

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No.78 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

A burgeoning tours diary means *Tornado* is going to be very busy in 2017. Recently added are the ground-breaking timetabled trains on the Settle & Carlisle railway over the Valentine's weekend, a visit to the Nene Valley Railway and a new tour, 'The Easterling' to Great Yarmouth, on August Bank Holiday. Keep an eye on the A1 website or our newly launched 'Tornado Railtours' Facebook page for updates. In other news there have been some changes in the management structure of the Trust and the first P2 'Roadshow' has been held.

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Tornado is seen after returning with the first 'Belmond British Pullman' of 2017 - Edward Hindell

NEWS BRIEFS

- **MANAGEMENT TEAM CHANGES AT THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST** - Following the announcement at its convention last year that The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust is to build a new charter train (based around British Railways mark 3 coaches) and is seeking a new main line connected base in the Darlington area, the Trust is restructuring its management team to take on board these initiatives as well as to continue to deliver the Trust's on-going activities including its own-promoted railtours for No.60163 *Tornado* and the construction on new £5m Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. Mark Allatt has advised the Trustees that after 16

years as Chairman of the organisation - and 26 years spearheading the Trust's marketing, PR and fundraising - he wishes to step aside from the Chairmanship and focus on the construction of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* as P2 Project Director. Mark will continue as a Trustee and in addition to his leadership of the P2 Project, where he will prioritise PR, fundraising and marketing, he will also continue to have oversight of and contribute to the rest of the Trust's PR, marketing and fundraising activities, as well as playing an important role in the Trust's strategic planning across all of its commitments. David Elliott will continue to lead the engineering and Graeme Bunker the operations and commercial aspects of the P2 Project. Trustee and Operations Director Graeme Bunker will be expanding his existing role as Chairman of the Tornado Steam Traction Executive (which manages the operation of *Tornado*) and will lead all of No.60163 *Tornado's* support activities. In this role he will be assisted by Lt. Col Huw Parker as Deputy Operations Director and David Wright of Locomotive Maintenance Services as our Running Engineer. Sophie Bunker-James, the Trust's Education Officer will also be taking a more active role in the promotion of *Tornado* and its rail tours.

The Trust is pleased to appoint Graham Langer as a Trustee. Graham has been a covenantor since 2005 and a volunteer since 2008 and now edits the Trust's in-house publications (*The Communication Cord*, *The Tornado Telegraph* and *Mikado Messenger*) as well as being Trust webmaster. Graham is General Manager of Accucraft (UK) Ltd, which manufactures small scale live steam locomotives. Graham will continue to take the lead on all supporter communications.

As a reflection of the Trust's previously announced ambitions, Paul Bruce, a senior rail executive with significant property project experience, has been appointed as an advisor to the Trustees and will be leading the Trust's ambitious plans for an expanded, main line connected facility in the Darlington area.

The change of structure means that the Trust retains strong leadership of both of its locomotives, ably supported by the many volunteers and suppliers involved with both of them, under the overall guidance of the Trustees. The process of recruiting a new Chairman has now begun, and further announcements regarding this (and other appointments) will be made over the coming months.

Speaking on behalf of the Trustees Graeme Bunker said:

"On behalf of all us involved with *Tornado* and *Prince of Wales*, we would like to thank Mark for his dedication and commitment in leading the Trust during such a successful period. This has witnessed the completion of *Tornado*, the purchase and total rebuild of our support coach and now the exciting launch and first stages of building a brand new P2. Mark has been a passionate advocate of the Trust, working tirelessly over many years, and has been an instrumental part of the successful team since the launch of the project to build a new A1. We are very pleased that Mark is continuing to be part of that team and will spearhead the P2 project with passion, enthusiasm and commitment. As the Trust's activities expand, it is also a pleasure to welcome Paul Bruce to the team and Graham Langer as a Trustee. "

Mark Allatt added:

"After almost 16 years as Chairman of the Trust since taking over from our now President David Champion in 2001, 26 years leading the Trust's marketing, PR and fundraising as well as my numerous other Trust commitments, the role had become far too big for one person to manage in their spare time as a volunteer. I have therefore decided to focus my available time on leading the P2 Project, where we have already spent over £1m on construction and have received pledges from supporters for over 45% of the £5m needed to complete No.2007. I am also pleased to be continuing my oversight of all of the Trust's marketing, PR and fundraising activities which are also now far too large for one volunteer to deliver. I have hugely enjoyed my time as Chairman and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Trust's supporters for their support and generosity over this time. I look forward to being able to drive the construction of No.2007 *Prince of Wales* forward."

