

TORNADO

2018 MAIN LINE TOURS

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60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

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", recently operating at 100mph, the first steam

locomotive in the UK to do so for fifty years, and will soon be seen featuring in the new *Paddington 2* movie.

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, email 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

WELCOME



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The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust are extremely proud to be celebrating *Tornado*'s Tenth Anniversary in 2018. We have accomplished so much since this new build locomotive was completed a decade ago, and hope to continue developing steam travel for many years to come. From appearing on TV in 'Top Gear' and on film in 'Paddington 2', to grabbing headlines for reaching 100mph and operating a timetabled service during the S&C 'plandampf', *Tornado* draws crowds where ever she goes and we would like to invite you to be a part of our special year.

The 2018 tour diary promises to be our best yet, with railtours running country wide, allowing more people than ever to access our trains. *Tornado* will be hauling trains from the East and West Midlands, East Anglia, London and the North East offering passengers the opportunity to visit historic cities and seaside towns, crossing mountain vistas and

rolling countryside. 2018 also sees the start of *Tornado* running at 90mph where permitted, the only steam locomotive certified to do so in the UK. This makes her not only the newest, but also the fastest steam locomotive on the modern railway network. As a part of our celebrations we are delighted to be offering our birthday railtour starting in Darlington, the home of the Trust and where the engine was completed. We are also marking this momentous anniversary with a very special Pullman train run with our friends at Belmond and we hope many of you will join us on this luxury railtour to Yorkshire.

Every train in this brochure is promoted by The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, with all profits going directly towards keeping *Tornado* on the main line in future years.

There is a great variety on offer in our brochure, and we hope that you will be able join us to celebrate ten years of *Tornado*.



ON BOARD OUR TRAINS



Our train is formed of heritage Mk1 carriages, which provide a nostalgic journey back in time, where passengers can enjoy the beautiful scenery as plumes of steam drift past the windows, and the locomotive's whistle can be heard. However you choose to travel, you can be assured of a magical day out on a railtour with *Tornado*.

● Standard Class

You can be sure of a wonderful day out in Standard Class, where every seat has a window to take in the scenery as it passes by. Where possible, we endeavour to have standard class at the front of the train in at least one direction so that the sound of *Tornado* hard at work can be heard.

● First Class Non-Dining

Some of our trains offer First Class Non-Dining seating where passengers can look forward to luxurious surroundings, travelling in a comfortable and roomy seat with curtains by the windows. Complimentary teas and coffee are served throughout the day.

● On Board Buffet

Non-Dining and Standard Class passengers may wish to bring a picnic, or else indulge at the on board Buffet where a selection of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks are available.

● First Class Dining

For a fully immersive experience, why not consider booking a First Class Dining ticket; with silver service for all meals, each freshly cooked on the train by our elite team of chefs, there is no better way to travel! Dining passengers can look forward to a full English breakfast on the outward journey and a relaxed four course dinner on the way home as the station lights twinkle and *Tornado's* reassuring rhythmical exhaust sets the seal on a memorable day out.

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



A selection of images from First Class.

Saturday 25th November 2017 - A festive railtour to the medieval city of Chester



Paul Isles

Christmas begins here! A great day out featuring *Tornado* hard at work on the West Coast Main Line, an afternoon break in the medieval city of Chester and a festive Christmas Market, all combine to bring you a really memorable day.

Our route is via the West Coast Main Line out of London Euston. Soon after leaving the capital we pause to pick up passengers at Watford Junction before continuing north passed Berkhamsted with its ruined castle dating from William the Conqueror's time, and on through Tring cutting, an amazing civil engineering feat of 2.5 miles in length. We collect more passengers at Milton Keynes and Northampton before heading on into Warwickshire and along the Trent Valley. We run alongside the Grand Union Canal and head

CHESTER

No other city encapsulates the 'feel' of Old England quite so well as Chester, with its truly splendid black and white timbered buildings ('The Rows') and the famous Eastgate Clock. Chester Castle and Military Museum are a short walk away, along the city walls.

