

# **BLUEBELL RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

**Sheffield Park Station, Sheffield Park, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 3QL**

## **Notice of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Request for Nominations and Motions**

In accordance with Rule 24(c), notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018** at The Burgess Hill Academy, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, commencing at 7pm.

Members wishing to submit motions for debate at the Annual General Meeting or propose amendments to motions below proposed by the Committee must do so by 6pm on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. Motions should be succinct and make a substantive proposal. Composite motions which seek to achieve two different objectives will not be accepted. Submitted motions **must** be clearly addressed to the General Secretary at Sheffield Park Station.

Nominations are invited for Trustees (three to be elected) and one Society representative to the Bluebell Railway Trust. The closing date for all nominations is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.

### **Eligibility for office**

Candidates for election must be adult members of the Society not in default and must show a minimum of three years continuous paid up membership of the Society. In accordance with Rule 13(b), they must also declare any financial interest in Bluebell Railway plc, whether as a shareholder, employee, contractor, supplier or commercial customer.

In addition, the successful candidate for election as a Society Representative to the Bluebell Railway Trust **must** certify that he/she is a 'fit and proper person' in the eyes of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. Details can be found on the HMRC website and downloading the guidance and model declaration at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/392977/model-dec-ff-persons.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/392977/model-dec-ff-persons.pdf)

All nominations shall be proposed and seconded by adult members not in default and shall carry the candidate's written consent that they are willing to stand for election or re-election, together with the financial interest declaration.

As provided for in Rule 14(c), candidates can choose to provide an election statement of not more than 200 words. **The words used in the financial interest declaration do not count towards the 200 word limit.** Candidates are also invited to provide a passport sized photograph of themselves for inclusion alongside their written statement. Any statements and/or photographs must be received by **24<sup>th</sup> March 2018** please, and sent to the General Secretary either by post to Sheffield Park Station, Sheffield Park, UCKFIELD, East Sussex, TN22 3QL or by email to <[gavin.bennett@bluebell-railway.co.uk](mailto:gavin.bennett@bluebell-railway.co.uk)>.

### **Trustees (three to be elected).**

In accordance with Rule 14(a), Mr Neil Glaskin and Mr Roger Kelly retire by rotation and both offer themselves for re-election. Mrs Sheina Foulkes, co-opted to the Committee following the resignation of Tom Waghorn during the year, offers herself for election.

## **Rule 15(b) sub-committees**

As a result of these elections, the Chairs of the Retail and Funding sub-committees will become vacant (though the Funding sub-committee is currently dormant). Candidates may state in their nomination paper their aspirations to these vacancies.

## **Society Representative to the Bluebell Railway Trust (one to be elected).**

In accordance with Rule 29(c), Mr Colin Tyson retires as a Society Representative to the Bluebell Railway Trust and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election (but see below).

The following motions are submitted under Rule 7(a) by the Society Committee:

## **Subscriptions**

1. That the Society subscriptions should be increased as listed below with effect from 1st January 2019.

	Current (2013)	Proposed
Junior	£11	£15
Student	£15	£20
Adult	£25	£30
Adult Joint	£36	£40
Family	£40	£50
Senior	£20	£25
Senior Joint	£30	£35
Life	£750	£900
Life Joint	£375	£450
Senior Life *	£500	£600
Senior Life Joint *	£250	£300

2. That a discounted rate for annual membership be introduced for renewals paid by Direct Debit. The discount shall be £2 per annum.
3. That the discounted rate for five-year subscriptions in advance shall be changed from 5 times the previous rate in force to 5 times the current rate in force less 10%

## **AMENDMENT TO RULES**

Rule 29: Relationship with the Bluebell Railway Trust

Motion 4: This meeting agrees to delete Rule 29. Proposed by the Committee

## **Relationship with the Bluebell Railway Trust**

The Trustees of the Bluebell Railway Trust (the “Trust”) have carried out a review of their governance, partly driven by the need to bring the Trust into line with current Charity Commission rules so far as the appointment of Trustees is concerned but also by the need to deal with the unlimited liability that the Trustees currently have, particularly now that it has custody of operating locomotives and rolling stock.

As a result of this review, the Trust has decided to replace the existing Trustees with a Trustee Company, BRT Trustee Limited (the “Company”). The Company will be managed by its Directors but, to avoid

