

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Dear Supporter

Welcome to Issue No. 113 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

In this issue we report on our *Tornado*'s tours for 2020, have a winter maintenance update and encourage you to support our 'I ❤️ 60163' appeal to fund *Tornado*'s share of the 'spare' boiler, which is due to be delivered this year.

## No. 60163 TORNADO in 2020



No. 60163 *Tornado* crossing the Royal Border Bridge, Berwick, December 2019 - Henry Elliott/A1SLT

As we begin the new year it is worth recording the busy period that proceeded the festive break and the start of winter maintenance. With the diary already well filled, *Tornado* was then asked to work an additional 3 trips to help cover for other locomotives that were unavailable. This meant short notice visits to Cardiff, Chester and Edinburgh. The locomotive worked six trains in fifteen days covering well over 2000 miles. This was a great testament to the endeavours of our support crew and engineers who earned their rest over the festive season.

Looking into 2020, a busy programme is planned that will take the locomotive across the nation. We start our own tours with a fabulous trip over the Settle and Carlisle railway on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, and we

make a long-awaited return to the Cumbrian Coast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. In a first for *Tornado*, we will be departing from Liverpool, something that is long overdue. This crackerjack of a tour takes us on to Manchester and then via the glorious Hope Valley and through the Peak District on our way to York. The return is via the scenic Calder Valley route as we head back to Manchester and Liverpool. This trip coincides with the VE Day celebrations where there will be a 1940s theme on board, so we encourage everyone to dress accordingly! These three tours are a great way to kick off the programme and we have further tours, including departures from popular Midlands stations, as we work through the year.

After a successful first season, 'The Aberdonian' will run through the summer visiting the Forth Bridge and running alongside the River Tay and the North Sea coast on what is one of the most spectacular journeys in the UK. With an ever-changing view, steam era semaphore signalling and a great destination, if you haven't tried 'The Aberdonian' yet then perhaps this year is the time to give it a go...



No. 60163 hauling 'The Aberdonian', August 2019 - *Craig Doogan/A1ST*

## TORNADO'S WINTER MAINTENANCE



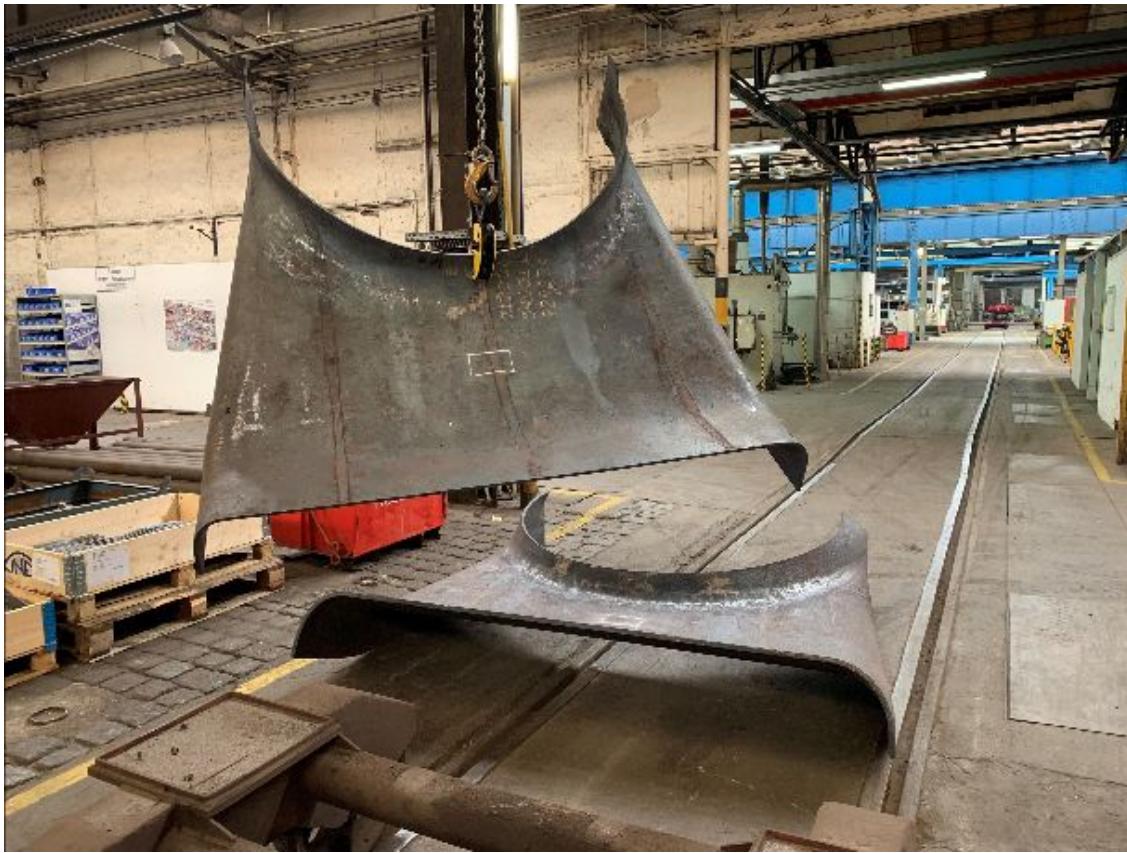
*Tornado* arrived at Leeming Bar, Wensleydale Railway later than planned, due to some last minute trips before Christmas, so there was just time to drop the fire and conduct a quick inspection before locking her into the shed until the New Year.

