

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



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

Welcome to issue No.79 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

February was remarkable for producing three incredible days of timetabled running on the Settle & Carlisle Railway, *Tornado* operating Northern Rail's 'Plandampf' services to herald the re-opening of the S&C route in March. There then followed an action packed day with 'The Saint David' to Cardiff on 1<sup>st</sup> March - life is never dull with No. 60163!

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Timetabled *Tornado*! No. 60163 is seen near Waitby on the S&C - Geoff Griffiths

## NEWS BRIEFS

- **'PLANDAMPF' ON THE SETTLE & CARLISLE RAILWAY** - When the Trust was first approached in late Summer of 2016 about running a 'Plandampf' on the truncated Settle & Carlisle route, it seemed a wonderful idea but unlikely to happen. To run planned steam in lieu of scheduled DMU services is not easy; costs are higher, standard ticket prices have to apply and steam isn't as swift as modern traction, especially when more capacity is added to accommodate demand. However, at a meeting in early December momentum started to build and Northern MD Alex Hynes coined the phrase 'I ♥ S&C'.

Network Rail was 100% supportive and pulled out all the stops to ensure that the trains rain as well as possible. An idea first mooted by Nigel Harris and Tony Streeter of Bauer Media might just happen.

For the Trust to be asked to develop the plan, and seek to bring industry partners together is a great honour, and shows the esteem *Tornado* is held in by the industry. DB Cargo's new CEO came on board and backed the venture agreeing to run the trains for a reduced fee. From the green light being given, to *Tornado* departing London for Appleby, was five weeks. It really showed what can be done when the industry works together.

Northern have reported that between 5,500 and 6,000 people travelled on the trains, and there were many thousands at the lineside. Tourist spots such as Appleby Castle, which would have been closed, were open. The hotels, bars and restaurants were full in the area every lunch time and evening. The media still came to witness the event and it reached as far as the Czech Republic, Malta, America and Australia. The BBC were still following the story, and the beautiful sound of *Tornado*, on the following Sunday.

Paul Barnfield, Regional Director at Northern, said, "*Tornado's* visit to the Settle and Carlisle line has been fantastic. During the three days more than 5,500 people travelled on the steam services and it was great to see so many Northern customers entering into the spirit of the celebration. This was the first timetabled steam service in England for almost 50 years and to be able to bring *Tornado* to such an iconic and visually stunning line, as a way of saying thank you, was a genuine pleasure." Paul added, "I'd like to give my thanks to all partners who made the event possible. Running a 21<sup>st</sup> Century timetabled steam service is unprecedented in England and though there were challenges along the way, there is no doubt that *Tornado's* visit was a remarkable success."

Richard Corser, DB Cargo UK's Account Manager for Charters, Special Trains and Resource Hires, said, "We were delighted to collaborate with our rail industry colleagues on these historic services. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastically the local communities welcomed the trains, from school children to older generations. And it goes without saying that we're very proud of our DB Cargo UK train crew for No. 60163 *Tornado*, with their combined experience of approximately 80 years working on steam locomotives they made sure the passengers had a journey that they're sure to remember fondly for many years to come."

Douglas Hodgins, Friends of the Settle & Carlisle Line Chairman, added, "This has been a sell-out success and a huge credit to all those involved. There must be lessons here about the demand for steam, scenery and rail travel in general. It was the perfect curtain raiser for the re-opening of the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle route on 31<sup>st</sup> March."

You can read the full story in the latest edition of *The Communication Cord*.

- **'THE SAINT DAVID' ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** - A day of very mixed fortunes for *Tornado* and her support crew! This ambitious tour was to take No. 60163 from Paddington to Cardiff via Bristol Parkway and return via Gloucester, Sapperton and Swindon, however, things got off to a bad start with the locomotive and support coach trapped at Stewarts Lane by the failure of a GBRf freight train leading to a 67 minute late departure from the depot. The delay was cut to a 48 minute late departure from Paddington and the DBC crew had reduced this to a little over 20 minutes by the time the train called at Swindon. However, a further pathing delay added 35 minutes to the

schedule but despite this 'The Saint David' arrived in Cardiff just 15 minutes down. All credit to the DB Cargo crews who performed wonders to regain time and adjust planned crew changes to fit round the disrupted timings. A full frontal assault on Sapperton Bank in the pouring rain only added extra sparkle to what proved to be an eventful day out!



