

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



**60163 TORNADO**  
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No. 72 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Having returned to London at the end of June, *Tornado* resumed her duties on 'The Belmond British Pullman' with a Surrey Hills Circular tour on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.



*Tornado* is seen approaching Betchworth with the Belmond Pullmans on 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
- Andrew Shapland

The offer of a 'Torbay Express' could not be ignored and *Tornado* will stand in for *Braunton* of 7<sup>th</sup> August - an ideal chance for those in the West Country to travel behind our locomotive again. We have just published our revised 2016/17 Tour Guide which now includes two new dates for 2017 - you can download the guide [here](#).

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## NEWS BRIEFS

- **TORNADO ON 'THE TORBAY EXPRESS' AGAIN!**  
Torbay Express Limited have contacted us and asked if we could step in at short notice

and offer the use of No. 60163 *Tornado* for 'The Torbay Express' on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, and of course we were pleased to help out! 'The Torbay Express' runs from Bristol Temple Meads, Weston-super-Mare and Taunton to Kingswear and return - experience train travel as it used to be aboard 'The Torbay Express'

This summer Sunday train follows the route of Brunel's picturesque Great Western Railway, speeding across the Somerset levels and around the beautiful Devon coastline on one of the most enchanting railway journeys in the world. A day out in heritage carriages, with slam doors and opening windows, is a chance to sit back, relax and enjoy a rail journey from a bygone era when steam was king and everyone travelled to their summer holiday on the English Riviera aboard a train.

Destinations:

Paignton - Spend a break of up to five hours enjoying a relaxed time in this seaside resort where you can take a dip in the sea on the magnificent sea front; try the arcades or ice cream parlours.

Dartmouth - Alight at Kingswear and take the ferry (included in the ticket price) across the River Dart to spend four hours exploring this picturesque and historic town. Local attractions include:

- The nearby National Trust properties of Greenway House (former home of Agatha Christie)
- Coleton Fishacre (the former country home of the D'Oyly Carte family)
- The Britannia Royal Naval College (giving an insight into the Royal Navy)
- Dartmouth Castle
- Cruises on the River Dart (including aboard paddle steamer Kingswear Castle - the last remaining coal-fired paddle steamer in operation in the UK today)

For full details and to book, please visit <http://www.torbayexpress.co.uk/tours.aspx>



*Tornado at Teignmouth on 'The Torbay Express' in 2009 - Mark Wilkins*

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

\*\*This is the last chance to book for this train, there are only a handful of 1<sup>st</sup> Class

dining and 1<sup>st</sup> Class non-dining seats left and only a few dozen Standard Class places unreserved - don't miss out!\*\*

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.

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. 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.

- 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.
- 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	FARE
First Class Dining	£225.00
First Class Non-Dining	£145.00
Standard Class	£99.00

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](http://UKRailtours.com). This trip is selling well so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

STATION	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Victoria	08:30	21:35
Slough (for M25)	09:25	20:45
Reading	09.55	20.25

Standard Class (a buffet is available): £99.00

First Class Non-Dining (includes complimentary tea or coffee. A buffet car is available): £149.00

The First Class Dining (includes the Great British Breakfast, morning coffee and a four course dinner): £225.00

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

- **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.

- **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

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August - 'The Torbay Express' - Bristol to Kingswear and return - bookings through [Torbay Express](#)
- 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 Railtours](#)
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Nene Valley Railway 'East Coast Revival' - Nene Valley Railway
- 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 Railtours](#)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Severn Valley Railway Gala, 'Pacific Power'
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 'Belmond British Pullman' - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills) (Belmond Provisional Date)
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 'The Magna Carta' - London King's Cross to Lincoln - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- 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)
- 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)

### 2017 NEW A1SLT TOURS!

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 'The White Rose' - London King's Cross to Leeds - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 'The Red Dragon' - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours

You can download the 2016/17 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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