

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



No. 60163 *Tornado* undergoing winter maintenance at the National Railway Museum - A1SLT

Dear Supporter

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*, which includes a look at *Tornado's* recertification; how you can help to keep *Tornado* on the main line and the 2021 Railtours calendar.

David M Smith from Plano, Texas recently approached the Trust to ask if he could use some of our photographs of *Tornado* for a page about the locomotive's construction and operations in his blog. He said he was inspired to write the post on his *Vectored Tech* blog "after stumbling across the BBC documentary on *Tornado* and it's 100mph run". You can read the post [here](#).

SUCCESSFUL RECERTIFICATION AT YORK

Last month we reported on some of the work completed undertaking annual maintenance exams on *Tornado* and her support coach ahead of the formal recertification inspections to enable us to return to duties on the main line as soon as we are allowed. These inspections were all successful and we are once again certified for another 12 months of operation on Network Rail.

2020 was a difficult year for everyone but we were able to enjoy the sight and sound of a Peppercorn class 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. During 2020, and into 2021, we have been especially grateful for supporters who have been able to increase their monthly covenanting. If you would like to do this please contact the office on 01325 460163 or enquiries@a1steam.com and we will be able to assist with setting up any changes.

We are very grateful to all those who continue to support our locomotive.



No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling 'The Mad Hatter' on 11th May 2019 - Alan Weaver/A1SLT

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TORNADO'S MAIN LINE DIARY 2021



No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling 'The Auld Reekie' on 3rd March 20219 - *Craig Oliphant/A1SLT*

It has been a difficult year, with only very limited operation of *Tornado* due to the pandemic. The patience of all our passengers and supporters is much appreciated. We are now in a more positive situation with the locomotive recertified for the next 12 months of operation and a full programme ahead. We are working hard to redate those trains affected by lockdown, and we have already got several confirmed. There is nothing better than main line steam, especially with *Tornado* at the head of the train, so please have a look at the diary below and we look forward to welcoming you on-board.

Tornado Railtours 2021 Diary

- Saturday 13th March - [‘The Ribbleshead Rambler’](#) - Hull to Carlisle and return - **to be re-dated**
- Saturday 10th April - [‘The Caledonian’](#) - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return - **to be re-dated**
- Saturday 15th May - [‘The Jorvik Express’](#) - Liverpool to York and return - **to be re-dated**
- Saturday 22nd May - [‘The Pennine Explorer’](#) - Leicester to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 26th June - [‘The Fens and Fells Flyer’](#) - Cambridge to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 3rd July - [‘The Cumbrian Explorer’](#) - Darlington to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 22nd July - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 31st July - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 12th August - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 21st August - [‘The Clyde Aberdonian’](#) - Glasgow 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.

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TORNADO IN LEGO!



A LEGO model of LNER Peppercorn class A1 No. 60163 *Tornado* in ex-works grey livery
built by Andrew Harvey - *Brick Train Awards/A1SLT*

The Trust was very excited to see that a LEGO model of *Tornado* has been announced as the winner at the annual Brick Train Awards 2021. Andrew Harvey of the UK won Best Steam Locomotive in Europe 2021 for his model of *Tornado* in ex-works grey livery. 774 models were entered in the competition.

The Brick Train Awards are a virtual competition to showcase LEGO train builders around the world and a collaboration between LNUR (LEGO Northern UK Railway), a LEGO train club in the UK, and Brick Train Model Railroader in the USA. The judges are handpicked from the worldwide adult LEGO fan community, with a judging panel for Australasia and Asia selected to help represent the best of their region's LEGO building skills. More information about the awards can be found [here](#).

**THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST -
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David Champion and Steve Davies MBE - A1SLT

David Champion, President of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust (A1SLT), and Steve Davies MBE, Chairman, A1SLT, would like to invite you to their talk which is being hosted by The Leaders Club.

This Zoom event is on Wednesday 31st March 2021 from 18:00hrs to 19:00hrs. Their talk will reveal all and tell how a bunch of very determined individuals decided to build a new main line steam locomotive from scratch - a triumph of achievement over adversity and a study in engineering prowess.

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust built and operate brand-new main line express steam locomotive *Tornado*, which recently achieved 101 mph on the East Coast main line north of York. Based in historic railway buildings in Darlington, this audacious project succeeded on the back of an inspiring vision, a dedicated and energetic team to deliver it, and a sophisticated fundraising and marketing campaign. Enjoying Royal patronage from TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, the Trust is now in the process of building a further steam locomotive - *Prince of Wales* - which on completion in 2023 will be the most powerful in the UK. David Champion, the driving force behind the project in its earliest years, and Steve Davies MBE and will jointly tell a compelling, entertaining and inspiring story of British fortitude, determination and engineering at its very best.

This event is free to members of The Leaders Club and £30 for non-members. 50% of the proceeds will be given to The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust.

If you would like to attend, you can register [here](#) or [email](#) Stephen Fletcher JP FRSA for more detail.

**THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST'S
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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 - a 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!

A BR green version of No. 60163 *Tornado* is back in the 2021 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 apple green livery. We anticipate it being available at the end of 2021/early 2022 from our online shop.

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. Please remember that all profits from the sales through our online shop go towards our locomotives.

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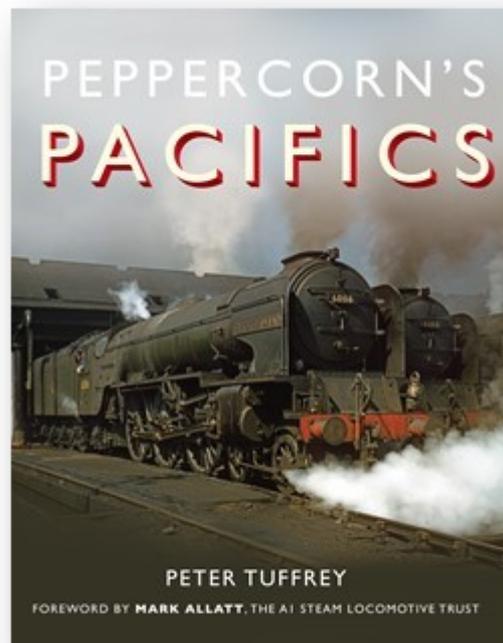
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Find out more [here](#). Please contact us at enquiries@a1steam.com if you have any queries.

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. We are working on a system to welcome visitors to DLW for Open Days in line with the government's roadmap.

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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