



## CROQUET LESSONS IN LONDON AT THE GORING JULY AND AUGUST 2010



*London, June 2010:* The Goring, the only five-star hotel in London that's still owned and run by the family that built it, is 100 this year ([www.thegoring.com](http://www.thegoring.com)). To celebrate, the hotel has teamed up with another great British family business, Jaques of London ([www.jaqueslondon.com](http://www.jaqueslondon.com)) – makers of outdoor games for over 300 years - for **croquet lessons and afternoon tea** in the hotel's large garden, **every Thursday from 22 July to 26 August**.

The Goring's garden officially measures in a few feet bigger than Centre Court at Wimbledon and the hotel's gardeners are hard at work, mowing and rolling, so that next month part of the garden will be transformed into an immaculate croquet lawn.

Jaques were responsible for introducing croquet to England in 1851. So for those who haven't quite mastered the art of the roquet, their experts are more than qualified to throw light on the dastardly tactics required for what has been described as a "capricious and cut-throat game".

And where would croquet be without afternoon tea? The Goring's kitchen has created a scrumptious Croquet Afternoon Tea with lashings of jam and delectable teas from Fortnum & Mason, another quintessentially English establishment and purveyors of fine tea since 1707. Tea at The Goring is served on the Terrace overlooking the garden and on especially fine days the large shaded Veranda is one of the most civilized places in London for an al fresco sandwich or two – and for keeping an eye on the ball.

So for a different date, or for honing the croquet skills before that house party, or just a deeply English afternoon – The Goring is the place to be this summer...



## AFTERNOON TEA & CROQUET AT THE GORING

Every Thursday afternoon from 22 July to 26 August

£45 per person - including...

~ Afternoon Tea by Fortnum & Mason

~ A glass of champagne

~ and a croquet lesson by special arrangement with Jaques of London  
the oldest sports and games manufacturer in the world

**Reservations essential:**

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