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Boardgames Holiday Le Pas Opton, France 9-16 September 2019 www.springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/board-games-week/	Raiders of the Games Cupboard XLVIII Waterside Community Centre Heath Road Burton-upon-Trent DE15 9LF 28 September 2019 www.raidsofthegamecupboard.co.uk	World Diplomacy Convention Léo Lagrange holiday centre Frioul islands Marseille France 30 August – 1 September 2019 http://diplomed.free.fr
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Marvin Fried continues to run **Diplomacy** games frequently, but not regularly, with the general details being:

Location: Old Building, London School of Economics, Houghton St, London WC2A 2AE
Nearest Tube: Holborn or Temple

1200 arrival, rules training starts at 1215, country selection at 1245, game starts at 1300, typically on Saturdays. **Please find further details on Facebook – this is just a general guide.**

MidCon 2019 (Jeremy Tullett)

Booking for MidCon 2019 is now open. The dates are 8-10 November 2019.

Please register for the convention at www.midcon.org.uk to pay by PayPal, or pay by transfer to “MidCon Convention”, Lloyds TSB Colmore Row 30-00-03 03033129, or pay with a sterling cheque (made out to “MidCon Convention”), posted to me at MidCon, 7 Midland Place, Derby DE1 2RR.

Registration rates are:

Fri/Sat/Sun (book before 1st Nov) £25

Friday only £15

Saturday only £15

Sunday only £10.

To book yourself a bedroom, visit the Hallmark Hotels website, locate either the “Derby Inn” or “Derby Midland”, select the nights that you require, and enter the booking code HMC0682019.

It should also be possible to book by telephone (quoting the booking code), or using this link: <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Chain=9035&Dest=DERBY&Locale=en-US&promo=HMC0682019>

The applicable room rates (per room per night) are:

Hallmark Hotel Single £69.00

Hallmark Hotel Twin / Double £82.00

Hallmark Inn Single £56.00

Hallmark Inn Twin / Double £69.00.

These rates apply Thursday night to Sunday night inclusive (but the convention officially only runs from 09:00 Friday to 18:00 Sunday).

Note that there will be an £4/day parking fee, payable at the Derby Inn or Derby Midland reception.

At the request of the hotel, and in line with our own policies, I need to state three important considerations that we expect all those attending the convention to observe.

1. As the hotel has two bars, and provides specially arranged lunches and evening meals, they request that no food and no drinks (whether or not alcoholic) are brought in from outside at any time. Failure to observe this request could result in extra costs being charged to the convention, or to individuals who are caught flouting this rule.
2. The hotel has its own management procedures. You may find some of these frustrating, but being abusive to front line staff for any reason is not acceptable. If you have a problem with any aspect of the hotel’s management of the convention’s offerings, please raise them with a member of the MidCon committee or with the duty manager in a polite fashion. The hotel is exceedingly keen to retain our business, and we’d like to keep it that way.
3. The entire downstairs area of the hotel should be regarded as a public space, which is not formally policed by either the committee or the hotel staff. Please look after your possessions appropriately, report anyone who is acting suspiciously, and close the doors to gaming rooms if you are the last out – a member of the hotel staff or a committee member can open the doors again for you.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in November.

ManorCon XXXVII

19th to 22nd July 2019

Stamford Court, University of Leicester

The organization for ManorCon XXXVII is proceeding well. If you haven't booked yet, remember that you can do so in two ways. You can book online via PayPal or a credit or debit card – visit <http://www.manorcon.org.uk/book.htm> and follow the links. Or you can still post a form and cheque – the form can be found at the same place if you need one (and the form is also in the previous QLA, or can be requested by phone/post/email – see below for contact details). Please remember that **advanced registration is only available until 23rd June** - this has been extended by 1 week from the deadline given on the form in the previous issue of QLA.

After this, you will have to register at the door and pay higher registration fees and accommodation charges (and you may not get any accommodation at all – our supply of rooms is fairly limited).

If you have booked, but need to cancel all or some of your booked accommodation, you should inform us as soon as possible. If you cancel by the booking deadline, then you will definitely avoid cancellation charges. Thereafter, the later you leave it to inform us, the more likely you are to suffer accommodation cancellation charges.

The venue is the same as last year, with the main convention rooms in Stamford Court. Please note that **entry will not be permitted before 12 noon on Friday**.

