

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Welcome to issue No. 96 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Further delays to *Tornado's* repairs continue to frustrate us, but at last there does seem to be light at the end of the tunnel. These irritations have happily been counter-balanced by a couple of great pieces of news, firstly the terrific party held for *Tornado's* birthday at Darlington Locomotive Works and secondly, the outstanding news that The 163 Pacifics Club has produced the goods and that the lease on *Tornado's* tender has been paid off, three years early!

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NEWS BRIEFS

- **REPAIR UPDATE** - *Tornado's* two outside engines are now rebuilt, going forward we will be working on the inside engine, weighing the locomotive and preparing for steaming and testing. It is anticipated that *Tornado* will run at Nene Valley Railway before returning to main line operations on Saturday 29th September with 'The Ynys Môn Express' from Leicester to Holyhead.

The following alterations will now apply to *Tornado's* diary for the remainder of 2018:

- Monday 27th August - 'The Canterbury Tale' - Peterborough to Canterbury - Cancelled
- Saturday 8th September - 'The Devonian' - Birmingham to Plymouth - Postponed to Spring 2019 - Postponed Saturday 6th April 2019
- Saturday 15th September - 'The Talisman' - London to Newcastle - steam leg hauled by No. 60009 *Union of South Africa*

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust would like to apologise to its loyal passengers and supporters for the disruption caused following *Tornado's* failure on Saturday 14th April and subsequent time out of traffic undergoing inspection and repairs. We would like to thank all of our volunteers, staff and contractors for their hard work over the past few months to return *Tornado* to main line service.

- **TORNADO CELEBRATES HER 10TH BIRTHDAY IN STYLE** - Over 100 supporters of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust gathered at Darlington Locomotive Works on Saturday 28th July to celebrate the 10th birthday of new steam locomotive No. 60163 *Tornado*. The locomotive made its first moves in front of the world's press on 1st August 2008 and subsequently became a household name. You can read the full story [here](#).



A big cake for a big lady! - Mandy Grant

- **TORNADO'S TENDER PURCHASED** - On the day marking the 50th anniversary of the end of scheduled steam-hauled services on British Railways, we were delighted to announce that we have purchased the locomotive's tender from William Cook Cast Products Ltd following the success of The 163 Pacifics Club fundraising campaign.

Tornado's tender was leased to the Trust under a 15-year loan agreement which was due to come to an end in 2021. The tender was owned by William Cook Cast Products Ltd (the Trust's Principal Sponsor) as Chairman Sir Andrew Cook CBE kindly offered to fund the construction of the tender in 2006, allowing funds being raised to be spent on building the engine. By 2014 the Trust had repaid all the £1m debt needed to complete *Tornado* in 2008, and funded the conversion of BR Mk 1 BCK E21249 into her support coach. The 163 Pacifics Club was launched in September 2013 to fund the purchase of *Tornado's* tender on the lease's expiration in 2021. You can read the story [here](#).



Tornado's tender at Darlington Locomotive Works - John Wilkinson

- **TORNADO AT TEN - PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION** - We would like to invite both budding and more established photographers to enter their photos of *Tornado* in her tenth year. The winner will receive

two First Class Dining tickets on a days railtour of their choice. Our judges will focus on interesting angles, light and surroundings. *Tornado* is taking trains along some beautiful routes this year, so it is the perfect opportunity to get that seaside, countryside or even city landmark shot! Please send your photos, along with your name, and the date and location they were taken, to competition@a1steam.com - you can find full details and terms & conditions [here](#).



Crowds of photographers at Victoria station - *Peter Maynard*

TOURS

- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 15th September - 'The Talisman' - London to Newcastle - steam leg hauled by No. 60009 *Union of South Africa*. Return journey with Deltic diesel locomotive D9009 *Alycidon* - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 29th September - 'The Ynys Môn Express' - East Midlands and North Staffordshire stations to North Wales Coast (Option: Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Sunday 7th October - 'The Auld Reekie' - Doncaster & York to Edinburgh and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 1st December - 'The Christmas Border Raider' - West Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

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- Saturday 9th February - 'The North Briton' - East Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 23rd March - 'The Bard of Avon' - Manchester Piccadilly to Stratford-Upon-Avon - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 6th April - 'The Devonian' - Birmingham to Plymouth and return (*Tornado* Bristol - Plymouth - Birmingham) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED TOUR DATE TO BE CONFIRMED - SPRING** - 'The Mad Hatter' - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** - Saturday 15th June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' London King's Cross to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR OR RECRUIT A FRIEND!

If you haven't yet signed up to support No. 60163 *Tornado* by giving from just £10.00 per month as one of our monthly Covenantors, we would urge you to consider it. It costs a lot to keep *Tornado* out on the main line for you to see and enjoy. We need your help to ensure she stays where she belongs.

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](#).

[DOWNLOAD YOUR COVENANTOR FORMS HERE](#)

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 *Prince of Wales* - 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/or 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 start promptly 11:00hrs and run until 13:00hrs on each of the days listed below and are open to existing supporters and interested members of the public:

ROADSHOW DATES FOR 2018:

- Saturday 1st September 2018 - Doubletree Hilton Hotel City Centre, Bristol
- Saturday 8th September 2018 - Derby Conference Centre, Derby
- Saturday 3rd November 2018 - Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester
- Saturday 8th December 2018 - Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Leeds.

SUPPORT THE TRUST

Your support as Covenantors and Volunteers remains vital

- 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 >](#)

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