

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Welcome to issue No. 97 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

No. 60163 *Tornado* has now been steamed and we are getting her prepared for a weekend at Nene Valley Railway on 22nd/23rd September 2018. Some of our volunteers will be at the railway, please come and say hello!

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NEWS BRIEFS

- **TORNADO RETURNS TO OPERATION** - We are pleased to report that *Tornado* is once again operational and has commenced running in at the Nene Valley Railway. It has taken longer than we had anticipated but we are extremely grateful for all those who have helped us in the recent weeks and months. We are especially grateful to the Nene Valley Railway for their help and are looking forward to working trains for them over the next week.

Tornado will be undertaking mileage accumulation at various times over the coming ten days but will also be working a number of footplate experience courses on 17th, 18th and 20th September. The locomotive will then be hauling service trains at the Nene Valley Railway on 22nd and 23rd September as part of their '*Tornado at Ten*' event. Please do come along to see the locomotive and ride behind her on those days.

A test run on the national network is scheduled for 25th September, an operation that will run overnight. It is then anticipated that *Tornado* will pick up her diary from Saturday 29th September hauling 'The Ynys Môn Express' from Leicester to Holyhead.

We thank everyone for their support and patience as we returned *Tornado* to operation and apologise for any disruption to anyone's plan whilst the locomotive has been out of traffic.





BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR OR RECRUIT A FRIEND!

If you haven't yet signed up to support No. 60163 *Tornado* by giving from just £10.00 per month, as one of our monthly Covenantors, we would urge you to consider it. It costs a lot to keep *Tornado* out on the main line for you to see and enjoy. We need your help to ensure she stays where she belongs.

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](#).

[DOWNLOAD YOUR COVENANTOR FORMS HERE](#)

TOURS

• NEW TOUR PROGRAMME - 'THE NORTH BRITON' AND 'THE ABERDONIAN'

Join us on 'The North Briton', a brand new series of trains hauled by *Tornado* 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. More information click [here](#).

Let the 'The Aberdonian', a new steam operation for 2019, whisk you away as we take in some of the best that Scotland has to offer, both on train and off. Crossing the Forth Bridge and the Tay Bridge, the train runs along the coast for much of its route making it an unrivaled way to experience Scotland. In Aberdeen there is a chance to explore this historic city, or take one of our off train excursions that include a castle or distillery visit. You can find out more [here](#).

- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 15th September - 'The Talisman' - London to Newcastle - steam leg hauled by No. 60009 *Union of South Africa*. Return journey with Deltic diesel locomotive D9009 *Alycidon* - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 29th September - 'The Ynys Môn Express' - East Midlands and North Staffordshire stations to North Wales Coast (Option: Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Sunday 7th October - 'The Auld Reekie' - Doncaster & York to Edinburgh and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 1st December - 'The Christmas Border Raider' - West Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

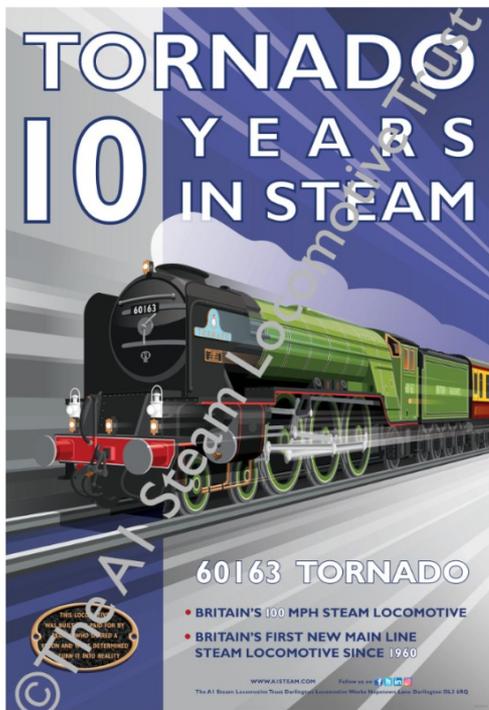
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- Saturday 9th February - 'The North Briton' - East Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 16th February - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 14th March - 'The Aberdonian' - Launch Train: Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 23rd March - 'The Bard of Avon' - Manchester Piccadilly to Stratford-Upon-Avon - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 6th April - 'The Devonian' - Birmingham to Plymouth and return (*Tornado* Bristol - Plymouth - Birmingham) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 11th May - 'The Mad Hatter' - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 8th June - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 15th June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - London King's Cross to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 20th July - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 1st August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 8th August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 17th August - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 24th August - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 31st August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 7th September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

• **ANNUAL CONVENTION 2018** - Our annual Convention this year, will be held at the Dolphin Centre in Darlington with a visit to Darlington Locomotive Works after lunch. Our annual dinner will then follow in the Ballroom at Mercure King's Hotel, Darlington. We would love to see as many of you there as possible in *Tornado's* 10th birthday year.

CONVENTION BOOKING FORM

• **10 YEARS IN STEAM POSTER** - The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust commissioned Stephen Millership to design two posters, one of No. 60163 *Tornado* and the other of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. The designs of the posters were inspired by the iconic posters of the London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) from the 1930s and 1940s. To purchase these posters, please click [here](#).



A GIANT RESURRECTED
No. 2007 PRINCE OF WALES IN DARLINGTON LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

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 UPDATE



Progress on No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* - Bob Hughes

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/or 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 start promptly 11:00hrs and run until 13:00hrs on each of the days listed below and are open to existing supporters and interested members of the public:

ROADSHOW DATES FOR 2018:

- Saturday 3rd November 2018 - Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester
- Saturday 8th December 2018 - Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Leeds.

SUPPORT THE TRUST

Your support as Covenantors and Volunteers remains vital

- **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 >](#)

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