

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



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Welcome to Issue No. 119 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph* containing the latest updates on *Tornado*, the restart of operations and how you can lend your support the Trust.

With the easing in lockdown we have all been able to get out and about more, and this applies to *Tornado* as well! Those of our front line operations team who have been unable to work are now returning to their duties. This will initially be to conduct a boiler washout and A exam. These are needed as the locomotive hasn't run in a while and to prepare for a move to Carnforth to undertake planned maintenance on the support coach. This is primarily around the bogies and we are grateful to West Coast Railways for undertaking this work for us.

Our return to traffic is scheduled for Thursday 3rd September when the locomotive travels to Aberdeen. There are seats available and our booking office is open if you would like to call. Alternatively, you can also make a booking via www.a1steam.com where there are full details of all our tours, including our first visit to Liverpool with *Tornado*.

It has been a difficult 2020 for everyone but we will soon be able to enjoy the sight and sound of an A1 back at work on the national network. If you are not already a Covenantor then please do give consideration to supporting *Tornado* - 'An A1 for the price of a pint' is how we all came together to build *Tornado* and provides the essential support to keep her on the main line into the future. We are grateful to all those who continue to support the locomotive.

Now we are coming out of hibernation not only we will be able to report on *Tornado's* travels but also on other exciting developments. Progress on the construction of two new boilers, one for Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* and a spare for both locomotives, will see the first of these delivered by the end of this year. We are also making plans for *Tornado's* next overhaul which will be at the end of 2021.

From all at the Trust we wish you well and thank you for your continued support.

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July 2019 - *Tornado* hauling 'The North Briton' across the Dandry Mire viaduct - Neil Wroe/A1SLT

Plans are well advanced for the return of steam tours and heritage railways in the UK. It's been a long enforced break!

Our own railtours get underway with two trips to Aberdeen on [The Aberdonian](#). We then have a true East Coast experience with '[The Queen of Scots](#)' with *Tornado* hauling the return leg from Stirling to York.

Our first ever trip to Liverpool is scheduled for Saturday 19th September when we also return to Copy Pit. For those who enjoyed 'The Mad Hatter' tour last year this is a trip to be a part of. Find out more about the [The Ticket to Ride](#).

Tornado will be hard at work into the festive season and we are pleased to announce that we will be running from Bristol to Chester, for The Railway Touring Company, on Saturday 14th November. Currently, this will be our only trip in the west due to the lockdown.

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.

All our tours can be booked through our [website](#) or by calling 01325 488215.

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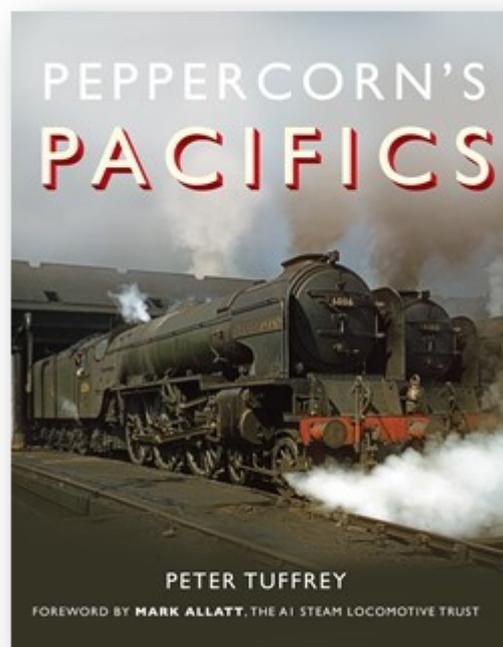
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PEPPERCORN'S PACIFICS BOOK OFFER



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 for details of smokebox number plates and headboards carried by *Tornado* - available to buy from just £200!

COVID-19 MEASURES

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 are 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.com if you have any questions.

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