

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



With the Belmont Pullmans in tow, *Tornado* passes through Hungerford on 8th May - Tony Bartlett

Welcome to issue No. 70 of *The Tornado Telegraph*. No. 60163 continues to clock up the miles on the 'Belmont British Pullman', completing further Surrey Hills circuits on 11th and 27th May - don't forget that supporters of the Trust can benefit from a 10% discount if a trip is booked before July! In other news membership of The 163 Pacifics Club has now passed the 100 mark, bringing the date when the tender has been paid for ever closer.

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NEWS BRIEFS

- 'THE SEVERN VALLEY VENTURER' ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016 - London Victoria to the Severn Valley Railway. Put the date in your diaries - details are still to be finalised but the train will run via Slough and Reading. Watch this space!

- **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 but special arrangements will be made for A1SLT covenantors.
- **'THE ROBIN HOOD' - LONDON TO CHESTERFIELD ON SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 2016** - a summer trip to Crich and Chatsworth House.

We are delighted to announce the recreation of 'The Robin Hood' and *Tornado's* first visit to Chesterfield on a revenue earning train. This main line steam railtour will run from London King's Cross to Alfreton (for the National Tramway Museum at Crich) and Chesterfield (for Chatsworth House) and back, picking up passengers at Potters Bar (for M25) and Stevenage. This tour will feature No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling historic carriages with passengers in First Class Dining receiving a traditional silver service throughout the journey. *Tornado* first visited Chesterfield and Barrow Hill Roundhouse with her second main line test run from York on 6th November 2008.

The original train named 'The Robin Hood' ran from London's magnificent St. Pancras station to Nottingham Midland station in British Railways days from 1959 to 1962, undoubtedly inspired by the legends of Robin Hood and his Merry Men in Nottinghamshire and the surrounding counties.

On Saturday 13th August 2016, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust will re-create 'The Robin Hood' and the magic of travelling by steam through the English countryside with new ex-LNER Peppercorn Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado*. Our destination is Chesterfield, a town with strong links to Britain's proud railway heritage. George Stephenson, who brought steam hauled railways to the world, lived on the outskirts of the town and a tombstone marks his resting place in Holy Trinity Church. His statue stands in the station forecourt. A visit to Chesterfield gives so many options, from climbing the tower of the Crooked Spire to browsing the market, from taking a walk alongside the Canal and enjoying a pint in one of the local pubs.

Our outward route takes us from the newly restored King's Cross station along the East Coast Main Line to Peterborough where we diverge left on to the former Midland Railway, passing through the ancient county of Rutland and into Leicestershire. From Syston 'The Robin Hood' heads north again, through Loughborough and past the vast expanse of Toton Yard. After a pause at Alfreton we reach Chesterfield where we take a break of around four hours. For added interest, our return route is via Nottingham and Grantham, descending the famous Stoke Bank before re-joining our outward route just north of Peterborough. The entire route off the East Coast Main Line is new for *Tornado* with a revenue earning train.

Passengers travelling on 'The Robin Hood' also have two optional add-on tours, bookable in advance only. Alight from the train at Alfreton and join coaches for the short hop to the National Tramway Museum, containing over 60 trams and set within Crich Tramway Village, a period village containing a pub, cafe, old-style sweetshop and tram depots. This is the date of the museum's 1940s event, with a

frequent service operating and lots more to see besides. Alternatively, coaches meet the train at Chesterfield for the scenic drive to Chatsworth House, where passengers will have around two and a half hours to explore this truly magnificent stately home set in the rolling Derbyshire hills. World-renowned landscape gardener Lancelot 'Capability' Brown transformed the gardens at Chatsworth in 1760. This year is the 300th anniversary of his birth.

- **First Class Dining:** Seats at a table for two* or four in a First Class carriage. Includes a silver service full English breakfast on the outward journey and a four course dinner on the return leg from York.
- **First Class Non-Dining:** Seats at a table for two* or four in a First Class carriage. Includes complimentary teas and coffees. An on-board buffet serving snacks will also be available.
- **Standard Class:** Seats at a table for four in a heritage carriage. An on-board buffet serving snacks and hot & cold beverages will be available.

Ticket prices

£225 First Class Dining

£145 First Class Non-Dining

£99 Standard Class

Provisional Timings for 'The Robin Hood' on Saturday 13th August 2016 are as follows:

STATION	OUTWARD	RETURN
London King's Cross	08:15hrs	21:30hrs
Potters Bar (for M25)	08:45hrs	21:00hrs
Stevenage	09:00hrs	20:45hrs
Alfreton (for Crich)	12:45hrs	17:45hrs
Chesterfield (for Chatsworth House)	13:15hrs	17:15hrs

Terms and conditions are available on request. Guaranteed 'tables for two' in First Class Dining and First Class Non-Dining are available for a supplement of £25.00 per person. All profits from this tour go towards keeping *Tornado* on the main line in future years.

- **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, Nigel Harris. 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.

The invitations and schedule have now been sent out and must be returned before Friday 16th September.

- 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 8th October - 'The Magna Carta' - London King's Cross to Lincoln - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- 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](#)

GET (A TENDER) BEHIND *TORNADO*

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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