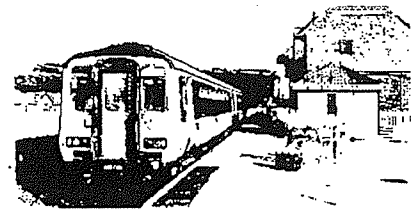




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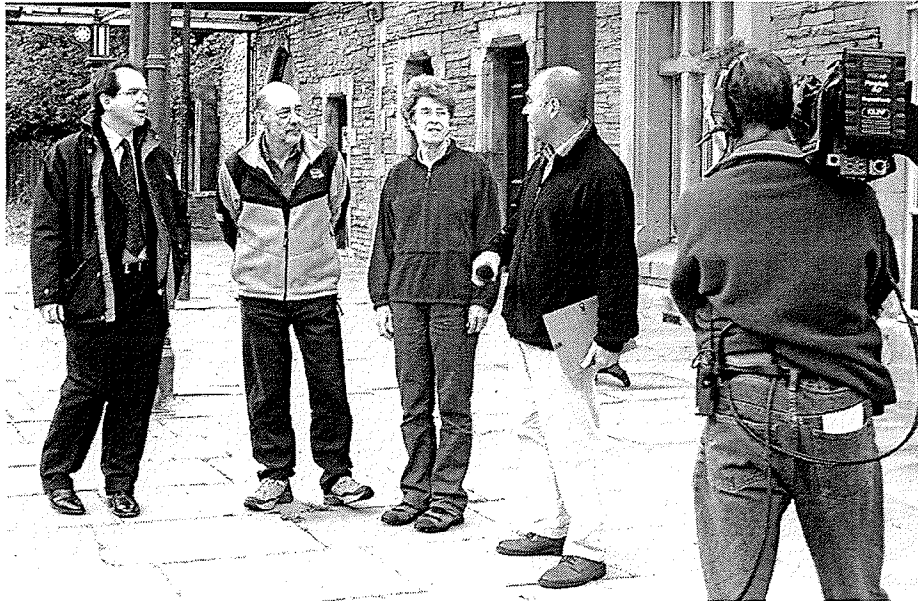
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CKP ON THE BBC !!!

BBC 2's "Working Lunch" featured the Keswick to Penrith Railway Project on Friday 10th October. This was the project's first appearance on national television - locally Border TV, BBC North and BBC Radio Cumbria report on developments and feature interviews from time to time.



- ◆ Clive Roberts, Principal Engineer from Corus Rail Consultancy in York spoke about the design work that has been done for the new Railway, explained that the line is still largely intact thirty years after closure, and described some of the repair and new construction work required.
- ◆ Barry and Cathy Colam (hoteliers from Cumbria House, Keswick) spoke about the benefits to the town of reopening the Railway, and why they invested in a project they strongly believe in.
- ◆ Presenter Rob Pittam described the closure of the line in 1972, showed the buildings at Keswick station and Keswick Country House Hotel and conducted the interviews on the platform.

Corus Rail Consultancy are also managing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and consultation process with local authorities which is now under way.

Working Lunch is also running a series explaining various types of investment. On this occasion their financial expert in the London studio described how Bonds work.

A CKP Bond Certificate was displayed by Rob Pittam as part of the introduction.

The "Working Lunch" team want to follow developments on the project.

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PARKING PROVES THE POINT

Parking Wardens are now operating in Keswick. Double yellow lines have appeared in several places to control parking on road junctions and narrow streets which were becoming clogged by parked cars. There were concerns that Emergency vehicles might not be able to get through. There are demands for "resident only" parking areas.

Keswick is an old town and many parts have no off street parking. Garages are rare in the old town. People need to travel into and out of the town as visitors, for business, and for everyday needs. The simple fact is that there is not enough space for all the cars that are now in use. The choices are stark - demolish buildings or spoil open spaces to provide car parks, or provide a transport system which reduces the need for cars. Cumbria County Council supports bus services as cheap and easy "solutions" but there is a flaw in this logic - the buses get caught in the congestion on the roads.

The trackbed and all major structures of the Railway to Penrith still exists, the station sites exist, suitable trains exist and Operators are keen to run TRAINS TO KESWICK.

CKP Railways plc has shown that the line can be rebuilt to provide a modern service, has costed the task and is working towards the legal processes to initiate construction as a commercial project.

TIME AND MONEY....

