

SECOND DIARY  
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AND 2017 PREVIEW

# No. 60163 *TORNADO* 2016 MAIN LINE TOURS AND HERITAGE RAILWAY VISITS PROGRAMME

FROM THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST



**60163 TORNADO**  
New Steam for the Main Line

# TORNADO ON TOUR 2016/2017



David Ireland

## 2016

- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August** – ‘The Robin Hood’ – London King’s Cross to Chesterfield – AISLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours
- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August** – Nene Valley Railway East Coast Revival event.
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – ‘Belmond British Pullman’ – London Victoria to Bath & Bristol
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – ‘The Severn Valley Venturer’ – London Victoria to Bridgnorth – AISLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Severn Valley Railway Pacific Power event

- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – ‘Belmond British Pullman’ – The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills) (Belmond Provisional Date)
- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – ‘The Magna Carta’ – London King’s Cross to Lincoln – AISLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – ‘Belmond British Pullman’ – The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)

- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – ‘Belmond British Pullman’ – The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – ‘The Bath Spa Christmas Express’ – London Victoria to Bath and Bristol – AISLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – ‘Belmond British Pullman’ – The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – ‘The Christmas Canterbury Tale’ – London Victoria to Canterbury – AISLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – ‘Belmond British Pullman’ – The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)

## 2017

- **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – ‘The White Rose’ - London King’s Cross to Leeds – AISLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – ‘The Red Dragon’ – London Paddington to Cardiff – AISLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours

Please carefully check *Tornado’s* dates of operation and services on the heritage railway visits using the relevant website links below as actual dates and times of operation may vary from the above shown.

### Belmond British Pullman

Tel: 020 3117 1300

Web: [www.belmond.com/british-pullman-train](http://www.belmond.com/british-pullman-train)

### UK Railtours

Tel: 01438 715050

Web: [www.ukrailtours.com](http://www.ukrailtours.com)

### Nene Valley Railway

Tel: 01780 784444

Web: [www.nvr.org.uk](http://www.nvr.org.uk)

### Severn Valley Railway

Tel: 01562 757900

Web: [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)

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## Introduction



**W**elcome to the official guide to No. 60163 *Tornado’s* main line and heritage railway programme for the second half of 2016.

Following the success of our 2015 post-overhaul programme which saw *Tornado* visit almost every corner of Great Britain and our trains so far in 2016, the rest of this year has some exciting firsts as well as some hardy perennials!

Our first train of this year was ‘The Red Rose’ from London Paddington to Worcester on Valentine’s Day, followed by ‘The Devon Belle’ on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

which saw *Tornado* returning to southern routes with a visit to the historic city of Exeter. Our third train of the year was ‘The Scarborough Flyer’ on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, the first time that *Tornado* had hauled a revenue earning train to the famous East Coast resort. All of these trains were a great success and enjoyed by passengers and volunteers alike.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, *Tornado* will take ‘The Robin Hood’ from London King’s Cross to Alfreton and Chesterfield for the National Tramway Museum at Crich and Chatsworth House, taking in some new routes along the way. The train will also pick up passengers at Potters Bar (for M25) and Stevenage.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September will see *Tornado* haul ‘The Severn Valley Venturer’ from London Victoria to Bridgnorth on the SVR, picking up passengers at Slough (for M25) and Reading. This main line steam railtour will feature *Tornado* northbound only and will be the locomotive’s first visit to the Severn Valley Railway with a passenger train.

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 No. 60163 *Tornado* will set out from London King’s Cross station and head to Lincoln, picking up passengers at Potters Bar (for M25) and Stevenage. ‘The Magna Carta’ will feature No. 60163 *Tornado* throughout and will be *Tornado’s* first visit to Lincoln since 2013.

We have two new trains for the Christmas season. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 *Tornado* will leave London Victoria with ‘The Bath Spa Christmas Express’ and head for the spa city of Bath and the historic port of Bristol, picking up passengers at Staines and Ascot. The route is via Reading, Newbury, the Westbury East Chord and along the bucolic Avon Valley by way of Trowbridge.

Our final main line tour of the year is ‘The Christmas Canterbury Tale’ on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. *Tornado* will set out from London Victoria, picking up passengers at Bromley South and Sevenoaks. This is a very pleasant and gentle itinerary, featuring *Tornado* for the whole journey, with very civilised start and finishing times, ideal for a pre-Christmas day out. The train’s outward route takes *Tornado* into “the Garden of England” by way of Tonbridge and Ashford.

The rest of 2016 will also see *Tornado* hauling the ‘Belmond British Pullman’ from London Victoria, either as lunchtime Surrey Hills circulars or longer day trips to Bath and Bristol as the stand-in for No. 35028 *Clan Line* which is currently under overhaul.

*Tornado* will also be making several heritage railway and centre visits during the rest of 2016, starting with the Nene Valley Railway on August Bank Holiday and then the Severn Valley Railway’s Pacific Power event in September.

As the majority of our main line trains for the foreseeable future will be promoted by the Trust, it is vital that we fill them. I would therefore ask that you look at the rest of this year’s programme to see which trains you are able to support and also encourage your friends and family to experience some of *Tornado’s* magic.

