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World Diplomacy Convention Léo Lagrange holiday centre Frioul islands Marseille France 30 August – 1 September 2019 http://diplommed.free.fr	Boardgames Holiday Le Pas Opton, France 9-16 September 2019 www.springharvestholidays.com/feature-weeks/board-games-week/	TringCon Marsworth Millennium Hall Marsworth, Nr. Tring, Bucks Saturday 21 September 2019 www.tringcon.org
Raiders of the Games Cupboard XLVIII Waterside Community Centre Heath Road Burton-upon-Trent DE15 9LF 28 September 2019 www.raidersonthegamecupboard.co.uk	MidCon The Hallmark Hotel Derby DE1 2SQ 8-10 November 2019 13-15 November 2020 MidCon.org.uk	SoRCon Holiday Inn, Festival Leisure Park, Basildon, Essex 21-23 February 2020 www.sorcon.co.uk

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.**

The next ones will be on July 6th 2019 and August 3rd 2019.

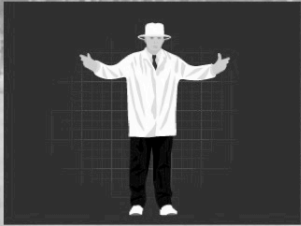
Editorial (Jeremy Tullett)

For your amusement ... I am currently taking a the Level 3 NVQ in Education & Training, and had to produce a 20 minute micro teach (lecture) for the class to demonstrate the construction of a lesson plan, and positive engagement with learners.


These slides are an extract from the presentation that I gave.

The Laws of Cricket

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Wide Ball



The Duties of an Umpire

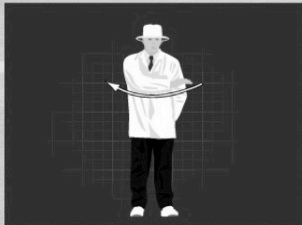
- Make decisions and calls in a game of cricket.
- Ensure that players and matches follow the rules of the game.
- Inspect the pitch area, make sure that all equipment is set out, and check that the boundary is correctly marked before play begins.
- Meet with team captains to check team details and to discuss hours of play, the timing of food and drink breaks, and rules of play, before the coin toss to decide which team bats or bowls first.
- When an umpire makes a decision, he may shout out a call and make a hand signal if the judgment needs to be communicated.



Out!

An Umpire Should ...

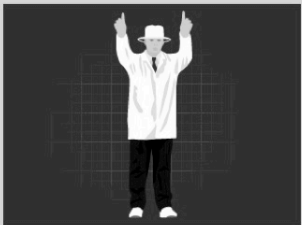
- Be positive - prepare well
- Be enthusiastic and responsive
- Be prepared to have appropriate conversations
- Be friendly and quick with a smile
- Be courteous and professional
- Be approachable and communicate at a personal level when appropriate
- Have a sense of humour and know when to impart it
- Know the Laws



Four runs

An Umpire Should Not ...

- Participate in the game – must be impartial and fair
- Control the players – merely manage the game
- Make the law – there is a law book
- Be made a scapegoat for players or spectators



Six runs

Formal Qualifications?

English Cricket Board offers:


- Occasional umpire – umpiring basics
- Umpire Introductory – basic recreational matches
- Umpire Stage Two – can umpire league games
- Umpire Stage Three – top-end league games



Bye

Odd Rules

- A batsman may be timed 'out' if they take more than three minutes to get to the crease
- A ball is deemed to cross the boundary if it touches anything that is itself grounded beyond the boundary
- The bowler may 'run out' the non-striker ("Mankad") – legal, but generally controversial



No ball

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.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in November.

Great Derby Boardgame Bash (Dave Clasby)

Derby on Board Games organise two all day board gaming events a year. The group has been
running for about 8 years, we have a web site and Facebook group.

We run weekly sessions on a Monday night in a great Derby pub called the Horse and Groom and
fortnightly sessions at Christ Church Hall, both start at 7:30pm and are free.

Our original family friendly monthly session starts at 4pm at Carnero Lounge. We support other
events and have even ventured out to do events in Belper.

Our all-dayers have moved around and currently run at The West End Community Centre
Mackworth Road, Derby from 10am to 10pm. £3 adults, accompanied under-16s are free.

There is a games library, and Spirit Games will drop off ordered games to the venue, and at 10% off
list price! Great local shops, venue has full kitchen - there is free tea and coffee. It is easy to get to
with local buses, nice walking and cycling routes from the town and has free parking.

ManorCon XXXVII

19th to 22nd July 2019

Stamford Court, University of Leicester

www.manorcon.org.uk

Welcome to Progress Report Number 2. ManorCon is fast approaching, so here are the final details you will need before you get there.

