

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No. 87 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

2018 promises to be a ground-breaking year for *Tornado*; not only does the Trust have an attractive and varied selection of trips planned, we will commence 90mph operations with 'The Ebor Flyer' and celebrate *Tornado*'s 10th birthday with a Pullman train to York. In addition Golden Eagle Tours have selected No. 60163 as the primary traction for an epic 12 day land cruise of the British Isles with the 'Royal Scotsman' set of coaches, exposing our locomotive to an international guest list of dedicated rail travellers. On the other hand, *Tornado* will be getting plenty of exposure this autumn as one of the stars of the new PADDINGTON 2 movie, a role which landed No. 60163 with a very special tour on 16th October, hauling the Belmond Pullmans on behalf of the BAFTA film charity.

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Hugh Bonneville and Princes William and Harry and The Duchess of Cornwall at Paddington - James Gillham - Studiocanal

NEWS BRIEFS

• **THE PRINCES, PADDINGTON AND TORNADO** - On 16th October, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry met children about to set off for the trip of a lifetime on board the 'Belmond British Pullman', hauled by *Tornado*. Nearly 130 children were nominated by Their Royal Highnesses' Charities Forum which brings together their key charities to benefit from each other's different specialisms and experience and make

wonderful things like this train journey happen! The event was supported by film charity BAFTA of which The Duke of Cambridge is President. The Duchess of Cambridge surprised the gathering by performing an impromptu dance with Paddington on the platform while a calypso band played in the background. You can see a selection of images from the day [here](#).



Paddington meets the crew - Alex Morton

- **TORNADO TO HAUL BRITAIN'S MOST EXCLUSIVE RAILTOUR** - We are delighted to announce that as part of her 10th birthday celebrations next year *Tornado* will haul an exclusive Golden Eagle Luxury Trains charter using the 'Royal Scotsman' carriages from Inverness to Penzance as part of a 2,000 mile itinerary. Tickets will be on sale next week for Britain's most exclusive ever steam railtour. Just 38 passengers will be able to travel on this multi-day trip with places costing from £29,995 sharing. Departing from Edinburgh on 15th October 2018, and ending there 12 days later, the anniversary railtour will combine some of Britain's most popular tourist destinations including the Highlands, Stonehenge, Bath and Snowdonia. The nights before and after the trip are spent in Edinburgh's Balmoral Hotel - formerly the North British Hotel - alongside Waverley station. The tour marks the UK debut for its promoter, Golden Eagle Luxury Trains which, although based in Altrincham near Manchester, has its main business in Russia. 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](#).
- **'THE CHESTER CHRISTMAS CRACKER'** - Last call for 'The Cracker'! There are only a few tickets left for this jolly trip, 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](#).
- **'THE SULIS & SARUM EXPRESS'** - Especially for our friends in the West Midlands we're really delighted to announce another great tour featuring No. 60163 throughout, heading to the beautiful West Country cities of Bath and Salisbury. On Saturday 24th March, the tour begins at the handy 'park and ride' railhead of Tame Bridge Parkway before calling also at Birmingham New Street, Bromsgrove, Worcester Shrub Hill and Cheltenham Spa. We then travel by way of Bristol Parkway, and Dr Day's Junction to reach Bath, then onward via Westbury and Warminster to arrive at Salisbury. The return trip will see *Tornado's* first ascent of the Lickey Incline with a railtour - not to be missed! Full details and booking link [here](#).
- **'THE CANTERBURY TALE'** - This promises to be a wonderful day trip; not only visiting one of the country's most historic cities where the sights and sounds of old England can be enjoyed, but also the beautiful journey will take the train along the foot of the iconic White Cliffs, providing passengers stunning views of the Kent coast. On Saturday 19th May, Canterbury bound, the train departs from Peterborough station and heads south, with station calls at St. Neots, Stevenage, Potters Bar and Finsbury Park. The train then continues out of the capital heading East towards Maidstone and Ashford, before the final leg of our outward journey to Canterbury. The return run follows the White Cliffs of Dover before heading inland and home; a really

