servicing at Carnforth and then heading North overnight to stable at Joppa outside Edinburgh, before taking charge of our second 'Aberdonian' and returning to stable at Bo'ness and preparing for a week of planned maintenance. *To be continued!*

BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

We are delighted that our online donations system is [live](#) for signing up as an A1 Covenantor!

If you are not already a Covenantor then please do give consideration to supporting *Tornado* - 'An A1 for the price of a pint a week' is how we all came together to build *Tornado* and provides the essential support to keep her on the main line into the future. Over the past 18 months, we have been especially grateful for supporters who have been able to increase their covenants. If you would like to do this please contact the office on 01325 460163 or enquiries@a1steam.com and we will be able to assist with setting up any changes. We are very grateful to all those who continue to support our locomotive.

SIGN UP AS AN A1 COVENANTOR ONLINE

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TORNADO'S MAIN LINE DIARY



No. 60163 *Tornado* on 22nd July 2021 crossing the Tay Bridge, Perth hauling 'The Aberdonian' - *Michael Denholm/A1SLT*

There is nothing better than main line steam, especially with *Tornado* at the head of the train, so please have a look at the diary below and we look forward to welcoming you on-board.

We are very happy to announce some of the diary for next year which includes 'The Aberdonian' programme, from Edinburgh and Glasgow, and a special 'Belmond British Pullman' train on 9th July as we visit York and Harrogate.

Tornado Railtours 2021 Diary

- Saturday 21st August - [‘The Clyde Aberdonian’](#) - Glasgow to Aberdeen and return - bookings closed
- Thursday 2nd September [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 11th September - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 16th September - [‘The Jorvik Express’](#) - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 18th September - [‘The Caledonian’](#) - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return - bookings closed
- Thursday 30th September - [‘The Ribbleshead Rambler’](#) - Hull to Carlisle and return - bookings closed
- Wednesday 20th October - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - Tamworth to Carlisle and return - bookings closed
- Thursday 21st October - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Birmingham to Carlisle and return - bookings closed
- Wednesday 27th October - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - Middlesbrough to Carlisle and return - bookings closed

- Thursday 28th October - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Peterborough to Carlisle and return
- bookings closed

Tornado Railtours 2022 Diary - these tours have been released - more to follow

- Saturday 9th July - [The Yorkshire Pullman](#) - London King's Cross to York & Harrogate and return
- Thursday 21st July 2022 - [The Aberdonian](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 28th July 2022 - [The Aberdonian](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 30th July 2022 - [The Aberdonian](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 13th August 2022 - [The Clyde Aberdonian](#) - Glasgow to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 20th August 2022 - [The Aberdonian](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 1st September 2022 - [The Aberdonian](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 8th September 2022 - [The Aberdonian](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 15th September 2022 - [The Clyde Aberdonian](#) - Glasgow to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 17th September 2022 - [The Aberdonian](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return

Tornado Railtours trains can be booked through the links above, on our [website](#) or by calling 01325 488215.

**DOWNLOAD THE 2021 RAILTOURS
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**SAVE THE DATE -
THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST'S
2021 CONVENTION**

We are planning to hold our **Annual Convention** on **Saturday 25th September** at the Mercure Darlington Kings Hotel, Darlington for both the morning presentations and the evening dinner, subject to any ongoing Government restrictions. Supporters will also have the opportunity to visit Darlington Locomotive Works to see the progress of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*, with David Elliott conducting a guided tour. Invitations for the event have been sent out in the post and should be arriving with you any day soon.

Tornado will be one of the guest locomotives running at The North Yorkshire Moors Railway's Autumn Gala - Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26th September. In addition, the weekend of Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th September will also see events being held in Darlington, Shildon and Stockton in the run up to The Stockton & Darlington Railway's 2025 bicentenary.

**DARLINGTON LOCOMOTIVE WORKS OPEN
DAYS - COME AND SEE OUR P2 PROGRESS!**

Our Open Days have returned to their traditional open-house format (subject to volunteer availability - can you help?) on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 11:00hrs until last entry at 16:00hrs - please check the events page on www.p2steam.com or call the office on 01325 460163 for the current status. No. 60163 *Tornado* was completed at DLW in 2008 and visitors to the Works can see the spectacular progress that the Trust is making with its second new main line steam locomotive, Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. During the working week, the Works remains closed to casual visitors - we hope you understand that these circumstances are beyond our control and these restrictions are still currently required.

As a small charity we value your continued support and are reviewing all our activities on a frequent basis to protect everyone involved with the Trust and to secure our long-term future. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for updates or call 01325 460163 or email enquiries@a1steam.com if you have any questions.



