

# The Queen's Lane Advertiser

*(Incorporating Convention News)*

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## Forthcoming Conventions

<b>BayCon 2011</b> Exeter Court Hotel Kennford Devon 12-15 April 2012 <a href="http://www.baycon.co.uk">www.baycon.co.uk</a>	<b>Kent Kon</b> Benenden School, Cranbrook Road, Kent TN17 4AA 13-15 April 2012 <a href="http://www.ukf2fdip.org">http://www.ukf2fdip.org</a> ( <a href="mailto:dave@ukf2fdip.org">dave@ukf2fdip.org</a> )	<b>Telford Mini-Con III</b> Shifnal Village Hall Aston Street Shifnal TF11 8DW 28th April 2012 <a href="http://www.gameslore.com">www.gameslore.com</a>
<b>Beer and Pretzels</b> The Town Hall Burton-on-Trent Staffordshire 12-13 May 2012 <a href="http://www.spiritgames.co.uk/bnpdetails.php">www.spiritgames.co.uk/bnpdetails.php</a>	<b>UK Games Expo</b> The Clarendon Suites 2 Stirling Road Edgbaston, Birmingham 25-27 May 2012 <a href="http://www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk">www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk</a>	<b>Raiders of the Game Cupboard XIX</b> The Salvation Army Citadel Mosley Street, Burton upon Trent 23 June 2012 <a href="http://www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk">www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk</a>
<b>Summer StabCon</b> 6th - 8th July 2012 Britannia Hotel Stockport <a href="mailto:bookings@stabcon.org.uk">bookings (at) stabcon.org.uk</a>	<b>Pasteboard and Plastic 18</b> The Scout Hut, Saltdean, Brighton. 7 July 2012 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/3ex38k">http://tinyurl.com/3ex38k</a>	<b>Manorcon XXX</b> Stamford Hall University of Leicester. 20-23 July 2012 <a href="http://www.manorcon.org.uk">www.manorcon.org.uk</a>
<b>Mindsports Olympiad</b> University of London Union Malet St, London WC1E 7HY 18-27 August 2012 <a href="http://www.msoworld.com">http://www.msoworld.com</a>	<b>Raiders of the Game Cupboard XX</b> The Salvation Army Citadel Mosley Street, Burton upon Trent 29 September 2012 <a href="http://www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk">www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk</a>	<b>TringCon XXV</b> Marsworth Village Hall Marsworth Nr. Tring Buckinghamshire 29 September 2012 <a href="http://www.fwtwr.com/tringcon">www.fwtwr.com/tringcon</a>
<b>Pasteboard and Plastic 19</b> The Scout Hut, Saltdean, Brighton. 10 November 2012 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/3ex38k">http://tinyurl.com/3ex38k</a>	<b>MidCon XXXIV</b> Hallmark Hotel, Derby 9-11 November 2012 <a href="http://www.midcon.org.uk">www.midcon.org.uk</a>	<b>Raiders of the Game Cupboard XXI</b> The Salvation Army Citadel Mosley Street, Burton upon Trent DE14 1DR 29 December 2012 <a href="http://www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk">www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk</a>

# ManorCon XXX

20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

Stamford Hall, University of Leicester

The organization for ManorCon XXX 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. Please remember that **advance registration is only available until 16<sup>th</sup> June**. 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.

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. Now that we hand out keys in addition to handling on-the-door bookings, we need lots of volunteers! 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](mailto:regdesk@manorcon.org.uk).

This year, as usual, we will have a mix of scheduled and ad-hoc tournaments, plus some other competitions and events.

## **Scheduled tournaments:**

**Croquet** – knock-out tournament limited to a maximum of 16 players.

**Diplomacy** – individual rounds at 1800 on Friday, 1000 on Saturday, and 1000 on Sunday. In addition to the main tournament, there is also the **Diplomacy Challenge**, an individual one round tournament based solely on scores in the Saturday round. This replaces the team round from previous years.

**Midnight Party** – three rounds, at midnight each evening.

**Ad-hoc tournaments (play games as and when you wish):**

**18XX**

**Dominion**

**Puerto Rico**

**St Petersburg**

**Other events:**

**Games Stall.** Once again, Milestone Games will be running a games stall for new games and gaming accessories. They will provide a 15% discount to all purchases, and there will be some special offers as well. If there is anything specific you would like, you can contact them at: [sales@milestonegames.co.uk](mailto:sales@milestonegames.co.uk).

**Pop Quiz** – on Saturday evening.

**Second Hand Games Sale** – Sara Ball (hopefully by then Merritt!) will be taking over the SHGS this year so make sure you dig out your juiciest games for her to sell for you! If you have any questions or would like to help please contact her at [saraljpx@gmail.com](mailto:saraljpx@gmail.com).

