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All Directors, Staff & Volunteers

27<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Dear All,

**East Grinstead**

With the dust (or steam) only just settled from the grand opening of the Railway to East Grinstead on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 we can look back, with great satisfaction and sense of achievement, on that momentous day.

Everybody connected with Bluebell Railway, whether more recently or, like myself over several decades, can be immensely proud of our achievement, sometimes against all odds and opposition.

As Chairman of Bluebell Railway Plc, I would like to place on formal record my thanks and appreciation for everybody who has contributed in anyway, however small, to creating a lasting legacy, not only for the Railway preservation world, but for our industrial heritage which will continue to be enjoyed and cherished, hopefully, for many decades to come.

My personal memories of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March started with arriving at Sheffield Park at 8.30 in the morning for the Pullman Breakfast Train, in the afternoon driving to East Grinstead to watch the trains come and go (and buying my coffee and souvenirs from the new coach) and in the evening the Gala Dinner Train, finally arriving back at Sheffield Park at midnight.

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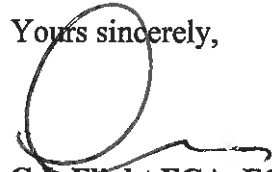
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The whole day was filled with spectators and supporters, brass bands, Mayors and magnificent fireworks to close the day. Every aspect of the staff and service was excellent throughout the day.

There has been an enormous amount of Press coverage which I am sure will continue for some time yet and Bluebell has re-established itself at the forefront of Railway preservation, where it rightly belongs.

Again my thanks and appreciation to you all.

Yours sincerely,



**G L Flight FCA, FCCA**  
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