ManorCon is run by volunteers, and does not aim to make a profit. In order for us to keep this tradition, we ask for volunteers for a number of tasks. One of these is help with the registration desk, usually by manning the desk for an hour on the Friday afternoon. If anybody asks anything you don't know, just point them at the nearest committee member – it's not difficult. If you would like to help us out and failed to mention it when booking, please e-mail us at regdesk@manorcon.org.uk.

This year, as usual, we will have a variety of tournaments and events:

- **Midnight Party** – three rounds, at midnight each evening.
- **18XX** (ad-hoc – i.e. play where and when you wish); there will be trophies for 1st to 3rd.
- **Pop Quiz** – on Saturday evening, set and run by Phil Hannay.
- **Treasure Hunt** – as usual, this will provide a diversion for 2 hours for teams of 4-6 on Sunday afternoon.
- Paul Grogan from **Gaming Rules!** will have demos of various games, including **Letter Jam** (CGE), **On Mars** (EGG), **Sanctum** (CGE), **Tiny Towns** (AEG), and **War Chest** (AEG), plus other yet-to-be-announced new and upcoming games.
- **Games Stall** – Meeple Games will be selling new games and accessories, with a 10% discount. Enquiries can be made via ron@meeplegames.uk.
- **Second Hand Games Sale** – as usual, this will be open for two one-hour sessions on Friday and Saturday. Potential helpers are very much welcome – contact Steve Bailey (steve21356@ntlworld.com) for more information.

Please note that, for several reasons, including the need to ensure there is sufficient space, the selling of games other than via the Games Stall or the Second Hand Games Sale should not be done without permission from the ManorCon Committee (contact details below).

As of 30th April, the following 82 people have registered:

Nina Alphey	Gary Duke	Kevin Lee	Annie Percik
Roger Ayre	David Durant	Kate Lewis	Richard Ramsden
Mat Beasley	Mark Eddy	Simon Lewis	David Robson
Richard Beattie	Mark Fearnley	Paul Luxton	Graham Sargeant
Alan Bellamy	Mark Fox	Caroline Lynagh	Adam Siejka
Tim Blazewic	Clive Francis	Ian Lynagh	Marek Siejka
Malcolm Booker	John Gates	Gary Lyon	Dave Simpson
Oliver Burnett-Hall	James Goodman	Oliver MacFarlane	Mark Stretch
Sean Byrne	Paul Grogan	Stuart Malaure	Steve Thomas
Peter Campbell	Lyndon Gurr	Pete Mason	Dave Thorby
Graham Charlton	Hamish Hamilton	Sara Merritt	David Thornton
Helen Cheale	Geoff Hardingham	Liam Millard	Daniel Victor
Paul Cockburn	Paul Harris	Richard Minson	Andrew Wadsworth
Chantal Cointot	Nick Harrison	John Mitchell	Katy Walters
Robert Cook	Martin Holden	Peter Mulhern	Robin Walters
Rob Cowan	David Holmes	David Norman	Phil Ward
David Cowie	Tony Hooker	James Owen	Ann Wilson
Alex Dalglish	John Hopkins	Craig Parnell	Ian D Wilson
Larry Devis	Steve Jones	Ellie Parnell	Mark Wright
Robert Dillon	Tony Kelly	Andrew Pearce	
Jon Draper	Nick Kinzett	Nigel Pepper	

If you think you are missing from this list, please let us know as soon as possible, but remember that the list only shows those who had booked by 30th April. If you booked after that date, your name will not be on the above list, but you should have received confirmation of your booking from Gary Duke. As usual, those who have booked rooms (and correctly paid for them in full!) will be sent Room Chits shortly before Manorcon (note that this could easily be less than a week before); if you are able to bring your Room Chit when you arrive, then you will be able to avoid queuing at the Manorcon Registration Desk. However, don't worry if you don't get or misplace yours; we can easily replace missing Room Chits!

You can contact us:

By post: Steve Jones, 59 Sudeley Walk, Putnoe, Bedford, MK41 8JH, UK.

By phone: +44 (0)1234 405878.

By email: info@manorcon.org.uk

On BoardGameGeek: <http://www.boardgamegeek.com/guild/441>

On Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=5594179334&v=wall>

And our website is <http://www.manorcon.org.uk>

The Final Word

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