

People always come first at Torcare...



Cupcake Day in June

Torcare Nursing Centre is taking part in 'Cupcake Day' on June 14 on behalf of the Alzheimers Society selling homemade cupcakes from 10.30am in the main reception.

All family members and friends of Torcare are welcome to our Summer Fete Friday July 20 at 11am starting with an old fashioned Punch and Judy show, followed by a BBQ lunch in the garden with an afternoon of song by Wendy J. Bassett. There will also be stalls to browse around and we're keeping our fingers crossed for good weather.

Meanwhile we would like to welcome Mrs Christine Terry to our activities team.



Torcare residents pictured enjoying animal therapy during a recent visit by Hendra Farm

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Maker Memories are made of this

'Maker Memories' is a community project that aims to capture the rich and diverse heritage of Maker Camp in South East Cornwall. It is one of the inspirational and creative projects supported by the The Box, formerly Plymouth Museum and Art Gallery.

The project is led by volunteers from the Maker with Rame Community Interest Company. They have been working with a variety of community members to capture stories from the people who attended the Camp on a school holiday, to the musicians and artists who are based there today.

Photographs, film, objects and ephemera have been collected to give an insight into how important Maker is to the thousands of people that have visited over the years.

The project's volunteers have been supported by Sociology and Media Arts students from the University of Plymouth, and students from the Extended Diploma in Film, Animation and Media Production at Plymouth College of Art and Instant Light Productions. In turn, they have been supported by Maker-based creatives Patchwork Studios and Dom Moore Photography.

Although Maker was originally a military base (from the late 18th century, it's most well known as the school holiday camp established by Nancy Astor and the Virginia House Settlement in the 1920's for 'deprived city children.'

Apart from a brief spell during World War II when it was recommissioned as a military base, it continued as this until its closure in 1987. As a result, thousands of children (mainly from Plymouth) had their first and sometimes only childhood holiday at Maker.

More recently Maker has hosted hundreds of musicians who have played and learned their craft at the venue, thousands of festival-goers (with an annual music festival starting in 1999) and artists who had studios there. There's also been a campsite and facilities for people to hold their wedding.

Regardless of whether they're young or old, regular or an occasional visitor, what's become clear through the project is that everyone holds Maker dear to their hearts.

The wind and basic facilities are more than made up for by the stunning location and panoramic views. For those who are local, there's a strong sense of community, with music and the arts as its beating heart. Maker holds many special memories for many, many people.

A small touring exhibition of the project's



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findings so far has recently been launched. The opening was held in the newly refurbished Nissen Hut at Maker Camp. Several hundred people attended the event and were entertained by musicians Tony Harris and Elani Evangelou.

The exhibition includes photographic and film displays, and a free Maker Memories newspaper, designed by local designer Dave Tetley from Studio 51, which features archive and contemporary photographs and interview extracts.

Following a busy and successful two weeks at Maker, the exhibition then moved to The Box Community Hub on Floor 5 at House of Fraser in Plymouth where it will run from June 5 to July 31.

Alongside this several Maker inspired events have taken place at the exhibition space, including film shows, reminiscence sessions and live music events by Maker musicians, Phoenix Elleschild and Jonathan Stafford from Haunt the Woods and Elani Evangelou.

Anyone who would like to get involved or find out where the exhibition will be heading next visit the project website at makermemories.org or email info@makermemories.org.

'Maker Memories' will be featured in a community gallery when The Box opens in 2020.



Opening of the exhibition