

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



60163 TORNADO
New Steam for the Main Line



No. 60163 *Tornado* at York, hauling 'The Pennine Explorer' on 22nd May 2021 - Tom Marshall/A1SLT

Dear Supporter

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

'THE PENNINE EXPLORER'



No. 60163 *Tornado* crossing the Dent Viaduct, hauling 'The Pennine Explorer' on May 22nd 2021 - Tom Marshall/A1SLT

Finally, after many months of waiting patiently at the National Railway Museum, York, No. 60163 *Tornado* was back in service on the main line. On Saturday 22nd May, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust ran 'The Pennine Explorer', after an early morning departure from Leicester, an hour and a half later *Tornado* was coupled to the train at Barrow Hill North Junction. Departing ahead of time meant some steady running north to join the East Coast Main Line (ECML) at Colton Junction and after a stop at York we were back on schedule. Despite some checks on the run north *Tornado* stretched her legs out a little up to the water stop at Tursdale Junction and then past Tyne Yard before taking the Tyne Valley Line west to Carlisle.

Arriving at Carlisle, several signalling failures made what should have been an easy turning and servicing move somewhat more complex. However, despite the challenges, the locomotive was serviced, turned, and back on the train for a slightly delayed departure to begin the run over the Settle and Carlisle Line (S&C). Those who witnessed the climb over Ais Gill have described it using many superlatives, and it was certainly a remarkable performance, with the train breaching the summit before the tunnel at 55 mph. The run down through Blea Moor and over Ribbleshead offered the usual spectacular scenery and there were plenty of folks about capturing the moment as we passed.

At Hellifield, *Tornado* gave up her position at the head of the train and after a brief top up of water, headed back to stable at the National Railway Museum in York. The support crew examined both the locomotive and support coach carefully the following morning and all seems in good order ahead of our next outing up the ECML to Edinburgh later this month.

BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR

We are delighted to announce that our online donations system is [live](#) for signing up as an A1

Covenantor!

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. During 2020, and into 2021, we have been especially grateful for supporters who have been able to increase their monthly covenanting. If you would like to do this please contact the office on 01325 460163 or enquiries@a1steam.com and we will be able to assist with setting up any changes. We are very grateful to all those who continue to support our locomotive.

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TORNADO'S MAIN LINE DIARY 2021



No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling 'The Pennine Explorer', on 22nd May 2021- Alan Weaver/A1SLT

It has been a difficult year, with only very limited operation of *Tornado* due to the pandemic. The patience of all our passengers and supporters is much appreciated. We are now in a more positive situation with the locomotive recertified for the next 12 months of operation and a full programme ahead. There is nothing better than main line steam, especially with *Tornado* at the head of the train, so please have a look at the diary below and we look forward to welcoming you on-board.

Tornado Railtours 2021 Diary

- Saturday 26th June - ['The Fens and Fells Flyer'](#) - Cambridge to Carlisle and return - BOOKINGS CLOSED
- Saturday 3rd July - 'The Cumbrian Explorer' - Darlington to Carlisle and return- CANCELLED
- Tuesday 20th July - ['The Viking Venturer'](#) - Linlithgow & Edinburgh to York and return

- Thursday 22nd July - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 31st July - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 12th August - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 21st August - '[The Clyde Aberdonian](#)' - Glasgow to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 2nd September '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 11th September - '[The Aberdonian](#)' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 16th September - '[The Jorvik Express](#)' - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 18th September - '[The Caledonian](#)' - Birmingham to Edinburgh and return
- Thursday 30th September - '[The Ribbleshead Rambler](#)' - Hull to Carlisle and return
- Wednesday 20th October - '[Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#)' - Tamworth to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 21st October - '[Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#)' - Birmingham to Carlisle and return
- Wednesday 27th October - '[Tornado and Flying Scotsman](#)' - Middlesbrough to Carlisle and return
- Thursday 28th October - '[Flying Scotsman and Tornado](#)' - Peterborough to Carlisle and return

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

Following Network Rail announcing engineering works at Church Fenton, we have sadly had to make the difficult decision to remove 'The Cumbrian Explorer' from our 2021 schedule. Passengers have been informed. We can only apologise and appreciate this will be disappointing to many.