We look forward to welcoming you on board.

**Mark Allatt**

Chairman

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust

*The Trust respectfully requests that anyone wanting to see Tornado follows the rules of the railway and only goes where permitted.*

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# Did you know that *Tornado* is the first new main line steam locomotive to be built in Britain for almost 50 years?

The last of the renowned Peppercorn class A1 steam locomotives was, tragically, scrapped in 1966. But, a brand new class A1, No.60163 *Tornado*, was brought to life by a dedicated team of volunteers. Now we need your help to keep *Tornado* on the main line and pay for future overhauls - the last one cost almost £500,000.

The project to build a new Peppercorn class A1 was launched in 1990 and after 18 years of planning, construction and fundraising, the £3 million locomotive was completed in August 2008 at the Trust's workshop in Darlington.

Funds to build *Tornado* were raised through deeds of covenant, sponsorship (principal sponsor William Cook Cast Products Limited), loans and a bond issue. According to The Times, *Tornado* is, "a hit across the length and breadth of Britain".

However, for this to continue we still need your help – and you can come on board for the price of a pint of beer a week! By becoming a regular donor you can play your part in keeping *Tornado* on the main line and in recognition of your support, you will receive:

- A print showing *Tornado* hauling the south bound 'Tyne Tornado' at sunset
- Access to view *Tornado* at all reasonable times
- The Trust's newsletters on a regular basis
- The opportunity to attend the Trust's Annual Convention
- The opportunity to attend days out at heritage railways
- Priority travel on Trust organised trains hauled by *Tornado*
- Your name inscribed on the Roll of Honour at Darlington Locomotive Works

**Together we can keep *Tornado* on the main line - become a covenantor today!**



For further information please visit [www.a1steam.com](http://www.a1steam.com), email [enquiries@a1steam.com](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.com), call 01325 460163 or write to Darlington Locomotive Works, FREEPOST RTJS-XECR-XARL, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, Hopetown Lane, Darlington DL3 6RQ

## 'THE ROBIN HOOD'

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August - A summer trip to Crich and Chatsworth House

We are delighted to announce the recreation of 'The Robin Hood' and *Tornado's* first visit to Chesterfield on a revenue earning train. This main line steam railtour will run from London King's Cross to Alfreton (for the National Tramway Museum at Crich) and Chesterfield (for Chatsworth House) and back, picking up passengers at Potters Bar (for M25) and Stevenage. This tour will feature No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling historic carriages with passengers in First Class Dining receiving a traditional silver service throughout the journey. *Tornado* first visited Chesterfield and Barrow Hill Roundhouse with her second main line test run from York on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008.



The original train named 'The Robin Hood' ran from London's magnificent St. Pancras station to Nottingham Midland station in British Railways days from 1959 to 1962, undoubtedly inspired by the legends of Robin Hood and his Merry Men in Nottinghamshire and the surrounding counties.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust will re-create 'The Robin Hood' and the magic of travelling by steam through the English countryside with new ex-LNER Peppercorn Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado*. Our destination is Chesterfield, a town with strong links to Britain's proud railway heritage. George Stephenson, who brought steam hauled railways to the world, lived on the outskirts of the town and a tombstone marks his resting place in Holy Trinity Church. His statue stands in the station forecourt. A visit to Chesterfield gives so many options, from climbing the tower of the Crooked Spire to browsing the market, from taking a walk alongside the Canal and

enjoying a pint in one of the local pubs.

Our outward route takes us from the newly restored King's Cross station along the East Coast Main Line to Peterborough where we diverge left on to the former Midland Railway, passing through the ancient county of Rutland and into Leicestershire. From Syston 'The Robin Hood' heads north again, through Loughborough and past the vast expanse of Toton Yard. After a pause at Alfreton we reach Chesterfield where we take a break of around four hours. For added interest, our return route is via Nottingham and Grantham, descending the famous Stoke Bank before re-joining our outward route just north of Peterborough. The entire route off the East Coast Main Line is new for *Tornado* with a revenue earning train.

Passengers travelling on 'The Robin Hood' also have two optional add-on tours, bookable in advance only. Alight from the train at Alfreton and join coaches for the short hop to the National Tramway



Museum, containing over 60 trams and set within Crich Tramway Village, a period village containing a pub, cafe, old-style sweetshop and tram depots. This is the date of the museum's 1940s event, with a frequent service operating and lots more to see besides. Alternatively, coaches meet the train at Chesterfield for the scenic drive to Chatsworth House, where passengers will have around two and a half hours to explore this truly magnificent stately home set in the rolling Derbyshire hills. World-renowned landscape gardener Lancelot 'Capability' Brown transformed the gardens at Chatsworth in 1760. This year is the 300th anniversary of his birth.

