

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Welcome to issue No. 99 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Unfortunately, in order to complete the repairs and recertification of No. 60163 *Tornado* to our operator DB Cargo's satisfaction, the Trustees of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust have decided to withdraw the locomotive from main line traffic for the remainder of 2018 - see more details below. On a more positive note, this has given us the opportunity for *Tornado* to take part in a Christmas programme at the Nene Valley Railway, more information on when *Tornado* will be running over the Christmas period is detailed in this newsletter.

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TORNADO UPDATE

Following the decision of the Trustees of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust to withdraw No. 60163 *Tornado* from traffic for the remainder of 2018 in order to complete the repairs and recertification of the locomotive to DB Cargo's satisfaction, the following arrangements have been made for the affected trains in the remainder of the 2018 programme:

- Saturday 1st December - 'The Christmas Border Raider' - West Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return (this has now been re-dated as 'The Border Raider' to Saturday 13th April 2019 with *Tornado* coming on and off the train at Crewe) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 15th December - 'The Chester Chuffer' - Birmingham to Chester and return (will run with an alternative steam locomotive) - [Pathfinder Tours](#)

The further delays are due to additional administrative and audit tasks and delays to scheduled repair works on support coach 21249 that were planned to already be completed. Our engineering team are working as swiftly as possible to address these issues.

Due to the proximity of the Christmas holidays, it is anticipated that *Tornado's* main line test run will not now take place until early in the New Year. However, with *Tornado* now back in steam and in service on the Nene Valley Railway, the Trust is confident that the locomotive will pick up its exciting 2019 programme with the first of the 'The North Briton' series of trains on Saturday 9th February from the East Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return (bookings through [UK Railtours](#)).

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any disappointment and inconvenience caused by the above changes to *Tornado's* itinerary.

CHRISTMAS AT THE NENE VALLEY RAILWAY

Whilst the Trust works with DB Cargo to recertify the locomotive and support coach before undertaking the required main line test run, the Trustees have decided to take the opportunity for *Tornado* to haul its first Santa Steam Specials on a heritage railway since it was completed in 2008. The Trust is

therefore pleased to announce that *Tornado* will be spending the remainder of 2018 and early 2019 on the Nene Valley Railway near Peterborough hauling its Santa Steam Specials, Mince Pie Specials, Winter Steam services and conducting some Driver Experience days.

- Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November 2018 - Santa Steam Specials
- Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December 2018 - Santa Steam Specials
- Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December 2018 - Santa Steam Specials
- Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd and Christmas Eve Monday 24th December 2018 - Santa Steam Specials
- Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th December 2018 - Winter Warmer Mince Pie Specials
- Saturday 5th January 2019 - Driver Experience courses
- Sunday 6th January 2019 - Winter Steam services
- Friday 11th January 2019 - Driver Experience courses
- Saturday 12th January 2019 - Winter Steam services

For more details or to book online visit www.nvr.org.uk or telephone 01780 782833/784444 between 09:30hrs and 15:30hrs.



Tornado at the Nene Valley Railway in 2015 - Ian Macdonald

TOURS

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2019 - 'THE BORDER RAIDER'

This train is 'The Christmas Border Raider' rescheduled from Saturday 1st December 2018 to Saturday 13th April 2019. *Tornado* will now join (and leave) the train at Crewe, and will be diesel hauled from the West Midlands to Crewe and Crewe to the West Midlands on the return.

We will set off from the West Midlands, picking up passengers at Tame Bridge Parkway, Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton, Stafford and Crewe before heading north to the famous Settle & Carlisle Railway itself. The route is known as the 'Long Drag' because of the heavy gradients all the way to Ribbleshead Viaduct and Blea Moor Tunnel.

We will soar over high viaducts and plunge through deep cuttings as we head through the wild landscape for Carlisle. Passengers have over two hours to enjoy Carlisle, where the station is close to

the Cathedral and Carlisle Castle is easily accessible by foot. *Tornado* will then lead us back, taking the direct route along the edge of the Lake District via Sharp Summit and on to Lancaster and Preston, with *Tornado* leaving the train at Crewe.

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2019 - 'THE WHITE ROSE'

Three attractive Yorkshire destinations in one trip. No. 60163 *Tornado* will be at home heading north from London King's Cross along the East Coast Main Line (ECML). The train continues north through Grantham and Doncaster, the latter where the Peppercorn class A1s were designed and 26 of the original 49 constructed, before leaving the ECML at Hambleton Junction to head west. We climb Micklefield bank and then descend into Leeds where passengers can choose to alight for around five hours to visit the city. *Tornado* then leads our train north as we pass through the suburban scenery and out into the Yorkshire countryside as we head towards the spa town of Harrogate, a first visit for the locomotive, and where passengers have around four hours to explore. We then depart from Harrogate and head to York where you will have around three hours to visit the city as *Tornado* is turned and serviced for the return journey.

