

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



No. 60163 *Tornado* crossing the King Edward Bridge, Newcastle hauling 'The Edinburgh Flyer', on
19th June 2021 - Sam Yeeles/A1SLT

Dear Supporter

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph*, which includes a look at *Tornado's* recent operations, how you can help to keep *Tornado* on the main line by becoming an A1 Covenantor and the 2021 Railtours calendar.

We are hoping to hold our first face-to-face Annual Convention for two years on Saturday 25th September in Darlington. Please save the date and see further details below. In the meantime, do consider visiting Darlington Locomotive Works for one of our Open Days - see below for details.

TORNADO ON THE MAIN LINE



No. 60163 *Tornado* at London Victoria hauling 'The Northern Belle', on 5th July 2021 - *Thomas Shrimpton/A1SLT*

On 19th June, No. 60163 *Tornado* ran to Edinburgh from York in charge of the Railway Touring Company's 'Edinburgh Flyer'. The trip allowed some spectacular views along the Northumberland Coast north of Newcastle but it also allowed for some lively running and *Tornado* certainly stretched her legs with some spells in excess of 70mph. Good management by the crew ensured the outward journey kept well to time and despite leaving a well-managed water stop slightly ahead of schedule, signal checks at Grantshouse slowed the remainder of the northbound journey, recovering a little before arriving just a few minutes outside booked time into Edinburgh. The return journey ran well until Morpeth, where a landslip forced the move of the water stop back to Heaton. Some bi-directional running then added a delay of 12 minutes that could not be recovered and led to a delayed arrival back at York.

Two weeks later, and after the team of full time staff and volunteers cleaned and prepared the locomotive to our usual high standard, *Tornado* was moved (via a light engine run) down to Southall prior to running the 'The Northern Belle' to Bournemouth on Monday 5th July. After a highly successful run south, the train continued from Bournemouth to Wareham and onto The Swanage Railway for servicing. *Tornado* and her support coach were detached at Norden and ran down to Swanage and onto the locomotive shed to coal and service. No turning move was needed as the train was hauled back to Bournemouth to collect the passengers and then on to Southampton, where *Tornado* led once more on the return to Victoria Station. This was made slightly more challenging by the lack of a tanker to service the water stop following a broken axle on the M25! Fortunately, we were made aware of this just prior to leaving Bournemouth and were able to take steps to reduce water usage on the return leg.

As you read this, we are preparing for our next runs this year, taking the 'The Royal Duchy' from Taunton to Plymouth on Sunday 11th July and 'The Cheshireman' from Euston to Chester on Thursday 15th July and will report on these as well as our return to Scotland next month.

BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

We are delighted to announce that our online donations system is [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 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.

[SIGN UP AS AN A1 COVENANTOR ONLINE](#)

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



No. 60163 *Tornado* at Lambton hauling 'The Edinburgh Flyer', on 19th June 2021 - Sam Yeeles/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. 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

- Tuesday 20th July - [‘The Viking Venturer’](#) - Linlithgow & Edinburgh to York and return - bookings closed
- Thursday 22nd July - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return - bookings closed
- 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 - [‘The Jorvik Express’](#) - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 18th September - [‘The Caledonian’](#) - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return - bookings closed
- Thursday 30th September - [‘The Ribbleshead Rambler’](#) - Hull to Carlisle and return - bookings closed
- Wednesday 20th October - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - Tamworth to Carlisle and return - bookings closed
- Thursday 21st October - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Birmingham to Carlisle and return - bookings closed
- Wednesday 27th October - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - Middlesbrough to Carlisle and return - bookings closed
- Thursday 28th October - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Peterborough to Carlisle and return - bookings closed

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

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**SAVE THE DATE -
THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST'S
2021 CONVENTION**

We are planning to hold our Annual Convention on Saturday 25th September at the Mercure Kings Hotel, Darlington for both the morning presentations and the evening dinner, subject to any ongoing Government restrictions. Supporters will also have the opportunity to visit Darlington Locomotive Works to see the progress of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*, with David Elliott conducting a guided tour. We anticipate sending out invitations, with the full details, in early August, when we have more clarity over any ongoing Government restrictions.

Tornado will be one of the guest locomotives running at The North Yorkshire Moors Railway's Autumn Gala - Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26th September. In addition, the weekend of Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th September will also see events being held in Darlington, Shildon and Stockton in the run up to The Stockton & Darlington Railway's 2025 bicentenary.

DARLINGTON LOCOMOTIVE WORKS OPEN DAYS - COME AND SEE OUR P2 PROGRESS!

Our Darlington Locomotive Works (DLW) Open Days on the first and third Saturdays of the month restarted in June - to book your place for the Saturday 17th July Open Day, please click [here](#). No. 60163 *Tornado* was completed at DLW in 2008 and visitors to the Works can see the spectacular progress that the Trust is making with its second new main line steam locomotive, Gresely class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*.

We will release further Open Day dates for booking once we have clarity over any continuing Government restrictions. Please note that spaces are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you have booked and can no longer attend, please let the office know as they will make the session available for others to book.

However, during the working week, the Works remains closed to casual visitors - we hope you understand that these circumstances are beyond our control and these restrictions are still currently required.

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. 2007 *Prince of Wales* at Darlington Locomotive Works - David Elliott/A1SLT

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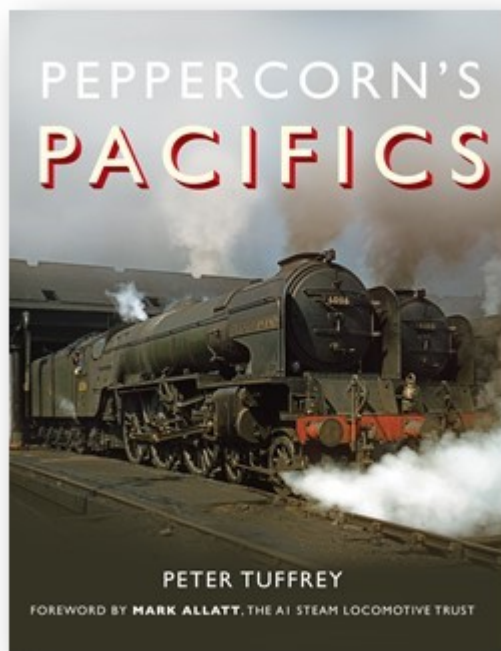


Hornby has produced a OO-gauge model of 'The Aberdonian'. In this train pack *Tornado* is in apple green livery with 'BRITISH RAILWAYS' on the tender. The locomotive is DCC ready, has a three pole motor with flywheel and is 293mm long. The pack also comprises three BR Mark 1 coaches in maroon livery - 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.

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/>

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