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## Forthcoming Conventions

<b>Oxcon 2014</b> The Mitre, High Street, Oxford 25th and 26th of January More details at <a href="http://oxcon.dominicbisset.co.uk">oxcon.dominicbisset.co.uk</a>	<b>Essex Games Day</b> Writtle Village Hall The Green, Writtle Chelmsford Sunday 26th January 2014 <a href="http://www.sorcon.co.uk">www.sorcon.co.uk</a>	<b>SoRCon 7</b> Holiday Inn Festival Leisure Park Basildon 28 February - 2 March 2014 <a href="mailto:info@sorcon.co.uk">info(at)sorcon.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.sorcon.co.uk">www.sorcon.co.uk</a>
<b>Raiders of the Game Cupboard XXVI</b> The Salvation Army Citadel Mosley Street Burton upon Trent DE14 1DR 22 March 2014 <a href="http://www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk">www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk</a>	<b>TringCon XXVIII</b> Marsworth Village Hall Marsworth, Nr. Tring Buckinghamshire 5 April 2014 Keith Thomasson: <a href="mailto:tringcon@fwtwr.com">tringcon(at)fwtwr.com</a> <a href="http://www.fwtwr.com/tringcon">www.fwtwr.com/tringcon</a>	<b>BayCon</b> Exeter Court Hotel Kennford Devon 24-27 April 2014 <a href="http://www.baycon.co.uk">www.baycon.co.uk</a>
<b>25th Beer and Pretzels</b> The Town Hall Burton upon Trent 17-18 May 2014 <a href="http://www.spiritgames.co.uk/bnpdetails.php">www.spiritgames.co.uk/bnpdetails.php</a>	<b>UK Games Expo</b> NEC Hilton Metropole Birmingham 30 May - 1 June 2014 <a href="mailto:richard@ukgamesexpo.co.uk">richard(at)ukgamesexpo.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk">www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk</a>	<b>BBBCon</b> Skylark Hotel, Aviation Way Southend-On-Sea Essex SS2 6UN 6-8 June 2014 <a href="mailto:gamingfun@bbbcon.org.uk">gamingfun(at)bbbcon.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.bbbcon.org.uk/">http://www.bbbcon.org.uk/</a>
<b>Yorkshire DipCon 2014</b> The Lawns Centre The University of Hull Northgate, Cottingham HU16 5SQ 20-22 June 2014 <a href="http://www.ukf2fdip.org/index.php/to/b/yorkshire-dipcon-2014">http://www.ukf2fdip.org/index.php/to/b/yorkshire-dipcon-2014</a>	<b>Raiders of the Game Cupboard XXVII</b> The Salvation Army Citadel Mosley Street Burton upon Trent DE14 1DR 21 June 2014 <a href="http://www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk">www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk</a>	<b>Manorcon XXXII</b> John Foster Hall, University of Leicester 2pm 18th July–2pm 21st July 2014 <a href="mailto:Info@manorcon.org.uk">Info(at)manorcon.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.manorcon.org.uk">www.manorcon.org.uk</a>
<b>TringCon XXIX</b> Marsworth Village Hall Marsworth, Nr. Tring Buckinghamshire 27 September 2014 Keith Thomasson: <a href="mailto:tringcon@fwtwr.com">tringcon(at)fwtwr.com</a> <a href="http://www.fwtwr.com/tringcon">www.fwtwr.com/tringcon</a>	<b>MidCon 2014</b> The Hallmark Hotel Derby DE1 2SQ 7-9 November 2014 <a href="http://MidCon.org.uk">MidCon.org.uk</a>	<b>Derby on Board Games</b> Bean Caffe, Friar Gate Studios, Derby Last Wednesday of the month 17:30-22:30

# MidCon 2013 (Jeremy Tullett)

## Lost and Found

Before the main report, I wish to report that I have the following items of lost property:

- 1 partially used packet of Ibuprofen
- Assorted counters
- A deck of character cards like this -> :
- A single game card, here:



Please let the editor know if you wish to claim these.

## Convention Report

Total attendance was up again this year, with around 186 registrations – about 10% up on 2012.

The additional gaming room that we hired appears to have been enough to deal with the space problems that we encountered in 2012 – and there are extra rooms to be had if we need them.

The only adverse comments that I heard were that it was sometimes hard to get service at the convention bar, and that the MidCon snacks were expensive (but some people think they are good value). There were dreadful problems with the delivery of the beer, ascribed to the inefficiency of the original supplier, and the short-notice replacement struggled to deliver the short-notice order on time.

The coffee bill was also absurdly high, and it is clear that the honesty boxes are not working. For 2014, I am hoping to have coffee and tea supplied as ‘dry goods’, but for free, which ought to be more cost effective.

MidCon 2014 is in the diary for 7-9 November, but we don't yet have a contract.

