

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Dear Supporter

Welcome to Issue No. 117 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 an update on *Tornado's* stay at NRM, York, we recognise today's VE Day celebrations and have news about our railtours and Trust events. As many of us are doing more of our shopping online at the moment, we would encourage you to use easyfundraising.org.uk - a great way to donate to the Trust without any extra effort or cost to yourself.

Following Government guidelines with regards to the coronavirus, our staff are working from home or at Darlington Locomotive Works where they are taking all the necessary precautions. The Works is currently closed to volunteers, non-essential staff and visitors. 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 and the Supporters' and Tornado Team day. 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 see or 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 if you have any questions.

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 to encourage them to sign up to become a supporter of No. 60163 *Tornado*. More information can be found [here](#).

DOWNLOAD YOUR A1 COVENANTOR FORMS

TORNADO IN HIBERNATION



Clockwise from top left- The grease is still doing its job of protecting the polished steel surfaces; the ashpan side ash doors are also open to allow the air to circulate; the firebox is clean and dry, and the firehole door is open to allow air to circulate; the engine was examined inside, out and under - and all was found to be in order - *A1SLT*

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.

Richard Pearson and Rob Morland returned to York, at the end of April, to complete some essential tasks which will prevent damage and deterioration of the locomotive whilst it is in store, including:

- The engine was examined inside and out to determine that it was safe to move, the piston rods and other moving parts were oiled as required
- The engine was pulled out of the shed and moved a few hundred yards up the yard; while up the yard a brush was taken to the running plate, cab roof and tender top to remove pigeon debris, twigs/feathers etc

- The engine was then returned to the shed, but this time it was parked two feet further forward than it had been parked since our last visit - having carefully marked its position before we moved out of the shed - this is to prevent brinelling of the axlebox bearings while they are stood stationary for a long time!
- The boiler water level was checked and the boiler refilled to remove as much air (oxygen) as possible from the boiler - the boiler water treatment contains a product which removes the dissolved oxygen from the water, this will then reduce internal boiler corrosion to a minimum
- The tender tank was drained on our last visit. This should allow the tank to fully dry out, it will then receive an internal inspection and be cleaned out before returning to service

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

TORNADO 2020 RAILTOURS



This time last year...servicing complete, *Tornado* waits at Holyhead in the afternoon sunshine before the return leg of 'The Ynys Mon Express'; duties complete, *Tornado* rests in the evening light at Crewe Heritage Centre - A1SLT

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

VE Day - REMEMBERING 8TH MAY 1945



Mark Allatt, HRH The Prince of Wales and Dorothy Mather at the royal naming ceremony of *Tornado*, at York, 19th February 2009- Rob Morland/A1SLT

Today we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and remember those who showed great courage and made enormous sacrifices. Many of us will recall Dorothy Mather (1916 -2015) the wife of the late Arthur Peppercorn (the designer of the class A1 'Pacifics') and President of the Trust for many years. Like many of her generation, Dorothy played her part in the war effort by helping to provide refreshments for the many military trains that stopped in Doncaster at all times of the day and night. Like many other volunteers, she paid a weekly subscription towards the cost of the soldiers' food and drink.

EASYFUNDRAISING



A1 Steam Locomotive Trust

Support this cause

Support **A1 Steam Locomotive Trust** with
easyfundraising

Support this cause

easyfundraising® is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site

It's simple to use and it's free. Since we launched in 2005, we've helped thousands of good causes raise money simply by shopping online. Our community of over 1.8 million loyal supporters has so far raised over £31 million.



1. Get started

Choose a cause to support then join for free



2. Start shopping

Visit retailers and then shop online as normal



3. Raise donations

Your cause receives free donations

Feedback & Support

It's a challenging time for so many organisations and businesses. However, if you are shopping online over the coming weeks, please consider using easyfundraising before going directly to your preferred retailer. It's simple to use with no cost to yourself!

How does it work? easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations.

How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal.

The selected retailers will then make a small donation to say thank you. There are 4,113 retailers to choose from! So far, our supporters have raised £3845.53 for The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, by shopping online through easyfundraising.

Find out more [here](#). Please contact us at enquiries@a1steam.com if you have any problems.

ONLINE STORE

Our online store has everything for the *Tornado* enthusiast, from pens to models and children's T-shirts to adult's fleeces. With many people looking for things to do, our 1,000 piece jigsaw of *Tornado* on 'The North Briton' at Wylam is a wonderful distraction! [Visit our online store to get your hands on some great *Tornado* merchandise.](#)

Also, contact shop@a1steam.com for details of smokebox number plates and headboards carried by *Tornado* - available to buy from just £200!

Copyright © 2020 The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, Darlington Locomotive Works, Hopetown Lane, Darlington. DL3 6RQ
Tel. 01325 460163