



# NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF MODEL ENGINEERS

## NEWSLETTER

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It's been a while since we've been able to look forward to much, but IMLEC 2020 at Maidstone will be on the weekend of 20-22 August 2021... we decided to delay to slightly later in the year than usual to give the best chance of it being able to go ahead. If you would like an application form please do send us a message with your email address and we will send one out to you. Forms from [tom\\_parham@hotmail.com](mailto:tom_parham@hotmail.com) or call him on 07754281280 for more information

### In case you are not aware

The Passenger-Carrying Miniature Railway Safety Group has worked hard to produce a replacement for HSG216.

### “HS2020 \_Managing Health and Safety at Passenger-Carrying Miniature Railways Guidance for operators of passenger-carrying miniature railways”

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, HSE endorsed HS2020 and approved of it carrying the HSE Logo

A giant leap forward for our hobby

## Editorial

First of all allow me introduce myself.

My name is David (Dave) Elliott. I am a member of, and Club Secretary of Burton on Trent MES. Having spent most of my early (sometimes misguided) youth in agriculture, I left to Join HM Forces where I spent a happy 13 years. On completing my service I retrained and graduated as a Podiatrist and achieved my Doctorate of Physio Medical Practice, which was my lot for the next 30 odd years where I spent several years in various management positions with my professional bodies and General Secretary of a Trade Union body.

I have now returned to my roots and taken up engineering again. I Completed a Polly Trojan and have just or quite nearly completed a rebuild of a Martin Evans 0-6-0 Simplex

It has been decided to restart the Association Newsletter, and I am honoured to be its editor, however, it can only be a success if members contribute.

We hope to have features on projects, items of interest from the Journals and generally keeping members up to date with what is happening in our ME community.

Not a great deal has been happening over the past 12 months with all events cancelled due to covid.

It seems now that we are on the home straight with Vaccinations moving at a rapid pace and showing

some light at the end of this dark tunnel and looking forward to returning to a new kind of Normal.

There has been a change in our members cover by our insurers; this is published in full later in this newsletter.

I will try to make the newsletter informative and interesting and to this end would welcome any items suitable for inclusion whether it be projects, events, items wanted or for sale or anything you might find interesting to other readers.

The message still remains the same, follow the Government Guidelines, be sensible, stay safe and maybe we can ride it out and soon we will be enjoying our hobby as before

*David Elliott - Newsletter Editor*

## Chairman's Chat

Thanks to Dave we now have restarted our newsletter which was a long time tradition of the Association run by the late Alan Bibby.

With Covid having shut us all down for 12 months we can only hope that by June things will be looking up. Should you have any queries please contact Alan Budd or myself – we will be happy to help. A number of clubs have been able to obtain grants from their local councils – have you applied? They are not a loan which is the popular concern. Some have even now received a second grant in recent weeks. They are given under the Covid arrangements. Stay safe and well.

Regards

*Frank Cooper Chair*

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## News From the Web Site

**Exhibitions** - The Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition at Leamington is provisionally arranged for October 14th - 17th subject as above to confirmation by the organisers

**Boiler Certs** - We are still getting requests regarding the extension of certificates, quite simply the duration of certificates cannot be extended you need to get your steam or hydraulic tests done before the certificates expiry date, using a locomotive after this date I believe would almost certainly invalidate your insurance.

**Boiler News** - Boiler testers should be aware that from 1 Jan 2021, UK pressure vessel manufacturers may be using the UKCA mark instead of the EU CE mark. This new mark shall be treated under the boiler test code as a CE mark, as permitted under the Pressure Equipment Regulations Act. For vessels made after 1 Jan 2022, the EU CE mark is the only valid mark for boilers made in Europe and the UKCA mark is the only valid mark for boilers made in the UK. Owners of models should be aware that the position of recognition of the UKCA mark within Europe is not yet clear. This may affect those in the future if they are planning to take their model to Europe or to sell it there.

**Walker Midgley** - As you will have no doubt heard, Tony has retired from Walker Midgley effective from 31/12/2020, and we all wish him a well-deserved long, happy and healthy retirement.

This means that I (Martin Levers) will now be the main point of contact for you going forward, so please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you need. In addition to sharing this with you, I would also like to share another piece of news with you, which we believe will be of benefit to the Northern Association.

We will still be able to contact Tony, should the need arise, to utilise the benefit of his vast experience and answer any questions that we might not be able to.