With evidence of the GW electrification in progress, *Tornado* hustles 'The Saint David' through Twyford - *Peter Lovell*

• **TORNADO JOINS THE NVR's 'BEST OF BRITISH' ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS -** *Tornado* is returning to the Nene Valley Railway to help the railway to celebrate its 'Best of British' weekend in the year of the railway's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In her first visit to a heritage railway in 2017, *Tornado* will arrive at the Nene Valley Railway on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April and depart on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. *Tornado* is anticipated to have four operational days and the following activities are planned.

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Best of British 'Jolly Fisherman' fish & chips dining train hauled by *Tornado*
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - *Tornado* driver experience courses
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - *Tornado* in passenger service.

Nene Valley Railway is the UK's leading international steam attraction, based at Wansford Station, and covering the stations of Ferry Meadows, Orton Mere, Yarwell Junction, and Peterborough. As both a living heritage railway, which is tended to by its loyal band of volunteers, and a thriving attraction for the public to enjoy all year round, Nene Valley Railway offers the chance to experience the thrill of riding a steam engine; learn about the railway's history; and explore the picturesque surroundings of the Nene Valley area. You can also drive and fire *Tornado* with the NVR Driver Experience Courses on 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April see their web page for more details [here](#). For Further information, and to book, please visit [www.nvr.org.uk](http://www.nvr.org.uk) or call the railway on 01780 784444.

• **'THE HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN'** - Enjoy a fabulous steam hauled journey to Edinburgh, taking in the sights of the East Coast Main Line. More information [here](#).

• ‘THE TALISMAN’ - Take a day trip to historic York to visit the NRM, minster and Shambles, or continue north to Darlington to see the remarkable progress of the P2 project. Round off the day with a spectacular return leg, speeding by steam down Stoke Bank, where Mallard broke the steam speed record in 1938. More information [here](#).

• ‘THE EASTERLING’ - A jolly day out at the seaside on August Bank Holiday Monday! Fondly recalling a train of the same name from the 1950’s this jaunt to Great Yarmouth should be unmissable. Full details can be seen [here](#).

## TOUR DIARY

- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - ‘Belmond British Pullman’ - The Golden Age of Travel (Surrey Hills)
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Nene Valley Railway ‘Best of British’ weekend - NVR
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April - ‘The North Briton’ - Leicester to Carlisle - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#) - **SOLD OUT**
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - ‘The Heart of Midlothian’ - Peterborough to Edinburgh - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - ‘The Talisman’ - London King’s Cross to Darlington - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - ‘The Cornishman’ - London Paddington to Penzance - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Bodmin & Wenford Railway
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June - ‘The Torbay Express’ - Bristol to Kingswear and return - [Torbay Express](#)
- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - ‘The Torbay Express’ - Bristol to Kingswear and return - [Torbay Express](#)
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - ‘The Torbay Express’ - Bristol to Kingswear and return - [Torbay Express](#)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - ‘The Easterling’ - London King’s Cross to Great Yarmouth - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September - ‘The Border Raider’ - Birmingham for the Settle & Carlisle Railway - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Barrow Hill Roundhouse ‘Pacific Power’ weekend
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October - ‘The Tees-Tyne Express’ - Dorrige to Newcastle and return - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

You can download the 2017 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 nearly there with 140 of the 163 having already found new 'shed allocations' - don't miss out!

Some Pacifics still available:

No. 60032 Gannet

No. 60042 Singapore

No. 60069 Sceptre

No. 60075 St. Frusquin

No. 60083 Sir Hugo

No. 60095 Flamingo



*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 ROADSHOWS - AN AUDIENCE WITH *PRINCE OF WALES*

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust recently announced that it will be holding a series of presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* along the route of the East Coast Main Line from London to Edinburgh and all the way to Aberdeen during 2017. Each presentation will feature key Trust personnel including Mark Allatt and David Elliott and will cover the background to the project, progress to-date, future plans and details of how to get involved. **We would encourage you to attend one of these Roadshows and bring along some friends and family members who would be interested in hearing about the project.** The two hour presentation will run from 11:00hrs to 13:00hrs on each of the days listed below and are open to existing supporters and interested members of the public:

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery, Doncaster
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 - York Railway Institute, York
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Newcastle Mining Institute, Newcastle
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 - Edinburgh Jury's Inn, Edinburgh
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Dundee Heritage Trust Discovery Point, Dundee
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Aberdeen Jury's Inn, Aberdeen.

## 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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