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So What's Been Happening?

In late 2020, the ultimate owners of the Derby Midland Hotel signed a deal (along with many other hotels nationwide) with the government, which took its bedrooms out of public use. It did look possible that the convention could have happened around this, but in the end the Covid restrictions that were introduced put paid to the event.

We thought we'd be back again this year, but the owners once again signed a government contract, which is due finish at the end of October. The Manager thinks that the contract will get extended, and is not in any case confident that he'd be able to get Midland back to a properly functional state in time for **MidCon**. He has therefore passed us over to his colleague at the Derby Mickleover Hotel, a sister hotel. The manager at Mickleover has previously dealt with **MidCon** at the Midland.

The Derby Mickleover Hotel

This hotel is situated just outside the "village" of Mickleover, about 5.5 miles from the city centre. It is situated just off the A38 to the south-west of the city.

The A38 is the trunk road to Birmingham. The A38, A50 and M1 together form a kind of orbital route around the city, and they connect with each other.

The conference facilities are markedly better than at the Midland, but we shall be short of bedrooms. More on this later. The bedroom rate, though, has been held at that agreed for the Midland Hotel.

Car parking is free to all users of the hotel, but you must register your car at reception, or you could face a hefty parking penalty.

Eating

The hotel has a bigger restaurant than the Midland (but with the same menu!), and we will continue to provide MidCon lunches and dinners. Mickleover has a few pubs, and an Indian restaurant, at a distance of about 500m. Otherwise, the best choice for eating out remains the large collection of eateries in the city centre.

Public Transport

The taxi fare from Derby railway station is about £10, or there is a bus from Derby *bus* station for £3.50 that stops near to the hotel, and also a bus that runs as far as Mickleover village, again from the bus station.

How Many Bedrooms are Available?

We have blocked out 40 rooms. More may become available if the two coach parties currently booked in on the Saturday night start to relinquish rooms from their blocks. Booking instructions may be found at the end of this note.

Other Accommodation Options

There are few hotels and guesthouses in the area, the two nearest major concerns being The Littleover Lodge (about 2km) and the King's Highway (about 3km). If you are used to using the Aston Court, or any other alternative to the convention hotels, I'd recommend that you still do, and that everyone who stays there should try to self-organise themselves to car-share, or to share a taxi.

It is not necessary to have a hotel room. Walk-ins are welcome on a daily or weekend basis.

MidCon 2021 Registration Form

Name(s)			
Address			
Post code		Tel:	
E-mail			

Registration Fee: tick the appropriate box(es). Registration fees are not refundable.

Fri/Sat/Sun (Book before 1 st Nov) £25	Fri/Sat/Sun (Book after 1 st Nov) £30	Friday only £15	Saturday only £15	Sunday only £10

Payment for the Registration Fee (tick box)

PayPal (visit www.midcon.org.uk for details)	
Transfer to "MidCon Convention", Lloyds TSB Colmore Row 30-00-03 03033129	
Sterling cheque (made out to "MidCon Convention") / Cash (delete as appropriate), posted to: Jeremy Tullett, MidCon , 7 Midland Place, Derby DE1 2RR	

Please provide your name and postcode as a reference with direct transfers. We *cannot* collect advance convention fees from credit cards.

Derby Mickleover Hotel Bed and breakfast prices per room per night

	Thu / Fri / Sat / Sun	
Rooms for single occupancy	£70.00 per night	The convention's official hours are 09:00 Friday to 1800 Sunday, but anyone wishing to stay on the Thursday and/or Sunday night will get the Friday / Saturday room rate.
Rooms for double occupancy	£83.00 per night	
<i>Charges to your room are your responsibility, and are to be paid on departure.</i>		

Car parking is free, provided that you register car at the hotel reception.

***** Bedrooms are to be booked directly with the hotel *****

How to book your bedroom:

Call the hotel's reservation office on 0330 0283404, and quote 5778051, or Best Western Central Reservations, and quote the MIDCON BLOCK

Please tick as appropriate.

- I wish you *immediately* to remove my address details from the **MidCon** records. (**Note:** this will prevent us from updating you on **MidCon** progress, and sending you copies of QLA.)
- I wish you to keep my name and address records, solely for the purpose of informing me about **MidCon**, and providing me with copies of QLA.