



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR**

I am delighted to confirm that an appointment has now been made to the vacant post of Commercial Director on the PLC Board.

We had a good number of applicants following the advertising of the vacancy and we then embarked on a very thorough selection process. I was ably assisted in that process by Steve Bigg, Roger Garman, Gordon Owen and Lisa Boyle and I am very grateful to them all for their help and guidance.

The successful applicant is Ms. Sara Hancock.

Sara lives in Crawley Down, near East Grinstead, with her husband and 10 year old son. She graduated from the University of London in 1988 and has since worked for nearly three decades in marketing, business development and market research, primarily (but not exclusively) in the food sector. She is currently taking a break from full time corporate employment, preferring at this stage in her life to work part-time. She has also been looking to take on a voluntary position in a local organisation and she is therefore delighted to have been offered the post of Commercial Director at the Bluebell Railway.

Sara is very happy to commit to whatever time input is necessary to fully discharge the responsibilities of the role and she will join us during March. We will co-opt her to the Board at our next meeting scheduled for the evening of Thursday 23rd March and then nominate her for appointment to the Board at the 2017 PLC AGM, in the normal way.

I trust you will join me in welcoming Sara to the Bluebell Railway when she joins us next month.

***A R Fearn***

***Chairman – Bluebell Railway Plc***

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