

# THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Dear Supporter

Welcome to Issue No. 116 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

Welcome to the latest issue of *Tornado Telegraph*. We all hope that it finds you safe and well during this unusual period for the country. In this issue, we have a final report on *Tornado's* winter overhaul, news about our railtours and Trust events, and a link to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) - a great way to donate to the Trust without any cost to yourself.

We are taking the necessary steps to look after our team so you will find that almost all our staff are working from home: this is possible due to the wonders of modern technology of today's era as the steam era would have made it a lot more difficult. *Tornado* does have a phone charger but mobile phones, and the like, had not been invented in 1948 when the first A1 took the rails!

We are reviewing the schedule for the locomotive and will keep the website updated as best we can as it looks like it may be the summer before we are back running our tours. This is impacting our overall financial planning and it is limiting our ability to earn the money, by running tours and hiring out the locomotive, for *Tornado's* next overhaul.

Our Covenantor scheme - an A1 for the price of a pint of beer a week - raised the funds to build *Tornado* and now provides the essential support to keep our locomotive in tip-top condition. If you are a covenantor and feel you might be able to increase your contribution a little it would be most welcome. We know a number of you have already done that and we are very appreciative of this commitment at this difficult time.

If you are not already an A1 Covenantor we would be delighted to welcome you on-board, from as little as £2.50 each week, to ensure we keep *Tornado* on the main line where she belongs. Our Covenantor forms can be found below: a registration form (including a Gift Aid declaration) and a standing order form which can be completed and returned to Darlington Locomotive Works, Hopetown Lane, Darlington, DL3 6RQ. 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](#).

At present *Tornado* is safely at York in the confines of the NRM complex. Our team is keeping a regular eye on the locomotive and we very much look forward to raising steam and getting back out on the railway as soon as the present social distancing restrictions are lifted.

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## FINAL UPDATE ON *TORNADO'S* WINTER OVERHAUL



Clockwise from top left- *Tornado's* motion was cleaned; then greased; the engine was sheeted over to protect it from pigeons; parked in the preparation bay at the National Railway Museum, York- *Richard Pearson/A1SLT*

On 17<sup>th</sup> March, our insurance company issued the new annual boiler insurance certificates, this then enabled Ricardo Certification to renew the engineering acceptance of No. 60163, and we set about make plans to prepare the engine to move to the National Railway Museum, at York, for storage.

The engine and support coach passed the S-Exam and No.1 exams on 18<sup>th</sup> March before also passing the West Coast Railway FTR examinations on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> March. The locomotive and coach moved from Leeming Bar through to Castle Hill Junction at Northallerton on the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> March and the engine was then cleaned in the late evening sunshine.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, after an 04:00hrs start, to bring the fire round and complete the oiling up, the West Coast crew arrived at 05:30hrs and *Tornado* departed the Wensleydale Railway and headed for York. On arrival at York, the engine was examined and parked inside the preparation bay at the NRM, and the engine will stay there until main line tours resume.

Ian Greenan and Richard Pearson returned to York to complete some essential tasks which will prevent damage and deterioration of the locomotive whilst it is in store, including:

- Greasing/oiling piston rods and slidebars to prevent damage.
- Withdrawing gland trimmings to prevent build-up of moisture and damage to gland and rods.

- Dosing the boiler with treatment and completely fill the boiler to remove air to help prevent deterioration.
- Emptying and cleaning out the ashpan and firebox to prevent corrosion.
- Sheeting over to protect paintwork from pigeon damage.
- Isolating the support coach electrical equipment.

We are very grateful to the National Railway Museum for housing *Tornado* during the current crisis.

## TORNADO 2020 RAILTOURS



No. 60163 hauling 'The Aberdonian' - Peter Backhouse/A1ST

We have been following the guidance from the Government and NHS on the Coronavirus pandemic and have taken the responsible decision to postpone two railtours scheduled for May: 'The Cumbrian Explorer' and 'The Jorvik Express'. We will look to reschedule the tours for the second half of the year and will advise of the dates in the near future. We are sorry to have to make these changes, but hope you understand that the circumstances are beyond our control and the restrictions necessary at this time.

Bookings for our tours in the summer are **still open** and can be booked through our [website](#) or by calling 01325 488215.

**DOWNLOAD THE 2020 RAILTOURS BROCHURE**

**THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST EVENTS**

We are following Government guidelines with regards to the coronavirus, and whilst our office-based

staff are now working from home, our workshop staff are continuing to work at Darlington Locomotive Works where they are taking all necessary precautions. However, as many of our supporters and volunteers are from vulnerable groups, the Works is currently closed to non-essential staff.

In addition, Nene Valley Railway have had to cancel all their events until the end of May 2020 so this means we can no longer hold the P2 Roadshow on Saturday 23rd May 2020 and the Supporters' and Tornado Team day on Sunday 24th May 2020. We are sorry to have to make these changes. We hope you understand that the circumstances are beyond our control and the restrictions are very necessary at this challenging time.

As a small charity we value your continued support and hope that you will be able to spend time and travel behind *Tornado*, and visit DLW to view our progress with *Prince of Wales*, in the not too distant future. We will of course be reviewing all our activities on a frequent basis to protect everyone involved with the Trust and to secure our long-term future. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for updates or call 01325 460163 or email [enquiries@a1steam.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@a1steam.co.uk) if you have any questions.

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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 smokebox number plates and headboards carried by *Tornado* - available to buy from just £200!

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