

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO  
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to Issue No. 102 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

*Tornado* is back!

*Tornado* completed her first main line tour since April 2018, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, hauling 'The Auld Reekie'.

In this issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*, supporters can see the revised tours programme for No. 60163 *Tornado*.

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## TORNADO UPDATE

*Tornado* successfully completed a loaded test run on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 ahead of her duties on 'The Auld Reekie' on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. The engineering team have worked night and day to ensure a successful return to traffic and we would like to thank West Coast Railways for their help with completing the test run. *Tornado* ran well on the run up to Edinburgh on Sunday, where the sun shone as the train sped north. On the return journey, D9009 *Alycidon* failed, meaning we had to find alternative travel for some of our passengers from Berwick-Upon-Tweed. A report from The Deltic Preservation Society can be found [here](#). All passengers have been contacted and we would like to apologise for the disruption caused.



*Tornado* on 'The Auld Reekie' - Henry Elliott

Our next main line tour will be 'The Aberdonian' on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, from Edinburgh to Aberdeen. The train will leave Edinburgh at 10:14hrs and also pick up at Haymarket station before crossing the Forth. Although it was our original plan to travel via the Tay Bridge, as *Tornado* has done before, a very detailed and thorough examination by Network Rail Engineers has shown that this is no longer possible due to the condition of the bridge. Our route will therefore take us via the city of Perth before we turn north east and follow the route of the Tay to Dundee and beyond. Our train returns to the Capital arriving into Edinburgh Waverley at 21:59hrs.

There are still spaces remaining on the train for those wishing to enjoy a ride behind *Tornado* next week! You can book your tickets [here](#), or by calling UK Railtours on 01438 715050. The tour will be operated by West Coast Railways, who will operate all our Aberdonian tours, and we look forward to working with them in the future.

We will also be operating *Tornado* over the Settle and Carlisle Railway on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March for Pathfinder Tours, standing in for No. 60009 *Union of South Africa* which is undergoing an extended period of maintenance.

## PROGRAMME RE-LAUNCHED

With *Tornado* back in traffic we are now able to finalise our programme through to late summer. It is with regret, it has been necessary to cancel 'The Devonian' on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019, all passengers have been informed. The reason that this cancellation has been necessary is because DB Cargo could not provide traincrew for the tour. For those wanting to travel behind *Tornado* on a railtour departing from the West Midlands and Bristol areas, 'The Border Raider' (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019) travelling along the picturesque Settle and Carlisle Railway to Carlisle is available through [UK Railtours](#). For those wishing to travel to the southwest with *Tornado*, The Summer Cornishman (Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019) travels to Cornwall and offers a choice of destinations for an afternoon's entertainment. 'The Summer Cornishman' is bookable through [Pathfinder Tours](#).

Additionally, we have withdrawn 'The White Rose' tour on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from our programme due to additional time being needed to confirm that the locomotive can safely operate on the route. The key areas being assessed are underlying structure and gauging, but we are hopeful that a successful resolution will be found. UK Railtours are now running an alternative main line steam tour on the same date, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, also running from London King's Cross (08:15hrs), Potters Bar (08:35hrs), Stevenage (08:55hrs) and Peterborough (09:40hrs). This will feature Gresley A4 Pacific No. 60009 *Union of South Africa* from York, via Leeds, Keighley, Skipton and over the spectacular Settle & Carlisle Railway right through to Carlisle. There is a break of an hour and a half, and modern motive power resumes for the journey homeward via Hexham, Low Fell, Durham and York, to Peterborough (21:05hrs), Stevenage (21:55hrs), Potters Bar (22:20hrs) and London King's Cross (22:40hrs). More information about this tour can be found [here](#).

With the above in mind, you will find *Tornado's* revised 2019 tour programme below; new tour brochures will arrive with supporters within the next few weeks.

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March - 'The Cumbrian Mountaineer' - Cardiff to Carlisle and return (steam Carlisle to Crewe) - bookings through [Pathfinder Tours](#)
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 'The Bard of Avon' - Manchester, Crewe and Shrewsbury to Stratford-Upon-Avon - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April - 'The Border Raider' - West Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May - 'The Ynys Mon Express' - East Midlands and North Staffs to Holyhead and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May - 'The Mad Hatter' - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - London King's Cross to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 'The Summer Cornishman' - Bristol to Par and return - [Pathfinder Tours](#)
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July - 'The Dart & Torbay Express' - Birmingham to Kingswear and return - [Pathfinder Tours](#)
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July - 'The Pembroke Coast Express' - Bristol to Tenby and return - [Pathfinder Tours](#)
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway and return (re-scheduled from 17<sup>th</sup> August) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

## WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY

*Tornado* will visit the Wensleydale Railway again Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019. The Wensleydale Railway is a tourist and heritage line in North Yorkshire which runs from Leeming Bar 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. The constantly changing scenery, from the arable lands of the Vale of Mowbray in the east to hills of the Yorkshire Dales, in the west is delightful.

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



*Tornado* on the Wensleydale Railway in February 2019 - Charlotte Graham

## LEGO TORNADO!

Seven year old Christopher and his dad Liam, have made No. 60163 *Tornado* out of Lego! Christopher, who is an avid fan of both steam engines and Lego, decided to join the two. The inspiration came after the son and father duo watched PADDINGTON 2, featuring *Tornado*.

When we saw this Lego representation of *Tornado*, we were most impressed. Good job Christopher and Liam!



Lego *Tornado*! Liam Biggs

## 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:

### **2019 ROADSHOW DATES:**

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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