LEEDS

Shopping in Leeds is a treat, with its many stunning Victorian arcades, Europe's largest indoor market, Kirkgate Market, and the magnificent Corn Exchange, all steeped in the history of Leeds. In the Victoria Quarter, you'll also find Harvey Nicholls - the first outside of London, and the perfect spot for a mid-afternoon cocktail. For more history and culture, Leeds has a wealth of museums many within walking distance or a short taxi ride of the city centre. These include Leeds Art Gallery, the award winning Thackray Medical Museum and Leeds City Museum which explores a million years of history, taking you from the Egyptians to the Romans and beyond.

HARROGATE

Harrogate is the definitive boutique spa town in the heart of Yorkshire. Its thriving streets buzz with busy Harrogate shops and eateries, a favourite being Betty's Café tea room which celebrates its centenary in 2019. There is nowhere better for a brew than the home of Yorkshire Tea! Possibly the most distinctive feature of Harrogate is its pretty open space that surrounds the town centre, known locally as the Stray, at 200 acres this gives Harrogate town centre a green and spacious feel unique to the town.

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.

Information on how you can book on one of our tours in detailed in the diary below.

2019 TOUR DIARY

- Saturday 9th February - 'The North Briton' - East Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Thursday 14th March - 'The Aberdonian' - Launch Train: Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 23rd March - 'The Bard of Avon' - Manchester Piccadilly to Stratford-Upon-Avon - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- Saturday 6th April - 'The Devonian' - Birmingham to Plymouth and return (*Tornado* Bristol - Plymouth - Birmingham) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **RE-SCHEDULED DATE** Saturday 13th April - 'The Border Raider' - West Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return (*Tornado* coming on and off the train at Crewe) - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)
- **NEW TOUR** Saturday 27th April - 'The White Rose' - London to Leeds, Harrogate, York and return - - bookings through [UK Railtours](#)

- Saturday 11th May - 'The Mad Hatter' - Darlington, York and Wakefield to Chester- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 8th June - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 15th June - 'The Yorkshire Pullman' - London King's Cross to York and Scarborough - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 20th July - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Thursday 1st August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Thursday 8th August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 17th August - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 24th August - 'The North Briton' - Grantham, Nottingham, Ilkeston, Chesterfield and Doncaster to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway - bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 31st August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)
- Saturday 7th September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Fife Coast- bookings through [UK Raitours](#)

I ♥ 60163

It's hard to believe that No. 60163 *Tornado* has now been in traffic for over 10 years - and what a decade it has been! Throughout these years we have had many highs and a few unfortunate lows; we have travelled the length and breadth of Great Britain, hauling main line charters and Royal Trains, visiting dozens of heritage railways & centres and making countless appearances in the press, on TV and even in a movie! The nation - and indeed people way beyond our shores - seem to have taken *Tornado* to their heart.

Unfortunately, *Tornado's* 10th Birthday year didn't quite work out as planned and 2018 has been a challenging year for The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust following No. 60163's failure on 'The Ebor Flyer'. Although much of the repair costs and loss of earnings have been covered by our insurance, unfortunately not all those costs could be recovered.

In response to the many offers of help we have received, we have decided to establish the 'I ♥ 60163' appeal to help close the funding gap and raise £60,163 from 100 people each donating £601.63 in up to six payments. And, now *Tornado* is back in steam, we would like to take the opportunity again to thank our supporters for their patience and continued support.

By donating £601.63 to the 'I ♥ 60163' appeal, supporters will receive:

- An exclusive 'I ♥ 60163' car sticker
- Access to view *Tornado* at all reasonable times
- The Trust's newsletters on a regular basis
- The opportunity to attend the Trust's Annual Convention
- A special 'I ♥ 60163' day with No. 60163 *Tornado*
- Their name inscribed on the Roll of Honour at Darlington Locomotive Works.

[DOWNLOAD YOUR I ♥ 60163 FORM HERE](#)

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.

NEW We have some new Christmas card available to purchase in the shop, the design by local artist Stephen Bainbridge.

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:

Final Roadshow for 2018: Saturday 8th December 2018 - Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Leeds

NEW 2019 ROADSHOW DATES:

Saturday 12th January 2019 - Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough

Saturday 9th February 2019 - London Transport Museum, London

Saturday 2nd March 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 6th April 2019 - York - venue to be confirmed

Saturday 18th May 2019 - Dundee - venue to be confirmed

Saturday 8th June 2019 - Newcastle - venue to be confirmed

Saturday 6th July 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 14th September 2019 - Leeds - venue to be confirmed

Saturday 2nd November 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 7th December 2019 - Manchester - venue to be confirmed

SUPPORT THE TRUST

Your support as Covenantors and Volunteers remains vital

- **VOLUNTEERS** - Enjoy meeting people? We have established a successful team who travel on trains and attend events to promote *Tornado*, recruit Covenantors and sell the Trust's railtours and merchandise. More people are always needed to help with this, wherever they live. Contact volunteer@a1steam.com for more details.
- **LEGACY PROGRAMME** - We now have a Legacy Giving facility. [Learn more here >](#)

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