

Archer's 'three-year affair' with actress

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LORD Archer was last night embroiled in more controversy after two national newspapers alleged that he had a three-year affair with a TV actress.

They claim today that the millionaire author had a passionate relationship with former Howard's Way star and Conservative fundraiser Sally Farmiloe.

The liaison came to an abrupt end four weeks ago, they say, when it was revealed that Lord Archer had asked a friend to lie for him in his libel case against the Daily Star.

He was forced to withdraw as the Tory candidate in the race to be London mayor, but his wife Mary pledged to stand by him, saying: 'I am cross with Jeffrey, but we are all human and Jeffrey manages to be more human than most. I believe his virtues and talents are also on a larger scale.'

Miss Farmiloe, 45, was said to have expected to set up home with the peer if he had won his mayoral



Fellow fundraisers: Sally Farmiloe and Archer at a London ball

campaign. Instead, when the lying revelations were exposed, he retreated to his wife at their home in Grantchester, Cambridgeshire. Friends of Miss Farmiloe told the newspapers she was heartbroken after the affair ended so suddenly.

They alleged that the couple started a secret relationship

after meeting for the first time at a London ball in 1996. The affair is said to have blossomed and insiders claimed that the couple were besotted with each other while attending functions.

A friend told The Daily Star: 'There was a chemistry between them from the moment they met.

'Jeffrey was smitten and so was Sally. They did not go off together that first night but swapped telephone numbers. He later invited Sally to his penthouse flat overlooking the Thames for dinner.

'She was in a quandary but eventually decided to take up his offer.'

The paper said the affair was evident to a number of her friends, despite efforts to keep it secret.

Another friend claimed: 'I had noticed the chemistry between them but whenever I mentioned this to Sally, she would just say "Jeffrey and I are just good friends".'

'But the look in her eyes showed it went much deeper than that.'

It is also claimed that when the couple were apart, Lord Archer would ring his lover and leave messages on her answering machine.

Miss Farmiloe has an eight-year old daughter and lives in West London in a £500,000 home said to be shared with her second husband, property developer Jeremy Neville, although they are believed to lead separate lives.

Yesterday it emerged that police are to interview one of Lord Archer's former staff members about his admission that he asked a friend to provide an alibi for him in the 1987 libel case.

Two detectives flew back from Thailand with a 15-page dossier containing allegations from an associate who was sent to give £2,000 to callgirl Monica Coghlan.

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