

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO  
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No. 88 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

All of us at The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. *Tornado* wrapped up the 2017 season with a couple of good outings, 'The Chester Christmas Cracker' on 25<sup>th</sup> November and a PADDINGTON 2 jolly on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. She's now tucked up in the warm at Locomotive Maintenance Services in Loughborough for routine winter care. With Christmas now so close, why not support *Tornado* by giving a gift from our webstore, how about one of the stunning new posters or travel vouchers for one of next year's tours (available in multiples of £25 from our Darlington office)?

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## NEWS BRIEFS

• **ICONIC LNER DESIGNS INSPIRE *TORNADO* POSTER** - We have recently published two new posters by renowned railway artist Stephen Millership featuring our locomotives. The designs of the posters were inspired by the iconic posters of the London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) from the 1930s and 1940s. You can read the full story [here](#).

*Tornado 10 Years in Steam* has been produced to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the completion of *Tornado* at Darlington Locomotive Works in 2008. The poster was designed by Stephen Millership and drew its inspiration from the iconic *Silver Jubilee* poster by Frank Newbould published by the LNER to mark the entry into service of Britain's first streamlined train in 1935. *A Giant Resurrected* has been produced to promote the construction of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* at Darlington Locomotive Works. The poster was designed by Stephen Millership and drew its inspiration from the iconic *Giants Refreshed* poster by Terence Cuneo published by the LNER to mark the restoration of its locomotives from wartime Black liveries to Apple Green and Garter Blue liveries in 1947.

Both posters have been produced on A1 size 200gsm paper and are available to purchase for £15.00 each (including postage & packing) from The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust at [www.a1steam.com](http://www.a1steam.com) with all profits going towards the featured locomotive. *Tornado 10 Years in Steam* can be purchased [here](#) and *A Giant Resurrected* [here](#) - ideal Christmas presents!

- **‘THE BARD OF AVON’, A NEW TOUR FOR 2018!** - On 18<sup>th</sup> August we would be delighted for you to join *Tornado* on ‘The Bard of Avon’ for a nostalgic, summertime day trip to Shakespeare’s Stratford. This railtour starts at Manchester Piccadilly, before calling to pick up passengers from Stockport, Wilmslow, Crewe and Shrewsbury. For the first time, *Tornado* will depart from Manchester Piccadilly station, before picking up passengers at Stockport and Wilmslow and traversing the beautiful countryside of Shropshire for a final passenger pick up at the county town of Shrewsbury. From Shrewsbury, the route is by way of Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street to join the Great Western Railway, before proceeding down the scenic North Warwick Line to Stratford. The return journey takes the alternative route to Birmingham via Lapworth and Solihull, before branching off on the Sutton line to Walsall, and on to Wolverhampton, thence returning by way of the outward route. You can see full arrangements and booking details [here](#).
- **TORNADO AND PADDINGTON 2 AT THE NENE VALLEY RAILWAY** - During May, *Tornado* will be visiting the Nene Valley Railway to attend a very special PADDINGTON 2 event. For children of all ages, this one not to be missed! You can find full details [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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 delightful route for passengers from East Anglia and North London. Full details [here](#).

## TOURS

[Download your 2018 tour brochure here](#)

- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February - ‘The North Briton’ - Cambridge, Ely, March, Peterborough, Newark Northgate and Doncaster to Carlisle - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March - North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Severn Valley Railway
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March - ‘The Sulis and Sarum Express’ - West Midlands Stations to Bath and Salisbury - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - East Lancashire Railway
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April - ‘The Ebor Flyer’ (First 90mph train) London to York - **SOLD OUT**
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Midland Railway Centre
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Nene Valley Railway

- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 'The Canterbury Tale' - Peterborough, St. Neots, Stevenage, Potters Bar and Finsbury Park to Canterbury and Dover Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - Belmond British Pullman luxury train from London to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July - 'The Talisman' - London to Durham (Option: Beamish) and Newcastle. Return journey with Deltic diesel locomotive D9009 *Alycidon* - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party - Darlington
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August - 'The Mad Hatter' - 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary train - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August - 'The Bard of Avon' - Manchester Piccadilly to Stratford-Upon-Avon - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October - A1/P2 Convention - Darlington.

## 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 purchase 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 extended 210 locomotives have already found new shed allocations, 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in August 2018. Any surplus raised will be allocated to the tender's next overhaul.



*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*.

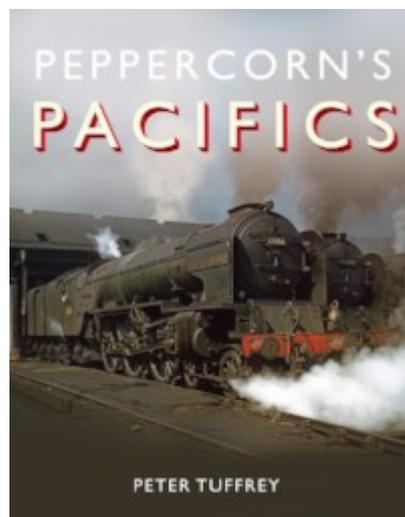
It really is that simple! With your help *Tornado* could be debt free with her paid-for tender behind by 2021 so please complete the [donation form](#) today. Thank you.

## 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](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.](#)



A remarkable collection (featuring rare colour and black and white images) that documents Peppercorn's A1 and A2 locomotives.

*Peppercorn's Pacifics* includes black and white and colour pictures of 49 of his A1 locomotives and 15 of his A2 locomotives alongside a full history of each locomotive. Includes a biography of A.H. Peppercorn.

For every one of these books purchased via our [dedicated link](#), The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust receives a percentage.

## 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*. 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:

#### NEW ROADSHOW DATES FOR 2018:

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - The London Transport Museum, London
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - The Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 - The Principle Hotel, York
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Glasgow - venue to be confirmed
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - Derby Conference Centre, Derby
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 - Manchester - venue to be confirmed
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - Hilton Leeds City Hotel, 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](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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