

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO  
New Steam for the Main Line



No. 60163 *Tornado* in BR locomotive green - A1SLT

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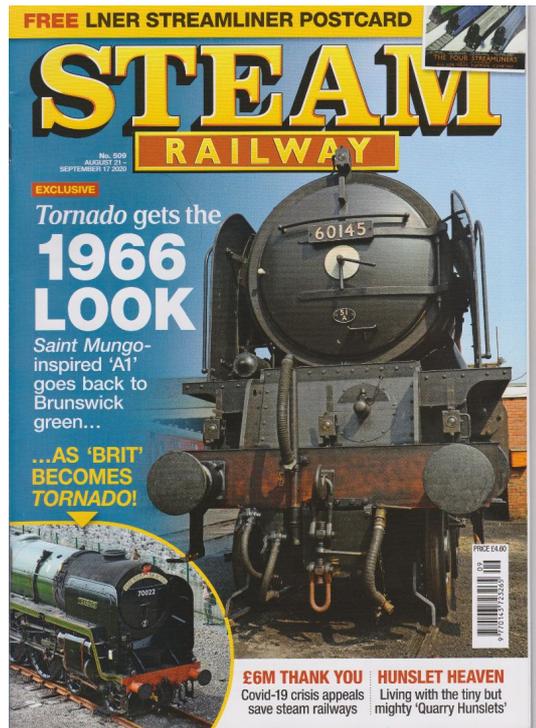
Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph* containing the latest updates including *Tornado* celebrating The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with exciting livery changes, the 2020 and 2021 Raitours calendar and how you can support the Trust.

Whilst at Carnforth, *Tornado* briefly assumed the identity of lost classmate No. 60145 *Saint Mungo* in a staged photoshoot to claim the front page of *Steam Railway* magazine. Our full time team of Richard Pearson and Ian Greenan, supported by some of our volunteers, set to cleaning and preparing the engine for her new identity. They removed all the identifying features such as name plates and commemorative plaques, changed the numberplate and shedplate and removed the high intensity headlamps from the front lamp brackets. Then, using a large quantity of poster paint of various dark and muddy colours, and following some advice from a colleague who has weathered a number of locomotives on preserved lines across the country, they proceeded to “muck up” the front bufferbeam, smokebox and deflectors. All the bright metal work was covered over on the smokebox door, buffers and cylinder covers with a mixture of black and brown “gunk” and the shiny paintwork we usually pride ourselves on succumbed to similar treatment with a coating of matt black. Even the front air pipes were distinguished by painting over the red and yellow valve handles. As can be seen below, standing in

the gloom of the shed on Monday evening ready for the photographer the next morning produced a lovely atmospheric image.



The whole event was nearly cancelled following torrential rain and storms overnight and the team awoke to discover all their handiwork of the previous two days had been destroyed leaving them just four hours to recreate it before the *Steam Railway* photographer arrived! I think that you will agree, the final image that appeared on the front cover of *Steam Railway* Issue 509 belies the near disaster and the frantic efforts of the team to repair the damage. What identity and livery should we recreate next I wonder...



...and a new livery!

Our deception at Carnforth wasn't quite complete! No sooner had *Saint Mungo* left the yard, the team set to, removing all the grease and oil from the outside of the locomotive before it could be moved into the paint shop, where the West Coast Railways team worked their magic. Here is the tender in various stages of preparation and painting and then with the British Railways crest applied.



Not just on the tender but the locomotive as well - from rubbing down, undercoat, several coats of gloss and then lining out.



We decided the support coach was in need of a makeover too. Here is E21249 about to go into the paint shop, rubbing down and filling, prior to undercoating, then the initial gloss coat.



We are exceptionally grateful to David Smith and everyone at West Coast Railways who have enabled this transformation to happen. The finished liveries can be seen here and both will soon be seen back on the main line doing what *Tornado* does best!





## BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

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 a week' 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.

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No. 60163 *Tornado* in BR locomotive green at Goodrington in 2012 - Nick Curtain/A1SLT

It has been a challenging year for operations with *Tornado* but we are all very pleased to be getting back out on the railway tomorrow, 12<sup>th</sup> September. We will make our first visit to Liverpool before undertaking a number of trips in the Christmas period for Railway Touring Company when the locomotive will run from locations including Bristol, London, Edinburgh, Cambridge and Norwich to various places including York, Edinburgh, Worcester, Cardiff and Chester. We have agreed to undertake some additional duties in early December which feature in our diary below.

