

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO  
New Steam for the Main Line



*Tornado* races through Seamer with the returning 'Scarborough Flyer' on  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - Chris Grant

Welcome to issue No. 71 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust is delighted to announce not one but two Christmas specials, one to Bath and another to Canterbury - more details below!

*Tornado* was de-registered from the Rolling Stock Library at midnight on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. There were no reasons for this in terms of paperwork or mechanical condition of our locomotive. Investigations have shown that this was caused by a computer error associated with recent new software introduced by the RSL. As a consequence, the locomotive was unable to haul a train for UK Railtours on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June nor return to London in time for the 'Belmond British Pullman' on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We are pursuing this with the RSL to ensure it doesn't happen again to ourselves and hopefully anyone else. We are also addressing the financial impact this has had on the Trust with relevant parties. *Tornado* returned to London on the 27<sup>th</sup> June to resume her calendar of operations.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

- **‘THE ROBIN HOOD’ - LONDON TO CHESTERFIELD ON SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016** - A summer trip to Crich and Chatsworth House.

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. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August we will re-create ‘The Robin Hood’- our destination is Chesterfield, a town with strong links to Britain’s proud railway heritage. George Stephenson 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 away from 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

Provisional Timings for 'The Robin Hood' on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **'THE SEVERN VALLEY VENTURER' ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016** - London Victoria to Severn Valley Railway. Here's something a little different! Enjoy a special midweek tour, taking *Tornado* all the way from London to Severn Valley Railway. The train originates at London Victoria, taking a route via Kensington Olympia, Willesden, Acton, Slough and Reading, past Oxford's 'dreaming spires' to Banbury for water. The train passes through Leamington Spa, Solihull and Tyseley and Birmingham Snow Hill, thence via Smethwick, Old Hill and Stourbridge Junction to Kidderminster and Severn Valley Railway. With No. 60163 still at the head, the train calls at Bewdley before travelling the length of this superbly preserved railway, passing through idyllic countryside before reaching Bridgnorth. Here you have a break of around three hours. For the return journey from Bridgnorth to Bewdley we have requested the use of Bulleid 'West Country' Pacific No. 34027. At Bewdley a DB Class 66 takes over for the return journey which re-traces our outward route to London Victoria. Your tour ticket will also be valid for travel on scheduled Severn Valley Railway trains, giving a variety of alternative itinerary opportunities. Details and bookings at [UK Railtours](#).
- **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 Power Pacific event in September (where there may be special events for supporters). The details of other visits are currently being finalised but special arrangements will be made for A1SLT covenantors.
- **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY - 'EAST COAST REVIVAL'** - The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and NVR are pleased to announce a new 'East Coast Revival' event, which is planned to take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Our supporters will be receiving a discount voucher enclosed in our next mailing which can be used at NVR between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August.
- **2016 CONVENTION, 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, DARLINGTON** - A further reminder that the

2016 A1SLT Convention is set to be as informative and enjoyable as ever. On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> September.

- **'THE MAGNA CARTA' ON SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** - London to Lincoln via Peterborough and Spalding, three hours in Lincoln and return via the East Coast Main Line.
- **'THE BATH CHRISTMAS SPA EXPRESS' ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER** - A festive foray to Bath and Bristol from London (Victoria).
- **'THE CHRISTMAS CANTERBURY TALE' ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** - A gentle perambulation from London (Victoria) round the 'Garden of England' via Tonbridge to Canterbury followed by a return run through Sandwich, Deal and Dover.

## TOUR DIARY

- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 'The Robin Hood' - London King's Cross to Chesterfield - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - London Victoria to Bath & Bristol
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September - 'The Severn Valley Venturer' - London Victoria to The Severn Valley Railway - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Severn Valley Railway Gala
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills) (Belmond Provisional Date)
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Annual Convention
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 'The Magna Carta' - London King's Cross to Lincoln - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Raitours](#)

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 'The Bath Spa Christmas Express' - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills) (Belmond Provisional Date)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 'The Christmas Canterbury Tale' - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills) (Belmond Provisional Date)

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. 'The 163 Pacifics Club' is starting to gain traction with 108 of the 163 having already found new 'shed allocations' - but there is still a way to go.



*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](mailto: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](mailto: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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