

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



No 60163 Tornado at Grosmont, on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, in March 2018 - Pete Richards/A1SLT

Dear Supporter

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*, which includes a look back at No. 60145 *Saint Mungo's* most famous run; news about Hornby's 'The Aberdonian' train pack which is available from our online shop and their 2021 new releases; how you can help to keep *Tornado* on the main line; and the 2021 Raitours calendar.

**ONE LAST HURRAH
FOR No. 60145 SAINT MUNGO!
NEW YEAR'S EVE 1965**



No. 60145 *Saint Mungo* in Darlington Station on 31st December 1965 - *Maurice Burns/A1SLT*

No. 60145 *Saint Mungo*'s most famous run was on New Year's Eve 1965 when the North Eastern Region of British Railways ran a special train from York to Newcastle, and return, to commemorate the end of steam on the East Coast Main Line.

Richard Peck, one of the Trust's advisers, vividly recalled travelling on the train as a young lad of 14: *"Our pocket money in those days couldn't stretch to going all the way to Newcastle, but we reckoned we could just about manage Darlington and back...after leaving Darlington [on the return], we just kept on accelerating. Those were the days before long welded rails, and the clickety-clack of the rail joints were quite exciting as they got faster and faster. I was checking the speed by counting the number of rail joints in 41 seconds, and I reckoned we reached 105mph. Quite a trip!"*

In 2020, in celebration of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust's 30th Anniversary, *Tornado* was temporarily returned to the BR locomotive green livery of No. 60145 *Saint Mungo* which inspired the Trust's formation.



*Tornado masquerades as Saint Mungo in honour of the latter's role in the formation of the Trust -
Steve Davies/A1SLT*

**THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST'S
ONLINE STORE**



Hornby has produced a OO-gauge model of 'The Aberdonian'. In this train pack *Tornado* is in apple green livery with 'BRITISH RAILWAYS' on the tender. The locomotive is DCC ready, has a three pole motor with flywheel and is 293mm long. The pack also comprises three BR Mark 1 coaches in maroon livery, an FO, a TSO and a BSK. It is available for £199 in our online shop: <https://www.a1steam.com/product-category/models/>. We are all missing seeing and travelling behind *Tornado* on the main line so why not treat yourself to a little bit of *Tornado's* magic at home!

Hornby has just launched its new releases for 2021 and a BR green edition of No. 60163 *Tornado* is back in the catalogue - look out for this in our online shop later this year. We are also delighted to have been working closely with Hornby on their totally new and re-tooled models of the Gresley class P2s which will include our own No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* in LNER green. We anticipate it being available at the end of 2021/early 2022 from our online shop.

Please remember that all profits from the sale of these models go towards our locomotives.

Why not take a look at our online store: it has everything for the *Tornado* enthusiast, from pens to models and children's T-shirts to adult's fleeces. 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!

BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

2020 was a difficult year for everyone but we have been able to enjoy the sight and sound of an A1 back at work on the national network, albeit less than planned. 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 very grateful to all those who continue to support the locomotive.



No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling 'The Queen of Scots' in 2020 - *Alistair Moulstone/A1SLT*

[DOWNLOAD YOUR A1 COVENANTOR FORMS](#)

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



No. 60163 *Tornado* - *Robin Coombes/A1SLT*

We are very much looking forward to our 2021 programme of tours and welcoming passengers on board. Our new brochure has just been published with a variety of tours through the year. We hope you find something of interest.

Tornado Railtours 2021 Diary

- Saturday 13th February - [Valentine's Luncheon Circular Tour](#) - from York, Thirsk and Darlington - **POSTPONED**
- Saturday 13th February - [Valentine's Evening Circular Tour](#) - from York - **POSTPONED**
- Saturday 13th March - ['The Ribblehead 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, our [website](#) or by calling 01325 488215.

DOWNLOAD THE 2021 RAILTOURS BROCHURE

EASYFUNDRAISING

The screenshot shows the easyfundraising website for the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust. At the top left is the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust logo, and at the top right is a pink button that says "Support this cause". The main heading reads "Support A1 Steam Locomotive Trust with easyfundraising". Below this is another pink button that says "Support this cause". A vertical sidebar on the right contains the text "Feedback & Support" with a speech bubble icon. The main content area features the text: "easyfundraising® is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site". Below this is a paragraph: "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." At the bottom, there 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). Each step is accompanied by an icon: a shopping bag for step 1, a shopping cart for step 2, and a pound sign for step 3.

It's a challenging time for so many organisations and businesses. However, if you are shopping online,

please consider using easyfundraising before going directly to your preferred retailer. It's simple to use with no cost to yourself!

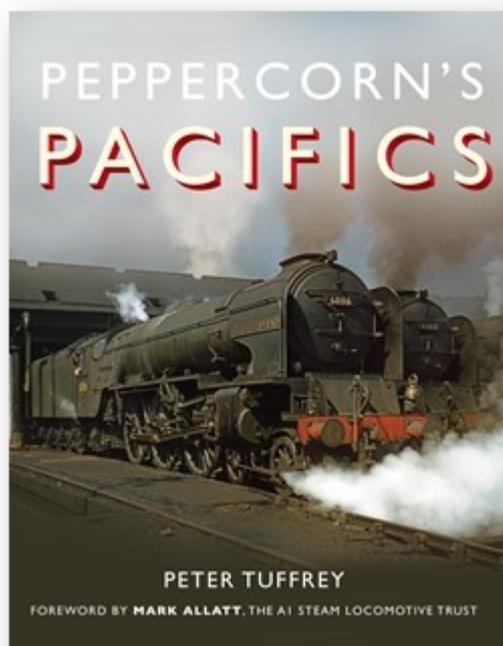
How does it work? easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations.

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 over £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 queries.

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/>

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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