

Mid Somers' Murders & the Goring Gap tour - 2 June 2017

At the Goring Gap the mighty River Thames chiselled its way through the Chiltern Hills during the last Ice Age. All around are picturesque locations filmed as the county of Midsomer - quaint Dorchester and Alfred the Great's Wallingford.

We began at 10.30am for morning coffee in Dorchester (8 miles SE of Oxford). This old coaching inn has starred four times as Midsomer Murders inns. This tiny village has a very big Abbey - founded by a Saxon bishop it's one of the earliest Christian sites in England and has some fascinating features. We returned to the 15th century coaching inn at midday for a main course lunch before continuing onto Wallingford, which serves as Midsomer's Causton.



At 3 pm we boarded our private boat at Wallingford Bridge for the six-mile swoop beneath the Chilterns to the Goring Gap. The magnificent scenery is also the setting for such classic books as *Wind in the Willows*, *Watership Down* and *Three Men in a Boat*.

We met our coach and were heading home from Goring at 5.00pm.

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