Next to Chester's ancient cathedral you will find Chester's magical Christmas Market, with over seventy traditional wooden chalets huddled around a sparkling Christmas tree. There will be an abundance of festive treats and gifts on offer, including quality local and regional products, crafts, accessories, jewellery, unique gifts and stocking fillers, which are sure to make the perfect present.

Don't forget to sample the delicious hot food and drink, including tasty mulled wine, local ales and hot chocolate from the Real Ale Bar; the perfect way to keep warm whilst enjoying the market.

A frequent shuttle bus links the station forecourt with the city centre.

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Euston	08:00hrs	21:20hrs
Watford Junction	08:30hrs	20:50hrs
Milton Keynes Central	09:00hrs	20:15hrs
Northampton	09:20hrs	19:50hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
First Class Dining	£245.00
First Class Non-Dining	£159.00
Standard Class	£99.00

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north through Tamworth and Stafford to Crewe. It is then just a short journey west to reach Chester, arriving at lunchtime.

With *Tornado* still in charge we return via our outward route, steam-hauled all the way back to London!

Saturday 24th February 2018 - A special trip on the Settle & Carlisle Railway



Geoff Griffiths

On 'The North Briton', the first tour of 2018, *Tornado* will haul a train from East Anglia across the magnificent Settle and Carlisle Railway. Eminent railway engineers of the age proclaimed that it would be impossible to build a main line railway through this hostile terrain. Building the Settle & Carlisle almost broke the Midland Railway but determination was rewarded with a magnificent double-track main line railway sweeping through the hills. Passengers will enjoy breath-taking scenery as the landscape becomes more wild and beautiful as the train steams north, through tunnels and across viaducts to reach Carlisle. The train departs from Cambridge, Ely, March and Peterborough with a Class 67 diesel at the head. We call also at Newark before reaching Belmont Yard, just south of Doncaster, where the diesel is detached and 60163 backs down on to the train.

After a final pick-up at Doncaster, *Tornado* gets into her stride as we run via Hambleton Junctions and Leeds, then up the picturesque Aire Valley, passing the Worth Valley Railway at Keighley and the market town of Skipton.

At Settle Junction the real purpose of the day begins! The long gruelling climb to Blea Moor Summit includes the crossing of the iconic Ribbleshead Viaduct. True to her name, *Tornado* will roar through the glorious scenery of Dentdale, topping Ais Gill Summit before descending through Appleby to arrive at Carlisle. The station is right in the heart of the compact 'border city' and you will have a couple of hours in which to stretch your legs and explore.

But our steam adventure is far from over! We take our seats once more and enjoy a trip right across England at its narrowest point, west to east, taking the Low Fell Curve and arriving at Tyne Yard in Gateshead where 60163 is detached. Our Class 67 locomotive will have made her way from Doncaster ready for the homeward run along the East Coast Main Line.

CARLISLE

Situated close to Carlisle Railway Station are many interesting historic sites and museums, and those looking for retail therapy can enjoy the pedestrianised shopping area. Carlisle's imposing

Cathedral occupies a central position in the heart of the 'historic quarter'. The Cathedral has free entry and voluntary guides to help you get the most out of your visit to this beautiful ecclesiastical building. Also within walking distance of the Station is Carlisle Castle, where you can discover 900 years of history and explore the tumultuous life of the Castle in a new exhibition. With nine centuries of bloody and turbulent history, Carlisle Castle has played host to colourful cast of characters, from royalty to the notorious Border Reivers.



TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
Cambridge	07:30hrs	23:00hrs
Ely	07:50hrs	22:40hrs
March	08:10hrs	22:20hrs
Peterborough	08:30hrs	22:00hrs
Newark Northgate	09:15hrs	21:15hrs
Doncaster	10:30hrs	20:30hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
First Class Dining	£249.00
First Class Non-Dining	£159.00
Standard Class	£109.00

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THE SULIS AND SARUM EXPRESS

Saturday 24th March 2018 - A railtour to historic cities of Bath and Salisbury



Craig Munday

In March, passengers will board 'The Sulis and Sarum Express' headed to the historic cities of Bath and Salisbury. The big question will be which of these beautiful West Country cities to explore?

This promises to be a wonderful spring time excursion and a great opportunity for those in the West Midlands to join one of our railtours. The return trip offers *Tornado's* first public ascent of the Lickey incline.

