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Documenting memories of time spent at Maker Camp

A FUN day will be held on the Rame Peninsula to document the memories of those who have visited and holidayed at Maker Camp.

Maker Memories is a project to revive the stories of people who have visited the greenspace – be it for camping, school trips, Maker Festival or for those who have grown up with Maker Heights in their lives.

On Sunday, the family fun day set up in partnership with Plymouth City Museum will kick off at Maker, which will be filled with live music, crafts, activities, raffles, and displays.

You can share memories of Maker Camp while reliving some of the fun activities that have taken place there over the years – the day will have something for everyone.

Music performances will be put on by local musicians Elani Evangelou Music, The Hamoaze Band, and Snob Hill.

Open mic will begin at 1pm, giving musicians, poets or writers a chance to take to the stage.

You can get your picture snapped in a pop-up photography studio at the Officer's Mess with renowned photographer Dom Moore.

Wild About Plymouth will also be at the event with fun natural history-inspired activities.

For the children there will be yoga, circus skills, imagination activities and much more.

The Rame Area Women's Institute will provide tea and cake.

The Maker Memories team is encouraging those who have photos or artefacts from Maker to bring them along with them to have these recorded as part of the project too.



MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS: The project is reviving stories of people who have visited for Maker Festival

Backed by the Plymouth History Centre and Plymouth City Council, Maker Memories will delve into the histories of Plymothians.

Thanks to funding support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the unique project will record the histories of those who have visited Maker Heights.

The History Centre team is aiming to capture oral accounts from the time people spent at the old military base across the water, preserving its rich social past from a time when Maker Camp was thriving right though to accounts from those who still visit Maker today.

The project will feature in a community gallery space in the History Centre once it's opened in 2020.

The Maker Memories project can be found on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and YouTube.

You can access the website at www.makermemories.org

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Pupils caught with weapons at school

CHILDREN as young as 12 have been caught with weapons in schools across Devon and Cornwall – with lock knives, blades and an air gun among items confiscated.

The majority of cases involved children, according to figures released to the Press Association by police forces in England and Wales.

At least one in five incidents involved knives, while the data suggests an overall increase in the number of weapons found on school premises.

Figures released by police in Devon and Cornwall show that officers were called to 10 incidents in 2015/16 and 11 in 2016/17.

The oldest offender, aged 19, was given a youth caution, after being found in possession of an airgun and butterfly knife.

Three 12 year olds are among the offenders found in possession of blades and a metal pole.

Most cases were resolved with a caution or community action.

It is also not clear from the figures if the schools were open at the time of the offences or whether they relate to group or individual incidences.

Police chiefs said there had been a "worrying" increase in young people carrying knives. They said police work with schools to help educate youngsters on why carrying any illegal weapon is wrong.

National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Knife Crime, Chief Constable Alf

by **HANNAH FINCH**

Herald Reporter

Hitchcock, said: "Schools should be free of weapons and all children should be able to learn without fear or violence. Carrying a weapon of any kind in schools is not an issue for a school to deal with alone; police and partners will always be willing to work with them and take appropriate action."

"We have recently seen an increase in young people carrying knives and this is worrying. We are responding to this trend by targeting those who carry them illegally and working with retailers to reduce the sale of knives to under-age people through nationally coordinated operations."

There are around 700 schools in the Devon and Cornwall area and a spokesman for Devon and Cornwall Police said that the rate of incidents remains low.

He said: "We have many hundreds of schools across the whole of Devon and Cornwall, attended by hundreds of thousands of pupils, daily, yet this type of incident remains incredibly low, year-on-year which is reassuring, and shows that we do not have a wide-spread problem with weapons in schools in our region."

"Safety in schools is led on by the relevant local authority, and police will support them at a local level if and when any issues arise."

Press Association analysis of data from 32 police forces that gave figures showed there were 2,579 weapons found

from the 2015/16 financial year to this year.

The number is likely to be much higher, when considering those forces that did not provide data, or offered only incomplete figures, under Freedom of Information laws.

In 2016/17 alone, among those that gave breakdowns, there were at least 1,369 weapons found – a rise of almost 20% on the previous year, despite this not covering a full 12-month period.

According to the 24 forces that gave specific details on the type of weapon, just under 500 of the nearly 700 seized were knives – including samurai swords.

It means the number of knives taken away is likely to be much higher if data from other forces about the type of weapon used is taken into account.

Other weapons confiscated included at least 26 guns, including BB guns, air rifles and an imitation firearm.

More unusual contraband included a police baton, a rolling pin, a can of beer and a 15in metal rod.

At least 47 children found with weapons were below 10 years old, the age at which someone can be prosecuted.

This included three five-year-olds, one of which was caught with a knife while another was found with a missile – typically a brick or a rock.

There were also 47 cases where the person involved gave their occupation or status as teacher, or a related job, such as tutor. Forces did not give further details.