

DEATH OF THE SEIGNEUR OF SARK

The Seigneur of Sark died unexpectedly at his home in Sark this morning. He was 88 years old.

Mr Michael Beaumont had held the position of Seigneur since inheriting it from his grandmother Dame Sybil Hathaway in 1974. He was awarded the OBE in 2001. His son, Major Christopher Beaumont, succeeds Michael as Seigneur.

The Seneschal of Sark, Mr Jeremy La Trobe-Bateman, said: 'It is with deep sorrow that I announce the death of the Seigneur of Sark, John Michael Beaumont, O.B.E, peacefully at home at La Petite Seigneurie, Sark.

Mr Beaumont leaves behind his wife, Diana, and sons Christopher and Anthony and I extend our deep felt condolences on behalf of the people of Sark to them and the wider family.'

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder said that he and Lady Corder were extremely sorry to hear the sad news and expressed their deepest sympathies for Diana and the family.

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