

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line

Dear Supporter

Welcome to Issue No. 107 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Our first month of taking Tornado Railtours bookings 'in house' at our Darlington base has been very exciting. Siobhan Osborne is capably leading the team and providing a great service to our passengers. 'The North Briton', 'The Aberdonian' and 'The Pennine Explorer' tours are all selling well so we recommend prompt booking so as to avoid disappointment.

We are also delighted to announce our new autumn tour, 'The Illuminati', on Saturday 2nd November from the West Midlands to Blackpool Illuminations and give advanced notice of our Christmas train on Saturday 7th December from the West Midlands to Bath and Bristol and return - tickets will be on sale from Thursday 1st August.

Finally, please don't forget to take a look at our 'I ❤️ 60163' campaign. We have already recruited nearly 50% of our target and all funds raised beyond the initial £60,163 will go towards funding *Tornado's* share of our newly ordered 'spare' boiler, due to be delivered in September 2020 and fitted to the locomotive during her next overhaul.

TORNADO ON THE TRACKS!



'The Illuminati' : Saturday 2nd November - West Midlands to Blackpool Illuminations

In a first for *Tornado*, travel with us to see the world famous Blackpool Illuminations. Described as the 'greatest free light show on earth', the illuminations have been delighting since 1879.

Steam hauled from the start, 'The Illuminati' departs from Birmingham a little before midday, heading through the West Midlands and onto the Potteries and Stoke on Trent. We then journey via Crewe and enjoy a fast run to Preston before heading for the coast and Blackpool. We arrive as the last of the daylight fades and the illuminations are switched on. We will have around three and a half hours to explore the lights, perhaps travelling by tram or just walking the promenade. We then return via our outward route with *Tornado* heading our train from Blackpool.

On board we will offer our usual range of classes but in First Class Dining we will offer a special champagne afternoon tea on the outward journey and a four course evening meal on the return.

JOINING STATIONS: Birmingham - Thame Bridge Parkway - Wolverhampton - Stafford- Stoke on Trent

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

Please note our train will be hauled by a diesel locomotive from Preston to Blackpool.





Tornado at dusk - Credit: David Franklin

Tornado Railtours 2019:

- 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
- Saturday 2nd November - ‘The Illuminati’ - West Midlands to Blackpool and return
- Saturday 7th December - Our Christmas train* - West Midlands to Bath and Bristol and return.
Stations and timings to be announced when tickets go on sale Thursday 1st August

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

We look forward to welcoming you on-board soon - your ticket helps to keep *Tornado* operating on the main line.

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, this month.

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 become 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! Any additional funds raised beyond the initial £60,163 will go towards funding *Tornado's* share of our newly ordered 'spare' boiler, due to be delivered in September 2020 and fitted to the locomotive during her next overhaul.

[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 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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