

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



No. 60163 *Tornado*, at Calder Valley, hauling 'The Ticket to Ride' on 19th September 2020 - Aiden Wellock/A1SLT

Dear Supporter

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Tornado Telegraph* which includes updates on *Tornado's* recent maintenance, the 2020 & 2021 Railtours calendar and how you can help to keep *Tornado* on the main line.

OFF THE RAILS AGAIN!



Volunteer John Baistow doing a thorough job of cleaning out the smokebox ahead of the boiler washout
- A1SLT

Well - that didn't last long!! Last month we were hopeful that a busy programme through November and December would enable us to show off *Tornado* doing what she does best at the head of trains on the main line. We had planned an A exam and boiler washout to ensure that we entered this period in top condition and to take us through to a very short break over Christmas and the New Year. The pictures show our full-time staff and volunteers washing out the boiler at the National Railway Museum, York to remove the build-up of scale and sediment that is deposited in the boiler during normal operation. With trains cancelled for the rest of November, we have sheeted over the boiler as protection from the pigeons and returned *Tornado* to the security of the Preparation Bay at the Railway Museum to await news of when we may be allowed to run again.

Below: With all the mud-doors removed, the internal surfaces of the boiler are washed down using high pressure and a large volume of water. A wet, but essential job both to closely inspect the internal surfaces and to ensure the locomotive steams efficiently, making the fireman's job easier! - A1SLT



BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

It has been a difficult 2020 for everyone but we have been able to enjoy the sight and sound of an A1 back at work on the national network, albeit less than planned. If you are not already a Covenantor then please do give consideration to supporting *Tornado* - 'An A1 for the price of a pint a week' is how we all came together to build *Tornado* and provides the essential support to keep her on the main line into the future. We are grateful to all those who continue to support the locomotive.

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[TORNADO'S MAIN LINE DIARY 2020 & 2021](#)



No. 60163 *Tornado* - In the evening light the train heads towards Blackburn, 19th September 2020 -
Kallum Buckley/A1SLT

In 2021 we will be starting our operating season earlier with two trains over the Valentine's Day weekend before making our first visit to the City of Hull and running to Aberdeen from Glasgow in a variation to our regular summer itinerary. A highlight for many will be *Tornado* and *Flying Scotsman* working together in September and demand is bound to be high for those trains. We are also visiting Liverpool, the Cumbrian Coast and of course our regular summer programme of 'The Aberdonian' from Edinburgh to Aberdeen.

Diary of Railway Touring Company tours hauled by No. 60163 *Tornado* in 2020

- Saturday 12th December - 'The Edinburgh Christmas Market' - York to Edinburgh and return ([RTC](#))
- Thursday 17th December - 'The Christmas White Rose' - Cambridge to York and return ([RTC](#))
- Saturday 19th December - 'The Christmas White Rose' - London to York and return ([RTC](#))

Tornado Railtours 2021 Diary

- Saturday 13th February - [Valentine's Luncheon Circular Tour](#) - from York, Thirsk and Darlington
- Saturday 13th February - [Valentine's Evening Circular Tour](#) - from York
- Saturday 13th March - '[The Ribbleshead Rambler](#)' - Hull to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 27th March - '[The Fens and Fells Flyer](#)' - Cambridge to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 3rd April - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Monday 5th April - '[The Clyde Aberdonian](#)' - Glasgow to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 10th April - '[The Caledonian](#)' - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return
- Saturday 8th May - '[The Cumbrian Explorer](#)' - Darlington to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 15th May - '[The Jorvik Express](#)' - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 22nd May - '[The Pennine Explorer](#)' - Leicester to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 22nd July - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Sunday 31st July - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return

- Thursday 12th August - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 19th August - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 2nd September - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 11th September - [‘The Aberdonian’](#) - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 16th September - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - West Midlands to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 16th September - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Peterborough to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 18th September - [Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#) - Middlesbrough to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 18th September - [Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#) - Birmingham to Carlisle and return

Tornado Railtours trains can be booked through the links above, our [website](#) or by calling 01325 488215.

Railway Touring Company (RTC) tours can be booked through their [website](#) or by calling 01553 661500. Their tours for November and the early part of December have either been cancelled or postponed. For further details please contact them directly.

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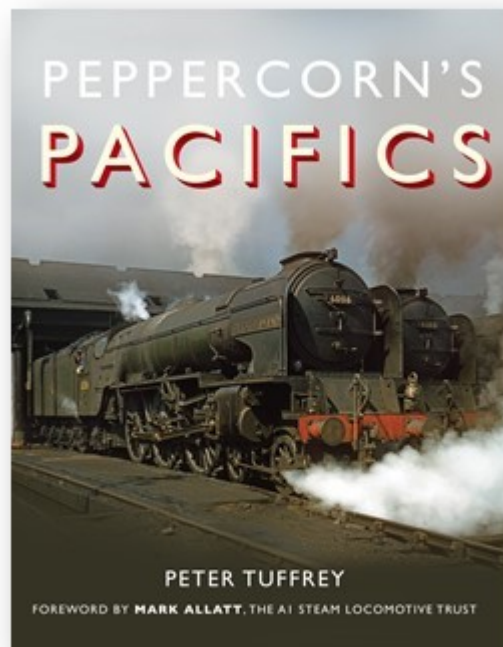
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Find out more [here](#). Please contact us at enquiries@a1steam.com if you have any problems.

PEPPERCORN'S PACIFICS BOOK OFFER



Peter Tuffrey's *Peppercorn's Pacifics* book is a remarkable collection of photographs which feature rare colour and black & white images of Arthur Henry Peppercorn's class A1 and A2 locomotives.

Only one of his famous 'Pacifics', Peppercorn class A2 No. 60532 *Blue Peter*, was preserved but none of the Peppercorn class A1s - hence the formation of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust to build a brand new class A1, No. 60163 *Tornado*, as the next in the class. The book includes black & white and colour photographs of all 49 original class A1s and 15 class A2s. The photographs show the 'Pacifics' under construction, from the lineside and on-shed. A full history of each locomotive features strongly in the text beneath the images. The book also details Peppercorn's life with many personal photographs and a foreword from our own Mark Allatt.

The book is now available at the offer price of only £15 (post free in the UK, overseas orders, will be subject to the usual postage charges) - the usual price of the book is £25. Please use the link below to place your order as any that come through this will be recorded as coming from The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and we will receive a donation from each copy sold. The link is: <https://www.gnbooks.co.uk/product/peppercorns-pacifics-a1trust/>

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!

COVID-19 MEASURES

With regards to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, our staff are still working from home or at Darlington Locomotive Works (DLW) where they are taking all the necessary precautions. The Works remain closed to volunteers, non-essential staff and visitors. We hope you understand that these 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 are 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.com if you have any questions.



No. 60163 *Tornado* hosting the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment at the National Railway Museum, York - CAG Photography/A1SLT

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