

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Dear Supporter

Welcome to Issue No. 118 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Welcome to the latest issue of *Tornado Telegraph*. We all hope that it finds you safe and well during this unusual period for the country. In this issue we have a further update on *Tornado's* stay at the National Railway Museum (NRM) in York, and news about our railtours and Trust events. As many of us are doing more of our shopping online at the moment, we would encourage you to use [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) - a great way to donate to the Trust without any extra effort or cost to yourself.

With regards to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, our staff are still working from home or at Darlington Locomotive Works (DLW) where they are taking all the necessary precautions. The Works remain closed to volunteers, non-essential staff and visitors. We hope you understand that these circumstances are beyond our control and the restrictions are very necessary at this challenging time.

As a small charity we value your continued support and hope that you will be able to see or travel behind *Tornado* and visit DLW to view our progress with *Prince of Wales* in the not too distant future. We will be reviewing all our activities on a frequent basis to protect everyone involved with the Trust and to secure our long-term future. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for updates or call 01325 460163 or email [enquiries@a1steam.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.co.uk) if you have any questions.

We are reviewing the schedule for *Tornado* and will keep the website updated as best we can as it looks like it may be September before we are back running our tours. This is impacting our overall financial planning and it is limiting our ability to earn the money, by running tours and hiring out the locomotive, for *Tornado's* next overhaul.

Our Covenantor scheme - an A1 for the price of a pint of beer a week - raised the funds to build *Tornado* and now provides the essential support to keep our locomotive in tip-top condition. If you are a covenantor and feel you might be able to increase your contribution a little it would be most welcome. We know a number of you have already done that and we are very appreciative of this commitment at this difficult time.

If you are not already an A1 Covenantor we would be delighted to welcome you on-board, from as little as £2.50 each week, to ensure we keep *Tornado* on the main line where she belongs. Our Covenantor forms can be found below: a registration form (including a Gift Aid declaration) and a standing order form which can be completed and returned to Darlington Locomotive Works, Hopetown Lane, Darlington, DL3 6RQ. 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 to encourage them to sign up to become a supporter of No. 60163 *Tornado*. More information can be found [here](#).

**DOWNLOAD YOUR A1 COVENANTOR FORMS**

## **TORNADO AT YORK - AN UPDATE**



*Tornado* was pulled out of the prep bay and moved a few hundred yards up and down the yard - A1SLT

As many of you will be aware, we moved *Tornado* to the NRM in York in March. This should have been ahead of our first railtour this year on 21<sup>st</sup> March, but instead has enabled us to securely stable the locomotive and our support coach safely at the museum. Earlier this week, a visit to inspect both vehicles was permitted by the NRM team and Richard Pearson, Locomotive & Standards Engineer, travelled down from Darlington to conduct some minor tasks and check up on the electrical systems on the locomotive and coach.

During his previous visit, Richard fitted a trickle charger to the locomotive and tests of the electrical systems show the batteries and other functions appear in good order. The coach had been left connected to mains power and further testing of the electrics and cleaning of the coach water system has ensured all is in good order and ready for the return of our support crews - hopefully sometime soon!

*Tornado* has been stored under cover in the prep bay and since this is notoriously bad for roosting pigeons, the boiler barrel has been sheeted over to protect the paintwork. The benefit is that the motion and brightwork has been protected from the elements and Richard was pleased to report that the layers of oil and grease applied to further protect them have kept them free from rust. Richard

added grease to the axlebox bearings and oiled some of the motion before moving the locomotive down the yard and back to distribute this around the bearings. He took care to leave the locomotive in a slightly different position to try and avoid any damage to bearings left in the same position throughout this period of down time. This [video](#) shows *Tornado* being returned to the prep bay.

We have left the boiler filled to the brim and dosed with water treatment to reduce corrosion as much as possible. We will conduct a detailed A - Exam, which includes a boiler washout and internal examination, before we return to traffic, which will provide us with reassurance that the period in storage has not caused any issues. Finally the running boards and tender sides were washed down to remove some of the unavoidable signs of roosting pigeons. The museum site has been closed to visitors and all but essential staff, who are unable to work from home, and the Trust offer our grateful thanks to the Operations Team and NRM staff who have enabled our extended stay and facilitated the inspections of our locomotive and coach. We hope that once the museum re-opens, you will be able to visit and see *Tornado* before we leave to pick up our planned railtours later in September.

## TORNADO 2020 RAILTOURS



*Tornado* in Scarborough, June 2019, 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - Maurice Burns/A15LT

With the easing of lockdown continuing we are currently planning our first railtours with *Tornado* in September 2020. In July, our team will be undertaking the necessary maintenance procedures and other work to ensure *Tornado* continues to be in tip-top condition for our return to traffic.

Our first planned tour is 'The Aberdonian' on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The tourism and hospitality industry in Scotland is planning to re-open from 17<sup>th</sup> July and so we feel that this is a robust plan. Passenger and staff safety are our priority and we will implement appropriate elements of social distancing such as reduced seating capacity, use of PPE by our staff, provision of hand sanitiser, regular cleaning and so forth in common with others in the hospitality and tourism sector. As guidance from Government changes, we will update our policies and procedures as necessary in close consultation

with the relevant suppliers.

