

THE TORNADO TELEGRAPH



Dear Supporter

Welcome to Issue No. 112 of *The Tornado Telegraph*.

In this issue we recall *Tornado's* rescue mission in the snow just before Christmas in 2009, encourage you to support our 'I ♥ 60163' appeal to fund *Tornado's* share of the 'spare' boiler which is due to be delivered next year, invite you to a special celebration of our affiliation with the RAF and reveal *Tornado's* starring role in a brand new mural.

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust would like to wish all our supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

21st DECEMBER 2009 - TORNADO RESCUES STRANDED COMMUTERS



No. 60163 *Tornado* hauling 'The Cathedrals Express' - Craig Stretten/A1SLT

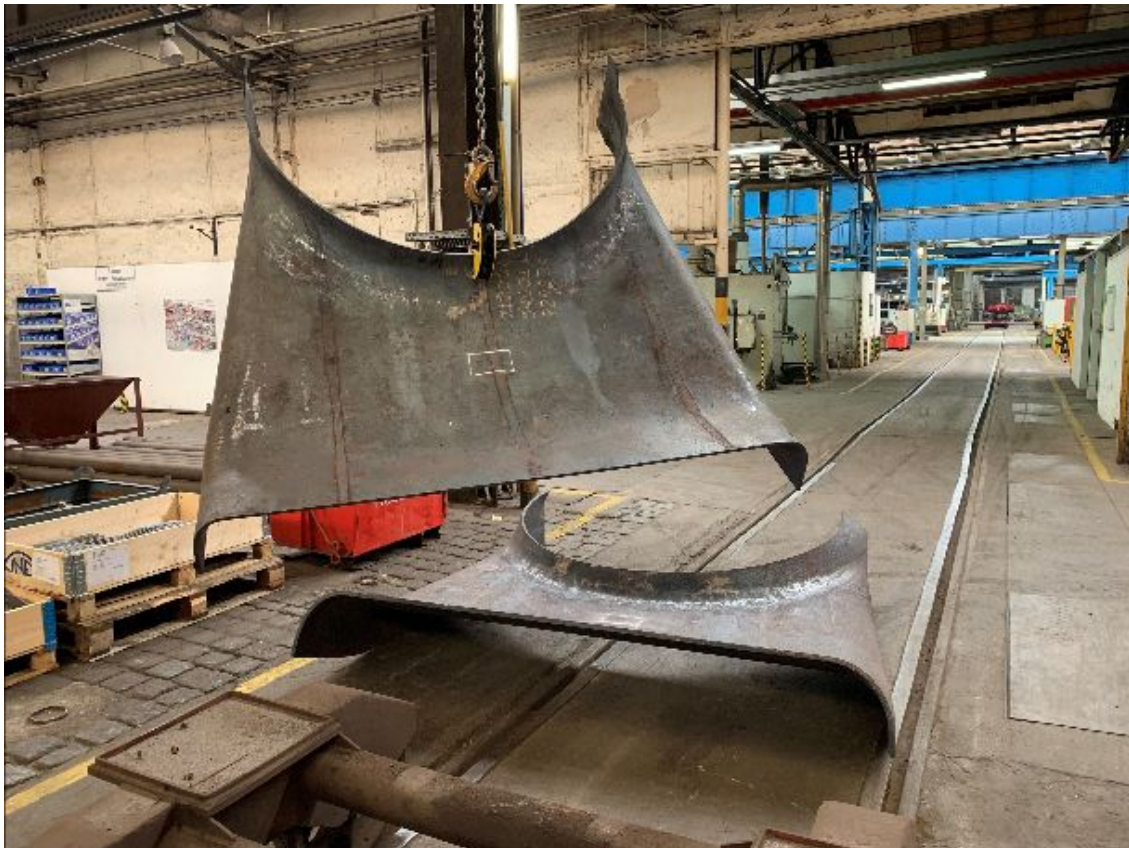
Tornado, the first new main line steam locomotive to be built in Britain for almost 50 years, defied the arctic weather on Monday 21st December 2009 and hauled two of only a handful of trains operating in Kent. The new Peppercorn class A1 pacific's 1940s technology was able to withstand the snow and ice

that brought much of Southern England to a standstill and hauled 'The Cathedrals Express' from London Victoria to Dover and back. On the second trip *Tornado* was able to rescue around 100 commuters who had been left stranded by more 'modern' trains, dropping them off at stations en-route.

Mark Allatt, Trustee at The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, commented:

"Monday's Cathedrals Expresses were *Tornado's* last main line trains of her first year of operations. Not only are we delighted that she was able to brave the arctic weather to haul two of the few trains to run in Kent on Monday but we were pleased to be able to help some of London's stranded commuters to get home in style."

I ♥ 60163



The flanged firebox throat plate - DB Meiningen/A1SLT

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 nearly 50% of the 100 people originally required for the appeal.

The 'I ♥ 60163' appeal was established to help close the funding gap and raise £60,163 from 100 people each donating £601.63 in up to six payments. 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. As you can see in the photograph above, DB Meiningen are making excellent progress with major boiler components for the boiler.

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.

[DOWNLOAD YOUR I ❤️ 60163 FORM HERE](#)

TORNADO ON THE TRACKS!



No. 60163 *Tornado*, hauling the 'The Christmas Express' - John Cook/A1SLT

Tornado is now entering her second decade; we invite you to join her on a nostalgic journey to a wide range of destinations over the next year. Our *Tornado* Spring and Summer Rail Journeys 2020 brochure is now available.