TICKET	PRICES
First Class Dining	£225.00
First Class Non-Dining	£145.00
Standard Class	£99.00

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London King's Cross	08:15hrs	21:30hrs
Potters Bar (for M25)	08:45hrs	21:00hrs
Stevenage	09:00hrs	20:45hrs
Alfreton (for Crich)	12:45hrs	17:45hrs
Chesterfield (Chatsworth House)	13:15hrs	17:15hrs

- **First Class Dining**  
 Seats at a table for two\* or four in a First Class carriage. Includes a silver service full English breakfast on the outward journey and a four course dinner on the return leg from Chesterfield
- **First Class Non-Dining**  
 Seats at a table for two\* or four in a First Class carriage. Includes complimentary teas and coffees. An on-board buffet serving snacks will also be available.
- **Standard Class**  
 Seats at a table for four in a heritage carriage. An on-board buffet serving snacks and hot & cold beverages will be available.

\* Guaranteed 'tables for two' in First Class Dining and First Class Non-Dining are available for a supplement of £25.00 per person.

Terms and conditions are available on request. All profits from this tour go towards keeping *Tornado* on the main line in future years.

**To make a booking visit [www.a1steam.com](http://www.a1steam.com), [www.ukrailtours.com](http://www.ukrailtours.com) or call 01438 715050**

# LET'S GET A TENDER BEHIND *TORNADO*

## Join The 163 Pacifics Club today!



Andrew Southwell



By 2014 the Trust had repaid the £1m debt needed to complete *Tornado* and the conversion of BR Mk 1 BCK E21249 into her support coach.

However, the tender is currently owned by William Cook Cast Products Ltd (the Trust's Principal Sponsor) who funded construction of the tender in 2006.

The tender is leased to the Trust under a fifteen year loan agreement which will come to an end in 2021.

*Tornado's* tender is a development of those built for the original Peppercorn class A1s - mainly due to the different operating environment on the modern Network Rail main line.

We need to raise £200,000 by 2021 to purchase *Tornado's* tender and finally completing the project we embarked upon in 1990.

Although *Tornado* carries the number '60163' - the next in the Peppercorn class A1 series following No. 60162 *Saint Johnstoun* - her pre-nationalisation LNER number would have been '163'.

There were therefore 163 ex-LNER express passenger Pacifics from the Gresley class A3s/A4s, Thompson class A1/1 and Peppercorn class A1s.

If 163 people were to donate £10 per month over the eight years until we need to purchase the tender (or alternatively make a one-off donation of £960) with the addition of Gift Aid (£2.50 per month or £240 one-off) this would raise £195,600. This initiative comes with benefits for those who generously take part:

- A numbered certificate (1-163) recording the details of the donation and the number/name of your favourite ex-LNER Express Passenger Pacific
- Name inscribed on the official Roll of Honour in Darlington Locomotive Works which will detail the Pacific sponsored
- Entry into a draw for a main line footplate ride on No. 60163 *Tornado*.

Membership of The 163 Pacifics Club has grown steadily since its launch and over 100 of the available 163 ex-LNER express passenger Pacifics have already received new 'shed allocations'.

It really is that simple! Sponsor your favourite Pacific today and help give *Tornado* her paid-for tender behind by 2021.

**Together we can finish the job - Join The 163 Club today!**

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# 'THE SEVERN VALLEY VENTURER'

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September - A late summer trip to Shropshire and Worcestershire



Jock Bosket

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 'The Severn Valley Venturer' will run from London Victoria to Bridgnorth and back, picking up passengers at Slough (for M25) and Reading. This main line steam railtour will feature No. 60163 *Tornado* northbound, hauling historic carriages with passengers in First Class Dining receiving a traditional silver service throughout the journey. This will be *Tornado's* first visit to the Severn Valley Railway with a passenger train.

This special mid-week railtour will take No. 60163 *Tornado* all the way from London to the Severn Valley Railway. *Tornado* will storm out of London Victoria, taking 'The Severn Valley Venturer' via Kensington Olympia, Willesden and Acton,

picking up more passengers at Slough and Reading. The train will continue past Oxford's 'dreaming spires' to Banbury where *Tornado* will pause for water.

After travelling via Leamington Spa, Solihull and Tyseley, 'The Severn Valley Venturer' will pass through the revived Birmingham Snow Hill station, then on via Smethwick, Old Hill and Stourbridge Junction to Kidderminster where *Tornado* will take the link that connects Network Rail to the Severn Valley Railway.

With No. 60163 still at the head, the train will call at Bewdley before travelling the length of this superbly preserved railway, passing through idyllic countryside before reaching Bridgnorth. Here

passengers will have a break of around three hours. The pleasant town is just a short walk from the station, linked by an authentic cliff lift - an unusual feature for an inland location.

For the return journey from Bridgnorth to Bewdley we have requested the use of Bulleid West Country class Pacific No. 34027 *Taw Valley*. At Bewdley a DB Cargo Class 66 diesel will take over for the return journey which re-traces our outward route to London Victoria. Tour tickets will also be valid for travel on scheduled Severn Valley Railway trains, giving a variety of alternative itinerary opportunities.

CLASS	PRICES
First Class Dining	£225.00
First Class Non-Dining	£149.00
Standard Class	£99.00

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Victoria	08:30hrs	21:35hrs
Slough (for M25)	09:25hrs	21:45hrs
Reading	09:55hrs	20:25hrs
Bridgnorth	13:30hrs	16:30hrs

### ● First Class Dining

Seats at a table for two\* or four in a First Class carriage. Includes a silver service Great British Breakfast and a light lunch on the outward journey and a four course dinner on the return leg from Bridgnorth.

