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Harvest Festival & Charity Auction 2005

Well Attended Event Raises £1,900 for Charity

Once again Maxey villagers proved their generosity by helping raise £1900 at the annual Harvest Festival on 29 October 2005 with **John Pearson**.

Held at the Blue Bell Pub, thanks to Ron and Kathleen Cook, the highlight of the evening was the traditional auction. This attracted over 40 items, ranging from bags of potatoes and freshly shot pheasants to a helicopter ride, a trip to a London show and a skiing holiday. Our usual auctioneer, Chris Purlant was unavailable, but kindly arranged a stand-in, Robbie Longstaff, a fellow professional from Cheffins of Cambridge. Robbie's lively approach encouraged friendly rivalry among the bidders making it an entertaining evening.



Always easy to be brave before the event... the 3 'volunteers' recover in capable hands - left to right: Allan Middleton, Rob Lamb, Mick Stott and Becky Jones, a local beautician student.

The grand finale was a live leg-waxing session, kindly donated and carried out by Becky Jones. Over £100 was raised by the pub patrons for Mick Stott, Allan Middleton and Rob Lamb to have their leg hair removed. The pictures (left sidebar) tell the story of the seemingly painful experience for the gamel trio.

The event was, as always, organised by the **Maxey Blue Bell Charity Club**, and special thanks are due to the committee members Pat Summers, Gilly Chown, Suzy Lamb, Mick Stott, Matthew Thompson and Sue Bond, plus their never complaining (well not much anyway) partners who, as always, were roped in to help.

The club would like to thank everyone who donated items – and to everyone who made the night a great success.

This year the Committee will be giving **£5000** to charities, and would love to hear from any villager who would like to nominate a charity to receive some of the money.

The money is presented to representatives from the charities selected at a presentation evening in The Blue Bell pub later in the year. Watch out for the date and come along to see which good causes the money supports.

Lot	Item	Sold For
1.	12.5 kg Bag of Potatoes	£6.00
2.	12.5 kg Bag of Potatoes	£6.00
3.	Brace of Pheasants	£4.00
4.	Toaster	£10.00
5.	Tin of Quality Street	£7.00
6.	4 Tickets for Peterborough Greyhound Stadium	£32.00
7.	Arts Centre Vouchers	£12.00
8.	£20.00 Meat Voucher	£20.00
9.	Mixed Bag of Bottles	£25.00
10.	Water Skiing Lesson	£40.00

11. Helicopter Ride for Two People	£240.00
12. Steam Iron	£14.00
13. 16ft Two man Canvas Canoe	£28.00
14. Solid Pine Fireplace Surround	£15.00
15. Land Rover Owner International Magazine Subscription	£29.00
16. Practical Classic Magazine Subscription	£15.00
17. 12.5 kg Bag of Potatoes	£8.00
18. Set of Boules	£24.00
19. Brace of Pheasants	£2.00
20. Notice Board	£10.00
21. Last Will & Testament (Hegarty & Co)	£130.00
22. Two Tickets for Les Miserables West End Musical	£90.00
23. Floral Display	£14.00
24. Fly Casting Tuition	£12.00
25. Slimmer's Calendar	£24.00
26. 12.5 kg Bag of Potatoes	£8.00
27. Christmas Cake	£30.00
28. Steel Wheel Cleaning Kit	£5.00
29. 4x4 Off-Road Driver Training Session with Pro-Trax	£59.00
30. 12.5 kg Bag of Potatoes	£5.00
31. Set of Boules	£20.00
32. Collectible Scale Model	£40.00
33. Scratch & Stone Chip Remova Kit	£12.00
34. £100 Voucher for Freezer Food	£70.00
35. Half Leg Wax	£30.00
36. 12.5 kg Bag of Potatoes	£4.00
37. A Guest day's Fishing on the Guash	£30.00
38. 12.5 kg Bag of Potatoes	£4.00
39. Skiing Holiday for Two People (Snowbiz)	£400.00
40. Fire Screen	£4.00
41. Teddy Bear	£11.00
42. Case of Shotgun Cartridges	£25.00
43. Pogo Stick	£20.00
Total: £1,594.00	

The additional money bringing the total to **£1,900.00** was raised from the tombola, bring and buy and donations towards the food. There was also a free for all money collection towards the leg waxing of three local male residents.

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