In the first two months of this year, we will be conducting some routine maintenance and annual certification activities, starting with a boiler washout and inspection. Our locomotive staff and volunteers have made a start cleaning the areas we will be working on and some components have already been removed and sent for calibration and overhaul. We have already identified some minor boiler repairs and will be attending to these at the beginning of February. The boiler is also due to have internal inspections and a steam test to renew our boiler certificate. Whilst this work is ongoing at Leeming Bar, we are likely to send the tender off site for wheel turning having picked up some annoying wheel flats during December.

Our faithful support coach is due for some TLC too: we will be giving the kitchen and all the compartments a good clean, as well as servicing elements of the heating, water and electrical systems ready for next year. During the winter, the air and vacuum brake systems are also being inspected and overhauled as part of the routine scheduled maintenance.

Once the work is complete, we look forward to a few days of running service trains at the Wensleydale Railway before the start of our 2020 tours programme.

I ❤️ 60163



The flanged firebox throat plate - DB Meiningen/A1SLT

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 over 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. As you can see in the photograph above, DB Meiningen are making excellent progress with major boiler components for the boiler.

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.

[DOWNLOAD YOUR I ❤️ 60163 FORM HERE](#)

## TORNADO Railtours



No. 60163 *Tornado*, hauling the 'The Christmas Express' - John Cook/A1SLT

We are delighted to announce our Spring and Summer Rail Journeys 2020 brochure.

Now entering her second decade, we invite you to join *Tornado* on a nostalgic journey to a wide range of destinations over the next year.