### ● First Class Non-Dining

Seats at a table for two\* or four in a First Class carriage. Includes complimentary teas and coffees, as well as afternoon tea during the return journey.

### ● Standard Class

Seats at a table for four in a heritage carriage. An on-board buffet serving snacks and hot & cold beverages will be available.

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# Join... The Tornado Team

A Club  
exclusively for  
Tornado's younger  
supporters aged  
from 5-15



Ken Horan

**A**t £25 for a year's membership, this would make an ideal birthday or Christmas present for the young *Tornado* fan in your family and is a very important way of supporting the work of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust.

Here at the Trust, we are very aware that the future care of *Tornado* will one day be the responsibility of today's younger generation. We would like to foster a genuine care for and understanding of the locomotive in a group of young people from an early age in the hope that they will take on the responsibility that we currently bear.

In the same way that an older generation of steam enthusiasts watched the original A1s making history and supported the Trust in its objective to build and operate a new Peppercorn class A1 Pacific steam locomotive, we are now in the unique position of being able to make history for a new generation of steam enthusiasts.

## Benefits include:

- ✓ **A Tornado goody bag**
- ✓ **Tornado Team newsletters twice a year**
- ✓ **A special birthday message from Tornado**
- ✓ **Exclusive access to Tornado at a Tornado Team event during the year**

## Join the Tornado Team today!

For further information please visit [www.a1steam.com](http://www.a1steam.com), email [enquiries@a1steam.com](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.com), call 01325 460163 or write to Tornado Team, Darlington Locomotive Works, FREEPOST RTJS-XECL-XARL, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, Hopetown Lane, Darlington DL3 6RQ



**60163 TORNADO**  
New Steam for the Main Line

## 'THE MAGNA CARTA'

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - An autumn trip to the medieval City of Lincoln



Jack Beeston

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 No. 60163 *Tornado* will set out from London King's Cross station and head to Lincoln with this main line steam railtour, picking up passengers at Potters Bar (for M25) and Stevenage. 'The Magna Carta' will feature No. 60163 *Tornado* throughout, hauling historic carriages with passengers in First Class Dining receiving a traditional silver service throughout the journey. It will be *Tornado*'s first visit to Lincoln since 2013.

Lincoln is a great destination at any time of year. In the 'low town', close to the station, is the modern Brayford Pool waterfront, a vibrant centre with many places to eat and drink. Alternatively, passengers can make their way uphill

through the superb shopping centre and to the 'high town' where lots of little shops and inns cluster around the castle and cathedral. Lincoln Castle is notable for housing an original copy of the 1215 Magna Carta and Lincoln Cathedral, the tallest building in the world for almost 250 years, the home of the legendary Lincoln Imp.

The outward journey takes 'The Magna Carta' from the newly restored King's Cross station via Peterborough and Spalding, heading on through the glorious wide-open Lincolnshire landscapes. *Tornado* will arrive in Lincoln at lunchtime for a break of over three hours. On the way home 'The Magna Carta' heads cross-country to Newark where it joins *Tornado*'s spiritual stomping ground, the East

Coast Main Line, to head south through Grantham and down Stoke Bank. It was here, in 1938, that fellow LNER Pacific Gresley class A4 No. 4468 *Mallard* attained her world speed record for steam traction of 126 mph, which remains unbroken to this day. From Peterborough 'The Magna Carta' retraces its outward route back to King's Cross station.



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We still need to raise £5m to complete new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. YOU can help to make this a reality sooner rather than later. A P2 for the price of a pint of beer a week - become a regular covenantor from only £10pm.

To find out more visit [www.p2steam.com](http://www.p2steam.com), email [enquiries@p2steam.com](mailto:enquiries@p2steam.com) or call 01325 460163 today.

The P2 Construction Fund, A1 SLT, Darlington Locomotive Works, Hoptown Lane, Darlington, DL3 6RQ

*From the builders, owners and operators of new main line steam locomotive No. 60163 Tornado*



## 'THE BATH SPA CHRISTMAS EXPRESS'

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - A Christmas trip to historic Bath and bustling Bristol



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 No. 60163 *Tornado* will set out from London Victoria and head for the spa City of Bath and the historic port of Bristol, picking up passengers at Staines and Ascot. The first of our two Christmas steam specials, this main line venture with No. 60163 *Tornado* takes 'The Bath Spa Christmas Express' into Great Western Railway territory. The route, outward and return, is via Reading, Newbury, the Westbury East Chord and along the bucolic Avon Valley by way of Trowbridge. Passengers will have around four hours in Bath, or around three and a half if they choose Bristol.

The graceful city of Bath is a wonderful place to visit at any time of year, but never more so than in the festive tide. Bath Christmas Market sees the centre of Bath

transformed into a magical Christmas paradise as over 170 chalets packed full of individual Christmas gifts line the streets surrounding the Roman Baths and Bath Abbey. The aroma of warming mulled wine and freshly baked mince pies, enjoyed with a generous sprinkling of cheering carols, will get even the biggest of humbugs into the Christmas spirit! Bath is a compact city and the station is only moments from the Baths and the Abbey.