[DOWNLOAD THE 2020 BROCHURE](#)



Tornado Railtours 2020

- Saturday 4th April - 'The Fen and Fells Flyer' - Cambridge to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 2nd May - 'The Cumbrian Explorer' - Darlington to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 9th May - 'The Jorvik Express' - Liverpool to York and return
- Saturday 6th June - 'The Pennine Explorer' - Leicester to Carlisle and return
- Saturday 18th July - 'The Caledonian' - Birmingham to Glasgow and return
- Thursday 23rd July - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 30th July - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 13th August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 20th August - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 3rd September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Thursday 10th September - 'The Aberdonian' - Edinburgh to Aberdeen and return
- Saturday 12th September - 'The Queen of Scots' - York to Edinburgh and Stirling and return
- Saturday 19th September - 'The Ticket to Ride' - Darlington to Liverpool and return

Prices start from £99 - bookings via [Tornado Railtours](https://www.tornadorailtours.co.uk) or 01325 488215

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

RAF 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER INVITATION



Group Captain Rich Davies ADC MA RAF and, the then A1 Trust President, David Champion celebrating the affiliation of No. 60163 *Tornado* with RAF Marham, 14th September 2016 - *Crown Copyright / A1SLT*

RAF 25th Anniversary Dinner - Thursday 9th January 2020

We are pleased to announce a special dinner to mark the 25 years of affiliation between The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and the Royal Air Force. Join Trustees, supporters, RAF personnel and VIP guests to commemorate this special landmark.

The Anniversary dinner will take place in the Sovereigns' Room at The RAF Club in London, which celebrated its centenary last year. After pre-dinner drinks we will take our seats for a fabulous meal prepared by the Club's award winning chefs. We are delighted to announce that our after dinner speaker is writer and TV presenter Jonathan Glancey, a long-time friend of the Trust and author of the definitive work on the construction *The Tornado Story*. He is also the author of books on the *Spitfire*, *Harrier* and *Concorde* as well seminal works on world-wide steam locomotion, architecture and travel. It is sure to be an interesting discussion on both aircraft and steam locomotive lines.

Various events have taken place with the two organisations in the last 25 years. When it was decided that the new Peppercorn class A1 would be named *Tornado* in honour of the crews and aircraft flying in the first Gulf War, a small symbol of that affiliation was the preparation and painting of the nameplates for the new locomotive and the affixing of the crests for RAF Cottesmore and the Tri-National Tornado Training Establishment which was based there. These were handed over to the Trust on 4th January 1995 at Tyseley Locomotive Works where the frames of *Tornado* were being erected, a long and beneficial relationship has endured ever since. From flypasts for *Tornado's* naming ceremony and overflying the locomotive during the Tornado GR4's farewell event, to force development days where RAF colleagues could get their hands on the locomotive, the relationship is set to remain strong. The TTTE was closed in 1999 and RAF Cottesmore became the base for Joint Force Harrier. The Trust therefore decided to replace the crest on the driver's side nameplate with that of RAF Leeming, which at the time was the closest RAF station to Darlington where *Tornado* was being constructed. As the Tornado GR4 aircraft were being drawn down and RAF Cottesmore had been transferred to the Army,

and renamed Kendrew Barracks, the Trust decided to commemorate RAF Marham as the last base of the Tornado Force and its crest is now carried on the right hand smoke deflector. With RAF Marham now the home of the UK's F35 Lightning Force for both the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm, soon to embark on HMS Prince of Wales (affiliated to our second new steam locomotive Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*), our continued affiliation with the RAF will be a critical relationship moving forward. Working together it is not only an opportunity to bring pleasure to the public, friends and family it is also a chance to reach out to the next generation through STEM initiatives to inspire future engineers and operators crucial to both of our organisations.

Prices for this unique event are £65 for Covenantors or Club supporters, £75 for the general public. Sales will only be available to Trust supporters and RAF Club members until 15th October before going on general sale. **Call 01325 460163 for further details and to book.** Space is limited so please ensure to book early.

We look forward to welcoming you to this celebration.

NB - Please note at time of booking dietary requirements must be provided and please bring photo ID (eg Driving Licence or Passport) with you on the evening.

BECOME AN A1 COVENANTOR OR RECRUIT A FRIEND!

If you haven't yet signed up to support No. 60163 *Tornado* by giving from just £2.50 per week, "an A1 for the price of a pint of beer a week", 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

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* - Mandy Grant

NEW 2020 ROADSHOW PROGRAMME

Following on from the success of our 2018 and 2019 Roadshow programme, we are continuing the Roadshows in 2020 with a series of presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. Each presentation will feature key team members 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 presentations will start promptly at 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:

- 18th January - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 29th February - London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London
- 21st March - Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- 18th April - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 23rd May - Nene Valley Railway, Wansford*
- 6th June - Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle *
- 4th July - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 23rd July - Jurys Inn Aberdeen, Aberdeen *
- 22nd August - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 3rd October - Darlington Locomotive Works
- 10th October - Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- 21st November - Darlington Locomotive Works

* Please contact the office for timings.

For more information about No. 2007 please click [here](#), email enquiries@p2steam.com or call 01325

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 raitours 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 >](#)

EASYFUNDRAISING

Users of Easyfundraising to support the Trust should please note that the relationship with Amazon is changing. Rather than Amazon donating via Easyfundraising, they will now do so via their own Amazon Smile process. The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust is registered as a charity with Amazon Smile so please ensure that next time you use Amazon, you opt to join Amazon Smile and select the Trust to benefit from anything that you buy.

For anyone who doesn't use Easyfundraising but does use Amazon, please help by selecting the Trust. Just type "The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust" into the search box the click to select when it is displayed as the result.

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