TOURS

2017

- 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

- Saturday 24th February - 'The North Briton' - Cambridge, Ely, March, Peterborough, Newark Northgate and Doncaster to Carlisle - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th March - North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Friday 16th to Sunday 18th March - Severn Valley Railway
- Saturday 24th March - 'The Sulis and Sarum Express' - West Midlands Stations to Bath and Salisbury - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April - East Lancashire Railway
- Saturday 14th April - 'The Ebor Flyer' (First 90mph train) London to York - **SOLD OUT**
- Saturday 21st April - Midland Railway Centre
- Saturday 28th April - 'The Ynys Mon Express' - East Midlands and North Staffordshire stations to North Wales Coast (Option: Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 13th May - Nene Valley Railway
- Saturday 19th May - 'The Canterbury Tale' - Peterborough, St. Neots, Stevenage, Potters Bar and Finsbury Park to Canterbury and Dover Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 2nd June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - Belmond British Pullman luxury train from London to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 21st July - 'The Talisman' - London to Durham (Option: Beamish) and Newcastle. Return journey with Deltic diesel locomotive D9009 *Alycidon* - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July - 10th Anniversary Party - Darlington
- Saturday 1st August - 'The Mad Hatter' - 10th anniversary train - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 13th October - A1/P2 Convention - Darlington

[Download your 2018 tour brochure here](#)

RECRUIT A FRIEND!

If you know of anyone who has a keen interest in railways, *Tornado* or even someone who simply likes photographing *Tornado* please forward this email to them in an attempt to encourage them to sign up to being a monthly supporter of No. 60163 *Tornado*. More information can be found [here](#).

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

The last few months have seen tremendous progress in our campaign to raise £200,000 to pay for No. 60163 *Tornado's* tender. Membership of the extended 163 Pacifics Club has grown steadily since its launch in September 2013 and at the time of writing, 169 Pacifics of the available 210 have already found new shed allocations and over £200,000 pledged, leaving only 41 remaining for sponsorship. With *Tornado* having attained the magic 100mph and scheduled to haul her first 90mph train, 'The Ebor Flyer', on 14th April 2018, let's complete the project we embarked upon in 1990 through the purchase of No. 60163's tender before the start of her 10th birthday celebrations in August 2018.



*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 Trustees have 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. Due to popular demand, an additional 46 'Pacifics' were released 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.

Remaining Pacifics:

No. 2401 <i>City of Kingston upon Hull</i>	No. 2403 <i>City of Durham</i>	No. 2404 <i>City of Ripon</i>
No. 60005 <i>Sir Charles Newton</i>	No. 60040 <i>Cameronian</i>	No. 60053 <i>Sansovino</i>
No. 60066 <i>Merry Hampton</i>	No. 60073 <i>St. Gatien</i>	No. 60075 <i>St. Frusquin</i>
No. 60083 <i>Sir Hugo</i>	No. 60088 <i>Book Law</i>	No. 60095 <i>Flamingo</i>
No. 60503 <i>Lord President</i>	No. 60504 <i>Mons Meg</i>	No. 60507 <i>Highland Chieftain</i>
No. 60508 <i>Duke of Rothesay</i>	No. 60510 <i>Robert the Bruce</i>	No. 60512 <i>Steady Aim</i>
No. 60513 <i>Dante</i>	No. 60514 <i>Chamossaire</i>	No. 60515 <i>Sun Stream</i>
No. 60516 <i>Hycilla</i>	No. 60517 <i>Ocean Swell</i>	No. 60518 <i>Tehran</i>
No. 60519 <i>Honeyway</i>	No. 60520 <i>Owen Tudor</i>	No. 60521 <i>Watling Street</i>
No. 60522 <i>Straight Deal</i>	No. 60524 <i>Herringbone</i>	No. 60526 <i>Sugar Palm</i>
No. 60527 <i>Sun Chariot</i>	No. 60528 <i>Tudor Minstrel</i>	No. 60529 <i>Pearl Diver</i>
No. 60531 <i>Bahram</i>	No. 60533 <i>Happy Knight</i>	No. 60534 <i>Irish Elegance</i>
No. 60535 <i>Hornets Beauty</i>	No. 60536 <i>Trimbush</i>	No. 60537 <i>Bachelors Button</i>
No. 60538 <i>Velocity</i>	No. 60539 <i>Bronzino</i>	

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 UPDATE



Progress on No. 2007 - Mandy Grant

For more information about No. 2007 please click [here](#).

Roadshows

We will be holding a series of presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. Having almost reached the end of our 2017 diary we have now announced new dates for 2018. 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 25th November 2017 - Aberdeen Jury's Inn, Aberdeen.

NEW ROADSHOW DATES FOR 2018 (venues to be confirmed):

- Saturday 13th January 2018 - London
- Saturday 10th February - Peterborough
- Saturday 3rd March - York
- Saturday 7th April - Darlington
- Saturday 19th May - Sheffield
- Saturday 9th June - Glasgow
- Saturday 15th September - Derby
- Saturday 3rd November - Manchester
- Saturday 8th December - Leeds

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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