

## **MURDER, MYSTERY AND MORSE – THE PERFECT FOUR PILLARS WEEKEND COMBINATION**

Four Pillars Hotels central Oxford four-star property is offering all budding sleuths the perfect weekend retreat into the world of Morse and the chance to solve their own murder mystery. Oxford Spires exclusive weekend break gives guests the opportunity to enjoy the luxury facilities at the hotel whilst learning more about the much-loved character based in Oxford.

The weekend break begins on Friday evening with dinner at Oxford Spires with Colin Dexter OBE, author of the Morse stories. Saturday will take guests to many places used in the filming of Morse and includes visits to a couple of the local hostelrys that Morse enjoyed so much. The evening sees a murder mystery dinner in the presence of Sherlock Homes and Dr Watson which is written exclusively for this weekend break.

Following checkout on Sunday guests can enjoy a walking tour in central Oxford and lunch.

Current dates available are:

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2005

April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2005

May 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2005

Rates are £199.00 per person.

Oxford Spires is set amongst 40 acres of parkland with access to the River Thames but within 10 minutes walk of Central Oxford. It has 115 luxury ensuite bedrooms, Deacons Restaurant, the Library bar and Willows leisure Club which boasts a swimming pool, spa, sauna and state of the art equipped gym as well as beauty rooms offering a full range of treatments.

For bookings please call reservations on 0800 374692

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## ***Inspector Morse Weekend Itinerary***

### **FRIDAY**

- 18:30 An introduction to the Oxford of Inspector Morse. Talk and DVD by Dr Antony Richards over drinks
- 19:30 Dinner with Colin Dexter OBE as guest of honour

### **SATURDAY**

- 08:30 Breakfast
- 09:30 Coach leaves to explore Morse's Oxfordshire. Our guides will take you to some of the key places used in filming around Oxford – first you will travel through Oxford via Abingdon to the Didcot Railway Centre for morning coffee and a look at where THE WOLVERCOTE TONGUE was filmed.
- 11:00 Leave Didcot and proceed via Henley and Brakspear's Brewery used in the filming of THE SINS OF THE FATHERS to Old Marlow – used in THE REMORSEFUL DAY, Denham to Bray scene of SERVICE OF ALL THE DEAD. Lunch will be taken at The Vicar of Bray and afterwards there will be time to visit St Michael's church (also used in filming Midsomer Murders.)
- 14:15 Depart Bray for return to North Oxford locations including Woodstock scene of LAST BUS TO WOODSTOCK, then to Thrupp – RIDDLE OF THE THIRD MILE - and Kidlington – Morse's official work place. Then to Lower Wolvercote (The Trout was featured in many episodes notably THE WOLVERCOTE TONGUE) and then Marston for afternoon tea at the Victoria Arms – scene of THE REMORSEFUL DAY.
- 17:00 Depart Marston for return to hotel.
- 19:30 Gather in the bar for a murder mystery dinner in the presence of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson.

### **SUNDAY**

- 08:30 Breakfast and check out.
- 09:30 Walking tour from hotel to the central Oxford locations used in Morse including the option to climb St Michaels Tower or the Sheldonian Theatre for panoramic views of the city.
- 12:00 Lunch at the King's Arms – official end to the weekend.
- 13:30 Optional continuation of the walking tour ending at the Pitt Rivers Museum where you may examine the knife used in THE DAUGHTERS OF CAIN. The tour will end around 15:00.