- **NEW TOURS IN 2017** - We are pleased to announce three new tours for *Tornado* in the second half of 2017.

, After many requests, East Anglia beckons as we head to the coast on 'The Easterling'. On Monday 28th August - Bank Holiday join us for a real old fashioned steam day out, to the grand British resort of Great Yarmouth. Leaving London at a nice civilised time, *Tornado* will be in charge throughout as we take the rare Wensum Curve in Norwich and the picturesque route via Acle. We have around three hours at the coast where there are beautiful beaches to enjoy and great places to eat and drink. After *Tornado* runs round and shunts its train, it will service at Norwich before taking us back to London via Berney Arms. This tour is already available to book on line at [UK Railtours](#).



Our second new train on Saturday 16th September is 'The Border Raider', with *Tornado's* first railtour departing steam hauled from Birmingham and the West Midlands. This is a cracking trip with many miles at high speed as we travel to Carlisle via the WCML, with calls at Tame Bridge Parkway, Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton, Stafford and Crewe. Our outward route is along the edge of the Lakes and our return is via the Settle and Carlisle with its soaring viaducts, many tunnels and breath taking scenery. In between, whilst *Tornado* is turned and serviced, we have two to three hours to explore the Border City with its Castle and Museum and many pleasant eateries.

On Saturday 7th October join 'The Tyne-Tees Express' to experience *Tornado* on the ECML, this time from West Midlands and East Midlands stations. Diesel hauled from Dorridge, Solihull and Tamworth, *Tornado* joins the train at Derby Station and then calls at Chesterfield and Sheffield. Routed via Swinton to Doncaster, *Tornado* will stretch her legs on the ECML as we visit the beautiful city of York, home to the wonderful Minster, the Shambles and the National Railway Museum. *Tornado* then speeds further north and passed her birthplace at Darlington and on to Durham, where there is a chance to disembark and visit the city with its Norman Cathedral. Our final destination is Newcastle, where you can take over two hours to enjoy this vibrant city, perhaps visiting the regenerated Quayside with its historic bridges and river

views. Our return journey is routed as outward to Doncaster and then via Rotherham Central and outward stations. *Tornado* will haul us back as far as Derby where an older Class 67 diesel returns us back to Tamworth, Solihull and Dorridge!

For updates on these and other *Tornado* Railtours, visit our [website](#), or our new dedicated [Facebook page](#).

We hope to see you out enjoying a *Tornado* hauled steam excursion soon!

- **‘THE SAINT DAVID’ ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH** - Experience the very special atmosphere of Cardiff on St David’s Day! The train, hauled all the way there and back by *Tornado*, leaves London Paddington at a very civilised hour. The outward run is via the South Wales Main Line through Bristol Parkway and the Severn Tunnel, reaching the Welsh Capital at lunchtime for a break of over three hours.

As the youngest and fastest growing capital city in Europe, there are few places as vibrant and lively as Cardiff. City Sightseeing buses serve many famous attractions such as Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Castle, The National Museum of Wales and the beautiful tranquil Alexandra Gardens. Hop Off at Cardiff Bay and see this fantastic new development and the fascinating Cardiff Barrage.



The homeward route will follow the Severn Estuary to Gloucester before heading south-east by way of Stroud to Swindon.

STATION	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Paddington	09:30hrs	21:00hrs
Slough (for M25)	10:00hrs	20:30hrs
Reading	10:35hrs	19:55hrs
Swindon	11:05hrs	19:20hrs

Ticket Prices:

£99.00 Standard Class

~~£149.00 First Class Non Dining~~ **SOLD OUT**

£235.00 First Class Dining

Terms and conditions are available on request. Guaranteed ‘tables for two’ in First Class

Dining and First Class Non-Dining are available for a supplement of £25.00 per person. Online and telephone bookings are handled by our booking agents UK Railtours. Go to www.a1steam.com or www.ukrailtours.com to make an online booking, or call 01438 715050 to book over the phone. In the event of cancellation or haulage problems please see our full terms and conditions of carriage.

- **‘PLANDAMPF’ ON THE SETTLE & CARLISLE RAILWAY** - Trains formed of Mk 2 carriages hauled by *Tornado* will replace DMUs on timetabled trains over the Settle & Carlisle (S&C) route this month. *Tornado* will haul the Northern trains over the S&C between Skipton and Appleby on three consecutive days. The first timetabled ordinary main line passenger steam trains to run in England for 50 years are the result of a pioneering modern and heritage industry alliance, formed to help revive the economic fortunes of the beleaguered S&C as well as the towns and villages that it serves. The railway, which was opened in 1875, was severed by a major landslip last February and has been in limbo ever since.

