

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No. 85 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

The past few weeks have been busy ones for *Tornado* and her support crew. Since the production of *The Tornado Telegraph* No. 84 No. 60163 worked a hugely successful series of trains on 12th August in association with the Walton-on-the-Naze 150th railway anniversary, an excellent Bank Holiday train to Great Yarmouth on 28th August with 'The Easterling', made an appearance at the last Old Oak Common Open Day on 2nd September and worked the final 'Torbay Express' on Sunday 10th September.

Plans for next year continue to evolve, the first two trains of 2018 have been announced, 'The North Briton', and 'The Sulis and Sarum Express' (full details below) and we can now reveal the reason for *Tornado's* mysterious trips around the capital by low-loader earlier this year, a small bear with a fondness for marmalade sandwiches! In other news *Tornado* is to visit Barrow Hill this month for its re-opening and the North Yorkshire Moors Railway next March.

We have hit our initial target for The 163 Pacifics Club and have 166 members of the club. This was extended two months ago to include additional locomotives due to popular demand. We still have 45 locomotives available to sponsor (available locomotives are listed below). As you have read in TCC, we are running to a stand still on A1 Covenantors due to the effect anno domini. We would encourage those who haven't yet signed up as an A1 Covenantor to consider joining us to support the running of No. 60163 *Tornado*. You can download the forms [here](#).

Plus, an exciting announcement ... !

Please forward this email to any family or friends you believe the Trust's activities would be of interest to.

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In evening sunshine 'The Walton Pier Express' passes Wivenhoe - Keith Halton

****FIRST 90MPH TOUR****

Following a successful test run in April 2017, when *Tornado* reached a top speed of 100mph, passengers are now invited to join the locomotive on 'The Ebor Flyer' on 14th April 2018. This will be *Tornado's* first public train where 90mph will be authorised on the East Coast Main Line. The destination for this exciting excursion is York, where passengers will have up to four hours to enjoy the sights and sounds of this fascinating and historic city. This is one train not to be missed!

Recreating the glory days of express steam travel, this train will follow the LNER route out of the capital heading north to collect passengers from the popular M25 railhead of Potters Bar before roaring onwards passed the historic rail hub of Doncaster to York.

Passengers visiting York can take time to explore the city centre with the historic Minster and Shambles, or enjoy the many riverside bars and eateries. For a real rail adventure, The National Railway Museum stands close to York station and passengers may wish to visit the steam giants of the past.

Steam hauled throughout, the return journey promises to be as thrilling as the outward. On the route south passengers can be assured of a swift journey as the train travels down Stoke Bank, the location where *Mallard* broke the world steam speed record of 126mph in 1938.

Operations Director Graeme Bunker-James commented, "Thousands of pounds, months of planning and a well-documented, nerve-jangling evening of high speed test runs all culminate in *Tornado's* first 90mph train, 'The Ebor Flyer'. We hope that our supporters will enjoy the thrill of travelling at higher speeds, as we look to fit in with the modern rail network."

Tickets for this train are expected to sell quickly and covenantors are advised to buy tickets early to ensure their place on the first 90mph *Tornado* railtour. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

NEWS BRIEFS

- **NO. 60163 TO STAR AT BARROW HILL RE-OPENING** - The Grand Reopening Gala originally planned to

take place over two days will now start on Friday 22nd September, continuing on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September. The three day celebration will mark the reopening of Barrow Hill Roundhouse following the completion of the £1.2 million restoration project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The gala will star two icons of steam, *Tornado* and the National Railway Museum's A3 No. 60103 *Flying Scotsman*. This will be the first visit to the Roundhouse by *Flying Scotsman* since a BR Open Day in 1974. It will also be the first opportunity for many to get up close to the locomotive alongside her sister East Coast racehorse, 100mph *Tornado*, against the unique and authentic backdrop of the Roundhouse. You can find full details [here](#).

- **TORNADO SET TO STORM THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS RAILWAY** - *Tornado* will be working on the scenic North Yorkshire Moors Railway line from Saturday 3rd March to Sunday 11th March, and you don't want to miss it! You can read full details [here](#).
- **PADDINGTON AND TORNADO (AND WE DON'T MEAN THE STATION!)** - We are delighted to announce that the locomotive plays a starring role in the new PADDINGTON 2 movie to be released on 10th November 2017 along with luxury vintage train, 'Belmond British Pullman'. In celebration of the release of PADDINGTON 2 on 10th November 2017, *Tornado* is to haul two Paddington Afternoon Tea journeys aboard 'Belmond British Pullman', bringing the magic of Paddington's adventures to London's favourite train. You see more [here](#).
- **TWO NEW TOURS ANNOUNCED FOR 2018** - The first of many tours for 2018 have now been announced, 'The North Briton' on Saturday 24th February is the curtain-raiser for the new season, taking our passengers from East Anglia to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and returning via the Newcastle line and East Coast Main Line - full details below. The second runs on Saturday 24th March 2018, 'The Sulis and Sarum Express' from the West Midlands to Bath and Salisbury - again, full details in the diary below.
- **'THE CHESTER CHRISTMAS CRACKER'** - A tour providing a festive day out to an ancient market town. What a great way to get into the Christmas spirit, enjoying a special trip to one of the country's most popular Christmas markets. You can read the full itinerary and book tickets [here](#).