Steam hauled throughout, the tour begins at the handy 'park and ride' railhead of Tame Bridge Parkway before calling also at Birmingham New Street, Bromsgrove, Worcester Shrub Hill and Cheltenham Spa. The outward journey takes the train by way of Bristol Parkway, and Dr Day's Junction to reach Bath, then onward through beautiful Wiltshire countryside via Westbury and Warminster to arrive at Salisbury. The journey back is via the same route meaning that *Tornado* will encounter the legendary Lickey Incline, at 1 in 37.7 this is the steepest sustained main line gradient in Britain. A banking locomotive will be provided for the heavy train, likely to be a Class 66.



BATH AND SALISBURY

The City of Bath will need little introduction of course, with Bath Spa station centrally located and handy for the Roman Baths Museum. See the Temple of Sulis Minerva and relics of life 2,000 years ago. Alongside is Bath Abbey, created by the Bishop of Bath and Wells between 1495 and 1503. Or take a stroll to the former Green Park station, closed half a century ago and now neatly preserved as a trendy venue for markets and cafes. If you alight at Bath you will have around five hours in which to explore.

Or stay on the train to Salisbury where the city is overlooked by the truly glorious cathedral. The streets abound with interesting shops, ranging from big High Street names to quirky boutiques and there are lots of options when it comes to finding somewhere to eat and drink. If you choose Salisbury your break will be around three hours.

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
Tame Bridge Parkway	08:15hrs	21:45hrs
Birmingham New Street	08:30hrs	21:30hrs
Bromsgrove	09:00hrs	20:40hrs
Worcester Shrub Hill	09:20hrs	20:15hrs
Cheltenham Spa	10:00hrs	19:30hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
First Class Dining	£245.00
First Class Non-Dining	£159.00
Standard Class	£109.00

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THE EBOR FLYER

Saturday 14th April 2018 - *Tornado's* First 90mph Railtour



Alan Weaver

Following a successful test run in April 2017, when *Tornado* reached a top speed of 100mph, passengers are now invited to join the locomotive on 'The Ebor Flyer'. This will be the first public train where *Tornado* will be authorised to operate at speeds up to 90mph on the East Coast Main Line. The destination for this exciting excursion is York, where passengers will have up to four hours to enjoy the sights and sounds of this fascinating and historic city. This is one train not to be missed!

Recreating the glory days of express steam travel, this train will follow the LNER route out of the capital heading north to collect passengers from the popular M25 railhead of Potters Bar, before roaring onwards passed the historic rail hub of Doncaster and on to York.

Steam hauled throughout, the return journey promises to be as thrilling as the outward. On the route south passengers can be assured of a swift journey as the train travels down Stoke Bank, the location where *Mallard* broke the world steam speed record of 126mph in 1938.



YORK

Passengers visiting York can take time to explore the city centre with the historic Minster and Shambles, or enjoy the many riverside bars and eateries. For a real rail adventure, The National Railway Museum stands close to York station and passengers may wish to visit the steam giants of the past.

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London King's Cross	08:15hrs	20:30hrs
Potters Bar	08:40hrs	20:10hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
First Class Dining	£265.00
Standard Class	£119.00

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THE YNYS MÔN EXPRESS

Saturday 28th April 2018 - A day out in North Wales



Geoff Griffiths

'The Ynys Môn Express' offers passengers a wonderful day out to North Wales. With options to explore all that this area has to offer: from mountain scenery, to seascapes and medieval castles, there is sure to be something of interest on this railtour.

LLANDUDNO

In North Wales there are several destinations to choose from. For passengers alighting at Llandudno Junction there will be a short coach connection to nearby Llandudno. Here you can visit the popular Victorian sea side resort, complete with pier and arcades, or else scale the Great Orme (via the Tramway, of course!) and take in the views from this astonishing coastal landmark. There is an off train excursion to visit the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway available from Llandudno Junction. For those wishing to travel further into Wales with *Tornado*, passengers can visit the beautiful city of Caernarfon, with its imposing Castle, by way of a coach connection from Bangor station. The train will then continue on to its final destination of Holyhead.

