

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



On her way to Exeter, *Tornado* passes Farnborough with 'The Devon Belle'
(Andrew Young)

Welcome to issue No. 69 of *The Tornado Telegraph*. Following a very successful visit to Didcot at the end of March, *Tornado* hauled her second A1 Steam Locomotive Trust tour on 2nd April, 'The Devon Belle', a circular outing to the Exeter. She carried a special reporting number 'M8Y' in honour of Ray Towell who died shortly before the train ran. Ray was head of operations at the NRM at York for over 25 years. Like many of us, he struggled to remember the names of many people he met and so took to calling them Matey instead. He was a long standing supporter of the Trust and a friend to many of us involved with *Tornado*. The locomotive was, as usual, turned out to a very high standard by the support crew and, despite some issues over the quality of the coal, put in a thoroughly workman-like performance. There can be no doubt that A1SLT organised outings such as this are getting quite a reputation for delivering great days out!

Between our own itineraries, No. 60163 continues to haul the 'Belmond British

Pullman' with great aplomb, treating happy diners to a stress free tour of the home counties in the finest rake of rolling stock on Network Rail.

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Tornado is seen at Didcot Railway Centre during a night photographic shoot
(Jack Boskett)

NEWS BRIEFS

- **TORNADO AND FLYING SCOTSMAN OPERATE TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME** - *Tornado* will also be making several heritage railway and centre visits during 2016, including sharing the limelight with *Flying Scotsman* at the Severn Valley Railway's Autumn Steam Gala in September (where there will be special events for supporters). The details of other visits are currently being finalised.

- **TORNADO TO HAUL 'THE SCARBOROUGH FLYER'** - The English preoccupation with visiting the seaside prompted the LNER to launch this famous named train in the summer of 1927, running from London King's Cross. After a wartime pause the Scarborough Flyer survived until 1963 when it finally fell victim to the bland uniformity that so typified half a century of BR management.

On the 4th of June we re-create the magic of going by steam to the sea! With *Tornado* in charge we travel all the way from King's Cross along the East Coast Main Line to York, then along the delightfully rural branch line through Malton to Scarborough itself.

Scarborough retains much of its old character, with Victorian cliff lifts linking the higher town with the curving promenade and the beach. The characteristic bustle of the South Bay contrasts with the tranquil North Bay, where you will find the North Bay Railway, probably the finest example of a traditional seaside miniature

railway in Britain, offering fine cliff top views over the North Sea. A special discount is available on production of your tour ticket. Open top sightseeing buses offer a grandstand view of this very agreeable resort and there are bracing seaside walks to be enjoyed too.

After a three hour break *Tornado* hauls the train back to York where an electric loco takes over for the return run to London.

'The Scarborough Flyer' is selling out fast. The only tickets which are still available are Standard Class to York.

This is an A1 Steam Locomotive Trust promoted train with ALL profits going towards the upkeep of *Tornado*. Bookings through [UK Railtours](#).

- **2016 CONVENTION** - A further reminder that the 2016 A1SLT Convention is set to be as informative and enjoyable as ever. On Saturday 1st October, you are welcome to join us to hear from our Trustees about No. 60163 *Tornado's* year in action and to view the progress being made on No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. Held again in Darlington, at the home of the Trust, the day will be hosted at the King's Head Mercure hotel, followed after lunch by bus transfer to Darlington Locomotive Works. The Convention Dinner will be held at the Mercure on the evening, where we are sure to be entertained and enlightened by our Guest Speaker. Due to popular demand, this year's Convention Dinner has no limit on tickets, so it would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible.

TOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 11th May - 'Belmond British Pullman' - London Victoria to Bath & Bristol
- Friday 27th May - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 4th June - 'The Scarborough Flyer' - London King's Cross to York and Scarborough - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 18th June - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 23rd July - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Friday 12th August - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 13th August - 'The Robin Hood' - London King's Cross to Chesterfield - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Wednesday 7th September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - London Victoria to Bath & Bristol
- Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September - Severn Valley Railway Gala
- Friday 30th September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills) (Belmond Provisional Date)
- Saturday 1st October - Annual Convention.

- Saturday 22nd October - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Friday 4th November - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 3rd December - Details to be confirmed

You can download the 2016 tour guide here

THE 163 PACIFICS CLUB PASSES 100 MEMBERS - BUT THERE IS STILL SOME WAY TO GO

Join 'The 163 Pacifics Club' and make *Tornado* debt free. The first debts to be repaid by the Trust were the bridging and personal loans that financed the final dash to completion. In July 2013 we were able to announce the early repayment of the £500,000 Bearer Bond at the end of the 2013. The final step to make *Tornado* debt-free is to purchase 60163's tender, which is currently on a 15 year lease from William Cook Cast Products Ltd.



Tornado's newly re-painted tender at DLW
(John Wilkinson/A1SLT)

How you can help:

We need to raise £200,000 by 2021 to purchase *Tornado's* tender. Following the success of our Regular and Dedicated Donation schemes for the construction of *Tornado*, the Trust have decided on a similar method for the purchase of the tender. However, instead of "an A1 for the price of a pint" and "use your loaf", we've decided to raise the funds in a different way, "The 163 Pacifics Club". Although *Tornado* carries the number '60163', her pre-nationalisation LNER number would have been '163'. If 163 people were to donate £10pm over the eight years until we need to purchase the tender (or alternatively make a one-off donation of £960) with the addition of Gift Aid (£2.50pm or £240 one-off) this would raise £195,600.

As with the previous schemes, this initiative comes with benefits for those who generously take part:

- A numbered certificate (1-163) recording the details of the donation and the number/name of your favourite express passenger pacific from the Gresley A3s/A4s, Thompson A1/1s and Peppercorn A1s.

- Name inscribed on the official Roll of Honour in Darlington Locomotive Works which will detail the Pacific sponsored.
- Entry into a draw for a main line footplate-ride on *Tornado*.

It really is that simple! With your help *Tornado* could be debt free with her paid-for tender behind by 2021 so please complete the [donation form](#) today. Thank you.

ONLINE STORE

Our online store has everything for the *Tornado* enthusiast, from pens to models and children's T-shirts to adult's fleeces.

Contact shop@a1steam.com for details of smoke box number plates carried by *Tornado* - available to buy for just £200!

[Visit our online store to get your hands on some great *Tornado* merchandise.](#)

P2 PROGRESS

You can see all the latest news on the [P2 website](#).

HELP THE TRUST

Your support as Covenantors, Donors and Volunteers remains vital.

- DONATIONS - We continue to encourage donations of all shapes and sizes (every pound counts).
- COVENANTORS - We always welcome new Covenantors as we have overhauls and repairs to fund and still need to finance the balance of the support coach conversion - [Become a covenantor, learn more >](#)
- VOLUNTEERS - Do you have skills that could help the Trust? We can always use extra pairs of hands. If you enjoy meeting people, please consider joining our merchandising team at events and on tours. If your talents involve engineering, locomotive cleaning, or back office work, we can always find something for you to do. Contact volunteer@a1steam.com for more details.
- LEGACY PROGRAMME - We now have a Legacy Giving facility. [Learn more here >](#)
- THE 163 PACIFICS CLUB - join The 163 Pacifics Club to complete the financing of *Tornado*. [Learn more here >](#)

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