Don't forget your chit!

As in previous years, we are issuing chits to everyone who booked accommodation in advance and paid in full. If you've done both of these, you should find a chit enclosed with this Progress Report. **Please bring it with you. On arrival, take your chit to the John Foster Hall reception desk where you can exchange it for your room key. Go to the Manorcon reception desk in Stamford Court to pick up your badge and a Programme Booklet.**

If there is no chit included with this mailing, this is probably for one of the following reasons: a) we think you owe us money; b) you are non-resident; c) we may have made a mistake; or d) you haven't booked... In any case, don't worry about it - just come to the ManorCon Registration Desk when you arrive. We will not be sending out any further chits before the convention.

NEWS

Most of the accommodation this year will be in Bowder Court, which is next to Stamford Court, and some rooms will be in John Foster Hall, which is just across the road.

Gaming rooms

There are a number of gaming rooms, which will be the same rooms as last year. The main gaming hall is where the ad-hoc gaming will mostly take place. There are also rooms for the Pop Quiz, Treasure Hunt, Second Hand Games Stall, and a number of other general gaming rooms.

The gaming rooms will all be open from Breakfast until the last person leaves the room.

Food and Drink

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the reception area of Stamford Court. Tea and filter coffee is available continuously throughout the day, and it's free! The bar will be open 2pm to 1am Friday, noon to 1am Saturday, noon to 1am Sunday and noon to 2pm Monday, but may close early if not doing much business. Note that due to the licensing laws you are not allowed to bring your own alcohol onto the site.

Other facilities

The convention is 15-20 minutes walk from Oadby centre. Oadby is a suburban centre on the outskirts of Leicester, which has a collection of shops, restaurants, etc. There is also a large Asda between the convention and Oadby. If Oadby does not provide all the facilities you are looking for, then it is about 3 miles from the convention to Leicester City Centre.

Games Stall

Meeple Games, back for their second year, have the sole right to sell first-hand games at ManorCon, and anybody else wanting to do so must speak to the committee first. If you wish to pre-order any games for collection at ManorCon, then please contact them on 0191-386-0553 or email sales@meeplegames.uk. A 10% discount is available on pre-orders and at the convention.

Second Hand Games Sale

Steve Bailey will be running the SHGS. Volunteers are always welcome to help out in the running of the SHGS; if you would like to help, please contact Steve at steve21356@ntlworld.com. Sellers can book games in between 5pm and 7pm Friday and 11am and 1pm Saturday along with a

completed Second Hand Games Sale Form; this form can be printed off from the link on the ManorCon website: www.manorcon.org.uk. Selling sessions will be Friday 7.30pm to 9pm and Saturday 2pm to 3pm with pack up by sellers by 4pm Saturday. All games must be collected by 6pm Saturday.

Treasure Hunt

This year's Treasure Hunt will be run by Martin Burroughs. The theme will be a surprise!

Gaming Rules!

Paul Grogan 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. For more information, seek out Paul online (e.g. FaceBook) or when you arrive at the convention - look for the Gaming Rules! demo area in the main hall.

Closing time....

The convention finishes at 2pm on Monday.

Full directions and a map appear at the end of this progress report, but meanwhile...

Address and Phone Number

The convention is in Stamford Court, Manor Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2LH. If you need to contact one of the committee, the ManorCon mobile number is 07391 046 410 (or +44 7391 046 410 from outside the UK). This can also be used if you want to contact someone who isn't on the committee, but only in an emergency, and only if we can find them... PLEASE do not use this number before the Thursday morning of ManorCon! If you need to contact us beforehand, please phone Steve Jones (01234-405878), or drop us a letter, or email info@manorcon.org.uk

Parking

You are welcome to park in any University car park. Le2 2lh

Parking permits will be issued as people drive in, or from reception. We can also have some on our reception desk. They can be handed back to the porters, or Gilbert Murray reception. The parking permits are not enforced, so don't worry if you don't get one.

Stamford Court shares its car park with Bowder Court (where most of the accommodation is). There is also some parking over the road in John Foster Hall.

You can also park in any other Leicester University Car Park. Please do not park on the road, as while it does not have parking restrictions, the University is required to keep their delegates from parking on the road. There should be car-parking attendants on duty to help you.

When you arrive....

On Friday afternoon, the ManorCon Registration Desk will be located in the side entrance to Stamford Court, near the Bowder Court car park. Thereafter, it will be located just inside the main gaming hall. Report to the ManorCon reception desk to pick up your room key (if staying in the University accommodation), your badge and a programme booklet.

Anyone who has not pre-booked will also need to go to the ManorCon Registration Desk. We will have plenty of rooms available on the door, although they may not all be as close to the main hall as the pre-booked rooms. Once you have registered with us, we will issue you with a room key. We will also sort out your name badge, any money owing, etc.

