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BookFest 2006



BookFest Babes take time out to pose once again.



A feast of buns and cakes was baked especially for the BookFest Tea Room.



Punters pore over the goods on offer - in this case the donated VHS Videos.

Maxey BookFest Charity Book Sale 2006

Donate & Buy Concept Proves Popular Again - £368.00 raised

The second Maxey BookFest took place on Saturday **16 September 2006** in Maxey Village Hall and was well attended by villagers and visitors alike.

This time around there were donated DVDs, VHS Videos and lots more childrens' books along with hundreds of fiction and non fiction paperbacks and hardbacks. All the books were presented in boxes labeled by subject - including auto/biographies, gardening, cookery, military, sport, etc. - as well as authors, A - Z.

Another innovation this year from organiser **Louise Duncan** was the 'Bag of Books' for £10 promotion. Punters had the chance to buy a canvas bag for £10 and could fill them with as many books as would fit in (or in some cases, as they could carry!). This proved very popular and all the bags sold out.

The first 10 even had a Maxey BookFest iron-on logo - surely destined to be a collectors item of the future. All purchasers received a number of complimentary bookmarks generously printed and donated by **Classic Printers** from our own design. If anyone else would like to purchase any please contact us at bookfest@maxey.co.uk.

Books were priced at a very modest 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks, with a large 'bargain bucket' selection. DVDs were priced at £1 and the VHS Cassettes at 50p.

As ever, Louise's logistics & catering teams provided crucial support for the event. Kim Doxey and Ian Duncan carted 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, DVDs & Videos at bargain prices there were additional temptations on offer from the 'Tea & Cakes' stall staffed by Louise & her volunteers - Di Hindle, Jenny Homewood & Barbie Doxey - now dubbed the **Book Babes**.

Midway through the sale a reporter arrived from the Peterborough Evening Telegraph. The 'Book Babes' were whisked outside for a photo call and much posing took place - see scanned clipping.

A special thanks goes to our resident book antiquarian, Roger Negus, who checked the multitude of books for literary treasures. A 1969 American first edition of Mario Puzo's 'The Godfather' sparked some excitement which may yet yield additional reward pending further investigation. "You just don't



Bargain hunters pore over the huge selection of second hand books donated by generous Maxey villagers.



The Peterborough Evening Telegraph article about the BookFest that appeared in the issue dated Thursday 21 September 2006.

know what you might find amongst a collection of books" said Roger.

After expenses were deducted, the sale day surpassed last years figure and raised £368.00. Louise donated £40.00 to the Village Hall Fund ([Maxey Community Association](#)) and £328.00 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!). A special thanks to sponsors who helped with goods or services: [Classic Printers](#), [Maxey Web Services](#) & [Jenny Homewood](#).

The unsold books have been donated directly to a number of local charities.

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