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60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



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 and/or joining The Overhaul Club as well as the remainder of *Tornado's* 2021 and her preliminary 2022 main line diary and more.

GALLERY OF *TORNADO* RECENT OPERATIONS



Clockwise from top left: No. 60163 *Tornado* at Goathland on the NYMR on 25th September 2021 - Sam Yeeles/A1SLT; at Sheffield Brightside hauling 'The Jorvik Express' on 16th September 2021 - Alan Weaver/A1SLT; at Gargrave hauling the 'Ribblehead Rambler' on 30th September 2021 - David Robinson/A1SLT; at Crewe Heritage Centre on 17th September 2021 - Huw Parker/A1SLT

September has been another busy month for No. 60163 *Tornado* in England and Scotland.

BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

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

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

DOWNLOAD YOUR A1 COVENANTOR FORMS

TORNADO'S MAIN LINE DIARY



No. 60163 *Tornado* at Appleby on hauling the 'Northern Belle' on 30th July 2021 - Martin Driver/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 2022 as we visit York and Harrogate.

Tornado Railtours 2021 Diary

- 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

- 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.

No. 60163 *Tornado* will also be hauling the 'Northern Belle' on Saturday 16th and Tuesday 19th October 2021.

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BROCHURE**

JOIN THE OVERHAUL CLUB TODAY!



The 'spare' boiler which will go onto No. 60163 *Tornado* during her next overhaul under construction at DB Meiningen - A1SLT

Familiar to the teenage experience, we plan to give the locomotive a full *make over* before it takes its *exams* in June. Work to be done includes:

It is recognised that steam locomotives, like teenagers, are expensive creatures and so it follows that *Tornado* is no different! Now in her 13th year in steam, *Tornado* is due to undergo an intermediate overhaul.

- Fitting the new boiler
- New tyres for driving wheels and the tender
- Machining and fitting of new cylinder liners
- Preparation for fitment of European Train Control System
- Plus many other component overhaul, repairs and replacement.

At odds with other guardians of teenagers, we will be delighted to see it smoking at the back of the shed at the end of the day!

All whimsy aside, October marks *Tornado* no longer being the 'youngest' A1, as the locomotive overtakes [No.60153 Flamboyant](#) for time in traffic. As the engine gets older it will inevitably require more frequent attention from our Maintenance Engineers. We hope that our supporters will recognise this and consider increasing their monthly Covenants, one off donations and bequeaths to ensure that *Tornado* continues to make history on the mainline. Click here to discover more ways to [support No.60163](#).

To help fund this engineering work, we have launched '[The Overhaul Club](#)' to raise a target of £50,000 to supplement the capital already set aside. Donations to this Club will compensate for the interruption

As well as the usual perks of becoming an A1 Steam Locomotive Trust club member (including our excellent newsletters to keep up to date with progress), all Overhaul Club members will be entered into a Prize Draw.

Our exclusive prizes include:

- a behind the scenes visit to the overhaul for a group of four
- a footplate ride at a preserved line
- a ride in the support coach on the mainline
- a pair of dining tickets
- a smokebox number plate that *Tornado* has carried.

Those that donate £1,000 will receive 25 entries, and those that donate £500 will each receive 10.

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DARLINGTON LOCOMOTIVE WORKS OPEN DAYS AND P2 ROADSHOWS



No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* with coupling rods trial fitted - Graham Nicholas/A1SLT

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 -

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.

Following on from the success of our previous P2 Roadshow programmes, we are delighted to be able to restart our Roadshows on Saturday 16th October. Each presentation will feature key team members including Mark Allatt and/or David Elliott and will cover the background to the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*, progress to-date, future plans and details of how to get involved. We would encourage you to attend one of these Roadshows and bring along some friends and family members who would be interested in hearing about the project. The two-hour presentations will start promptly at 11:00hrs and run until 13:00hrs on each of the days listed below and are open to existing supporters and interested members of the public:

NEW ROADSHOW PROGRAMME

- Saturday 16th October 2021 - Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- Saturday 29th January 2022 - London Transport Museum, London

Further dates will be announced over the next few weeks.

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.



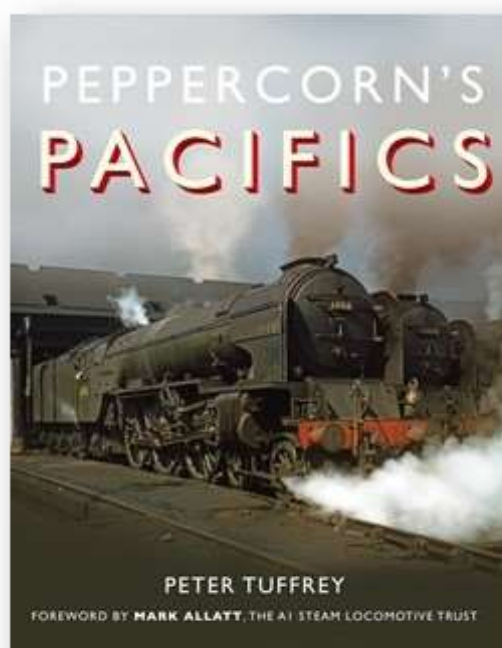
No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* at Darlington Locomotive Works - David Elliott/A1SLT

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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



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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