FFESTINIOG AND WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

From Llandudno Junction, join us on a grand circular tour of the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways. After a coach journey to Blaenau Ffestiniog we join the world's oldest narrow gauge train to Porthmadog. This is a spectacular journey across descending



700ft through the Welsh mountains and then the 'Cob' causeway for a lunch break in Porthmadog. After lunch we board our Welsh Highland train and head via the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass for Caernarfon and a short bus connection to Bangor where passengers will rejoin 'The Ynys Môn Express'. This is a stunning way to view Snowdonia. A fare of £40 per person applies to this option.



TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
Leicester	08:00hrs	22:00hrs
Loughborough	08:15hrs	21:40hrs
East Midlands Parkway	08:25hrs	21:30hrs
Derby	09:00hrs	20:50hrs
Uttoxeter	09:25hrs	20:25hrs
Stoke on Trent	09:50hrs	20:00hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
First Class Dining	£245.00
First Class Non-Dining	£159.00
Standard Class	£109.00

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THE CANTERBURY TALE

Saturday 19th May 2018 - Canterbury and the Dover Coast



Richard Fraser

'The Canterbury Tale' promises to be a wonderful day trip; not only visiting one of the country's most historic cities where the sights and sounds of old England can be enjoyed, but also the beautiful journey will take the train along the foot of the iconic White Cliffs, providing passengers stunning views of the Kent coast.

Canterbury bound, the train departs from Peterborough station and heads south along the East Coast Main Line, with station calls at St Neots, Stevenage and Potters Bar. After a further passenger call at Finsbury Park the train takes the steep climb up onto the North London Line with views across the large development at King's Cross - St Pancras. The train then continues out of the capital heading East towards Maidstone and Ashford, before the final leg of our outward journey to Canterbury.

CANTERBURY

Passengers will have around 3 hours to explore Canterbury, a UNESCO heritage site brimming with thousands of years of history. Today the city famous for its traditional streets and buildings, including the ancient cathedral, which provided the backdrop to Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. After a few hours in Canterbury the train embarks on its scenic return journey, heading towards Minster and taking the Junction for Dover and the Cinque Ports. The steep climb of Martin Mill Bank affords good views of Dover castle and port before our route plunges under Shakespeare's Cliff and emerges along the famous White Cliffs. Passengers will enjoy coastal views as we head back



towards Ashford, picking up the outward route. In London, *Tornado* says goodbye and a diesel locomotive speeds the train back towards Peterborough.



TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
Peterborough	08:00hrs	22:00hrs
St Neots	08:30hrs	21:30hrs
Stevenage	09:15hrs	21:00hrs
Potters Bar	09:40hrs	20:30hrs
Finsbury Park	10:10hrs	20:00hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
First Class Dining	£245.00
First Class Non-Dining	£159.00
Standard Class	£109.00

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THE YORKSHIRE PULLMAN

Saturday 2nd June 2018 - A luxury trip to York or Scarborough



Tornado photo: David Ireland



To mark the tenth year of *Tornado* in steam, we are delighted to offer 'The Yorkshire Pullman'.

Step on board Belmond British Pullman, sister train to the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, and experience the excitement of luxury train travel.

From the moment you join the train, you are transported to a world of pure indulgence. Take a seat in the vintage carriages dating back as far as the 1920s and used on such iconic trains as the original 'Yorkshire Pullman' and 'The Queen of Scots' services.

Glide through stunning scenery to York or Scarborough as champagne flows and gourmet cuisine is served. Expect glamour, fun and a dash of adventure on this very special train with *Tornado*.

Our route takes us from the Great Northern terminus at King's Cross and along the East Coast Main Line. After climbing to Potters Bar, we then cross the famous Welwyn Viaduct and head on through Stevenage, St Neots and Peterborough which prelude the long climb to Stoke Summit. It was on this stretch of line, albeit heading south, that *Mallard* set the World Speed Record for steam at 126mph.

We continue northwards running at the permitted 75mph maximum of the vintage coaches, passing the railway town of Doncaster before we arrive into York, where passengers have around four hours to enjoy all this historic city has to offer. Following the first set down, *Tornado* continues with the train

onto Scarborough by way of Kirkham Abbey, with its Priory ruins and the market town of Malton. We then arrive at our seaside destination of Scarborough where passengers have over two hours to explore. Our return journey follows our outward route.