'The Bath Spa Christmas Express' also offers an alternative destination, Bristol, awash with centuries of seafaring history. Maybe hop on a sightseeing bus to visit the dramatic Clifton Suspension Bridge, the SS Great Britain or the historic docks. Here also, the Christmas shopping possibilities are endless.

To meet the great demand at this time of year most seating is First Class Dining but a limited number of Standard Class seats are also available.



TICKET	PRICES
First Class Dining	£235.00
Standard Class	£99.00

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Victoria	09:30hrs	21:50hrs
Staines	10:10hrs	21:05hrs
Ascot	10:30hrs	20:45hrs
Bath	13:30hrs	17:45hrs
Bristol	13:50hrs	16:45hrs

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### Join The Boiler Club today and help us to complete No. 2007 Prince of Wales in record time!



The boiler is the beating heart of a steam locomotive and to keep the construction of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* on schedule for completion in 2021, we need to place the order for the boiler this year for delivery in 2018. We have established The Boiler Club to fund the construction of *Prince of Wales's* boiler. It is our desire to leave No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* debt free upon completion and therefore our aim is to raise at least £600,000 for The Boiler Club from 300 supporters each donating £2,000 to the project (in up to 40 payments of £50 by standing order) – we are already over a third of the way there.

- Special benefits for members of The Boiler Club:
- Opportunity to buy ticket (seat already reserved) on one of No. 2007's first main line trips
  - Reasonable access to No. 2007 at all times
  - Opportunity to buy exclusive Boiler Club badge
  - Opportunity to join one of the teams building No. 2007
  - First choice of other components to sponsor
  - Special limited edition version (signed/numbered) of the first official painting of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* with No. 60163 *Tornado*
  - Special Boiler Club day with *Tornado*

**Together we can build this remarkable locomotive - join The Boiler Club today!**



118A boiler with Melesco type superheater header as used on *Tornado*

- No. 2007's boiler in detail**
- Use of diagram 118A *Tornado* boiler with detailed modifications to improve overhaul life
  - Interchangeable with *Tornado* boiler
  - *Tornado* boiler is 17in shorter than P2 boiler – No. 2007's smoke box will be extended within the cladding
  - 250psi of No. 60163's boiler will be retained to improve economy and increase maximum power



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## 'THE CHRISTMAS CANTERBURY TALE'

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - A Christmas trip to medieval Canterbury



Richard Fosser

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December No. 60163 *Tornado* will set out from London Victoria with 'The Christmas Canterbury Tale', picking up passengers at Bromley South and Sevenoaks. This is a very pleasant and gentle itinerary, featuring *Tornado* for the whole journey, with very civilised start and finishing times, ideal for a pre-Christmas day out.

The train's outward route takes *Tornado* into "the Garden of England" by way of Tonbridge and Ashford. From Canterbury West station it is a short walk to the city centre and the cathedral.

Canterbury's skyline is dominated by the stunning Cathedral, the oldest in England, generally regarded as the cradle of English Christianity. But the cathedral

is only part of the story; the ancient ruins of St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church form Canterbury's UNESCO World Heritage Site. Although Canterbury is a place steeped in tradition it is also a modern and vibrant city with a fine range of interesting and individual shops, cafes and pubs. There are no hills to cope with so it's an easy place to explore and passengers will have around three hours in this most welcoming of English cities.

The way home is a circular tour via Sandwich and Deal, and passengers may glimpse the odd vestige of the area's coalmining past set amidst the otherwise idyllic coastal scenery. The train passes the Channel Ports of Dover and Folkestone before passing by the iconic White Cliffs

of Dover. There will be a short break at Paddock Wood while *Tornado* takes on water.

As befits the season, the train will be mostly First Class Dining, but a limited number of Standard Class seats are available too.



TICKET	PRICES
First Class Dining	£215.00
Standard Class	£89.00

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Victoria	09:45hrs	18:55hrs
Bromley South	10:05hrs	18:30hrs
Sevenoaks	10:35hrs	17:55hrs
Canterbury	12:00hrs	15:00hrs

**● First Class Dining**  
 Seats at a table for two\* or four in a First Class carriage. Includes a silver service full English breakfast on the outward journey and a four-course Christmas dinner.

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 Seats at a table for four in a heritage carriage. An on-board buffet serving snacks and hot & cold beverages will be available.

\* Guaranteed 'tables for two' in First Class Dining are available for a supplement of £25.00 per person.

Terms and conditions are available on request. All profits from this tour go towards keeping *Tornado* on the main line in future years.

**To make a booking visit [www.a1steam.com](http://www.a1steam.com), [www.ukrailtours.com](http://www.ukrailtours.com) or call 01438 715050**

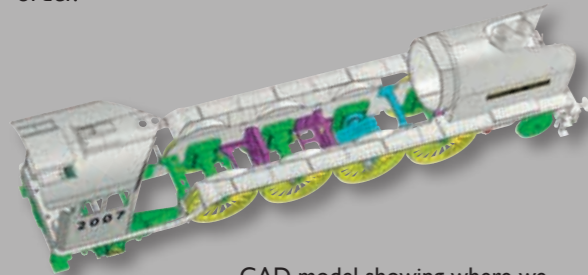
# “We want eight and we won’t wait - let’s make a Mikado!”