This collaborative alliance comprises Northern, Network Rail, DB Cargo, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and Friends of the S&C, together with *RAIL* and *Steam Railway* from the Bauer Media magazine portfolio, who came up with the proposal two years ago. The historic community trains are being promoted under the banner ‘I LOVE S&C’.



Traditional DMU paths on 14th - 16th February will be surrendered to *Tornado*. The 10:45hrs ex-Skipton and 15:07hrs ex-Appleby will be steam-hauled trains supplemented by morning and evening extras, running in reverse order. Tickets bought in advance or from National Rail ticket offices will be permissible for travel. For ticketing details follow this [link](#).

- **TORNADO JOINS THE NVR’s ‘BEST OF BRITISH’ ST. GEORGE’S DAY CELEBRATIONS** - *Tornado* is returning to the Nene Valley Railway to help the railway to celebrate its ‘Best of British’ weekend in the year of the railway’s 40th Anniversary. In her first visit to a heritage railway in 2017, *Tornado* will arrive at the Nene Valley Railway on Monday 17th April and depart on Friday 28th April. *Tornado* is anticipated to have four operational days and the following activities are planned.

- Friday 21st April - Best of British ‘Jolly Fisherman’ fish & chips dining train hauled by *Tornado*
- Friday 21st and Monday 24th April - *Tornado* driver experience courses
- Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October - *Tornado* in passenger service.

Nene Valley Railway is the UK's leading international steam attraction, based at Wansford Station, and covering the stations of Ferry Meadows, Orton Mere, Yarwell Junction, and Peterborough. As both a living heritage railway, which is tended to by its loyal band of volunteers, and a thriving attraction for the public to enjoy all year round, Nene Valley Railway offers the chance to experience the thrill of riding a steam engine; learn about the railway's history; and explore the picturesque surroundings of the Nene Valley area. You can also drive and fire *Tornado* with the NVR Driver Experience Courses on 21st and 24th April see their web page for more details [here](#).

For Further information, and to book, please visit www.nvr.org.uk or call the railway on 01780 784444.

TOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 14th February - Thursday 16th February - I ♥ S&C
- Wednesday 1st March - 'The Saint David' - London Paddington to Cardiff - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Friday 31st March - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April - Nene Valley Railway 'Best of British' weekend - NVR
- Saturday 29th April - 'The North Briton' - Leicester to Carlisle - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Monday 1st May - 'The Heart of Midlothian' - Peterborough to Edinburgh - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 6th May - 'The Talisman' - London King's Cross to Darlington - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Monday 29th May - 'The Cornishman' - London Paddington to Penzance - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Monday 28th August - 'The Easterling' - London King's Cross to Great Yarmouth - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

You can download the 2017 Tour Guide here

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 nearly there with 136 of the 163 having already found new 'shed allocations' - don't miss out!

Some Pacifics still available:

60032 Gannet
60042 Singapore
60069 Sceptre
60079 Bayardo
60083 Sir Hugo
60095 Flamingo



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 Trust have decided 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.

Contact shop@a1steam.com for details of smoke box number plates carried by *Tornado* - available to buy for just £200!

[Visit our online store to get your hands on some great *Tornado* merchandise.](#)

P2 ROADSHOWS - AN AUDIENCE WITH PRINCE OF WALES

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust recently announced that it will be holding a series of

presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* along the route of the East Coast Main Line from London to Edinburgh and all the way to Aberdeen during 2017. Each presentation will feature key Trust personnel including Mark Allatt and David Elliott and will cover the background to the project, 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 presentation will run from 11:00hrs to 13:00hrs on each of the days listed below and are open to existing supporters and interested members of the public:

- Saturday 18th February 2017 - The Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- Saturday 18th March 2017 - Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery, Doncaster
- Saturday 22nd April 2017 - York Railway Institute, York
- Saturday 13th May 2017 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington
- Saturday 17th June 2017 - Newcastle Mining Institute, Newcastle
- Saturday 1st July 2017 - Edinburgh Jury's Inn, Edinburgh
- Saturday 14th October 2017 - Dundee Heritage Trust Discovery Point, Dundee
- Saturday 25th November 2017 - Aberdeen Jury's Inn, Aberdeen.

P2 PROGRESS

You can see all the latest news on the [P2 website](#).

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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