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# Alvechurch Circular Walk

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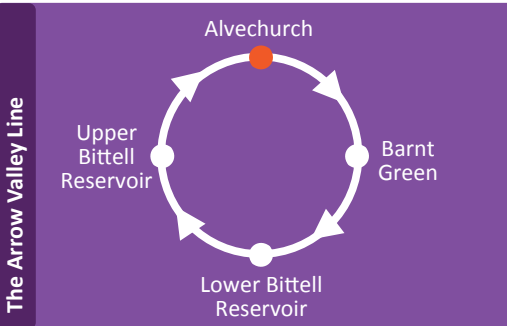


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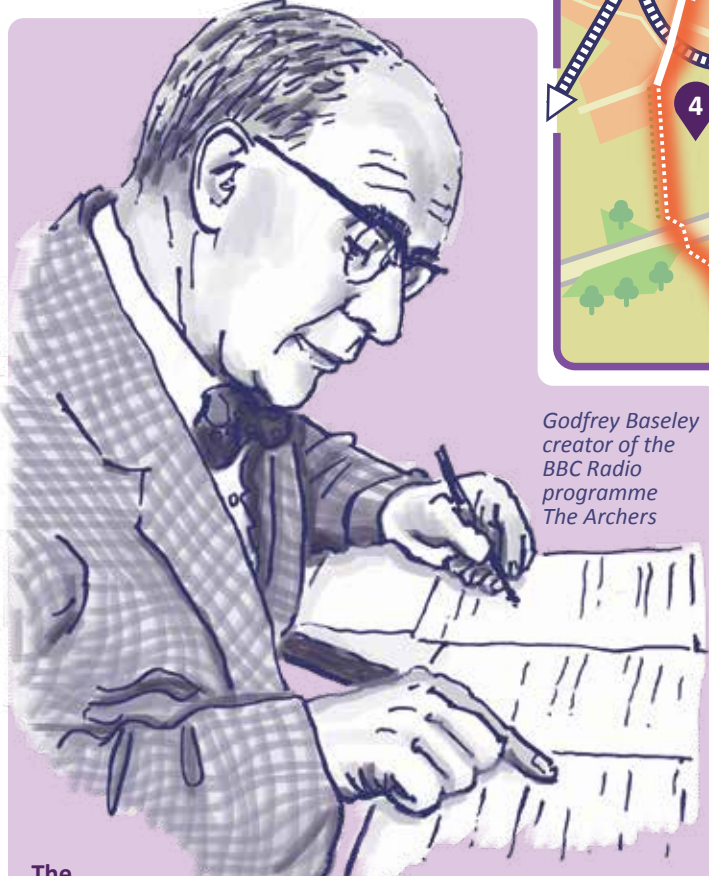
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Godfrey Baseley  
creator of the  
BBC Radio  
programme  
The Archers

**The Archers**  
Born in Alvechurch in 1904 Godfrey Baseley was a British radio producer best known for creating "The Archers," a long-running radio drama series on BBC Radio 4. First aired in 1951, "The Archers" depicts rural

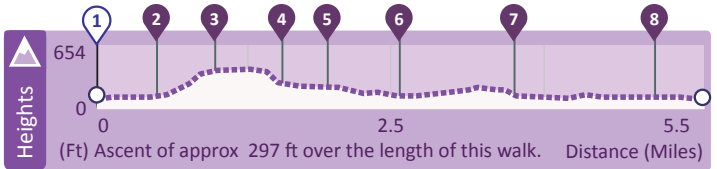
life in the fictional village of Ambridge. Baseley's vision was to provide both entertainment and agricultural education, making it a beloved staple of British broadcasting.



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**Map Key**

Road/track	Route keypoints	Click for live link
Bridleway	Public house	Information
Footpath	Ascent/Descent	Landscape feature
Picnic site	Viewpoint	Cafe
Take care!	Parking	Church





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**Directions**

- 1 From the station car park follow the access road L to climb up steps to road. L to cross railway then drop down L at canal Bridge 60 to towpath. R on towpath.
- 2 At Bridge 61 R up to road then L over canal to Crown Inn. (The rest of the circular walk back to Bridge 61 follows the signed Barnt Green Waterways Walk). Continue passing cottages on R then climb up on obvious footpath through fields to Lane.
- 3 R along the lane to a T-junction. Continue on footpath immediately opposite to mobile phone masts then footbridge over M42. Follow obvious path down to bottom corner of field then continue to road.
- 4 R at road continuing under railway bridge into Barnt Green village. (In the middle of the village it is possible to shorten the walk to 4.4 kms (2.7 miles) with 78m (256ft) of ascent by turning L up Station Approach to catch a train back to Alvechurch). Continue through Barnt Green village to a T-junction with mini-roundabout.
- 5 At T-junction R on Bittell Road. L on Margesson Drive to Barnt Green Sports Club. Take footpath that passes to R and around the back of the Club. Follow surface path with Sports Fields on R. Where surfaced path turns R continue through wood and next field. Where footpath joins from L continue into next field then diagonally R to Road.
- 6 At road L to follow bridleway on wide track. After pond on L slight R through gate to reservoir. Continue R on top of dam wall, up steps and then on track to Road.
- 7 Cross road to take footpath opposite then R and L between farm buildings. At bridge cross over canal drop down steps L to towpath then immediately L to follow towpath on L side of canal all the way to Bridge 61 at Alvechurch.
- 8 Continue under Bridge 61 (by Crown Inn). Immediately after passing under Bridge 60 L up to road continuing over railway bridge then R down steps and on car park access road to station.

**Alvechurch**

King Offa, the 8th-century ruler of Mercia, is renowned for constructing Offa's Dyke. Alvechurch, a historic village in Worcestershire, was granted to Bishop Wilfrid by King Offa in 780 AD. This grant led to the establishment of a minster, shaping Alvechurch's development. Today, Alvechurch retains its historical charm, reflecting its ancient roots and royal connection.

**The canals and Cadbury**

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, chocolate manufacturer Cadbury utilized the canal network around Alvechurch to transport milk and cocoa to their factory in Bourneville, Birmingham. Canals provided a reliable and efficient means of moving these essential ingredients.

Milk from local farms and cocoa from overseas were shipped via the canals, ensuring a steady supply for chocolate production. This method helped Cadbury maintain quality and consistency in their products while supporting much of the area's local agriculture.

*Barges laden down with local milk and imported cocoa bound for Cadbury's Bourneville factory in Birmingham.*