From time to time we get comments that the project seems to be taking a long time, or costing a lot of money. Here are a few points to consider:

- Each stage of work to gain the Transport and Works Order costs about £100,000 - the Highways Agency spends £100,000 each year simply clearing rubbish from the Motorways and Trunk Roads between Preston and Carlisle !
- Nobody earns a salary from this project. Professional services are used, but only the time actually spent is paid for. The Directors of CKP Railways plc receive no payment whatsoever for their efforts - since the early 1990s about 10,000 unpaid hours on the project.
- Unlike a local authority, CKP Railways plc is not handed a budget to spend every year. The money has to be raised through investments or earned.
- The Penrith bypass was first proposed in 1930, but nothing was built until 1965 and the road finally opened as part of the M6 in 1968.

BONDS FOR THE WINTER

The Third Offer for Bonds is still open.

Bonds are offered in multiples of £100 and pay interest each year at the rate of 4% gross.

In the year 2010 they will be redeemable or may be converted into shares in CKP Railways plc.

This is the main source of funding for all the development work. Over £250,000 has been raised so far, about half the total estimated to get the Transport and Works Order from Government. With that Order, construction can commence with external funding and be completed very quickly.

CKP Railways plc normally issues Bond Certificates at the end of each month, but will also make an issue on the 15th of December for any Bonds requested for delivery before Christmas.

To get a copy of the Prospectus for yourself, a friend, colleague or relative, write to

CKP Railways plc,
1 Solway Park,
Carlisle,
Cumbria,
CA2 6TH

Or request by e-mail on: ckp@cmartindale.fsnet.co.uk

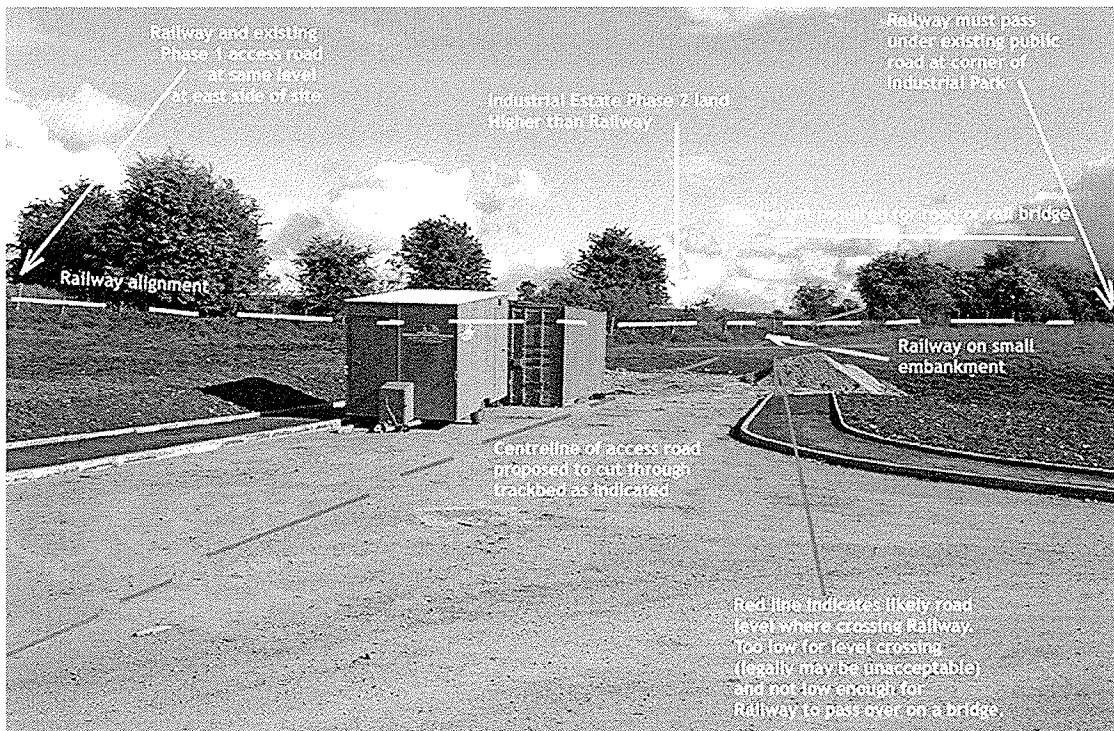
To comply with investment Regulations, the Prospectus can only be issued as a paper document. The Offer of Bonds will remain open a while longer, but don't wait too long !

