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Time capsule treasures unearthed at school



» Doug Cole (right) buried his work in a time capsule as a 14-year-old student at Paignton Academy. He is pictured with current students, staff Dave Carpenter, headteacher Mark Smith and Tony Brewer whose father Colin also helped bury the original capsule

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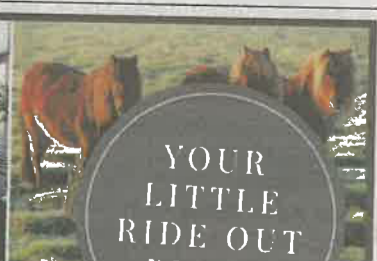
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Second entrance and footbridge plan for station

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HUGE plans for a new entrance to Newton Abbot railway station from the Brunel Industrial Estate have been revealed.

Thousands of employees who work on the estate and residents in Buckland and Milber are set to benefit from the new station building and footbridge.

It would be built on land currently used as parking by International Dance Supplies and Royal Mail, with the existing footbridge extended to connect to the new Brunel Industrial Estate entrance.

The scheme, submitted to Devon County Council planners, will improve accessibility to the station, making rail travel more attractive and promote public transport.

The existing entrance from Station Road would remain open.

Devon County Council are the applicants, and a planning statement with the scheme says: "The plans will improve connectivity and access to the station from Brunel Industrial Estate and Buckland residential area and will contribute towards achieving sustainable travel objectives by providing a more attractive travel choice for users."

Sally Henley, Newton Abbot's town development manager, has welcomed the scheme, and said: "Residents of the town and busi-

nesses in Newton Abbot have long wished for a bridge which would allow easier access to the train station and to the town centre from the Brunel estate and vice versa.

"It is hoped that in the spirit of collaborative working, that the bridge will allow for all those wishing to access Queen Street, rather than merely facilitating access to rail users. It is hoped, if this is not currently part of the plan, that it may become so and all stakeholders given the opportunity to build upon the proposed investment.

"If all opportunities are maximised, this would be to the benefit of the community and the economic benefit of Newton Abbot as a whole. At a time of economic constraints it is hoped that all stakeholders will come together to realise this long held objective."

The documents reveal the footbridge will be approximately 22m long and connect to the existing one. It would be craned into position during a night-time rail closure.

The documents add: "The new station building will include a stairwell surrounded by a central lift core and will have basic station facilities such as ticket machines, visual information displays and ticket gates.

"The aim is to improve access to the station to over 3,000 employees that work on the Brunel Industrial Estate and to the Buckland residential area which has over 1,400 houses."



» A COASTGUARD helicopter airlifted a sick passenger off a luxury cruise liner in Tor Bay yesterday. The drama happened as the giant cruise ship Amadea arrived in the bay at the start of her season in Europe. She came into the bay just after midday and was met by the Newquay-based helicopter which hovered overhead. The Amadea then turned back out of the bay again, steaming into the easterly wind as the pilot manoeuvred the helicopter above the deck. After half an hour the helicopter left the scene and flew to Plymouth's Derriford Hospital. The cruise ship turned back into the bay and dropped anchor off Torquay. She had arrived in the bay from Cork, having crossed the Atlantic from Newfoundland. She was built in Japan and entered service as the flagship of the German Phoenix Reisen line in 2006. She has two royal suites, 40 suites and 254 cabins, 106 of which have private balconies. She cost \$150m to build. The Amadea is due in Bremerhaven tomorrow to begin a busy summer schedule around Europe. At the weekend Artania, another cruise ship, called in the bay. Picture: Don Proctor

School story spanning the generations

A FASCINATING story spanning the generations has emerged after 70 years hidden in the depths of Paignton Academy.

While students and staff are looking forward to the completion of the £3.4m new block at Borough Road, Midas construction workers demolishing the 70-year-old building discovered a small time capsule hidden in the depths of the boiler room.

Tucked away inside old milk bottles were the exercise books of students Doug Cole and Colin Brewer.

Born around 1933, they were about 14 when they buried the capsule in November 1948. The books were a goldmine of interesting facts and pictures, alongside pictures of contemporary cars, a map of the Roman roads, maths work and an understanding of basic carpentry.

Doug is now 85 and living in the Paignton area. He left school at 14 and completed National Service before working at Torquay and Brixham harbours. He went on to have four children, one of whom currently works at the Academy within

the Science faculty. One of his grandsons is due to start Year Seven there in September. Colin Brewer has died, but the Academy was able to trace his son Tony, who also attended Paignton Academy and he can remember himself passing through the boiler room while at school, unknowingly yards from the time capsule his father had buried a few decades earlier.

Headteacher Mark Smith invited Doug and Tony into the school to meet current students as they prepare to bury their own time capsule.

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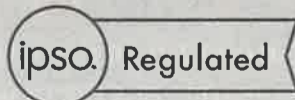
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THURSDAY	04.58	4.7	17.32	4.7
FRIDAY	05.50	4.9	18.20	4.9
SATURDAY	06.37	5.0	19.03	5.0
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