

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No.81 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Barely pausing for breath after their 100mph exploits on the East Coast Main Line last month, the team took *Tornado* to the Nene Valley Railway prior to an extraordinary week's running on the main line. To operate three long distance tours in little more than a week is a massive undertaking and the support crew and those responsible for maintaining the locomotive deserve fulsome praise! Still to come are many more exciting outings to some new and interesting destinations - make sure you travel with *Tornado* this year!

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Tornado, back at the Nene Valley on 22nd and 23rd April - Mandy Grant

NEWS BRIEFS

- 'THE NORTH BRITON' - This tour originated in the Midlands and was sold out well in advance. The route took *Tornado* over the Settle & Carlisle line to Carlisle and saw our Pacific working hard over the Fells before returning via the Tyne Valley. There was some notable fast running on the East Coast Main Line on the way back as well!



Dwarfed by the Pennines, *Tornado* crosses Lunds Viaduct - *David Horner*

- **‘THE HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN’** - This railtour started at Peterborough with *Tornado* coming on to the train at Tyne Yard for a run to the Scottish capital. The day was not without incident, starting with a delay caused by the allocated Class 67 diesel then a level crossing failure was followed by a points failure at Morpeth which meant the train was late arriving in Edinburgh. Departure south was delayed by 30 minutes to give passengers more time in the city but, by dint of some swift running, the train was back on time by York. Full marks to the train crew for ensuring our passengers got home on time.



Tornado crosses the Royal Border Bridge on her way to Edinburgh - *Michael Denholm*

- **‘THE TALISMAN’** - This was another epic day out for our locomotive and one which

could, once again, have been marred by events. The outward run was excellent with *Tornado* clipping along the East Coast Main Line in fine style to deliver passengers to Darlington where over two thirds opted to visit Darlington Locomotive Works to see the dramatic progress our new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. The return run, however, was very different; our regular water tanker, scheduled to meet the train at Newark, was stuck in a traffic jam and the replacement, fire brigade tanker suffered two punctures in the yard at Newark - unable to get enough water a stop was booked at Peterborough where the original tanker managed a rendezvous (thanks to some smart work by NR and Nene Valley Railway staff). Superb work by the footplate crew saw over 30 minutes of the deficit won back by King's Cross!



Tornado storms past Arksey with 'The Talisman' - Gareth Griffiths

- **BODMIN & WENFORD RAILWAY - 31st May to 4th June** - *Tornado's* first visit to Cornwall continues (after her run to Penzance with 'The Cornishman') with a short sojourn at the Bodmin & Wenford Railway, operating timetabled trains between Bodmin and Bodmin Parkway. You can find full details [here](#).
- **'THE EASTERLING'** - A jolly day out at the seaside on August Bank Holiday Monday! Fondly recalling a train of the same name from the 1950's this jaunt to Great Yarmouth should be unmissable. Full details can be seen [here](#).
- **WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE 150TH RAILWAY CELEBRATION - 12th August** - *Tornado* will make history when it arrives in Walton to commemorate the railway station's 150th anniversary this August. For the first time people will have a chance to hop aboard a steam special for a return journey from London Liverpool Street to Walton railway station. Once in Walton, the train will then run to and from Colchester Town five times, giving 1,500 visitors an opportunity to enjoy an historic trip. Thousands of people are expected to spend 12th August at the seaside town, where a fireworks display will round off a day's worth of entertainment at 21:00hrs. Visitors will be able to ride the attractions at Walton Pier for free having first collected a wristband from various top locations, such as the Naze Tower.

Proceeds from the day, and specially-made *Tornado* mugs, are being donated to St Helena Hospice, in Clacton. A London return ticket will cost passengers £99, while a

return from Walton ranges between £17.50 and £80 for a family of four. Passengers will be treated to a buffet.

For tickets click [here](#). Also email contact@tornado150.co.uk or freephone 0330 1138989.