**Help us to wheel new Gresley class P2 2-8-2 No. 2007 Prince of Wales this year**

Following the success of The Founders Club (to get the project to the point of cutting the frames) and The Boiler Club (to fund the construction of the boiler) we have decided to establish The Mikado Club to fund the wheeling of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*.

We set an initial target for The Founders Club of at least £100,000 from 100 ‘Founders’ but due to the overwhelming generosity of our supporters we actually raised £450,000 from 360 donors. Our aim for The Boiler Club is to raise at least £600,000 from 300 supporters each donating £2,000 in up to 40 payments of £50 and by March 2016 we were already over one-third of the way there.

If we are to remain on schedule to complete No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* in 2021 we need to wheel the engine this year. We have therefore set ourselves the challenge of raising £200,000 through The Mikado Club from 160 supporters each donating £1,000 (plus Gift Aid) to the project in up to eight payments of £125 by standing order.



CAD model showing where we expect to be when this appeal is successful.



### Special benefits for members of The Mikado Club

- Reserved seat on one of No. 2007’s first main line trips
- Reasonable access to No. 2007 at all times
- Opportunity to buy exclusive Mikado Club badge
- Opportunity to join one of the teams building No. 2007
- First choice of other components to sponsor
- Special Mikado Club day with *Tornado*
- Special limited edition version (signed/numbered) of Stephen Bainbridge’s new painting of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* at Darlington station



## Join The Mikado Club today!

**Thank you for your valued support.**

**Together we can build this remarkable locomotive!**



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## EAST COAST REVIVAL AT THE NENE VALLEY RAILWAY



Colin Dorrell

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and the Nene Valley Railway are pleased to announce a new East Coast Revival event, which is planned to take place over the August Bank Holiday Weekend of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016!

No other Heritage Railway is as well placed as the Nene Valley Railway, with a direct main line connection to the East Coast Main Line (ECML) south of Peterborough and with a terminus directly within sight of the ECML to stage an 'East Coast Revival' event, with two of the Eastern’s giants coming together – new build Peppercorn class A1 Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado* and Deltic No. D9000/55022 *Royal Scots Grey*.

The two locomotives should be arriving from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August to work a combination of dining trains (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 'Tornado Jolly Fisherman'), driver experience events (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August) and an intense service together over the August Bank Holiday using the Railways British Mk1 coach rake, which by then will have been increased to seven coaches.

Both locomotives have visited Nene Valley Railway before, *Tornado* having made several recent popular returns, whilst *Royal Scots Grey* returns to the Railway where it made its first home

in preservation in 1982 under the ownership of the D9000 Ltd group. Local people have often said that a Deltic “belongs” in Peterborough as the entire class spent their working life passing through on the ECML. Currently No. 55022 is masquerading as long lost sister No. 55007 *Pinza* – one of the Finsbury Park 'racehorses' – when she will regain her true identity is not currently known.

