

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



Tornado is seen at Norbury with the Belmont British Pullman on 12th March
(Neil Whitaker/A1SLT)

Welcome to issue No. 68 of *The Tornado Telegraph*. Routine maintenance of No. 60163 over the winter went according to plan with only a minor fault involving the snifter valve needing rectification.

It's been a successful start to the year for *Tornado* with The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust running 'The Red Rose' in February and 'The Devon Belle' next month as well as a number of 'Belmond British Pullman' trains. Our third train of the year is 'The Scarborough Flyer' on Saturday 4th June. This will be the first time that *Tornado* has hauled a revenue earning train to the famous East Coast resort and the recreation of what was the LNER's fastest pre-Streamliner era express. We will be picking up passengers at London King's Cross, Potters Bar, Stevenage and Peterborough.

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NEWS BRIEF

Tornado will also be making several heritage railway and centre visits during 2016, starting with the Didcot Railway Centre over Easter and including the Severn Valley Railway's Autumn Steam Gala in September. The details of other visits are currently being finalised.

TORNADO TO HAUL 'THE SCARBOROUGH FLYER'

The English preoccupation with visiting the seaside prompted the LNER to launch this famous named train in the summer of 1927, running from London King's Cross. After a wartime pause 'The Scarborough Flyer' survived until 1963 when it finally fell victim to the bland uniformity that so typified half a century of BR management.

On the 4th of June we re-create the magic of going by steam to the sea! With *Tornado* in charge we travel all the way from King's Cross along the East Coast Main Line to York, then along the delightfully rural branch line through Malton to Scarborough itself.

Scarborough retains much of its old character, with Victorian cliff lifts linking the higher town with the curving promenade and the beach. The characteristic bustle of the South Bay contrasts with the tranquil North Bay, where you will find the North Bay Railway, probably the finest example of a traditional seaside miniature railway in Britain, offering fine cliff top views over the North Sea. A special discount is available on production of your tour ticket. Open top sightseeing buses offer a grandstand view of this very agreeable resort and there are bracing seaside walks to be enjoyed too.

After a three hour break *Tornado* hauls the train back to York where an electric locomotive takes over for the return run to London.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

TOUR DIARY

- 25th to 28th March - Easter at [Didcot Railway Centre](#)
- Tuesday 29th March - Driver Experience at Didcot
- Saturday 2nd April - 'The Devon Belle' - London Waterloo to Exeter - A1SLT tour, bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Friday 8th April - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)

- Wednesday 11th May - 'Belmond British Pullman' - London Victoria to Bath & Bristol
- Friday 27th May - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 4th June - 'The Scarborough Flyer' - London King's Cross to York and Scarborough - A1SLT tour, bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 18th June - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 23rd July - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Friday 12th August - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Wednesday 7th September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - London Victoria to Bath & Bristol
- Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September - Severn Valley Railway Gala
- Friday 30th September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills) (Belmond Provisional Date)
- Saturday 1st October - Annual Convention.
- Saturday 22nd October - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Friday 4th November - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 3rd December - 'The Flying Hamburger' - London to Birmingham and the SVR (TBC)

Learn more at www.a1steam.com

GET (A TENDER) BEHIND *TORNADO*

Join 'The 163 Pacifics Club' and make *Tornado* debt free. The first debts to be repaid by the Trust were the bridging and personal loans that financed the final dash to completion. In July 2013 we were able to announce the early repayment of the £500,000 Bearer Bond at the end of the 2013. The final step to make *Tornado* debt-free is to purchase 60163's tender, which is currently on a 15 year lease from William Cook Cast Products Ltd. 'The 163 Pacifics Club' is starting to gain traction with over half of the 163 having already found new 'shed allocations' - but there is still a long way to go.



Tornado's newly re-painted tender at DLW
(John Wilkinson/A1SLT)

How you can help:

We need to raise £200,000 by 2021 to purchase *Tornado's* tender. Following the success of our Regular and Dedicated Donation schemes for the construction of *Tornado*, the Trustees have on a similar method for the purchase of the tender. However, instead of "an A1 for the price of a pint" and "use your loaf", we've decided to raise the funds in a different way, "The 163 Pacifics Club". Although *Tornado* carries the number '60163', her pre-nationalisation LNER number would have been '163'. If 163 people were to donate £10pm 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 (£2.50pm or £240 one-off) this would raise £195,600.

As with the previous schemes, 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 express passenger pacific from the Gresley A3s/A4s, Thompson A1/1s and Peppercorn A1s.
- 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 *Tornado*.

It really is that simple! With your help *Tornado* could be debt free with her paid-for tender behind by 2021 so please complete the donation form today.
Thank you.

ONLINE STORE

Our online store has everything for the *Tornado* enthusiast, from pens to models and children's T-shirts to adult's fleeces.

Visit our online store to get your hands on some great *Tornado* merchandise.

For just £200 you could own one of the smoke box number plates carried by *Tornado* in service!

P2 PROGRESS

At Darlington Locomotive Works the construction of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* continues to race ahead with the fitting of more parts of the footplate and the trial fitting of the cab. We have also taken delivery of the locomotive's distinctive smokebox door and other components for the smokebox which means that it won't be too long before both cab and smokebox are fitted to the frames. The last of the cast steel frame stays (the Pony Truck Top and the Front Boiler Support) have now also been machined and trial assembled to the frames and the first of the large frame stays (Frame Stay and Inside Motion Bracket) which have been re-designed as fabrications is presently being manufactured by North View Engineering Solutions in Darlington. Boro' Foundry have also completed machining and drilling the tender frame plates and delivered them to Darlington Locomotive Works. Work is under way to line up and final fit the hornblocks and most of these are now in place.



The hornblocks being fitted to No. 2007's frames

(David Elliott/A1SLT)

Pledges towards the building of *Prince of Wales* have already reached £2m in just two years since the launch of the project in September 2013. The new locomotive is already over one-third complete by weight. This rapid construction has been fuelled by the project's successful fundraising campaigns which have seen pledges of 40% of the £5m required to complete the locomotive by 2021. In only two years since the launch of the project's 'P2 for the price of a pint of beer a week' (£10 per month) regular donation - or covenant - scheme, funds either already donated or pledged by Standing Order have already reached £2m. Over 360 people joined The Founders Club, more than 740 have already become Covenantors and over 100 have signed up to 'The Boiler Club', each pledging £2,000 towards the boiler. The Dedicated Donation scheme has already raised over £160,000 and new components available for sponsorship will become available as construction progresses - please contact dedicated.donations@p2steam.com for more information.

However we need to at least maintain this progress if we are to complete No.

2007 in our target of seven years and raise over £700,000 every year. You can see all the latest news on the P2 website

PHOTO COMPETITION

During 2015 we will be running a photographic competition. We will pick a winning entry from images taken of *Tornado* during the year with the lucky contestant landing a brace of premier dining tickets on one of our trains in 2016.

HELP THE TRUST

Your support as Covenantors, Donors and Volunteers remains vital.

- DONATIONS - We continue to encourage donations of all shapes and sizes (every pound counts).
- COVENANTORS - We always welcome new Covenantors as we have overhauls and repairs to fund and still need to finance the balance of the support coach conversion - [Become a covenantor, learn more >](#)
- 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 back office work, we can always find something for you to do. Contact volunteer@a1steam.com for more details.
- LEGACY PROGRAMME - We now have a Legacy Giving facility. [Learn more here >](#)
- THE 163 PACIFICS CLUB - join The 163 Pacifics Club to complete the financing of *Tornado*. [Learn more here >](#)

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