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APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Dick Fearn, Chairman of Bluebell Railway Plc, confirms the appointment of **Mr. Gordon Owen** MVO to the new position of General Manager. The post was created as part of the Railway's recent review of its organisational structure and desire to position the management team to meet the needs and challenges of today's environment in the Bluebell's expanded scope of operation.



Born in Newcastle, after leaving school Gordon worked for 5 years with Procter and Gamble. He then moved south to London in 1983 where he joined the Metropolitan Police. Stationed primarily in South London his career ultimately took him into Royalty Protection, from which he retired after 32 years' service, having attained the rank of Acting Chief Inspector.

Gordon is a resident of Burgess Hill, West Sussex. Though not a railwayman, his links with heritage steam can be traced back to his involvement with the Clan Line project in the late 90's. He has also been a regular visitor and supporter of the Bluebell Railway over a number of years.

Dick Fearn said that Gordon brings with him very strong organisational, leadership and interpersonal skills, all of which are key ingredients in this mandate.

Gordon will be taking up his post effective 7th March and says 'I am delighted to be joining such a prestigious steam railway and look forward to meeting and working with the Bluebell team'.

He will be located at the Railway's offices at Sheffield Park.

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