

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No. 86 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Having wrapped up the 'Torbay express' season, *Tornado* went on to haul two outstanding, sell-out tours, 'The Border Raider' on the 16th September and 'The Tees-Tyne Express' on the 7th October, and made a guest appearance at Barrow Hill Roundhouse in between.

The tours programme for 2018 continues to evolve and we are delighted to announce 'The Ebor Flyer' on 14th April; this will be the first public train when *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!

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Tornado on the King Edward Bridge in Newcastle with 'The Tees-Tyne Express' - Michael Denholm

NEWS BRIEFS

- **FIRST 90MPH RUN NEXT APRIL** - On 14th April next year *Tornado* hauls 'The Ebor Flyer' from London to York, her first scheduled train timed for 90mph running. 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 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. Tickets for this train are expected to sell quickly and passengers are advised to book early to ensure their place on the first 90mph *Tornado* railtour.

- **A NEW HOME FIT FOR AN A1!** - We are delighted to announce plans for a new multi-million-pound main line connected base in Darlington. If its fundraising attempts are successful, the new site will be operational in time to play a central role in the celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 2025.

At the heart of the new base will be the four-track Whessoe Road engine shed which was built by the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 1861. Designed by William Peachey, it was one of the S&DR's last developments before the company was absorbed by the North Eastern Railway in 1863. The shed went on to serve as a wagon repair and paint shop, before falling into disuse in the late 20th Century. You can read the full story [here](#).



The four road, 1861 shed at Whessoe Road - A1SLT

- **TORNADO SET TO STORM THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS RAILWAY** - *Tornado*, will be working on the scenic North Yorkshire Moors Railway line from Saturday 3rd March to Sunday 11th March, and you don't want to miss it! You can read full details [here](#).
- **PADDINGTON AND TORNADO (AND WE DON'T MEAN THE STATION!)** - We are delighted to announce that the locomotive plays a starring role in the new PADDINGTON 2 movie to be released on 10th November 2017 along with luxury vintage train, Belmond British Pullman. In celebration of the release of PADDINGTON 2 on 10th November 2017, *Tornado* is to haul two Paddington Afternoon Tea journeys aboard Belmond British Pullman, bringing the magic of Paddington's adventures to London's favourite train, the first on 16th October. You see more [here](#).



- 'THE CHESTER CHRISTMAS CRACKER' - A tour providing a festive day out to an ancient market town. What a great way to get into the Christmas spirit, enjoying a special trip to one of the country's most popular Christmas markets. You can read the full itinerary and book tickets [here](#).



TOURS DIARY 2017

- Saturday 25th November - 'The Chester Christmas Cracker' - London to Chester and return (*Tornado* comes off at Bescot on the return which is completed with electric traction) - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

TOURS DIARY 2018

- Saturday 24th February 2018 - 'The North Briton' - Cambridge to Carlisle and return (*Tornado* comes

- on at Doncaster) - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 24th March 2018 - 'The Sulis and Sarum Express' - West Midlands to Bath and Salisbury - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 14th April 2018 - 'The Ebor Flyer' - London to York - FIRST 90MPH RAILTOUR - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

ENCOURAGE A FRIEND!

At this years Annual Convention, Mark Allatt highlighted the drop in A1 Covenantor numbers. He encouraged everyone in the room to sign up a friend which would help bring the numbers back to where they were in 2008.

If you know of anyone who has a keen interest in railways, *Tornado* or even someone who simply likes photographing *Tornado* please forward this email to them in an attempt to encourage them to sign up to being a monthly supporter of No. 60163 *Tornado*. More information can be found [here](#).

ONE LAST PUSH TO GET (A TENDER) BEHIND *TORNADO*

The last few months have seen tremendous progress in our campaign to raise £200,000 to pay for No. 60163 *Tornado's* tender. Membership of the extended 163 Pacifics Club has grown steadily since its launch in September 2013 and at the time of writing, 168 Pacifics have already found new shed allocations and over £200,000 pledged, leaving only 42 remaining for sponsorship. With *Tornado* having attained the magic 100mph and scheduled to haul her first 90mph train, 'The Ebor Flyer', on 14th April 2018, let's complete the project we embarked upon in 1990 through the purchase of No. 60163's tender before the start of her 10th birthday celebrations in August 2018.



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. Due to popular demand, an additional 46 'Pacifics' were released from the Raven class A2s, Thompson classes A2/1s, A2/2s, A2/3s, Peppercorn class A2s and Gresley class A4s (including destroyed No. 4469 *Gadwall*). One supporter has chosen to sponsor the 'honorary Pacific', Gresley class W1 4-6-4 No. 10000/60700 which was un-named but also had 6ft 8in driving wheels.

Remaining Pacifics:

No. 2401 <i>City of Kingston upon Hull</i>	No. 2402 <i>City of York</i>	No. 2403 <i>City of Durham</i>
No. 2404 <i>City of Ripon</i>	No. 60005 <i>Sir Charles Newton</i>	No. 60040 <i>Cameronian</i>
No. 60053 <i>Sansovino</i>	No. 60066 <i>Merry Hampton</i>	No. 60073 <i>St. Gatien</i>
No. 60075 <i>St. Frusquin</i>	No. 60083 <i>Sir Hugo</i>	No. 60088 <i>Book Law</i>
No. 60095 <i>Flamingo</i>	No. 60503 <i>Lord President</i>	No. 60504 <i>Mons Meg</i>
No. 60507 <i>Highland Chieftain</i>	No. 60508 <i>Duke of Rothesay</i>	No. 60510 <i>Robert the Bruce</i>
No. 60512 <i>Steady Aim</i>	No. 60513 <i>Dante</i>	No. 60514 <i>Chamossaire</i>
No. 60515 <i>Sun Stream</i>	No. 60516 <i>Hycilla</i>	No. 60517 <i>Ocean Swell</i>
No. 60518 <i>Tehran</i>	No. 60519 <i>Honeyway</i>	No. 60520 <i>Owen Tudor</i>
No. 60521 <i>Watling Street</i>	No. 60522 <i>Straight Deal</i>	No. 60524 <i>Herringbone</i>
No. 60526 <i>Sugar Palm</i>	No. 60527 <i>Sun Chariot</i>	No. 60528 <i>Tudor Minstrel</i>
No. 60529 <i>Pearl Diver</i>	No. 60531 <i>Bahram</i>	No. 60533 <i>Happy Knight</i>
No. 60534 <i>Irish Elegance</i>	No. 60535 <i>Hornets Beauty</i>	No. 60536 <i>Trimbush</i>
No. 60537 <i>Bachelors Button</i>	No. 60538 <i>Velocity</i>	No. 60539 <i>Bronzino</i>

As with the previous schemes, this initiative comes with benefits for those who generously take part:

- A numbered certificate recording the details of the donation and the number/name of your favourite express passenger pacific from the Gresley A3s/A4s, Thompson A1/1s, Peppercorn A1s, Raven class A2s, Thompson classes A2/1s, A2/2s, A2/3s, Peppercorn class A2s and Gresley class A4s (destroyed No. 4469 *Gadwall*)
- 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 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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