TOUR DIARY

- Saturday 16th September - 'The Border Raider' - Birmingham for the Settle & Carlisle Railway - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#) - SOLD OUT

- Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th September - Barrow Hill Roundhouse 'Pacific Power' weekend
- Saturday 7th October - 'The Tees-Tyne Express' - Dorridge to Newcastle and return - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#) - SOLD OUT
- Saturday 25th November - 'The Chester Christmas Cracker' - London to Chester and return (*Tornado* comes off at Bescot on the return which is completed with electric traction) - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

2018 TOURS

- Saturday 24th February 2018 - 'The North Briton' - Cambridge to Carlisle and return (*Tornado* comes on at Doncaster) - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 24th March 2018 - 'The Sulis and Sarum Express' - West Midlands to Bath and Salisbury - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 14th April 2018 - 'The Ebor Flyer' - London to York - FIRST 90MPH RAILTOUR - A1SLT promoted tour - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

ONE LAST PUSH TO GET (A TENDER) BEHIND *TORNADO*

Membership of The 163 Pacifics Club has grown steadily since its launch in September 2013 and 166 of the locomotives have already received new 'shed allocations'. Due to popular demand, we released an additional 46 'Pacifics' from the Raven class A2s, Thompson classes A2/1s, A2/2s, A2/3s, Peppercorn class A2s and Gresley class A4s (including destroyed No. 4469 *Gadwall*). One supporter has chosen to sponsor the 'honorary Pacific', Gresley class W1 4-6-4 No. 10000/60700 which was un-named but also had 6ft 8in driving wheels. We have 45 locomotives still available to sponsor.



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'.

Remaining Pacifics:

No. 2400 *City of Newcastle*
No. 2403 *City of Durham*
No. 60040 *Cameronian*
No. 60073 *St. Gatien*
No. 60088 *Book Law*
No. 60144 *King's Courier*
No. 60507 *Highland Chieftain*
No. 60512 *Steady Aim*
No. 60515 *Sun Stream*
No. 60518 *Tehran*
No. 60521 *Watling Street*
No. 60526 *Sugar Palm*
No. 60529 *Pearl Diver*
No. 60534 *Irish Elegance*
No. 60537 *Bachelors Button*

No. 2401 *City of Kingston upon Hull*
No. 2404 *City of Ripon*
No. 60066 *Merry Hampton*
No. 60075 *St. Frusquin*
No. 60095 *Flamingo*
No. 60503 *Lord President*
No. 60508 *Duke of Rothesay*
No. 60513 *Dante*
No. 60516 *Hycilla*
No. 60519 *Honeyway*
No. 60522 *Straight Deal*
No. 60527 *Sun Chariot*
No. 60531 *Bahram*
No. 60535 *Hornets Beauty*
No. 60538 *Velocity*

No. 2402 *City of York*
No. 60005 *Sir Charles Newton*
No. 60070 *Gladiateur*
No. 60083 *Sir Hugo*
No. 60104 *Solario*
No. 60504 *Mons Meg*
No. 60510 *Robert the Bruce*
No. 60514 *Chamossaire*
No. 60517 *Ocean Swell*
No. 60520 *Owen Tudor*
No. 60524 *Herringbone*
No. 60528 *Tudor Minstrel*
No. 60533 *Happy Knight*
No. 60536 *Trimbush*
No. 60539 *Bronzino*

As with the previous schemes, this initiative comes with benefits for those who generously take part:

- A numbered certificate recording the details of the donation and the number/name of your favourite express passenger pacific from the Gresley A3s/A4s, Thompson A1/1s, Peppercorn A1s, Raven class A2s, Thompson classes A2/1s, A2/2s, A2/3s, Peppercorn class A2s and Gresley class A4s (destroyed No. 4469 *Gadwall*)
- 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 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 14th October 2017 - Dundee Heritage Trust Discovery Point, Dundee
- Saturday 25th 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 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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