LEGACIES FROM THE LATE COLIN PALMER DELIVERED AT BLUEBELL RAILWAY’S EAST GRINSTEAD STATION ON SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH 2015

Colin Palmer, a well known and long term resident of Copthorne, who sadly passed away on 16 January 2015, left 3 extremely generous legacies in his will.

Colin’s son Bob Palmer accompanied by his wife Lorraine took the opportunity whilst travelling on the Bluebell Railway’s Golden Arrow Sunday lunch train to hand over the cheques to representatives of each of the 3 chosen charities.

Bob and Lorraine Palmer were greeted and welcomed to the Railway at the start of their journey at Sheffield Park station by Sam Bee – Bluebell Railway Preservation Society’s (BRPS) Vice Chairman.

Upon arrival at East Grinstead station, where grandson Daniel joined the group – Bob Palmer handed over to the Bluebell Railway a cheque for £111,492.52 which was most gratefully received by Roy Watts – Chairman B.R.P.S. and Bill Brophy – Chairman Bluebell Railway Trust. Roy Watts acknowledged the essential part that legacies and bequests play in supporting the Bluebell Railway’s operations and funding major capital expenditures. He said that the generosity shown by the late Colin Palmer was just amazing.

Bob said that his father had very little spare time but had been a frequent visitor to the Bluebell over the years.

Cheques for similar amounts were handed over to representatives of the R.S.P.C.A. and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Roger Garman

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