No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* at Darlington Locomotive Works - David Elliott/A1SLT

**A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST
30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**



Left to right: Miles Pooley (CEO, RAF Club), Graeme Bunker-James, Air Commodore Rick Peacock-Edwards CBE and Steve Davies MBE

The Trust celebrated entering its 30th year in the middle of the pandemic and on 28th July was only able to commemorate this milestone with a dinner in aid of the Trust. This was also an opportunity to thank some of those partners who have made it possible not only to complete *Tornado* but to run the locomotive successfully on the main line. This also included new partners who are supporting the excellent progress of *Prince of Wales* and the work on our new home in Darlington. At the Convention in September there will also be a dinner to mark 30 years of progress and to look to the future.

It was also an opportunity to present the RAF Club with a replica *Tornado* plate not only in the 30th anniversary of the Trust but also marking thirty years since the Gulf War. *Tornado* was of course named to recognise those men and women who served in the first Gulf War in 1991. This presentation was funded by an individual supporter and it is the Trust's intention to present a similar replica to RAF Leeming, being the nearest base to Darlington, and one to RAF Marham which was the last Panavia Tornado base in the UK and is now home to the F35 Lightning jets which will fly from HMS Prince of Wales.

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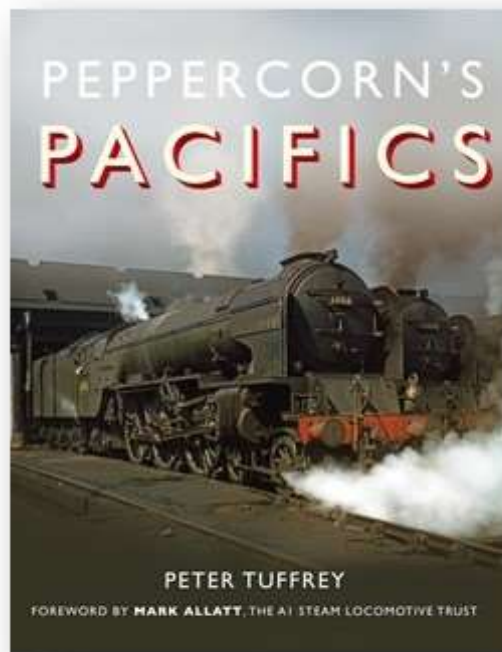


Hornby has produced a OO-gauge model of 'The Aberdonian'. In this train pack *Tornado* is in apple green livery with 'BRITISH RAILWAYS' on the tender. The locomotive is DCC ready, has a three pole motor with flywheel and is 293mm long. The pack also comprises three BR Mark 1 coaches in maroon livery - a FO, a TSO and a BSK. It is available for £199 in our [online shop](#). Why not treat yourself to a little bit of *Tornado's* magic at home!

A BR green version of No. 60163 *Tornado* is back in the 2021 catalogue - we hope to stock this in our online shop later in the year. We are also delighted to have been working closely with Hornby on their totally new and re-tooled models of the Gresley class P2s which will include our own No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* in LNER apple green livery. We also anticipate it being available from our online shop next winter.

Why not take a look at our online store: it has everything for the *Tornado* enthusiast, from pens to models and children's T-shirts to adult's fleeces. Visit our [online shop](#) to get your hands on some great *Tornado* merchandise. Please remember that all profits from the sales through our online shop go towards our locomotives.

PEPPERCORN'S PACIFICS BOOK OFFER



Peter Tuffrey's *Peppercorn's Pacifics* book is a remarkable collection of photographs which feature rare colour and black & white images of Arthur Henry Peppercorn's class A1 and A2 locomotives.

Only one of his famous 'Pacifics', Peppercorn class A2 No. 60532 *Blue Peter*, was preserved but none of the Peppercorn class A1s - hence the formation of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust to build a brand new class A1, No. 60163 *Tornado*, as the next in the class. The book includes black & white and colour photographs of all 49 original class A1s and 15 class A2s. The photographs show the 'Pacifics' under construction, from the lineside and on-shed. A full history of each locomotive features strongly in the text beneath the images. The book also details Peppercorn's life with many personal photographs and a foreword from our own Mark Allatt.

The book is now available at the offer price of only £15 (post free in the UK, overseas orders, will be subject to the usual postage charges) - the usual price of the book is £25. Please use the link below to place your order as any that come through this will be recorded as coming from The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and we will receive a donation from each copy sold. The link is: <https://www.gnbooks.co.uk/product/peppercorns-pacifics-a1trust/>

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