Walker Midgley have just launched a new Quote & Buy website, where Individual Modellers and Model Engineers can obtain a quote for their personal modelling insurance requirements, such as their models, loco's, home workshops, liability cover etc, They are able to a policy and get

immediate cover as well as having their policy documents available across straight away.

This means the members can get a quote and buy their cover, amend their policies and renew their cover – all online, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day – at their own convenience.

We have tried to make the website as user friendly and easy to navigate as possible (it also has the facility to Quote and Buy Vintage Tractor Insurance), and indeed some of the early feedback has been very positive. I would also advise that we will always be available to assist if a member gets stuck or needs a helping hand with using the online quote system as the web quote links in with our own back office system virtually in real time.

We have also built a special web link for Northern Association club members to utilise, to access the web quote system:

The web link is as follows:

<https://walkermidgleyquotes.towergate.com/AWE/Container.aspx?CurrentWorkflow=StandardB2C&CurrentStep=GetNewQuote&Source=33624691>



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**NARROW GAUGE LOCOMOTIVE  
EFFICIENCY COMPETITION  
(NGLEC)**

**SATURDAY 24TH JULY 2021**

MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM PHIL ASHWORTH ON  
07898 292714 OR RVLS.COMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM

## **OBITUARY**

### **Mo Stephen**

We are sorry to announce the death of Maureen (Mo) Stephen who sadly recently passed away.

For many years she handled the insurances for the Association until required to be handled by a broker. Subsequently she took on the role of Treasurer, later switching to helping husband Frank when he took over the position. We extend our condolences to Frank and daughter Tracey.

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## Amendments to Cover –

### Effective 1st March 2021 MODELLING AND MODEL ENGINEERING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES INSURANCE

Public and Products Liability Section Your insurers, *Travellers Insurance*, have introduced a change to the limit of indemnity for members provided under the Public/Products Liability section of your policy. The change restricts the limit of indemnity provided under your club & society policy, where members are carrying out modelling and model engineering activities in a personal capacity, to £1m and to £2m in the aggregate and in any one period of insurance. Where members are carrying out modelling and model engineering activities that are club activities, the normal club limit of indemnity applies as shown in the schedule of insurance.

**Example: If a member takes his loco to run at another track as a private individual not as a club member and not as a club activity and an incident happens which results in the member being sued the applicable limit of indemnity will be £1m and the most the most the 7**

The actual policy wording is: - *We will cover on behalf of any member who is not indemnified by you for any claim which is first made in the period of insurance for accidental injury or damage arising from modelling/model engineering activities carried out by that member in their personal capacity and which is totally unrelated to any claim that has resulted in the partial or total exhaustion of the policy limit of indemnity. For the purpose of this endorsement only, modelling/model engineering activities include modelling/model engineering club/society, modelling/model engineering activities of all and every kind. The maximum amount we will pay under this extension is £1,000,000 per claim and £2,000,000 in annual aggregate. This member additional limit is in addition to, and not part of the policy limit of indemnity.*

Subject otherwise to all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy In order to avoid any issues should the £1m limit be exhausted, members may take out their own 'top up' Public Liability cover. They are then able to select a higher limit of indemnity to cover their activities carried out in a personal capacity.

Members should visit our website, via the following link:

<https://walkermidgleyquotes.towergate.com/AWE/Container.aspx?CurrentWorkflow=StandardB2C&CurrentStep=G etNewQuote&Source=33625248> where they can get a quotation, buy their cover immediately as well as amend their cover and get their renewal all online.

No proposal forms to complete, cover is in force straight away and documents available there and then to either download or emailed – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

By using this link, they will ensure that their policy is linked to the Northern Association of Model Engineers and help provide valuable income to the Northern Association, which helps keep the hobby going for their enjoyment and for future generations of Modellers and Model Engineers.

Alternatively, your members can call us on **0114 2502770** to discuss a quote. Cover for £5m Public Liability starts from as little as £29.59 inc 12% IPT per annum (no administration fee applies) and it is also possible to include cover for models, tools, home workshops and the like. We would really appreciate it if you could communicate this cover change to your members and also make your members aware of the web quote system.

### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

**Chairman** Mr Frank Cooper

**Secretary** Mr Alan Budd

**Treasurer/Membership Secretary** Mr Graham Toplis

**Boiler Registrar** Mr Alan Reid

### EDITORIAL.

**Editor** David Elliott

Please check out the web site: [www.name-1.org](http://www.name-1.org)

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