

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



No. 60163 *Tornado* ready to move from the National Railway Museum, York to Barrow Hill, 11<sup>th</sup> May  
2021- A1SLT

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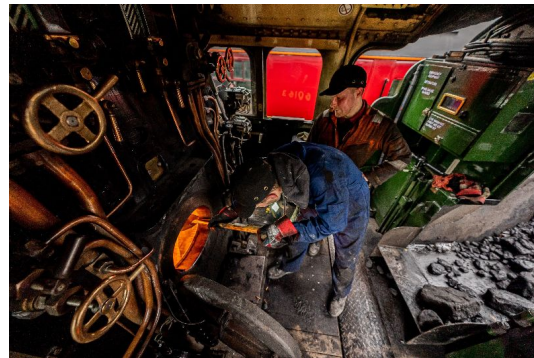
Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*, which includes a look at *Tornado's* maintenance, how you can help to keep *Tornado* on the main line and the 2021 Railtours calendar.

## ...AND WE ARE OFF!

During the first week of May, activity surrounding *Tornado* at the National Railway Museum in York took on a new sense of purpose! After standing for some time since the last exam, the axleboxes were greased and oil boxes checked for water ingress, cleaned and refilled. The support coach also received some TLC with a good clean throughout and the kitchen received some particular attention in the hope of crew meals to come!

We were particularly grateful for the assistance of "The Dave Team" who came and helped clean the

locomotive and coach, which had fallen foul of the NRM pigeons having stood in the open for so long. Fortunately, preparations by the full-time and volunteer staff had kept the motion and brightwork well preserved, with little sign of serious rust and the non-ferrous plates and pipework are once again shining brightly.



At York - cleaning *Tornado*; members of the “The Dave Team”; final checks inside firebox before lighting up; lighting up to raise steam - CAG Photography/A1SLT

A final daily exam and additional brake tests proved that the locomotive systems were all working correctly, and *Tornado* passed her first Fitness To Run (FTR) exam in eight months.



Ian Greenan checks and lubricates the motion - CAG Photography/A1SLT



Despite a less than encouraging weather forecast, *Tornado* and her support coach left York just after 13:15hrs on Tuesday heading for Barrow Hill. In the capable hands of West Coast Railway Company driver Davey Blair and our own Graeme Bunker-James as fireman the trip was not to be a taxing one, but it was a much-needed opportunity to settle everything back down after a long period out of traffic.



Graeme Bunker-James as fireman -A1SLT

Just before departure, Black 5 No. 44871 arrived with her support coach at York. For a time, there was more steam motive power in the station than anything else! Once away, it was a leisurely trip southward and after a brief pause at Meadowhall, *Tornado* arrived into Sheffield where the locomotive detached and ran round the support coach. Leaving almost 20 minutes early, now running tender first to save a later turning move, the pair ran the remaining 12 miles down to Barrow Hill and arrived safely on the depot there. Hardly a challenging trip, but good to be back out there and looking forward to hauling trains again!



No. 60163 *Tornado* and Black 5 No. 44871, York, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - A1SLT

## BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

We are delighted to announce that our online donations system is now [live](#) for signing up as an A1 Covenantor!

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](mailto: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* en route to Barrow Hill on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Alan Weaver/A1SLT

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***TORNADO'S MAIN LINE DIARY 2021***



No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling 'The Aberdonian' - *Peter Backhouse/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 22<sup>nd</sup> May - [‘The Pennine Explorer’](#) - Leicester to Carlisle and return - BOOKINGS CLOSED
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June - [‘The Fens and Fells Flyer’](#) - Cambridge to Carlisle and return - BOOKINGS CLOSED
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - [‘The Cumbrian Explorer’](#) - Darlington to Carlisle and return
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - [‘The Viking Venturer’](#) - Linlithgow & Edinburgh to York and return
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August - [‘The Clyde Aberdonian’](#) - Glasgow to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September - [‘The Jorvik Express’](#) - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September - [‘The Caledonian’](#) - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September - [‘The Ribbleshead Rambler’](#) - Hull to Carlisle and return
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - [‘Tornado and Flying Scotsman’](#) - Tamworth to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October - [‘Flying Scotsman and Tornado’](#) - Birmingham to Carlisle and return
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October - [‘Tornado and Flying Scotsman’](#) - Middlesbrough to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October - [‘Flying Scotsman and Tornado’](#) - Peterborough to Carlisle and return



After spending much time trying to reschedule The Valentines Circular tours with our industry partners, we have had to make the difficult decision to remove them from our 2021 schedule. We can only apologise and appreciate that this will be disappointing to many.

Tornado Railtours trains can be booked through the links above, our [website](#) or by calling 01325 488215.

## 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 - 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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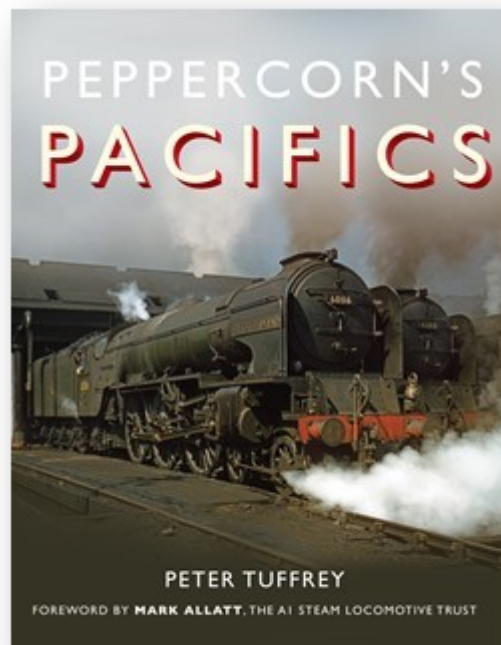
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## PEPPERCORN'S PACIFICS BOOK OFFER



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

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