If you have had a tour with *Tornado* postponed during the lockdown period, please rest assured that we are planning to reschedule these trains as the picture becomes clearer. If we are unable to fit them into the 2020 calendar (taking account reduced daylight hours from October), they will be moved into next year, and we hope that you will be able to join us on the new date.

Bookings for our tours in September are **still open** and can be booked through our [website](#) or by calling 01325 488215.

## DOWNLOAD THE 2020 RAILTOURS BROCHURE

## SUMMER DRAW 2020

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, at DLW, we drew The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust Summer Draw 2020 and are pleased to announce the following winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Table for two in Premier Dining on a *Tornado* railtour - Mrs Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 2 x First Class tickets Non-Dining on a *Tornado* railtour - Mr Moore

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 2 x Standard Class Tickets on a *Tornado* railtour - Mr Moyce

5 x Prizes - 'Tornado 10 Years in Steam' poster - Mr & Mrs Clarkson; Mr Bird; Mr Lines; Mr Steele; Mr Jolly

5 x Prizes - 'A Giant Resurrected' poster - Mr Fowkes; Mr Leary; Mr Tick; Mr Goulding; Mr Jolly

Thank you to all who bought tickets. We raised £2,962 which will be used for maintaining *Tornado*.

## EASYFUNDRAISING

The screenshot shows the easyfundraising website interface. At the top left is the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust logo and name. A pink button labeled 'Support this cause' is in the top right. The main heading reads 'Support A1 Steam Locomotive Trust with easyfundraising', with another 'Support this cause' button below it. A vertical 'Feedback & Support' button is on the right. The text states: 'easyfundraising® is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It's simple to use and it's free. Since we launched in 2005, we've helped thousands of good causes raise money simply by shopping online. Our community of over 1.8 million loyal supporters has so far raised over £31 million.' Below this is a three-step process diagram: 1. Get started (Choose a cause to support then join for free), 2. Start shopping (Visit retailers and then shop online as normal), and 3. Raise donations (Your cause receives free donations).

It's a challenging time for so many organisations and businesses. However, if you are shopping online over the coming weeks, please consider using easyfundraising before going directly to your preferred retailer. It's simple to use with no cost to yourself!

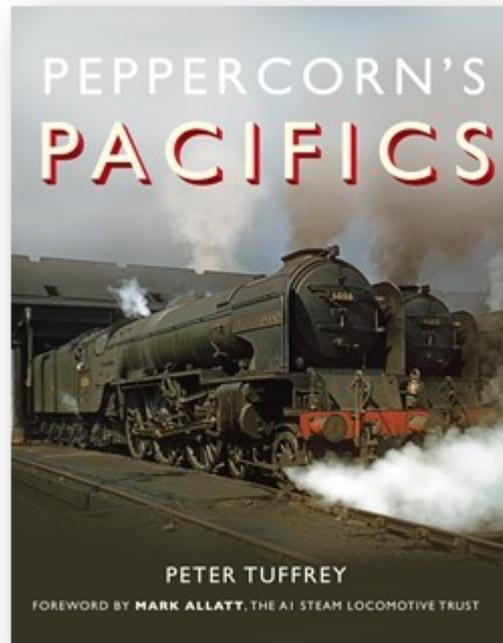
*How does it work?* easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations.

*How?* Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal.

The selected retailers will then make a small donation to say thank you. There are 4,113 retailers to choose from! So far, our supporters have raised £3,845.53 for The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, by shopping online through easyfundraising.

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

## PEPPERCORN'S PACIFICS BOOK OFFER



Peter Tuffrey's *Peppercorn's Pacifics* book is a remarkable collection of photographs which feature rare colour and black & white images of Arthur Henry Peppercorn's class A1 and A2 locomotives.

Only one of his famous 'Pacifics', Peppercorn class A2 No. 60532 *Blue Peter*, was preserved but none of the Peppercorn class A1s - hence the formation of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust to build a brand new class A1, No. 60163 *Tornado*, as the next in the class. The book includes black & white and colour photographs of all 49 original class A1s and 15 class A2s. The photographs show the 'Pacifics' under construction, from the lineside and on-shed. A full history of each locomotive features strongly in the text beneath the images. The book also details Peppercorn's life with many personal photographs and a foreword from our own Mark Allatt.

The book is now available at the offer price of only £15 (post free in the UK, overseas orders, will be subject to the usual postage charges) - the usual price of the book is £25. Please use the link below to place your order as any that come through this will be recorded as coming from The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and we will receive a donation from each copy sold. The link is: <https://www.gnbooks.co.uk/product/peppercorns-pacifics-a1trust/>

# ONLINE STORE

Our online store has everything for the *Tornado* enthusiast, from pens to models and children's T-shirts to adult's fleeces. With many people looking for things to do, our 1,000 piece jigsaw of *Tornado* on 'The North Briton' at Wylam is a wonderful distraction! Visit our [online store](#) to get your hands on some great *Tornado* merchandise.

Also, 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!



Last June, *Tornado* hauled 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - Mandy Grant / A1SLT

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