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Maxey BookFest Charity Book Sale 2005

Donate & Buy Event Is Great Success - Raises £355.00

The concept was simple: everybody probably has old books cluttering up their book shelves at home; previously loved, maybe having been read more than once. Why not get people to donate them to charity and then turn up an restock your own library from other people's donations?

Well, it seems to have caught the imagination of villagers and visitors alike as several hundred books were donated in the weeks leading up to the sale.

The books were collated and sorted by organiser Louise Duncan into boxes by author or subject and made ready for sale day on **Saturday 26 February 2005** at the **Maxey Village Hall**.

Books were priced at a very modest 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks, with a large 'bargain bucket' selection at 25p each or 5 for £1.



Louise's team of 'piano shifters' (Kim Doxey, Jack Hindle & Ian Duncan) ferried the sale books to the village hall and the remainders back to base afterwards.

Apart from the obvious attraction of stocking up on nearly-new used books at bargain prices there were further goodies on offer from the 'Tea & Cakes' stall staffed by 3 volunteers - Di Hindle, Jenny Homewood & Barbie Doxey.

A steady stream of punters kept the cash coming in with many buying a dozen or more books. The limited numbers of childrens' books that had been donated were soon snapped up by savvy youngsters.

A special thanks goes to Roger Negus who cast an experienced antiquarian eye over the stock to ensure no literary treasures were hidden in the hall as well as helping to pack and unpack the books on arrival/ departure.

After expenses (hall hire, heating, etc.) were deducted, the sale day brought in a fantastic £355.00, including £60 from the tea & cake stall. Louise donated £35.00 to the Village Hall Fund ([Maxey Community](#))

Association) and £320.00 to the **Maxey Blue Bell Charity Club**.

Louise would like to thank everyone who generously donated books for the sale and to those who turned up and bought on the day (some almost buying back their own books in error!).

The unsold books have been donated directly to a number of local charities including: **British Red Cross**, **SENSE** & **Sue Ryder**.



Not your average 'washers-up' - Jenny & Di lend a hand.

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