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60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

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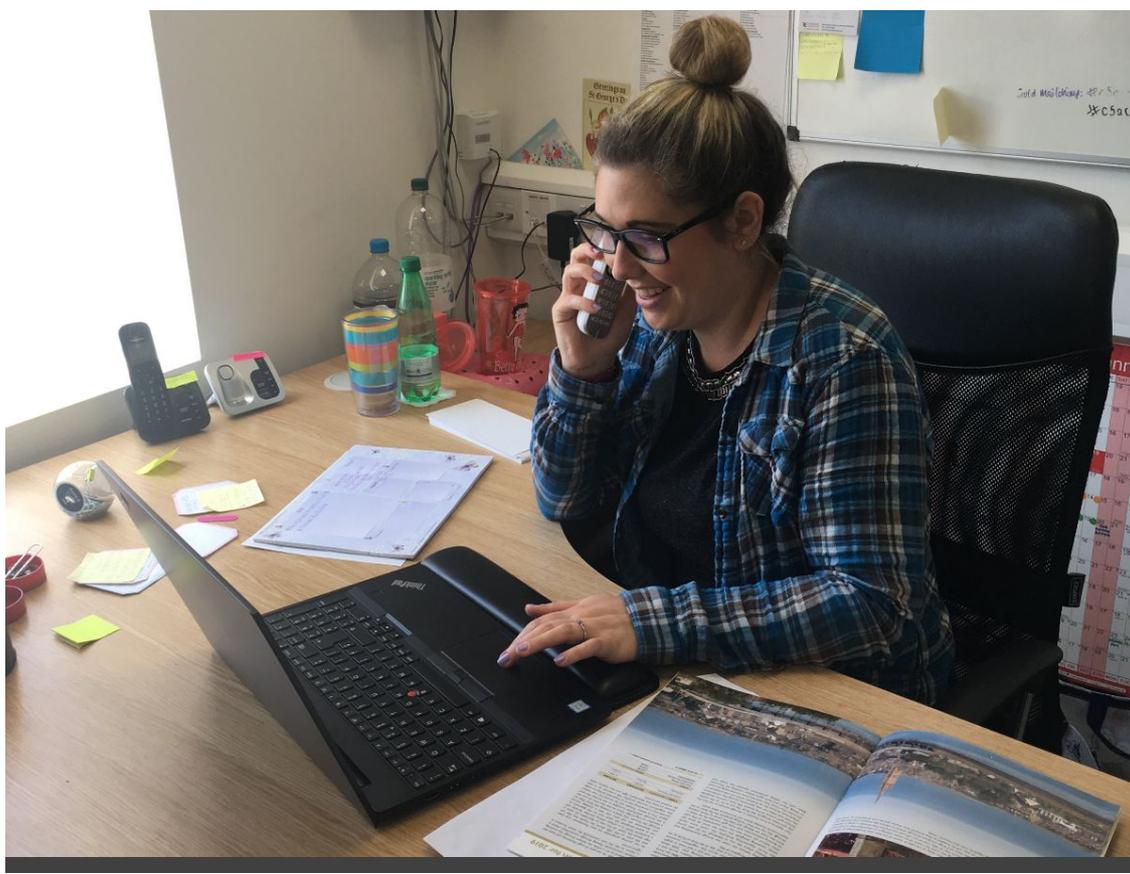
Welcome to Issue No. 106 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Today is an exciting day at our Darlington base as we start taking bookings 'in house' for the first time! Over the past few months our website and in house systems have been upgraded to enable railtour bookings to be processed and administered from Darlington. Siobhan Osborne has joined our full time team at Darlington to lead in this area and provide a great service to our passengers.

There are no major changes to the public side of our website, and for those who prefer to book by phone it's easy to call 01325 488215.

We have very much enjoyed working with UK Railtours, and we thank John, Liz and the team for all their support. Both their business and ours continues to grow and it is now the right time for us to be self sufficient in this area. This will put us in a good place once we are operating both *Tornado* and *Prince of Wales* on the main line in a few year's time.

We have our wonderful 'North Briton' and 'Aberdonian' tours available to book and will be launching new tours for later in 2019 shortly. We look forward to welcoming you onboard soon - your ticket helps to keep *Tornado* operating on the main line.



TORNADO ON THE TRACKS!

'The Pennine Explorer'

We are very excited to inform you that the railtour starting from the East Midlands and South Yorkshire on Saturday 5th October has been renamed 'The Pennine Explorer'. The change comes as the journey now has additional steam mileage with *Tornado*.

