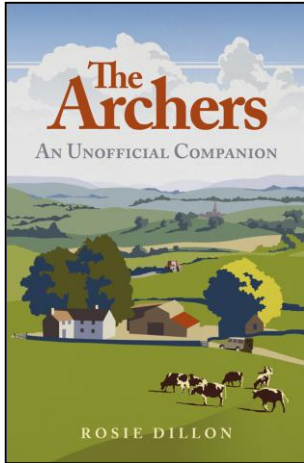


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THE ARCHERS

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A loving tribute to 60 years of The Archers with facts to astound and quizzes to baffle even the most loyal and ardent fan.

It's been sixty years since the familiar dum-di-dum-di-dum-di-dum of 'Barwick Green' first brought *The Archers* to our airwaves, and in that time millions of listeners have followed the everyday lives of country folk in Ambridge.

Approximately 5 million people listed to *The Archers* every week. There have been plenty of dramatic and heartrending storylines over the years – from the terrifying fire that claimed the life of Grace Archer in 1955 through to the demise of Nigel Pargetter in January 2011 – but, for many fans it is the daily lives of the well-known characters that keeps them hooked. 7pm just wouldn't be the same without a drink at The Bull, a chat in the kitchen at Brookfield Farm or hearing about yet another doomed money-making scheme from Joe and Eddie Grundy.

The book also contains some of the most dastardly Archers trivia questions ever devised

- Which teatime treat delighted Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, on her visit to Ambridge?
- Who received a device for scraping ice off a car windscreen from her new husband for Christmas?
- Who suffered a heart attack at a car boot sale at Grange Farm in 1996?
- Which of the following animals is not a dog: Biff, Mitch, Tolly or Fly?
- Which child has the longest name in Ambridge?
- Who took Caroline Bone to London for a secret romantic getaway in 1985?

....and there are plenty more like that.

This new compendium, which brings together facts and trivia about characters, controversies and country customs in one handy volume, will delight avid addicts and nervous newbies alike.

Author, Rosie Dillon has listened to *The Archers* for longer than she cares to admit. When not glued to her radio, she enjoys taking country walks with her Border terrier Jessie near her home in Warwickshire.

Notes for editors: All together now

♪ Dum-di-dum-di-dum-di-dum. Dum-di-dum-di-dum-dum. Dum-di-dum-di-dum-di-dum.
Dum-di-diddly-dum



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