

Charles Clark-Maxwell

18/04/1935 to 12/05/2010

A Tribute

Charles was a wonderful person who was always willing to share his considerable knowledge and insight, particularly that of his ancestral family. Educated at Eaton Charles went on to join the BBC and although he may not have been seen he was certainly heard. He was a Sound Engineer on many of the classic radio shows including such gems as the Goons and Round the Horn.

His reminiscences were a delight to hear and were the subject of one of his popular talks. In fact the last talk he gave was on the subject of his life at the BBC and it was to the ladies of St. Edmund's Church in Allestree. This was fitting because as Lord of the Manor of Markeaton and Allestree St Edmund's was one of his Churches, the other being All Saints at Markeaton where his funeral service was held.

Charles made a valuable contribution to the Derby Heritage Forum and was looked upon as it's honorary head. He had such a wealth of knowledge that he was able to contribute on any subject taking a great interest in the projects of the forum members and giving constant encouragement and support.



Charles, Lord of the Manor of Markeaton and Allestree, greets the Lady of Markeaton at the Lakeside Station on Markeaton Park.

The park is one of the most popular in the country and was given for the outdoor recreation of the people of Derby by one of his predecessors Mrs Emily Mundy, formally Emily Cavendish.

Charles was delighted when the Heritage Forum were invited to visit the park and ride on the little train. A keen mechanical engineer Charles had a long time interest in steam engines and was able to cast an expert eye over the "Lady".



Charles, sitting at his usual window seat at the Cathedral Tea Rooms, studies Kevin Archer's latest map.

Charles was able to supply important mapping and genealogical information from his own family collection and brought a vital connection with the past to many of the Heritage Forum projects.

Kevin Archer's Mundy Family Tree was based primarily on one belonging to Charles.

Another beneficiary of the extensive knowledge possessed by Charles is Don Farnsworth whose book *A history of MARKEATON and MACKWORTH - FROM MEARCA TO CLARK-MAXWELL* relied on information Charles supplied.

Those of us in the Derby Heritage Forum who had the unique pleasure of knowing Charles share a heavy sadness at his passing and fully appreciate that time honoured comment associated with great people – We shall never see his like again.

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