

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



No. 60163 *Tornado* at Carlisle on 12th September 2020 - Graham Nicholas/A1SLT

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Dear Supporter

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph* which includes updates on *Tornado's* recent tours, the 2020 & 2021 Railtours calendar, progress with the new boilers and how you can help to keep *Tornado* on the main line.

BACK ON THE RAILS

We hope you enjoyed the brief coverage of our activities at Carnforth prior to heading out onto the main line hauling 'The Queen of Scots' and 'The Ticket to Ride' and hope that you will agree, both *Tornado* and her support coach look rather splendid in their new liveries. The locomotive ran well on both trips and was clearly as pleased as we were to be back out where she belongs, doing what she does best! There has been some really excellent coverage of these recent trips in both video and picture formats, so please keep sharing these with us!

After 'The Queen of Scots' tour, we found a broken spring on the rear driving axle which we are pleased to report was quickly changed by our full-time staff, supported by volunteers. It was indeed fortunate that this was found so close to home and a spare was quickly moved from Darlington to be fitted at York, enabling the locomotive to pass the FTR exam on the Friday before we took the 'The Ticket to Ride' to Liverpool from Darlington. Following the unfortunate cancellation of The Railway Touring Company's 'The Easterling' train on Saturday 3rd October, our next booked turn is 'The Cheshireman' from Bristol to Chester on Saturday 14th November. This will mean a light engine move from York to Bristol in the preceding week and in the meantime, we will take the opportunity for some routine maintenance before we leave York.



No. 60163 *Tornado* at Newcastle, heading back to York, on 12th September 2020 - Sam
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BOILERS UPDATE



The first new boiler being assembled at DB Meiningen - *DBM/A1SLT*

Since last year's announcement of the placing of a £1m order for two new Diagram 118 boilers from DB Meiningen (DBM) significant progress has been made and assembly of the first boiler is underway.

Notwithstanding COVID-19 issues, progress with the boilers is good, the work done to date of a high standard and most of the detail components have been made: the blanks plugging connections to the boiler, which are required for hydraulic testing, have been extracted from the stores at DLW and sent to DBM; and the assembly of the barrel sections and marrying up to the inner firebox for the first boiler has started. In the meantime, DLW is manufacturing the regulator cross shafts and stuffing boxes which will be required to set up the regulator mechanisms inside the boilers and to conduct the hydraulic tests.

This strategic move by the Trust will reduce the time out of traffic for each locomotive by around four months, increase the potential revenue earned by both locomotive during each operational cycle and reduce the cost of their overhauls. By ordering both boilers at once and leveraging the purchasing power of the supporters of both locomotives, the Trust has saved a six-figure sum that would have otherwise been required if the two boilers had been procured separately. The first new boiler - to be fitted to No. 60163 *Tornado* during its next overhaul - will be delivered before the end of 2020 with the second - to be fitted to No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* - scheduled to be delivered before then end of 2021.

The Trust is using a variety of fundraising methods to support the procurement of the two new boilers in line with its policy of hypothecating the funding of each locomotive. No. 2007's contribution to the spare boiler is being funded by The Boiler Club (which is also funding the No. 2007 specified boiler). The initial funding of *Tornado*'s contribution to the 'spare' boiler came from its now closed 'I ♥ 60163' fundraising campaign. Additional funding for the 'spare' boiler will also come from recent legacies to the Trust and A1 Coventor income. We would encourage you to become an A1 Covenantor or if you already are a Covenantor for you to consider increasing your monthly donation.

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.

[DOWNLOAD YOUR A1 COVENANTOR FORMS](#)

[TORNADO'S MAIN LINE DIARY 2020 & 2021](#)



No. 60163 *Tornado* - In the evening light the train heads towards Blackburn, 19th September 2020 -
Kallum Buckley/A1SLT

Diary of Railway Touring Company tours hauled by No. 60163 *Tornado* in 2020

- Saturday 14th November - 'The Cheshireman' - Bristol Temple Meads to Chester ([RTC](#))
- Saturday 21st November - 'The Cheshireman' - London to Chester and return ([RTC](#))
- Tuesday 24th November - 'The Gloucester Christmas Market and Cardiff' - London to Cardiff and return ([RTC](#))
- Saturday 28th November - 'The Yuletide Express' - Ealing Broadway to York and return ([RTC](#))
- Thursday 3rd December - 'The Worcester Christmas Fayre' - Norwich to Worcester and return ([RTC](#))
- Saturday 5th December - 'The Lincoln Christmas Express' - London to Lincoln and return ([RTC](#))
- Tuesday 8th December - 'The Bath and Bristol Christmas Express' - London to Bath & Bristol and return ([RTC](#))