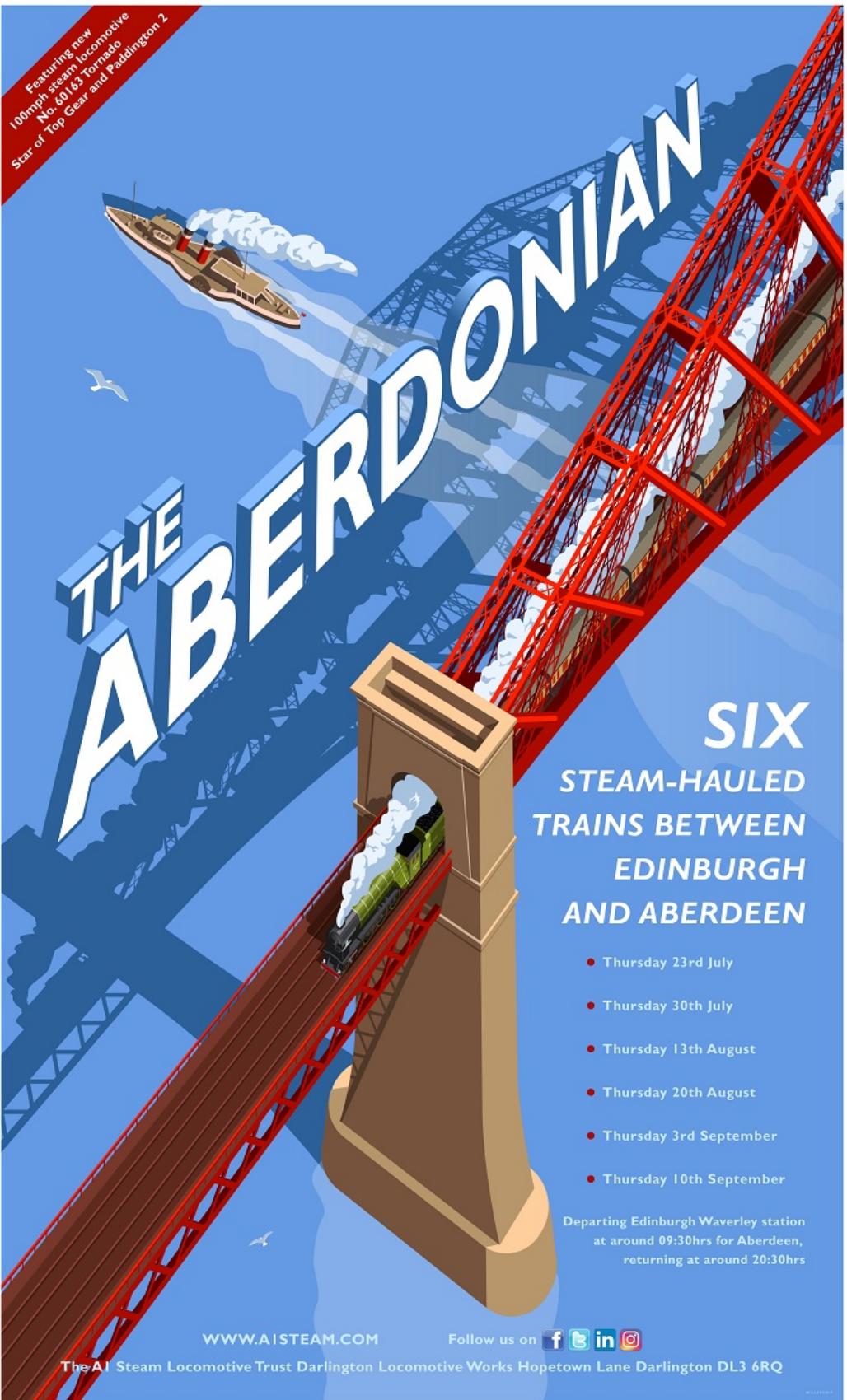
***Tornado* Railtours 2020**

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April - 'The Fen and Fells' - Cambridge to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 'The Cumbrian Explorer' - Darlington to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May - 'The Jorvik Express' - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June - 'The Pennine Explorer' - Leicester to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July - 'The Caledonian' - Birmingham to Glasgow and return
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August - '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
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Queen of Scots' - York to Edinburgh and Stirling and return
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Ticket to Ride' - Darlington to Liverpool and return

Prices start from £99 - bookings via [Tornado Railtours](#) or 01325 488215

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

**DOWNLOAD THE 2020 BROCHURE**



**BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR OR RECRUIT A FRIEND!**

If you haven't yet signed up to support No. 60163 *Tornado* by giving from just £2.50 per week, "an A1 for the price of a pint of beer a week", 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

## 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 and headboards carried by *Tornado* - available to buy from 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

### NEW 2020 ROADSHOW PROGRAMME

Following on from the success of our 2018 and 2019 Roadshow programme, we are continuing the Roadshows in 2020 with a series of presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. Each presentation will feature key team members 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 presentations will start promptly at 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:

- 18<sup>th</sup> January - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 29<sup>th</sup> February - London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Nene Valley Railway, Wansford\*
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle \*
- 4<sup>th</sup> July - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Jurys Inn Aberdeen, Aberdeen \*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - Darlington Locomotive Works

\* Please contact the office for timings.

For more information about No. 2007 please click [here](#), email [enquiries@p2steam.com](mailto:enquiries@p2steam.com) or call 01325 460163.

## 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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