Join us on 'The Pennine Explorer', as we travel from the East Midlands to Carlisle and return including the magnificent Settle and Carlisle Railway. Our tour also includes a fast run with *Tornado* along the ECML from York before taking the stunning Tyne Valley line that crosses Hadrian's Wall through the beautiful Northumberland scenery.

JOINING STATIONS: Leicester - East Midlands Parkway - Derby - Chesterfield - Sheffield

Prices start from £109 Bookings via 01325 488215 or www.a1steam.com/railtours



On our most recent railtour, *Tornado* put in a fine performance hauling 'The Yorkshire Pullman'
Credit: Mandy Grant

See below for information on future journeys with *Tornado*.

- Saturday 20th July - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway and return
- Thursday 1st August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 8th August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 31st August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return

- Saturday 7th September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 28th September - 'The North Briton' - London and East Coast stations to Carlisle via the Settle and Carlisle Railway and return (re-scheduled from 17th August)
- Saturday 5th October - 'The Pennine Explorer' - East Midlands to Carlisle via the Settle & Carlisle Railway and return

Prices start from £99 Bookings via 01325 488215 or www.a1steam.com/railtours

All profits go towards keeping *Tornado* on the main line.

WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY

Tornado visited the Wensleydale Railway Saturday 18th May - Sunday 2nd June 2019. We had a great time including the wedding of Kirsty McCready (who we work with at Darlington Borough Council), had a memorable non-stop journey over the length of the line and many days of good weather and good cheer. 2019 has seen our first visits to the railway which we hope will be the first of many.

Steve Davies, Director of the Wensleydale Railway, commented, "It's been a real pleasure having the locomotive on our railway. There are one or two main line engines which attract occasionally grumpy support teams but *Tornado* is emphatically not one of them! The relationship throughout has been cordial, professional and mutually cooperative, and I sense that both parties not only benefited from the experience but thoroughly enjoyed it too. I have personally got a big buzz out of *Tornado*."

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust would like to send our enormous thanks to ALL the team at the Wensleydale Railway who made us feel so welcome and to all who came to travel behind *Tornado*.



Tornado at the Wensleydale Railway June 2019 - Credit: Daniela Filova

Whilst *Tornado* was based at Leeming Bar we took the opportunity to carry out routine maintenance including a B-exam and boiler washout. We also fitted a replacement spring to the tender.



Phil Harris, WR Shed Fitter, fitting a replacement spring - Credit: Daniela Filova

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Convention is Saturday 12th October 2019 and will be held at the Mercure Darlington Kings Hotel for both the morning presentations and the evening dinner. Supporters will also have the opportunity to visit Darlington Locomotive Works to see the progress of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*, with David Elliott conducting a guided tour. We will be sending out invitations, with the full details, next month.

SUMMER DRAW 2019

We drew the Summer Draw 2019 on Friday 7th June and are pleased to announce the following winners:

1st Prize - Table for two in First Class Dining on a *Tornado* railtour

Winner: Mr N Wright

2nd Prize - 2 x First Class tickets Non-Dining on a *Tornado* railtour

Winner: Mr G Jones

3rd Prize - 2 x Standard Class Tickets on a *Tornado* railtour

Winner: Mr G Sutton

5 x Prizes - 'Tornado 10 Years in Steam' poster

Winners: Mr D Hallett, Mr P Walpole, Mr K Franklin, Mr J Cooper, Mr P Walker

5 x Prizes - 'A Giant Resurrected' poster

Winners: Mr R Clarkson, Mr A Keen, Mr P Young, Mr Simpson, Mrs Walton

Thank you to all who bought tickets. We raised over £3,600 which will be used for maintaining *Tornado*.

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

I ♥ 60163

Since launching the 'I ♥ 60163' appeal, to close the funding gap between the costs that could not be recovered from the insurance company stemming from *Tornado's* failure on 'The Ebor Flyer', we have already welcomed over 35% of the 100 people required to the appeal.

We established 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.

We would encourage all those who haven't yet donated to this appeal to get on-board today!

DOWNLOAD YOUR I ♥ 60163 FORM 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 smokebox 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* - Credit: Mandy Grant

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

Roadshows

We will be holding a series of presentations on the project in 2019 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:

2019 ROADSHOW DATES:

Saturday 6th July 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 14th September 2019 - Hilton Hotel, Leeds

Saturday 2nd November 2019 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington

Saturday 7th December 2019 - Pendulum Hotel (Manchester Conference Centre), Manchester.

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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