We are also extremely pleased to have agreed dates when our tours that had to be postponed in 2020, due to COVID-19, can take place in 2021. These give many of us something to look forward to as we get operations back underway. All lead passengers have received an email outlining the new dates so that they can get them into their diaries.

There will also be new tours announced shortly and look out for a big announcement at the Convention on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

#### Diary of 2020 Tours

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Queen of Scots' - York to Edinburgh & Stirling and return
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Ticket to Ride' - Darlington to Liverpool and return
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 'The Easterling' - London King's Cross to Lowestoft (RTC)
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November - 'The Cheshireman' - Bristol Temple Meads to Chester (RTC)
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November - 'The Cheshireman' - London to Chester and return (RTC)
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November - 'The Gloucester Christmas Market and Cardiff' - London to Cardiff and return (RTC)
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 'The Yuletide Express' - Ealing Broadway to York and return (RTC)
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - 'The Worcester Christmas Fayre' - Norwich to Worcester and return (RTC)
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December - 'The Lincoln Christmas Express' - London to Lincoln and return (RTC)

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 'The Bath and Bristol Christmas Express' - London to Bath & Bristol and return (RTC)
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 'The Edinburgh Christmas Market' - York to Edinburgh and return (RTC)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 'The Christmas White Rose' - Cambridge to York and return (RTC)
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 'The Christmas White Rose' - London to York and return (RTC)

#### Diary of 2021 Tours

- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 'The Fens and Fells Flyer' Cambridge to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April - 'The Caledonian' - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May - 'The Cumbrian Explorer' - Darlington to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May - 'The Jorvik Express' - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - 'The Pennine Explorer' - Leicester to Carlisle and return

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

Railway Touring Company (RTC) tours can be booked through their [website](#) or by calling 01553 661500.

**DOWNLOAD THE 2020 RAILTOURS BROCHURE**

## THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST ANNUAL CONVENTION 2020

In what is The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we had hoped to make this year's Annual Convention a special celebration of what this amazing organisation has achieved. Sadly, the continued impact of COVID-19 has scuppered our plans for this year and we will have to revisit them at a later date once the world has returned to some semblance of normality.

However, we do intend to go ahead with our Annual Convention on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020, albeit in an on-line format. This year's Virtual Convention will run from 10:30hrs to 12:00hrs on The A1 Steam locomotive Trust's YouTube channel. This is the link for the channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClqGYIL2vDP7cJuidkfSqwQ>. It will then be available for viewing via [www.a1steam.com](http://www.a1steam.com) after the event.

As usual, the presentations will look at the Trust's achievements since the last Convention, including *Tornado's* unfortunately limited main line operations, and look forward into the 2021 programme.

It will also provide a progress update on the construction of *Prince of Wales* and the opportunity to 'virtually' view the current state-of-play with the locomotive at Darlington Locomotive Works. If you have any questions that you would like addressing, please submit them via [enquiries@a1steam.com](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.com). There will also be an opportunity to submit further questions following the presentations.

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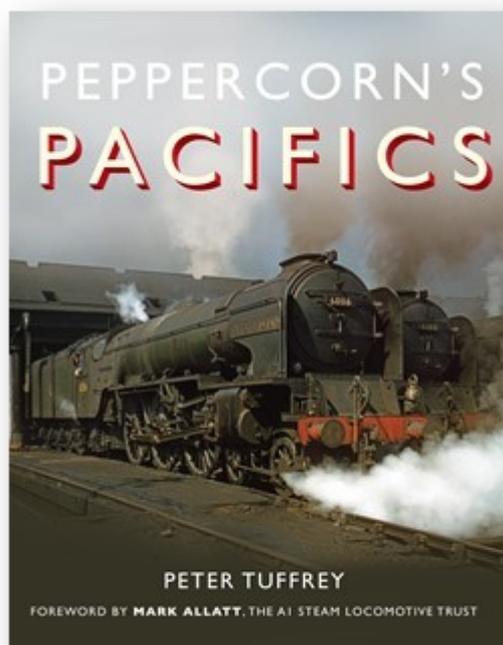
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## PEPPERCORN'S PACIFICS BOOK OFFER



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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.com) if you have any questions.

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