

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Welcome to Issue No. 101 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

This issue of *The Tornado Telegraph* will provide an update on No. 60163 *Tornado*.

As *Tornado* enters back into steam in 2019, the Trust would ask that those who are not regular monthly donors to consider coming on board in what we hope will be a successful year for The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust.

*The Tornado Telegraph*

## TORNADO UPDATE

It is with considerable regret that we have to announce that the 'The North Briton' on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February from the East Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway has had to be postponed and re-dated to September 2019 - we are hoping to have confirmation of the precise date within a few days.

Following its test run earlier this month it was identified that No. 60163 *Tornado* had suffered some damage to a motion bush as a result of a minor deflection to the combination lever on the driver's side. During the test run, Trust personnel had noticed that *Tornado* was slightly off-beat - something impossible to detect until the locomotive had left the 25mph Nene Valley Railway and picked up speed on the Network Rail main line. Investigations to-date lead us to believe that this damage was caused during a priming (water carry over) incident whilst operating a photo charter train on the Nene Valley Railway during our last couple of weeks of operations. It was, however, not possible to identify the cause of the damage to the motion bush without significant dismantling of the engine. After work to rectify this issue, and a thorough C exam including a piston and valve inspection, the engine has been reassembled and *Tornado* is currently in the middle of her annual recertification prior to returning to the main line.

Despite best efforts by our Director of Engineering and his team of staff and contractors, we have been advised by our operator DB Cargo that they now have insufficient time to complete the necessary processes and procedures, both internal and industry, to facilitate the necessary test run to enable *Tornado* to haul 'The North Briton' on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

After so much hard work and dedication by the team who worked to get *Tornado* and her support coach ready for the first test run and the additional effort over the last fortnight, this is a bitter blow. We recognise this will also be a great disappointment for all those who support the locomotive and we seek your further patience and support whilst we clear the remaining hurdles to *Tornado's* imminent return to main line service.

We will be running a further 'The North Briton' from the East Midlands and South Yorkshire in September 2019. We are awaiting the exact date to be confirmed, if you are booked on this tour, our booking agents (UK Railtours) will be in contact when the date is confirmed.

## LAMPPOST BANNERS IN DARLINGTON

Darlington town centre has recently been decorated with London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) style posters by renowned railway artist Stephen Millership. The designs of the posters were inspired by the iconic posters of the LNER from the 1930s and 1940s.

*Tornado 10 Years in Steam* was produced to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the completion of new Peppercorn class A1 'Pacific' No. 60163 *Tornado* at Darlington Locomotive Works in 2008. The poster was designed by Stephen Millership and drew its inspiration from the iconic *Silver Jubilee* poster by Frank Newbould published by the LNER to mark the entry into service of Britain's first streamlined train - which called at Darlington - in 1935.

*A Giant Resurrected* has been produced to promote the construction of new Gresley class P2 'Mikado' No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* at Darlington Locomotive Works. The poster was designed by Stephen Millership and drew its inspiration from the iconic *Giants Refreshed* poster by Terence Cuneo published by the LNER to mark the restoration of its locomotives from wartime Black liveries to Apple Green and Garter Blue liveries in 1947.

The original posters have now been turned into lamppost banners and will feature in the town centre for around six months. You can read more [here](#).

If you would like to buy your own version of these posters, this can be purchase through our [online shop](#).



## WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY

*Tornado* will visit the Wensleydale Railway in February and again in May this year. The Wensleydale Railway is a tourist and heritage line starting at the County town of Northallerton to Redmire on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, passing through the Georgian market town of Bedale and the Dales market town of Leyburn, with constantly changing scenery, from the arable lands of the Vale of Mowbray in the east to hills of the Yorkshire Dales in the west.

The first service along the Wensleydale Railway line will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30hrs, with two further trains two services on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30hrs and 14:15hrs. The final service will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 14:15hrs. Eight private compartments are available per train at £125.00 per compartment for a maximum of six people. You can pre book tickets online via the [Wensleydale](#)

Further running dates between 18<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June are being planned.

For more information please contact: [admin@wensleydalerrailway.com](mailto:admin@wensleydalerrailway.com) or call 01677 425805.

## 2019 TOUR DIARY

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 'The Auld Reekie' - Yorkshire to Edinburgh - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 'The Aberdonian' - Launch Train: Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 'The Bard of Avon' - Manchester Piccadilly to Stratford-Upon-Avon - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April - 'The Devonian' - Birmingham to Plymouth and return (*Tornado* Bristol - Plymouth - Birmingham) - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April - 'The Border Raider' - West Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return (*Tornado* coming on and off the train at Crewe) - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 'The White Rose' - London to Leeds, Harrogate, York and return - - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May - 'The Mad Hatter' - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - London King's Cross to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)

## I ♥ 60163

Since launching the 'I ♥ 60163' appeal, to close the funding gap between the costs that could not be recovered from the insurance company stemming from *Tornado's* failure on 'The Ebor Flyer', we have already welcomed 27 (27%) of the 100 people required to the appeal.

We established the 'I ♥ 60163' appeal to help close the funding gap and raise £60,163 from 100 people each donating £601.63 in up to six payments. And, now *Tornado* is back in steam, we would like to take the opportunity again to thank our supporters for their patience and continued support.

By donating £601.63 to the 'I ♥ 60163' appeal, supporters will receive:

- An exclusive 'I ♥ 60163' car sticker
- 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
- A special 'I ♥ 60163' day with No. 60163 *Tornado*

- Their name inscribed on the Roll of Honour at Darlington Locomotive Works.

We would encourage all those who haven't yet donated to this appeal to get on-board today!

**DOWNLOAD YOUR I ♥ 60163 FORM HERE**

## **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**

## **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](mailto:shop@a1steam.com) for details of smokebox 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* - Mandy Grant

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

### Roadshows

We will be holding a series of presentations on the project in 2019 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:

### **NEW 2019 ROADSHOW DATES:**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - London Transport Museum, London

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - Principal Hotel, York

AMENDED DATE Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 - Dundee Heritage Trust, Dundee

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Hilton Hotel, Leeds

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Pendulum Hotel (Manchester Conference Centre), Manchester.

## **SUPPORT THE TRUST**

Your support as Covenantors and Volunteers remains vital

- **VOLUNTEERS** - Enjoy meeting people? We have established a successful team who travel on trains and attend events to promote *Tornado*, recruit Covenantors and sell the Trust's railtours and merchandise. More people are always needed to help with this, wherever they live. Contact [volunteer@a1steam.com](mailto:volunteer@a1steam.com) for more details.
- **LEGACY PROGRAMME** - We now have a Legacy Giving facility. [Learn more here >](#)

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