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**The 'Late Late' Harvest Festival**

Photographs by Mike Boughton - High St. Maxey



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## The 'Late Late' Harvest Festival

### Charity Auction - £2,200 Raised - Best Ever!



Our professional auctioneer Chris Purlant was as entertaining as ever.

This year's event was 'late, late' (20 November 2004 to be precise) due to the unseasonal weather that delayed the local harvesting - but ended up 'great, great'!

Organised and run once again by the **Maxey Blue Bell Charity Club**, over **£2,000** was raised from auctioned items - the highest ever total from this event - and a further £200 was added from the buffet, bring & buy and tombola sales, making a total of **£2,200** which will be distributed by the MBCC to nominated charities and other good causes.

Professional Auctioneer Chris Purlant was again master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Suzy Lamb and Pat Summers from the Charity Club.

Chris gave a masterclass in the art of auctioneering - at times restrained and softly-spoken, at others energetic and forceful.

His smooth technique and great sense of humour was great entertainment and an uproarious night was had by all - many joining in the banter as he whizzed through the many items generously donated by local villagers and businesses.

Such events cannot be run without the commitment of time, energy & donation by a great number of people. Thanks go to:

- Everyone who donated goods or services to be auctioned (a list of items & auction results is published below)
- Everyone who provided prizes for the tombola
- Everyone who prepared items for the bring & buy table
- Ron Cook - landlord of the Blue Bell - for hosting the festival & provision of the marquee & Kathleen Cook for all her help, including those great roast potatoes
- All the volunteers who helped before, during & after the event to ensure its success
- Chris Purlant for bringing his 'day-job' home to Maxey
- Mike Boughton for capturing the event on 'digital' film
- Everyone who bought auction items, bring & buy goods, tombola tickets or made a donation for the buffet supper
- Anyone we've forgotten!

item	price paid	Donated by
Brace of pheasants	£2.00	John Machin
Bag of potatoes	£3.40	Trevor Purlant
Bag of potatoes	£4.00	Trevor Purlant
Helicopter ride for two people	£170.00	George Richardson
Watercolour Painting	£90.00	Sue Garford
Panama Jack Boots	£14.00	John Pearson
Toy Forklift	£12.00	Jason Purlant
Toy Forklift	£16.00	Jason Purlant
Tapestry Cushion	£15.00	Diana
Fitness & Nutrition voucher	£30.00	Helen Middleton
3 bottles of fine claret	£28.00	Fred Smith

Paper Shredder	£26.00	Anonymous
Two tickets to posh football	£18.00	Julie Etherington, Club Secretary, PUFC
Land Rover International Subscription	£18.00	John Pearson
Pot black football table	£25.00	MC Vehicles
Bag of potatoes	£4.20	Anonymous
Scale model of wheel loader	£18.00	Roy Thompson
Weeks holiday accommodation in Norfolk	£165.00	Anonymous
Picture frame voucher	£28.00	Vanessa Crowson
Last Will and Testament	£60.00	Martin Bloom
Tickets for musical: Starcrossed	£5.00	Joyce Fisher
Taxi for 8 people	£28.00	Ray Allen
Umbro football boots	£11.00	Sue Bond
Xmas cake	£27.00	Vera Allen
Gold throw	£29.00	Sue Bond
Gold cushion	£15.00	Sue Bond
Leather handbag	£23.00	Ron Cook's mum
Bag of potatoes	£5.00	Trevor Purlant
Portrait photographer	£70.00	Mick Boughton
Days fishing	£20.00	Tony Crowson
Coach trip	£8.00	Shaws Coaches
Steiff Teddy Bear	£88.00	Toni Sutton, Bear Corner
£100 freezer food	£60.00	Jeeves Catering
Scale model of excavator	£25.00	Roy Thompson
Wireless keyboard and optical mouse	£36.00	Anonymous
Case of red wine	£40.00	N Poole
Fridge freezer	£52.00	Ron Cook
Skating holiday	£500.00	SnowBizz
Freeview digital box	£32.00	Ian Simons
Iron	£12.00	Ron Cook's mum
Iron	£16.00	Ron Cook's mum
Two bags of coal	£9.00	Don Boydon
Cordless screwdriver	£25.00	Anonymous
World cup videos	£8.00	Pat and Dick Talbot
Darcy's picture	£33.00	Darcy Bond
Brace of woodcocks	£6.20	John Machin
Decanter and glasses	£11.00	Anonymous
Candlesticks	£24.00	Anonymous
The 'Rabbit Shoot' pic	£20.00	Anonymous
Seamless guttering	£80.00	PSJ Guttering
Flowers	£20.00	Anonymous
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,084.80</b>	

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