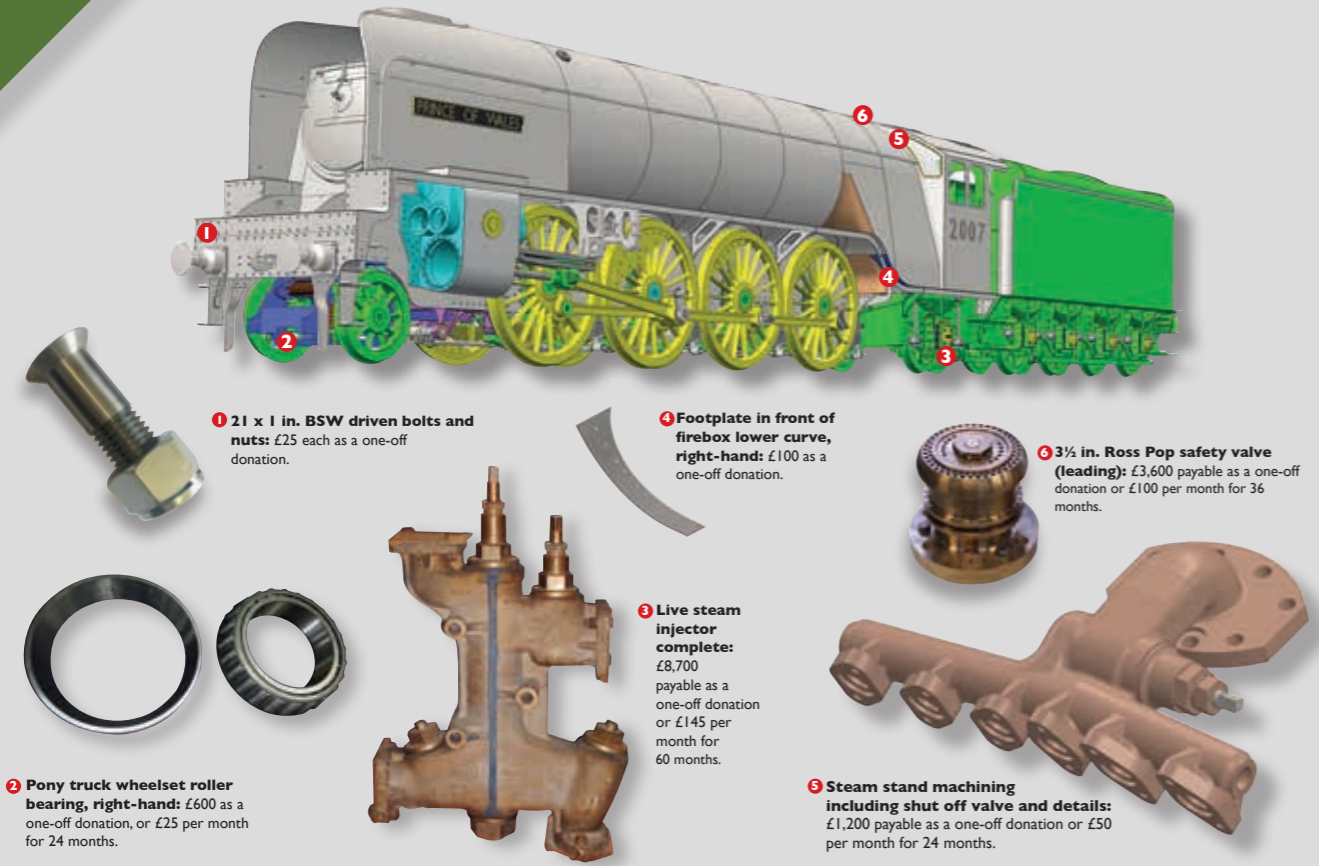


Paul Dawes

For further details on the Nene Valley Railway and to book tickets visit [www.nvr.org.uk](http://www.nvr.org.uk), call 01780 784444 or write to NVR, Wansford Station, Old Great North Rd, Stibbington PE8 6LR



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6 3/4 in. Ross Pop safety valve (leading): £3,600 payable as a one-off donation or £100 per month for 36 months.

2 Pony truck wheelset roller bearing, right-hand: £600 as a one-off donation, or £25 per month for 24 months.

5 Live steam injector complete: £8,700 payable as a one-off donation or £145 per month for 60 months.

3 Steam stand machining including shut off valve and details: £1,200 payable as a one-off donation or £50 per month for 24 months.

Progress on the building of *Prince of Wales* is moving forward rapidly, with our new Gresley class P2 already over one-third complete by weight, and pledges of £2m of the £5m needed by 2021 already received. The erection of the frames is well underway and all twenty wheels have been cast. In two years since the launch of project, No. 2007 has reached the stage that took seven years with No. 60163 *Tornado*. We are confident that we will have completed the rolling chassis by the end of 2016 and remain on-track for completion in 2021. However, to maintain progress we need to raise in excess of £700,000 per year.

We launched the Dedicated Donation scheme in 2014 and it has already raised in excess of £170,000 – more than a similar scheme raised towards the construction of *Tornado*. Dedicated Donations range in price from one of over 1,000 driven bolts & nuts for £25 to the complete exhaust steam injector for £15,000 – an ideal present for the railway enthusiast in your family or just something for yourself to support.

This is a unique opportunity for supporters to be associated with a component of No. 2007 and the funds raised will help to ensure that *Prince of Wales* will be completed on schedule. Just as with *Tornado*, supporters will have the satisfaction of pointing to the part they paid for when No. 2007 enters service.

Please contact our Dedicated Donations team to secure your chosen component. Most components can be sponsored either as a single donation or spread over a number of months – whatever works best for you. If it's not on the list, just ask and if it is still available then we will price it for you.

**Thank you for your valued support.  
 Together we can build this remarkable locomotive - sponsor a component today!**

- Supporters who subscribe to the scheme receive these special benefits:**
- Name inscribed on the official roll of honour at Darlington Locomotive Works listing the components sponsored.
  - Receive a certificate recording the sponsorship and an A4 copy of the drawing of the components.



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## PACIFIC POWER EVENT AT THE SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY



Jack Boskett

*Tornado* will be returning to the ever-popular Severn Valley Railway in September and starring at the Pacific Power event between Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Running alongside newly restored Gresley class A3 No. 60103 *Flying Scotsman*, this will be the first time the two locomotives have been seen together in steam as *Flying Scotsman* has been under overhaul since *Tornado* was completed.

The Severn Valley Railway is a full-size standard-gauge railway line, running regular, mainly steam-hauled, passenger trains between Kidderminster in Worcestershire and Bridgnorth in Shropshire, a distance of approximately sixteen miles.

A remarkable feature of the Railway is that it is very largely run by unpaid volunteers, with a paid staff of around 70 people responsible for administration and commercial activities, plus regular track and rolling stock maintenance.

