

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO  
New Steam for the Main Line



*Tornado* running down the East Coast Main Line, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Robin Coombes/A1SLT

Dear Supporter

Welcome to Issue No. 109 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

In this issue we invite you to a special celebration of our affiliation with the RAF, announce some more Aberdonian tours for 2020 and encourage you to support our 'I ❤️ 60163' appeal to fund a new boiler for *Tornado*. Also, we have heard that another screening of the BBC's '*Tornado - the 100mph Steam Engine*' is scheduled for 22:00hrs on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September on BBC4 - a programme not to be missed!

**RAF 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER INVITATION**



Group Captain Rich Davies ADC MA RAF and, the then A1 Trust President, David Champion at the event to celebrate the affiliation of No. 60163 *Tornado* with RAF Marham, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - *Crown*  
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#### RAF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

We are pleased to announce a special dinner to mark the 25 years of affiliation between The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and the Royal Air Force. Join Trustees, supporters, RAF personnel and VIP guests to commemorate this special landmark.

The Anniversary dinner will take place in the Sovereign's Room at The RAF Club in London, which celebrated its centenary last year. After pre-dinner drinks we will take our seats for a fabulous meal prepared by the Club's award winning chefs. We are delighted to announce that our after dinner speaker is writer and TV presenter Jonathan Glancey, a long-time friend of the Trust and author of the definitive work on the construction *The Tornado Story*. He is also the author of books on the *Spitfire*, *Harrier* and *Concorde* as well seminal works on world-wide steam locomotion, architecture and travel. It is sure to be an interesting discussion on both aircraft and steam locomotive lines.

Various events have taken place with the two organisations in the last 25 years. When it was decided that the new Peppercorn class A1 would be named *Tornado* in honour of the crews and aircraft flying in the first Gulf War, a small symbol of that affiliation was the preparation and painting of the nameplates for the new locomotive and the affixing of the crests for RAF Cottesmore and the Tri-National Tornado Training Establishment which was based there. These were handed over to the Trust on 4th January 1995 at Tyseley Locomotive Works where the frames of *Tornado* were being erected, a long and beneficial relationship has endured ever since. From flypasts for *Tornado's* naming ceremony and overflying the locomotive during the Tornado GR4's farewell event, to force development days where RAF colleagues could get their hands on the locomotive, the relationship is set to remain strong. The TTTE was closed in 1999 and RAF Cottesmore became the base for Joint Force Harrier. The Trust therefore decided to replace the crest on the driver's side nameplate with that of RAF Leeming, which at the time was the closest RAF station to Darlington where *Tornado* was being constructed. As the Tornado GR4 aircraft were being drawn down and RAF Cottesmore had been transferred to the Army,

and renamed Kendrew Barracks, the Trust decided to commemorate RAF Marham as the last base of the Tornado Force and its crest is now carried on the right hand smoke deflector. With RAF Marham now the home of the UK's F35 Lightning Force for both the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm, soon to embark on HMS Prince of Wales (affiliated to our second new steam locomotive Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*), our continued affiliation with the RAF will be a critical relationship moving forward. Working together it is not only an opportunity to bring pleasure to the public, friends and family it is also a chance to reach out to the next generation through STEM initiatives to inspire future engineers and operators crucial to both of our organisations.

Prices for this unique event are £65 for Covenantors or Club Members, £75 for the general public. Sales will only be available to Trust supporters and RAF Club members until 15<sup>th</sup> October before going on general sale. Space is limited so please ensure to book early.

We look forward to welcoming you to this celebration.

**NB** - Please note at time of booking dietary requirements must be provided and please bring photo ID (eg Driving Licence or Passport) with you on the evening.



Tornado flypast over No. 60163 *Tornado*, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at Wensleydale Railway

- Charlotte Graham/A1SLT

***TORNADO ON THE TRACKS!***



No. 60163 *Tornado* steaming out of Blea Moor Tunnel whilst hauling 'The North Briton'  
- Alan Weaver/A1SLT

#### Exclusive Discount for Supporters

We are delighted to offer a 10% discount to all Covenantors and Club Members who wish to purchase a Standard Class ticket for 'The North Briton' on Saturday 28th September. Please call the Booking Office on 01325 488215 to secure your tickets. Further details about the journey can be found here ([a1steam.com/northbriton](http://a1steam.com/northbriton)).

#### *Tornado* Raitours 2019

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway and return
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October - 'The Pennine Explorer' - East Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 'The Illuminati' - West Midlands to Blackpool and return
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 'The Christmas Bath and Bristol Express' - West Midlands to Bath and Bristol and return.

#### *Tornado* Raitours 2020

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return

Prices start from £99 -bookings via [Tornado Raitours](http://Tornado Raitours) or 01325 488215

We look forward to welcoming you on-board soon - your ticket helps to keep *Tornado* operating on the main line.

## A1SLT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Our Annual Convention is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and will be held at the Mercure Darlington

Kings Hotel for both the morning presentations and the evening dinner. Supporters will also have the opportunity to visit Darlington Locomotive Works to see the progress of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*, with David Elliott conducting a guided tour. Invitations were sent out at the end of July; if you have not received yours or want any further information, please call 01325 460163. Please return your forms and payment by Friday 27th September.

Please bring any old mobiles phones to the convention as we can recycle them and raise funds for the Trust.

## 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 become a monthly supporter of No. 60163 *Tornado*. More information can be found [here](#).

## DOWNLOAD YOUR COVENANTOR FORMS HERE

## 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 nearly 50% of the 100 people originally required for the appeal.

The 'I ♥ 60163' appeal was established to help close the funding gap and raise £60,163 from 100 people each donating £601.63 in up to six payments. We would encourage all those who haven't yet donated to this appeal to get on-board today! Any additional funds raised beyond the initial £60,163 will go towards funding *Tornado's* share of our newly ordered 'spare' boiler, due to be delivered in September 2020 and fitted to the locomotive during her next overhaul.

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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Hilton Hotel, Neville Street, 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 >](#)

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Users of Easyfundraising to support the Trust should please note that the relationship with Amazon is changing. Rather than Amazon donating via Easyfundraising, they will now do so via their own Amazon Smile process. The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust is registered as a charity with Amazon Smile so please ensure that next time you use Amazon, you opt to join Amazon Smile and select the Trust to benefit from anything that you buy.

For anyone who doesn't use Easyfundraising but does use Amazon, please help by selecting the Trust. Just type "The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust" into the search box the click to select when it is displayed as the result.

Please contact us at [enquiries@a1steam.com](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.com) if you have any problems.

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