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# MACE, the Screen Archive for the Midlands, release rare films of Derbyshire on DVD

## Derbyshire on Film: Part 1 The Peak District

Documentary: DVD

Duration: 1hr 20min.

Written, Produced and Edited : Andy Mckay

Additional Music: Ronnie Fowler

Narrated by: Glen Kinch

Poetry: Mark Gwynne-Jones

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The Media Archive for Central England (MACE), the screen archive for the Midlands, has released the second of nine DVDs in a series, *Midlands on Film*, which in different ways capture the history and celebrate the people and places of the Midlands through moving image.

***Derbyshire on Film – The Peak District***, written, produced and edited by acclaimed filmmaker Andy McKay, is a series of beautiful amateur and professional films which have been enhanced, re-edited and themed to illustrate life in this mesmerising county.

The Peak District became the UK's first National Park in 1951 following the famous Kinder Mass Trespass in 1932 and years of subsequent campaigning by ramblers to be allowed access to the Peaks' open moors. It covers a huge area, not all of which is in Derbyshire, and its landscape, traditions and industries are as diverse as each other, from the limestone dales of the White Peak to the wilder north of the Dark Peak.

In this DVD you will hear ATV Today's Gwyn Richards tell the tale of the flooding of Derwent Village and Ashopton to make way for Ladybower Reservoir; see the blizzards of 1938 and hear the snow poem



by Derbyshire poet Mark Gwynne Jones; watch the quarrying and cutting of Blue John; hear memories of those who took part in the mass trespass of 1932; look back at Chatsworth and Haddon Hall in the 1960s and families enjoying the countryside in the 1950s and 1960s; marvel at how little Dovedale has changed since the 1930s, all through a marvellous collection of archive films preserved at the Media Archive for Central England

Emma Morley, Development Manager at the Media Archive for Central England said: *MACE is delighted to have been working with the Lincoln School of Media on the production of these compilation DVDs, which provide a snapshot of the wonderful collections of both amateur and professional material that we care for at MACE. We hope that viewers will enjoy seeing these rarely seen films as much as we have.*

### **About MACE**

Based at the University of Lincoln, MACE is an independent non-profit making company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. MACE provide opportunities for everyone to connect with the culture and history of the Midlands through a 70,000 strong collection of film, tape and digital material. The unique collections we hold date from the birth of cinema in the 1890s right up to the present day. They include news and documentaries produced by Associated Television (ATV) and Central Television, as well as other smaller but no less significant professional collections and a wealth of amateur material illustrating the history and culture of the Midlands, from everyday life to large community celebrations and sporting events.

### **Midlands on Film Series ~ Produced by Andy McKay**

Other DVDs in the Midlands on Film Series are:

Nottingham on Film  
Rebuilding Coventry  
Made in Leicester  
Northampton on Film

Regenerating Birmingham (1955 to 1975)  
Worcestershire on Film  
Shropshire Lives  
Footprints in the Sand: Holidays on the Coast

### **Sales Access *Derbyshire on Film's* RRP is £14.99**

It is available online at MACE's Webshop at [www.macearchive.org](http://www.macearchive.org) or on Amazon and Ebay. On Play.com, Scarthin Bookshop, Cromford, New Mills Heritage & Information Centre Cromford Mills Bookshop, Buxton Museum & Art Gallery

To purchase by cheque, write a cheque made payable to Media Archive for Central England for £16.49 (£14.99 + p&p) with your address and the initials 'DOF' and send to:

### **Press / Screenings**

Andy Potter's Show on BBC Radio Derby  
Feature in Derby Evening Telegraph's with focus on Derbyshire on Film  
DVD Preview at Cromford Mills on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
DVD preview at a Kaleidoscope event on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012

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