Please try to arrange your transport so as not to arrive before ManorCon, which opens at 2pm on Friday. If you are on public transport and you will be arriving early because that is what the timetable says, or the drive is quicker than you think and you do end up arriving early, you will be able to drop your bags off, but you may not be able to get into the gaming hall. Please do not attempt to enter before midday.

Late Arrivals and Changes of Plan

If you plan to arrive on the Friday evening after 11pm, or have transport difficulties and end up arriving late, please let us know as the ManorCon reception desk might be closed. Ring the ManorCon mobile on 07391 046 410. If you haven't pre-booked accommodation but subsequently decide that you do want to stay over, please let us know (either via the ManorCon Registration

Desk if open, otherwise track down the committee member on duty) before 11pm on the night in question, as we will have difficulties finding extra rooms after this point.

And when you leave.....

PLEASE NOTE: you **must** vacate your room and return your key by 9:30am on the day of your departure. All room keys should be returned to ManorCon reception desk.

Tournaments

Some of the tournaments at ManorCon are Ad-hoc. Just play a game when you want, and put the results in the envelope. We anticipate ad-hoc tournaments for 18XX only. The non-Ad-hoc tournaments are as follows:

Diplomacy: There may be a tournament if numbers permit. If you are interested, contact Dave Simpson or another committee member when you arrive.

Midnight Party will as usual be run at midnight each night.

Pop Quiz: The pop quiz will as usual be run in the bar area on Saturday evening.

Programme Booklet

When you arrive at ManorCon, don't forget to pick up your programme booklet and look through it. It will contain all sorts of useful information such as maps of the building and surrounding area plus directions to the nearest shops, ATMs and restaurants, instructions for finding a committee member, what to do if you have a problem, opening hours of the bar and the canteen, details of the tournaments, and lots more. Be warned that committee members sometimes get exasperated with people who ask them questions for which the answers are in the programme booklet! The Programme Booklet should be available on the website in advance. – www.manorcon.org.uk

Directions.... or how to make sure you find us

Public transport directions first:

By air

The nearest airport is Nottingham East Midlands (www.eastmidlandsairport.com), which has flights to various European destinations and other parts of the UK.

Other relatively convenient airports served by low-cost airlines are London Stansted (www.stansted-airport-guide.co.uk/) and Luton (<http://www.luton-airport-guide.co.uk/>).

Intercontinental travellers are likely to have to use Birmingham International, London Gatwick or London Heathrow.

The following sections describe how to get to Leicester (either to the main railway station or to the bus station). Once there follow the instructions below for getting from the city centre to Stamford Court.

By air, from Birmingham International Airport

Take the free Air-Rail Link to the Birmingham International station - it only takes a couple of minutes. Buy a ticket to Leicester. Take any train to Birmingham New Street (frequent). Change there and take a CrossCountry train to Leicester (approximately every 30 minutes). The total journey time is about 1h 20m. Alternatively take the scheduled bus service to Coleshill Parkway and change there onto the CrossCountry train to Leicester. The total journey time is about 1h 10m.

By air, from Nottingham East Midlands Airport

Take the Leicester Skylink bus from the airport to Leicester City Centre (hourly during the day, every other hour in the evening; for timetable see www.skylink.co.uk). The journey time is under an hour.

Alternatively take the Loughborough Skylink bus from the airport to Loughborough station (half-hourly during the day, hourly in the evening; for timetable see www.skylink.co.uk) and then any train from there to Leicester (at least two per hour). The bus journey time from the airport to Loughborough station is about 30 minutes, the train journey time from there to Leicester about 15 minutes.

By air, from London Gatwick

Follow the signs in the airport to the station (if you have arrived at the North Terminal, this will

involve using the transit to the South Terminal).

Buy a ticket to Leicester, specifying that you will NOT be travelling on the Gatwick Express service. Take a First Capital Connect train to London St Pancras (every 30 minutes). From there take an East Midlands Trains train to Leicester (every 30 minutes). The total journey time is about 2h 20m. Alternatively continue on the First Capital Connect train to Luton or Luton Airport Parkway and change onto the East Midlands Trains train there. This avoids the short walk between the subsurface and overground parts of London St Pancras station, but there is only one train to Leicester per hour from each of Luton and Luton Airport Parkway, so you must find out which station it is correct to change at.

By air, from London Heathrow

Follow the signs in the airport to the station. There are three stations - one for Terminal 4, one for Terminal 5 and one for Terminals 1, 2 and 3. The following instructions are valid for all the stations.

