

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No.75 of The *Tornado* Telegraph.

With no signs of the pace slackening, *Tornado* was once again busy during October, running to Lincoln and back with 'The Magna Carta' on Saturday 8th, the 'Belmond British Pullman' on Saturday 22nd and preparing for a light engine move to the Severn Valley Railway - see the 'Stop Press' item.

NEWS BRIEFS

- **STOP PRESS!** - *Tornado* has been confirmed to star in the Severn Valley Railway's 'Season Finale Gala' on Saturday 5th November. From Friday 4th - Sunday 6th November the SVR ends its year in style, with an intensive service of trains running into the early evenings, a number of very special experiences and other attractions up and down the railway. *Tornado* was a surprise visiting locomotive to star in the event, returning to the railway following the hugely successful 'Pacific Power' event with *Flying Scotsman*.

Making its first appearance on the railway in over 10 years, LMS *Crab* No. 13065 (in stunning crimson lake livery) joins the cast from the East Lancashire Railway and the third visiting locomotive for the event will be GWR No. 4270. Built in 1919, the heavy-freight 2-8-0 tank is owned by Jeremy Hosking and comes from the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway. Returning to the SVR after its previous visit in 2015, No. 4270 will be the largest tank engine in operation at the event. The starring locomotives will join newly-overhauled GWR pair No. 813 and No. 7714 (subject to completion of overhauls), as well as No. 4566 which is due to make its last Gala appearance.

You can find full details on the Severn Valley Railway's [website](#).

- **CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING** - Why not visit our online store at www.a1steam.com to find that special present for the discerning *Tornado* follower! Presents to suit everyone from key rings to mouse mats, tea towels to pencil cases, cotton shopping bags to snuggly fleeces for the cold winter days! Order now to avoid disappointment using the [order form](#) or visit us [online](#). *NEW* We now have gift vouchers available for tours behind *Tornado* when using our booking agent. For more information on these vouchers, please contact Gemma on 01325 460163 or gemma.braithwaite@a1steam.com. A great idea for a memorable day out with your favourite locomotive.

- **THE 'BELMOND BRITISH PULLMAN' ON FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER** - This 'Belmond British Pullman' marked the retirement of their train manager, Jeff Monk. Jeff dedicated the last 30 years to the company as well as the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and The Belmond Northern Belle. To mark the occasion *Tornado* carried a headboard in his honour as well as the 'Belmond British Pullman' one.



Jeff Monk in front of 'his' train - Michelle Breen

- **'THE MAGNA CARTA' ON SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER** - *Tornado* set out from London King's Cross station and headed to Lincoln with this main line steam railtour. It proved to be an eventful day in more ways than one! The water stop at Holme was complicated by access problems and a report of a body on the line (later, alas, confirmed) meant the tour was re-routed via Newark, arriving nearly an hour late in Lincoln. Coaling at Lincoln was by hand but despite this, some lively running on the return saw an on-time arrival at King's Cross - full marks to all involved.



Tornado is readied at King's Cross - Graham Nicholas

- **THE 'BELMOND BRITISH PULLMAN' ON SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER** - *Tornado* completed another successful Surrey Hills luncheon special with the Pullmans.

- **‘THE BATH CHRISTMAS SPA EXPRESS’ ON THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER** - A festive foray to Bath and Bristol from London (Victoria).

The graceful city of Bath is a wonderful place to visit at any time of year, but never more so than in the festive tide. Bath Christmas Market sees the centre of Bath transformed into a magical Christmas paradise as over 170 chalets packed full of individual Christmas gifts line the streets surrounding the Roman Baths and Bath Abbey. The aroma of warming mulled wine and freshly baked mince pies, enjoyed with a generous sprinkling of cheering carols, will get even the biggest of humbugs into the Christmas spirit! Bath is a compact city and the station is only moments from the Baths and the Abbey. This trip also offers an alternative destination, Bristol, awash with centuries of seafaring history. Maybe hop on a sightseeing bus to visit the dramatic Clifton Suspension Bridge, the SS Great Britain or the historic docks. Here also, the Christmas shopping possibilities are endless.

One of two Christmas steam specials, as *Tornado* ventures into Great Western territory. The route, outward and return, is via Reading, Newbury, the Westbury East Chord and along the bucolic Avon Valley by way of Trowbridge. Passengers will have around four hours in Bath, or around three and a half if they choose Bristol. To meet the great demand at this time of year most seating is First Class Dining but a limited number of Standard Class seats are also available.

Provisional timings:

STATION	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Victoria	09:00	21:50
Staines	10:10	21:05
Ascot	10:30	20:45

Ticket prices:

Standard Class: £99.00

First Class Non Dining £149.00

First Class Dining £ 235.00

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.

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- **‘THE CHRISTMAS CANTERBURY TALE’ ON MONDAY 12TH 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. Canterbury’s skyline is dominated by the stunning Cathedral, the oldest in England, generally regarded as the cradle of English Christianity. But the cathedral is only part of the story; the ancient ruins of St Augustine’s Abbey and St. Martin’s Church form Canterbury’s UNESCO World Heritage Site. Although Canterbury is a place steeped in tradition it is also a modern and vibrant city with a fine range of interesting and individual shops, cafes and pubs.

This is a very pleasant and gentle itinerary, featuring *Tornado* for the whole journey, with very civilised start and finishing times, ideal for a pre-Christmas day out. The outward route takes in ‘the Garden of England’ by way of Tonbridge and Ashford. From Canterbury West station it is a short walk to the city centre and the cathedral. There are no hills to cope with so it’s an easy place to explore and passengers have around three hours in this most welcoming of English cities.

The way home is a circular tour via Sandwich and Deal, glimpsing the odd vestige of the area’s coal mining past set amidst the otherwise idyllic coastal scenery. The route is via the Channel Ports of Dover and Folkestone before passing by the iconic White Cliffs of Dover. There will be a short break at Paddock Wood while *Tornado* takes on water. As befits the season, the train will be mostly First Class Dining, but

a limited number of Standard Class seats are available too.

This tour is promoted by The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust with UK Railtours acting as ticket agents. All profits will go towards keeping *Tornado* on the main line in future years.

All timings are provisional and intended only as a guide.

STATION	OUTWARD	RETURN
London Victoria	09:45	18:55
Bromley South	10:05	18:30
Sevenoaks	10:35	17:55

Ticket prices:

Standard Class: £89.00

First Class Non Dining £139.00

First Class Dining £ 215.00

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TOUR DIARY

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

2017 NEW A1SLT TOURS!

- Saturday 11th February 'The Red Rose' - London Victoria to Cosford, Telford Central or Shrewsbury - A1SLT promoted tour, bookings through UK Railtours
- Wednesday 1st March - 'The St David' - London Paddington to Cardiff - 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 over 125 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 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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