THE A1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST'S ONLINE STORE



Hornby has produced a OO-gauge model of 'The Aberdonian'. In this train pack *Tornado* is in apple green livery with 'BRITISH RAILWAYS' on the tender. The locomotive is DCC ready, has a three pole motor with

flywheel and is 293mm long. The pack also comprises three BR Mark 1 coaches in maroon livery - a FO, a TSO and a BSK. It is available for £199 in our online shop: <https://www.a1steam.com/product-category/models/> We are all missing seeing and travelling behind *Tornado* on the main line so why not treat yourself to a little bit of *Tornado's* magic at home!

A BR green version of No. 60163 *Tornado* is back in the 2021 catalogue - look out for this in our online shop later this year. We are also delighted to have been working closely with Hornby on their totally new and re-tooled models of the Gresley class P2s which will include our own No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* in LNER apple green livery. We anticipate it being available at the end of 2021/early 2022 from our online shop.

Why not take a look at our online store: it has everything for the *Tornado* enthusiast, from pens to models and children's T-shirts to adult's fleeces. Visit our [online store](#) to get your hands on some great *Tornado* merchandise. Please remember that all profits from the sales through our online shop go towards our locomotives.

AMAZON SMILE AND EASYFUNDRAISING FOR ONLINE SHOPPING

A promotional banner for Amazon Smile. The background is blue with colorful confetti. A black box contains the text: "Increased AmazonSmile Donations On Prime Day (21 & 22 June) your AmazonSmile purchase will generate a double donation for us." Below this, in smaller text, it says "Prime members only, terms apply". At the bottom, it says "Never miss out on a donation with AmazonSmile in the app." and the AmazonSmile logo.

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Prime members who shop Amazon Prime Day deals from 21st - 22nd June can do more than discover great deals: simply use this link: smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1022834-0 to shop or use the Amazon Shopping app, AmazonSmile ON, and AmazonSmile will DOUBLE donations to The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust at no extra cost.

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Please contact us at enquiries@a1steam.com if you have any queries.

The screenshot shows the top of the easyfundraising website for the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust. At the top left is the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust logo, and at the top right is a pink button that says "Support this cause". Below this is a large heading: "Support A1 Steam Locomotive Trust with easyfundraising". Underneath the heading is another pink button that says "Support this cause". Below the button is a paragraph: "easyfundraising® is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site". This is followed by a sub-paragraph: "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." Below this is a three-step process diagram: 1. Get started (Choose a cause to support then join for free), 2. Start shopping (Visit retailers and then shop online as normal), and 3. Raise donations (Your cause receives free donations). On the right side of the screenshot, there is a vertical pink button that says "Feedback & support".

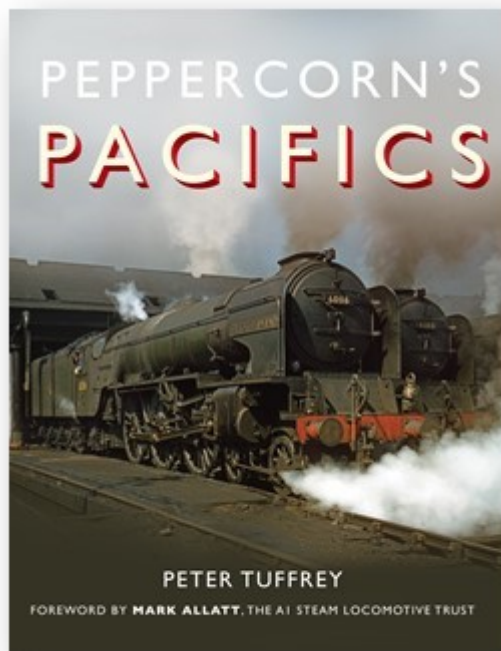
How does it work? easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations.

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 over £4,000 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 queries.

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/>

COVID-19 MEASURES

Our staff are still working from home or at Darlington Locomotive Works (DLW) where they are taking all the necessary precautions. We welcomed visitors to DLW on 5th June for our first Open Day of 2021 and the 19th June Open Day is fully booked. We await the Government's announcement in the coming weeks for our planning of July's Open Days. The Works remain closed during the week to visitors - we hope you understand that these circumstances are beyond our control.

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.

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