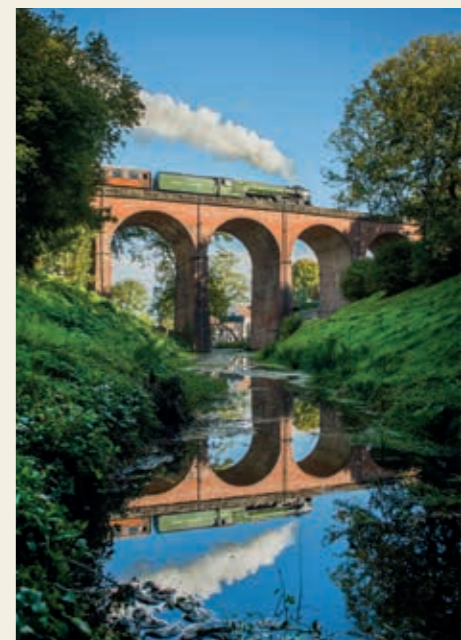
Throughout the year, volunteers appear

on the Railway to perform many tasks, including repairing and repainting stations, reconstruction of viaducts and bridges, and rebuilding locomotives and rolling stock, not to mention operating the trains!

After being started in 1858, the Severn Valley line was completed 1862. The line linked Hartlebury with Shrewsbury, 40 miles away. As part of a national rail rationalisation programme, the line closed to passengers in 1963. On 6<sup>th</sup> July 1965 a group of about fifty local enthusiasts met at the Coopers Arms public house in Kidderminster. The result was the formation of the Severn Valley Railway Society.

Since its inception and millions of passengers later, the Severn Valley Railway continues to work hard to provide a great day out for all its passengers.

The full programme of activities can be viewed on [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk) but include driver experience courses and night running



Jack Boskett

behind *Tornado*. It is expected that *Tornado* will be at the SVR for around two weeks.

**It is strongly advised to book tickets in advance for the Pacific Power event . For further details on the Severn Valley Railway and to book tickets visit [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk) or call 01562 757900**

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Merchandise is an important part of our tours, providing further income to help keep *Tornado* on the main line. Our trolley manned by our volunteer merchandise team will be passing through the train during your journey.

Our range is suitable for every pocket and includes pens, fridge magnets, badges, DVDs, postcards, key rings, jigsaws, tea towels, clothing, from beanie hats to polo shirts and sweatshirts, children's items including caps, Bigjigs wooden model of *Tornado*, crayons and gym bags. We also carry seasonal items such as calendars and Christmas cards.

A raffle is held on each of the trains promoted by AISLT, the main prize being the headboard carried by *Tornado* on the outward journey on the day.

Should you not be successful in the raffle, you can bid for the headboard carried on the return journey by completing the blind auction form, which will be on your table. The smoke box number plate carried by *Tornado* on the day can also be bid for, using the form within your pack.

Finally, a photograph to remind you of the day is always welcome, so why not order a line-side photograph taken whilst you are travelling behind *Tornado*? One of our merchandise team will be along to take your order.



Visit our on-line store at [www.a1steam.com](http://www.a1steam.com) for even more *Tornado* merchandise

# No. 60163 *TORNADO* IS YOUR LEGACY

Remembering The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust in your Will



Bob Hughes

The last of the renowned Peppercorn class A1 steam locomotives was, tragically, scrapped in 1966. But, a brand new class A1, No. 60163 *Tornado*, was brought to life by a dedicated team of volunteers. The Peppercorn class A1s were the last of the great express passenger locomotives designed by the London & North Eastern Railway. British Railways built 49 of them at its Doncaster and Darlington works in 1948/9. Throughout the 1950s the majestic A1s pulled express trains from London to Yorkshire and the North East. They were the last word in speed, style and glamour - but none escaped the scrapmen's torch.

Following tests and trials the locomotive was officially named *Tornado* by TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall at York station in February 2009. *Tornado* subsequently starred in an episode of BBC 'Top Gear' with presenter Jeremy Clarkson on the footplate. Frequently headlined in the press and on TV, *Tornado* was the subject of a BBC documentary 'Absolutely Chuffed' broadcast on BBC2. According to The Times newspaper, *Tornado* is, "a hit across the length and breadth of Britain.

Funds to build *Tornado* were raised through deeds of covenant "an A1 for the price of a pint of beer a week", sponsorship, commercial loans and through a £500,000 bond issue - both since repaid. Today, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust continues to operate *Tornado* on the Network Rail main line and on heritage railways to the delight of children of all ages! Keeping

No. 60163 in first class condition is extremely expensive. In addition to our regular donors, the Trust continues to raise funds through promoting its own main line trains, hiring the locomotive to other rail tour promoters and heritage railways and merchandise licencing/sales.

You can help ensure that No. 60163 *Tornado* has a secure future on the main line for generations to come by leaving a legacy to The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust in your Will.

Donations towards the construction and upkeep of No. 60163 *Tornado* from legacies have been relatively infrequent - although the Trust has always been extremely grateful of any gifts received. It would be very beneficial if the Trust could come in line with the top UK based charities where legacy donations make up around 40% of fundraising income.

If you would like to support No. 60163 *Tornado* through a Legacy then please contact our Legacy Coordinator who will talk you through the process .

**So, please remember The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust in your Will and you too can help ensure that No. 60163 *Tornado* has a secure future on the main line for generations to come.**



**60163 TORNADO**  
New Steam for the Main Line