

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No. 90 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Tornado has now moved from Locomotive Maintenance Services to the Great Central (North) at Ruddington for final exams and shaking down prior to re-entering traffic. In other news the Trust has won two major awards and *Tornado* has had a road in Darlington named after her!

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The shape of things to come? *Tornado* with Mk3 coaches at Ruddington - Mandy Grant

NEWS BRIEFS

- **THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST WINS AWARDS** - At the annual Heritage Railway Association awards ceremony held at the Burlington Arcade Hotel in Birmingham on 10th February, the Trust was honoured to be awarded not one but two national prizes. Firstly we received the Steam Railway Magazine Award, presented by editor Nick Brodrick, for “reaching out with *Tornado* to new and wider audiences” in recognition of the locomotive’s adventures in 2017, initially on the ‘Plandampf’ series on the Settle & Carlisle railway, then the 100mph run and its associated television coverage and finally in her appearance in the PADDINGTON 2 film. Secondly we scooped the John Coiley Locomotive Engineering award for the work associated with the 100mph run.



• **DARLINGTON ROAD NAMED AFTER *TORNADO*** - We are delighted to announce that Darlington Borough Council has officially named a road in Darlington 'Tornado Way'. This naming ceremony puts *Tornado* firmly on the Darlington map. The name of the road was chosen by public vote and The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust are honoured that Tornado Way is now the new name for a major commuter road. The Darlington Eastern Transport Corridor will now be known as Tornado Way after it scooped almost 50% of the votes in a social media poll. Tornado Way follows the track bed of the original Stockton and Darlington railway from 1825.

The new name was unveiled on Thursday 8th February by Paul Bruce and Graeme Bunker-James of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and Councillor Nick Wallis, Darlington Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure and Local Environment. Tornado Way was first opened to motorists in 2007, linking the A66 with Darlington town centre and providing a reprieve for congested Haughton Road.

Councillor Nick Wallis commented, "Darlington is rightly proud to be the birthplace of *Tornado*, the first new main line steam locomotive to be built in the UK for over 50 years. We are delighted to name this road in its honour and excited about what the future may hold. Tornado Way has already unlocked a huge amount of positive development for the eastern side of Darlington, creating thousands of jobs and hundreds of new homes, and there is still more to come."

Graeme Bunker-James, Operations Director, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, added, "This just shows how much the history of railway means to the people of Darlington. We're delighted that No. 60163 *Tornado* has been invited to be as much a part of the town's future as its past."



- **TORNADO RETURNS TO THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY** - We are pleased to confirm that plans are at an advanced stage for the Bluebell Railway to again host *Tornado*. The locomotive will be at the railway for five days in 2018 to include the Spring Bank Holiday Monday on 28th May; days of operation will be Friday 25th May to Tuesday 29th May inclusive. Events around the visit and rostering of duties are still being finalised - keep watching the website for more details.
- **TORNADO AND PADDINGTON 2 AT THE NENE VALLEY RAILWAY** - During May, *Tornado* will be visiting the Nene Valley Railway to attend a very special PADDINGTON 2 event. For children of all ages, this one not to be missed! You can find full details [here](#).
- **'THE SULIS & SARUM EXPRESS'** - Especially for our friends in the West Midlands we are really delighted to announce another great tour featuring No. 60163 throughout, heading to the beautiful West Country cities of Bath and Salisbury. On Saturday 24th March, 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. We then travel by way of Bristol Parkway, and Dr Day's Junction to reach Bath, then onward via Westbury and Warminster to arrive at Salisbury. The return trip will see *Tornado's* first ascent of the Lickey Incline with a railtour - not to be missed! Full details and booking link [here](#).
- **'THE CANTERBURY TALE'** - This 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. On Saturday 19th May, Canterbury bound, the train departs from Peterborough station and heads south, with station calls at St. Neots, Stevenage, Potters Bar and Finsbury Park. The train then continues out of the capital heading East towards Maidstone and Ashford, before the final leg of our outward journey to Canterbury. The return run follows the White Cliffs of Dover before heading inland and home; a really delightful route for passengers from East Anglia and North London. Full details [here](#).

TOURS

[Download your 2018 tour brochure here](#)

- Saturday 24th February - 'The North Briton' - Cambridge, Ely, March, Peterborough, Newark

Northgate and Doncaster to Carlisle - bookings through [UK Railtours](#) - **SOLD OUT**

- Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th March - North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Friday 16th to Sunday 18th March - Severn Valley Railway
- Saturday 24th March - 'The Sulis and Sarum Express' - West Midlands Stations to Bath and Salisbury - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April - East Lancashire Railway
- Saturday 14th April - 'The Ebor Flyer' (First 90mph train) London to York - **SOLD OUT**
- Saturday 21st April - Midland Railway Centre
- Saturday 28th April - 'The Ynys Mon Express' - East Midlands and North Staffordshire stations to North Wales Coast (Option: Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 13th May - Nene Valley Railway
- Saturday 19th May - 'The Canterbury Tale' - Peterborough, St. Neots, Stevenage, Potters Bar and Finsbury Park to Canterbury and Dover Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 2nd June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - Belmond British Pullman luxury train from London to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 21st July - 'The Talisman' - London to Durham (Option: Beamish) and Newcastle. Return journey with Deltic diesel locomotive D9009 *Alycidon* - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July - 10th Anniversary Party - Darlington
- Saturday 1st August - 'The Mad Hatter' - 10th anniversary train - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 18th August - 'The Bard of Avon' - Manchester Piccadilly to Stratford-Upon-Avon - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 13th October - A1/P2 Convention - Darlington.

RECRUIT A FRIEND!

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 purchase 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, 173 Pacifics of the extended 210 locomotives have already found new shed allocations, leaving only 37 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. Any surplus raised will be allocated to the tender's next overhaul.



Tornado's newly re-painted tender at DLW

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. 2403 <i>City of Durham</i>	No. 2404 <i>City of Ripon</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. 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. 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.](#)

A remarkable collection (featuring rare colour and black and white images) that documents Peppercorn's A1 and A2 locomotives.

Peppercorn's Pacifics includes black and white and colour pictures of 49 of his A1 locomotives and 15 of his A2 locomotives alongside a full history of each locomotive. Includes a biography of A.H. Peppercorn.

PEPPERCORN'S PACIFICS



PETER TUFFREY

FOREWORD BY MARK ALLATT, THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST

For every one of these books purchased via our [dedicated link](#), The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust receives a percentage.

P2 UPDATE



Progress on No. 2007 - Mandy Grant

For more information about No. 2007 please click [here](#).

Roadshows

We will be holding a series of presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. 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:

NEW ROADSHOW DATES FOR 2018:

- Saturday 3rd March 2018 - The Principal Hotel, York
- Saturday 7th April 2018 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

- Saturday 19th May 2018 - Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield
- Saturday 9th June 2018 - Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow
- Saturday 8th September 2018 - Derby Conference Centre, Derby
- Saturday 3rd November 2018 - Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester
- Saturday 8th December 2018 - Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Leeds.

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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