TOUR DIARY

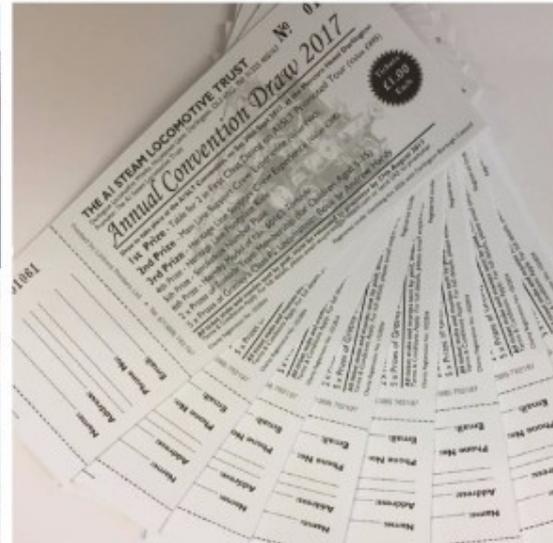
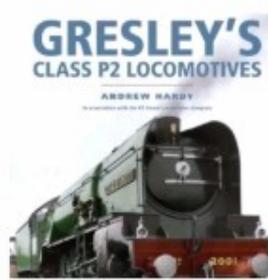
- Wednesday 17th May - 'Belmond British Pullman' - London to Bath and Bristol and return - Belmond British Pullman
- Monday 29th May - 'The Cornishman' - London Paddington to Penzance - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 1st June to Sunday 4th June - Bodmin & Wenford Railway
- Tuesday 13th June - 'Belmond British Pullman' - Surrey Hills Circular for 'The Railway Children'
- Sunday 18th June - 'The Torbay Express' - Bristol to Kingswear and return - [Torbay Express](#)
- Sunday 2nd July - 'The Torbay Express' - Bristol to Kingswear and return - [Torbay Express](#)
- Sunday 23rd July - 'The Torbay Express' - Bristol to Kingswear and return - [Torbay Express](#)
- Saturday 5th August - 'The Towy Tornado' - Eastleigh to Carmarthen and return - Pathfinder Tours
- Saturday 12th August - Walton-On-The-Naze 150th Railway Celebration
- Monday 28th August - 'The Easterling' - London King's Cross to Great Yarmouth - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Wednesday 6th September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - London to Bristol (return with No. 35028 *Clan Line*) - Belmond British Pullman
- Saturday 16th September - 'The Border Raider' - Birmingham for the Settle & Carlisle Railway - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th September - Barrow Hill Roundhouse 'Pacific Power' weekend
- Saturday 7th October - 'The Tees-Tyne Express' - Dorridge to Newcastle and return - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

[You can download the 2017 Tour Guide here](#)

Annual Convention Draw 2017



The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust 2017



Hornby Railroad Model

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust is pleased to announce the launch of our Annual Convention Prize Draw for 2017.

The aim of the draw is to raise additional funds for No. 60163 *Tornado*, with all money raised going directly towards the ongoing running and maintenance costs of *Tornado*.

Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize - Table for two in first class dining on an A1SLT promoted tour (Value £495)
- 2nd Prize - Main Line Support Crew Experience (Value £400)
- 3rd Prize - Heritage Line Support Crew Experience (Value £300)
- 4th Prize - Heritage Line Footplate Ride
- 5th Prize - 60163 Smokebox Number Plate
- 6th Prize - Hornby Model of No. 60163 *Tornado*
- 2 x Prizes of 1 years *Tornado* Team Membership (for children aged 5 - 15)
- 5 x Prizes of *Gresley's Class P2 Locomotives* Book, by Andrew Hardy

A book of 10 raffle tickets will be sent out to each of our registered supporters shortly, along with their annual convention invite. Tickets can be sold for £1 each and will be entered into the prize draw once monies and stubs have been received at Darlington Locomotive Works. Registered supporters can request additional books to sell.

Individual tickets can be bought for £1 each, on our main line trains, on our stand at heritage railways, at Darlington Locomotive Works open days and at Darlington Head Of Steam Museum.

If you would like some tickets now, before the convention invites are sent out, you can purchase tickets in books of 10*, by writing to us at Darlington Locomotive Works, Hopetown Lane, Darlington, DL3 6RQ. You must include your Name, Address, Email Address and a Contact Phone Number, along with a stamped addressed envelope and a

cheque for £10 per book of tickets, made payable to The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust. Once received, we will post the tickets out to you.

All ticket stubs and monies sent by post, must be received at Darlington Locomotive Works by 27th August 2017. The draw will take place at our annual convention on Saturday 30th September 2017.

Full terms and conditions can be obtained by emailing enquiries@a1steam.com or by sending a SAE to Darlington Locomotive Works at the address above.

*Due to the increased administrative time involved in selling postal tickets, it will not be cost effective for us to sell them individually, it has therefore been decided that tickets requested by post will only be sold to the requester in books of 10.

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 140 of the 163 having already found new 'shed allocations' - don't miss out!

Some Pacifics still available:

No. 60005 *Sir Charles Newton*

No. 60053 *Sansovino*

No. 60069 *Sceptre*

No. 60075 *St. Frusquin*

No. 60083 *Sir Hugo*

No. 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 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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