- Saturday 12th December - 'The Edinburgh Christmas Market' - York to Edinburgh and return ([RTC](#))
- Thursday 17th December - 'The Christmas White Rose' - Cambridge to York and return ([RTC](#))
- Saturday 19th December - 'The Christmas White Rose' - London to York and return ([RTC](#))

Tornado Railtours 2021 Diary

- Saturday 13th February - [Valentine's Luncheon Circular Tour](#) - from York, Thirsk and Darlington
- Saturday 13th February - [Valentine's Evening Circular Tour](#) - from York
- Saturday 13th March - '[The Ribbleshead Rambler](#)' - Hull to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 27th March - '[The Fens and Fells Flyer](#)' - Cambridge to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 3rd April - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Monday 5th April - '[The Clyde Aberdonian](#)' - Glasgow to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 10th April - '[The Caledonian](#)' - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return
- Saturday 8th May - '[The Cumbrian Explorer](#)' - Darlington to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 15th May - '[The Jorvik Express](#)' - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 22nd May - '[The Pennine Explorer](#)' - Leicester to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 22nd July - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Sunday 31st July - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 12th August - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 19th August - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 2nd September - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 11th September - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 16th September - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - West Midlands to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 16th September - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Peterborough to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 18th September - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - Middlesbrough to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 18th September - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Birmingham to Carlisle and return

Tornado Railtours trains can be booked through the links above 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 30th 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 scuppered our plans for this year. However, this year's Annual Convention was run as a virtual event on The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust's YouTube channel: this is the direct link <https://youtu.be/newhzKDFJUU>. It is also available for viewing via www.a1steam.com.

As usual, the presentations looked at the Trust's achievements since the last Convention

including *Tornado's* unfortunately limited main line operations and looked forward into the 2021 programme. It also provided a progress update on the construction of *Prince of Wales* and the opportunity to 'virtually' view the current state-of-play (by way of a fantastic video walkaround the engine and workshops by David Elliott and Daniela Filová) with No. 2007 at Darlington Locomotive Works.

We have received some very positive feedback from supporters - so thank you for tuning in.

THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST RAFFLE SEPTEMBER 2020

We drew the September 2020 Draw on Friday 25th September and are pleased to announce the following winners:

1st Prize - Table for two in Premier Dining on a *Tornado* railtour - Mr T Williams

2nd Prize - 2 x First Class tickets on a *Tornado* railtour - Mr C Wellum

3rd Prize - 2 x Standard Class Tickets on a *Tornado* railtour - Mrs J Blythe

5 x Prizes - 'Tornado 10 Years in Steam' poster - J F G Brown, Greasley, Mr M Hopps, Mr G Hodgson, Mr K Housley

5 x Prizes - 'A Giant Resurrected' poster - Mr P Tyers, M M Doyle, Mr J Freear, Mr S Some, Mr S A Inness

Thank you to all who bought tickets. We raised £3,675 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". Below this is another "Support this cause" button. A vertical banner on the right says "Feedback & Support". The main text states: "easyfundraising* is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site". Below this is a sub-heading: "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." A three-step process is shown with icons: 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!

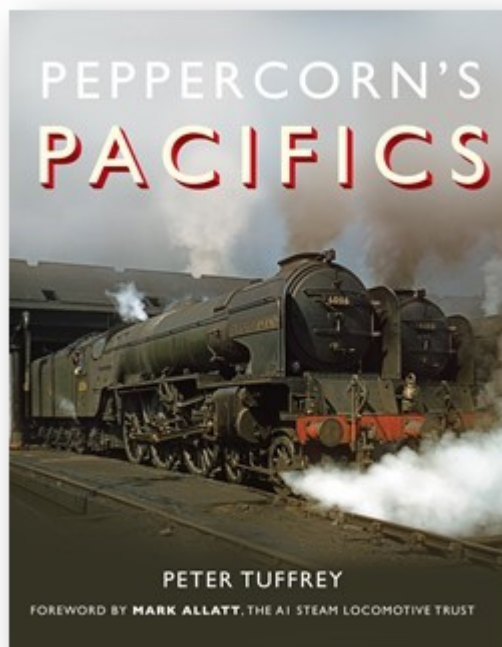
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How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal.

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 £4,000 for The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, by shopping online through easyfundraising.

Find out more [here](#). Please contact us at 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 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.



No. 60163 *Tornado* hosting the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment at the National Railway Museum, York - CAG Photography/A1SLT

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