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OTHER PLANS - YOUR COMMENTS NEEDED

At Flusco, between Penruddock and Blencow, Inglewood Properties is creating an Industrial Park. The trackbed of the Keswick to Penrith line crosses the site diagonally. They have submitted plans for an internal access road which would cut through the Railway trackbed.

This could make the line more difficult or unduly expensive to rebuild, or hazardous to operate. Eden District Council (based in Penrith) has to decide on the application.



The application was submitted in May 2003 but has not yet been put to the Planning Committee for a decision. Eden District Council has a very clear policy (number RE7) to protect Railway trackbeds for reopening. That policy reflects National Government aims as expressed in Planning Policy Guidance "PPG13". CKP Railways plc has commented on each occasion that these plans have surfaced, but the Council seems unwilling to apply its own policy !

A big "thank you" to the many people who have already objected to the Council, which is now seeking "expert opinion" on CKP's position. Planning Officers want to form a view on the viability and likelihood of success of the CKP project as a condition for applying protection to the trackbed. There are few organisations with the resources or skills to tackle such work - until 1997 Cedric Martindale developed the case for the line in a way that local authorities could take up, but they did not grasp the opportunity. CKP is now doing the work independently.

CKP Railways plc is now tackling the environmental issues and has begun a consultation process with local authorities including Eden District Council. CKP Railways plc and its supporters have suggested how the Railway and Industrial Park can be complementary if planned sympathetically.

Anyone interested in the future of the Railway should express their concerns to Eden District Council at Mansion House, Penrith, CA11 7YG.

It is also possible to send comments by e-mail to Eden's Chief Executive: chief.exec@eden.gov.uk Eden's Planning Reference number for the scheme is 03/0378.

Please also send a copy of any correspondence to CKP Railways plc at the address above.

Objectors are offered an opportunity to speak at Planning Committee meetings.

Councillors need to realise that this project has strong public support.

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Greetings Cards, Fine Art Prints, Videos, Books and Phonocards are all available, but please don't leave it too late if you want any of these items as presents for friends or family !

Iceni Enterprises Ltd. will send out every item as fast as possible, but orders received after the 15th of December might miss the last posting dates published by the Royal Mail.

The Prospectus for CKP Railways plc Bonds is still available, free of charge, from the same address.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

1. If you can afford to, please subscribe to Updates on the project (£10 per calendar year).
At least 25% of every subscription goes to CKP Railways plc to help fund development work.
2. If you have access to email, we can send Updates electronically - saving time, money and paper.
Please tell us if you change your e-mail address - we can not contact you otherwise !

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT

1. Buy a re-chargeable phonecard for discounted calls from any land-line in the UK and 48 other countries. Minimum call charge is only 3 pence, and no coins are needed in BT phoneboxes! Cards cost £10 each, post free, supplied with £10 credit.
Top up the card at any time from a credit card using a telephone keypad on a free call.
15% commission on every sale and recharge goes into the reconstruction project.
2. Book your rail tickets through "Chester-le-Track" for any journey on the whole National Network, including discounted fares for Railcard holders, etc. Phone Chester-le-Track on 0191-387-1387, quote "CKP Offer" and they will pay 3% of the total sale as commission to CKP Railways plc. The total sale must be at least £25 and must be paid for by credit card. Chester-le-Track also sells tickets "on-line" but these do NOT qualify for the CKP offer.
3. We collect and sell used printer and fax ink-jet and laser cartridges for recycling.
Please contact the address below if you are interested in collecting in your area.
There are no costs and no money to handle - postage is free and packaging is supplied.
4. A professionally produced video "Trains to Keswick" records the history and people along the line. It was filmed in the last few months before closure in 1972. Buy from us at £12.99 per copy (post free) and 25% of the price goes to the reconstruction project.
5. The report "Return to Keswick - the case for a New Railway" is available at £20 per copy direct from us (post free), or order through bookshops by quoting ISBN 1-902543-02-5.
£5 from every copy goes into the reconstruction project.
6. For a little nostalgia, Fine Art prints and greetings cards featuring a stunning winter view of the steam hauled "Lakes Express" near Bassenthwaite Lake station are available from us. Prints (24" x 16") are £18 each, cards (6" x 8") are £1.40 each with envelopes. All post free.
25% of the price of every order placed with us goes into the reconstruction project.

Meet the Engineer! An information stand will be at:

WORKINGTON Model Railway Exhibition, 22nd November at the Lakes College

Talks and slide shows can be arranged. No fixed fees, but donations to the project are welcomed.

Invitations to exhibitions and other events are always welcomed. To make a booking please contact:

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