Buy an Underground ticket to Zone 1, take the Piccadilly Line from Heathrow to St Pancras (frequent), and then buy a rail ticket to Leicester and take an East Midlands Trains train from London St Pancras to Leicester (approximately every 30 minutes). The total journey time is about 2h 30m.

Alternatively - this is a more expensive option - buy a ticket to Leicester valid for use on Heathrow Express services (this will cover both parts of the train journey and also the cross-London transfer on the Circle Line). Take the Heathrow Express train to London Paddington (every 15 minutes). Then take the Circle Line to Kings Cross St Pancras (frequent), and then an East Midlands Trains train from London St Pancras to Leicester (approximately every 30 minutes). The total journey time is about 2h 20m.

By air, via London Stansted Airport

Buy a ticket to Leicester. Take a direct Central Trains train to Leicester (hourly). The journey time is about 2h 30m.

By air, via Luton Airport

Take the free shuttle bus to Luton Airport Parkway station - it's only just over a mile. Buy a ticket to Leicester. Take a direct East Midlands Trains train to Leicester (hourly). The journey time is about an hour.

By coach

Though not always as fast as trains, coaches provide direct and cheap links between Leicester (St Margaret's Bus Station) and many other cities. Find out more information on bus routes operated by National Express. www.nationalexpress.com Booking line on: 08717 818181. Disabled Persons Travel Helpline: 08717 818179. Textphone: 0121 455 0086.

By train

Details of train times can be found on www.nationalrail.co.uk.

The following paragraphs describe how to get to Leicester from various parts of the UK. Once there follow the instructions below for getting from the city centre to Stamford Court.

There are direct East Midlands Trains services from Derby, London St Pancras (Eurostar services from Paris and Brussels arrive here), Nottingham and Sheffield.

There are direct CrossCountry services from Birmingham New Street, Cambridge, Nuneaton and Peterborough.

From much of the South and South East it will be quickest to travel via London, using the Underground to cross London from the relevant rail terminus to St Pancras (though walking between Euston and St Pancras is also an option if you are lightly loaded). If, however, you have a direct service to Cambridge or Peterborough, it might be quicker to go that route.

From stations such as Brighton and East Croydon that are served by First Capital Direct services, the cross-London journey on the Underground can be avoided by taking one of their trains to St Pancras.

From the South West a CrossCountry service to Birmingham New Street and then a CrossCountry

service from there to Leicester is likely to be the best route. Travelling via Birmingham New Street will probably also be the best route from South and mid Wales.

From North Wales, the North West and parts of Scotland travelling via Birmingham New Street might be the best option, but if you have a direct service to Nuneaton, it's likely to be quicker to change there.

From the North East and parts of Scotland the best options are likely to be either a CrossCountry service to Sheffield and then an East Midlands Trains service from there to Leicester, or an NXC service to Peterborough and then a CrossCountry service from there to Leicester.

From the city centre

The easiest way to get to Stamford Court is by taxi or by bus. There are taxi ranks at both the bus station and the railway station.

The 31/31A bus service stops immediately in front of the railway station and there are 8/6/4 buses per hour during the day on weekdays/Saturday/Sunday. Ask for the racecourse. The buses have screens that show what the next stop is: the best stop is called Victoria Court, and is just past the road on the left that leads to the Oadby campus (Stoughton Drive South), so after getting off, you need to walk back a little and turn right. It's next after a big three-way roundabout where the outer ring road joins the A6 from the right. If you see the Asda supermarket, you've gone past the stop and will need get off as soon as possible and walk back further! It's a 10-15 minute walk up Stoughton Drive South and then right along Manor Road to Stamford Court.

Useful information

Up to date travel information can be found in a number of places. As most of you will know, road information is available online at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/travelnews/> Useful websites for public transport information are www.arriva.co.uk, <http://www.kinchbus.co.uk/>, and <http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/eastmidlands/leicester/home/index.php>. Finally there is a link from our website to a maps webpage showing the exact location of Stamford Court. Click the link on www.manorcon.org.uk.

By car

For satnav users, the postcode is LE2 2LH.

From almost anywhere in the country, the best driving route to the convention is via the M1 Junction 21 - the junction with the M69.

From the M1 J21, take the A5460 towards Leicester for about 1/4 of a mile.

As you go under the A563, immediately turn off to the left, looping back on yourself, and going over the bridge you have just gone under, on the A563 (Leicester ring road) heading around the South of the city.

Follow the A563 for about 4 miles, until you get to the roundabout with the A6.

Take the second exit off the roundabout, then immediately turn into the first road on the left - Stoughton Drive South.

After about 600 yds you come to a crossroads where you turn right onto Manor Road. The entrance to Stamford Court is 300 yds on the right. The entrance to John Foster Hall is on the left.

The Final Word

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