Here are the results from the Music Quiz:

<b>The Doug Massie Memorial Quiz Team</b>	50	14	10	14	15	10	1	10	<b>124</b>	Mark Wightman, Dan Lester, Simon Hornby
<b>We Won Last Year</b>	50	15	8	15	14	10	1	10	<b>123</b>	Paul Evans, Chris Dearlove, Mark Jones
<b>Save The President</b>	50	12	6	14	15	10	3	8	<b>118</b>	John Colledge, Ken Simpson, Nigel Pepper, Kath Collman
<b>Uwe Rosenberg's Left Tit Starboard</b>	45	10	10	14	14	7	6	10	<b>116</b>	Ben B, James Faulkner, Robert Kinsey, Mark Fox, Robin Walters
<b>Iron Wimsies</b>	50	12	10	12	11	10	1	7	<b>113</b>	Phil Hanay, Christopher Barnett, David Durant, Katy Walters
<b>Not St Johns Colledge</b>	50	11	8	12.5	15	7	1	8	<b>112.5</b>	Lee Edwards, Hilary Jones, Peter Card, Ruth Cooper
	50	2	6	10	12	6	0	8	<b>94</b>	Cathy Mason, Paul Cook, Pete Mason

# ManorCon XXXII

John Foster Hall, University of Leicester

2pm Friday 18th July 2pm Monday 21st July 2014

Following on from last year's successful convention, ManorCon will once again be held at John Foster Hall in the University of Leicester in 2014.

As ever, single accommodation is available at the convention. These will cost £35 per night, and £7 per night extra if you don't book in advance. As always, you are therefore recommended to book early to guarantee a room.

For those people who want twin accommodation, we recommend The Regency Hotel, which is just under a mile from the convention. The contact details are:

The Regency Hotel, 360 London Road, Stonygate, LE2 2PL; 0116 270 9634.

If you want to take this option, we recommend booking early, as it has been known to fill up on ManorCon weekend. Their website is [www.the-regency-hotel.com](http://www.the-regency-hotel.com).

ManorCon will be pretty much the same as the successful formula we've had in previous years. Running from Friday lunchtime to Monday lunchtime, it will have all the regular tournaments, plus one or two possible new ones, depending on the success (or otherwise) of the latest new game releases. It will once again feature the Second Hand Game Sale on Friday and Saturday, the Pop Quiz on Saturday evening, and the Treasure Hunt on Sunday afternoon, as well as more games than you can shake a stick at.

Tournaments will include: Diplomacy, 18XX, Midnight Party and Croquet. If there is a tournament that you would like us to run, please contact a member of the committee and we'll try to fit it in. There will also be plenty of non-tournament games on offer far too numerous to mention!

There is, of course, a bar, and we are working to make sure that the Real Ale is up to standard.

Included with this issue of QLA, you should find a booking form. You can also download the booking form (and find lots of other ManorCon information) on the ManorCon website, [www.manorcon.org.uk](http://www.manorcon.org.uk). Please note the booking deadline - 14th June 2014. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact us:

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- or check out our website at [www.manorcon.org.uk](http://www.manorcon.org.uk)

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## Yorkshire DipCon 2014

**Friday 20th June 2014 to Sunday 22nd June 2014**

**The Lawns Centre, The University of Hull, Northgate, Cottingham, HU16 5SQ**

Yorkshire DipCon is a new addition to the UK Face to Face Diplomacy Groups Tour of Britain and will take place at The University of Hull's Lawns Centre in the village of Cottingham, located on the outskirts of Hull.

**The Diplomacy tournament** will consist of between three and four rounds, depending on numbers. These will take place on the Friday evening, Saturday morning/early afternoon, Saturday evening and Sunday morning/early afternoon. Games will use the C-Diplo Scoring System and run until the end of 1907. Trophies and certificates will be available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and there will be some especially themed Tournament Director awards made for more, shall we say, 'unusual achievements'.

The games will take place in two, newly refurbished, meeting rooms within the Lawns Centre that will be available for our use 24 hours per day over the weekend - so lots of chance to play some other games once the Diplomacy has finished for the day. Please note that this will include the Sunday night for those players leaving on the Monday.

Entry fee for the whole event will be £10.

**Accommodation** can be provided on site at Ferens Hall. Rooms are newly refurbished, en-suite, and are only a two minute walk from the Lawns Centre itself. They are available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights on a B&B (£25 per night) or Self Catering (£20 per night) basis.

Please note that you *will* be allowed to bring your own food and drinks (including alcoholic beverages) onsite throughout the event.

**Advance Bookings for Yorkshire DipCon 2014** are now being accepted at the UK Face to Face Diplomacy Groups website ([www.ukf2fdip.org](http://www.ukf2fdip.org)), where you can also find lots more information about the event, the accommodation and the UK Diplomacy hobby as a whole.

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### The Final Word

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Please contact the coordinator if:

- You run a convention and would like to be a part of the 'zine.
- You run a convention and would like to be included in the upcoming conventions list.
- You would like to offer to help out in some way.
- You are not on the mailing list for this 'zine, but would like to be.
- You would like to advertise in QLA.

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