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London King's Cross	08:18hrs	22:30hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
Individual	£475.00
Coupe for 4	£1,795.00
Table of 3	£1,350.00

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BRITISH PULLMAN
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TO TURN IT INTO REALITY

Saturday 21st July 2018 - An East Coast Raitour to Durham and Newcastle



Garreth Griffiths

Recalling a popular East Coast express train name, 'The Talisman' offers a wonderful day of high speed heritage rail travel. The outward journey is steam hauled down the East Coast Main Line, promising bursts of 90mph as *Tornado* charges out of London on route to Durham and Newcastle. The return journey will be hauled by the Deltic diesel locomotive D9009 *Alycidon*, whose engines will roar as the train speeds back towards the capital at up to 100mph.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Passengers disembarking at the beautiful city of Durham can visit the castle and cathedral which were used as a location in the filming of the Harry Potter movies, or else enjoy time by the River Wear. A coach will be available from Durham for those wishing to visit Beamish. Those travelling on to metropolitan Newcastle have the chance to explore the amazing regenerated waterfront with its famous views of the bridges and many shops, bars and restaurants.

BEAMISH - £25PP

Make your day full of nostalgia by booking your off train excursion to Beamish. Experience a real sense of your past, and discover what life was like in North East England in the 1820s, 1900s and 1940s.



Beamish is an award winning living, working museum, set in 300 acres of beautiful Durham countryside. Costumed folk bring to life the Town, Pit Village, Home Farm and Pockerley Old Hall.

Experience how the Industrial Revolution transformed agricultural life in the region. The buildings you see at Beamish have been brought, brick by brick, from around the region and rebuilt to give visitors a real sense of history.

TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
London King's Cross	08:15hrs	22:10hrs
Potters Bar	08:40hrs	21:40hrs
Peterborough	09:50hrs	20:30hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
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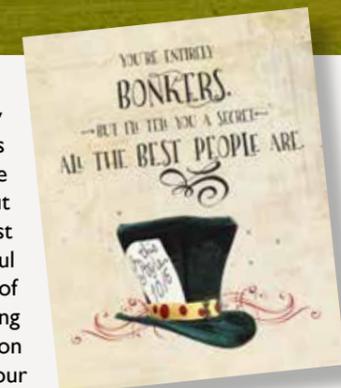
Wednesday 1st August 2018 - *Tornado's* Tenth Anniversary Raitour to Chester



Robin Coombes

Tornado's tenth anniversary train will take passengers from Darlington, where the locomotive steamed out of the Works for the first time in 2008, to the beautiful city of Chester. Be a part of *Tornado's* history by joining the historic celebrations on 'The Mad Hatter'. This raitour will take passengers through stunning rolling countryside to the ancient roman city. The train name reflects the *Alice in Wonderland* author's connection to both Cheshire, where Lewis Carroll was born, and the North East, where he lived for part of his childhood. That, and the fact that one must be a little bonkers to undertake the building of a steam locomotive – let alone do it twice!*

Picking up passengers at both Darlington stations, York and Wakefield Kirkgate, the outward journey will take a spectacular route via Copy Pit and Blackburn, before returning via the splendid scenery of the Hope Valley through the Peak District.



CHESTER

Passengers can enjoy over three hours in Chester, which provides ample time to explore the compact city centre, famed for its beautiful half-timber rowed shopping arcade. Famed as a walled city, Chester has many venues of historic interest: from the Roman amphitheatre to Chester Castle. In the summer, visitors to Chester can take time for a stroll and an ice-cream by the river Dee, while the more adventurous may wish to hire a rowing boat and take in another view of the city.



TIMES (PROVISIONAL)	OUTWARD	RETURN
Darlington North Road	08:30hrs	22:15hrs
Darlington Bank Top	08:40hrs	22:00hrs
York	09:30hrs	21:00hrs
Wakefield Kirkgate	10:10hrs	20:15hrs

TICKET	PRICES (STARTING FROM)
First Class Dining	£245.00
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Further railtours to be announced in January 2018 including *Tornado* visiting Scotland and the West Country.



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