**Treasure Hunt** – on Sunday afternoon. This year it will have a boardgames theme.

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).

There will be trophies for:

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Diplomacy, and 18XX.
- The winners of the Croquet, Dominion, Diplomacy Challenge, Puerto Rico, and St Petersburg.

**As of 23<sup>rd</sup> March the following 39 people have registered:**

Malcolm Booker

John Colledge

Kath Collman

David Cowie

Robert Dillon

Gary Duke

Neil Duncan

Andrew Edgewell

Jonathan Elcock

Mark Fox

Alan Gates

John Gates

James Goodman

Hannah Gordon-Smith

Chris Green

Lyndon Gurr

Jeff Hawker  
Steve Jones  
Pete Mason  
Craig Nye  
Darrell Perrins  
Richard Ramsden  
Mark Rigby-Jones  
Dave Simpson  
Mark Stretch  
Steve Thomas  
David Van-Cauter  
Derek Wilson

Paul Heppell  
Seth King  
Neil Munkman  
Nigel Pepper  
Josh Perrins  
Keith Rapley  
Ursula Searle  
Paul Speck  
Ted Swalwell  
Tim Troman  
Daniel Victor

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 23<sup>rd</sup> March. 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 Neil Duncan. You can also 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](mailto: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>

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## **Kent Kon (Dave Simpson)**

UKF2FDip.org presents Kent-Kon, the brand new entry into the world of face-to-face tournament diplomacy and the first step of the Tour of Britain 2012.

Between Friday 13th & Sunday 15th April 2012, we will play 3-4 games of Diplomacy. The first round will begin at 7pm Friday evening and the tournament will conclude on Sunday afternoon. There will be a Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon round, with Saturday evening free for attendees to enjoy a meal out and/or to play other games.

Accommodation will be available for Friday and Saturday evening. You don't need to attend the whole tournament to participate. The emphasis is very much on inclusivity and promoting the hobby, especially to new players. The Kon will take place at Benenden School, Cranbrook Road, Kent TN17 4AA.

The nearest train station is Staplehurst which is on a direct line from Charing Cross and Ashford International. A taxi to the Kon is about £18. However, we plan to run cars between the station and the venue if several players plan arrive/depart at roughly same time.

The event will require a £20 payment via paypal to cover tournament fees, accommodation and food. We may run an honesty box for snacks and drinks etc. Yes that's right, single room accommodation is included in the price!

For more information or to sign up for the tournament, please visit <http://www.ukf2fdip.org> or contact Dave Simpson ([dave@ukf2fdip.org](mailto:dave@ukf2fdip.org)).

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## MidCon XXXIV (Jeremy Tullett)

So, here is the booking form for **MidCon** 2012. I have already received a booking for three places, so, whilst it might be hard to claim that registrations are going like hot cakes, it is a pretty good start for an event in November.

The committee is into high gear, although perhaps not into to top gear, and we are getting a few T-shirts produced. I look forward to the annual debate over which ‘guest beers’ we shall ask the hotel to sell, a debate to which I can contribute little, but from which I can derive some amusement.

We are having all of the usual features (second hand games, a games stall from Spirit Games, a quiz, a Diplomacy tournament), but mostly it is all about you, the players, turning up and having a good time in a good location.

Alan Harvey would like to run a game of Strike on **MidCon** Sunday. Strike is a game for 8 players which lasts 2-3 hours, modelling the “The British car industry - strife-torn centre of British industry in the 1970s”, where you are either a managing director or a union leader trying to achieve your interests whilst staying ahead of the industry competition. If you would be interested in this, I can pass your name to Alan. We are happy to *support* any tournament that anyone wishes to run, but such persons must manage them themselves.

The Hallmark was hugely pleased with our presence in 2011 (some of the staff would have participated, had they not been working), and we look forward to great event with them, and you, again in 2012.

# MidCon 2012 Booking Form

## Registration Fee

£20 per person for the whole weekend, when booked before 1<sup>st</sup> November, £25 afterwards, and on the door. The day rates are £10/£15/£10 for Friday/Saturday/Sunday. Please note: convention fees are *not* refundable.

**Our block booking is held until 12<sup>th</sup> October, so YOU ARE ADVISED TO BOOK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.**

After October 12th, rooms will be open for sale to the open public, and so are likely to sell out. After 1<sup>st</sup> November we will not be able to accept postal bookings, and accommodation will have to be booked directly with the hotel, whilst the convention fee will have to be paid at the convention.

## Room Prices

Hallmark Hotel Accommodation: Bed and breakfast prices of £58.00 Single, £70.00 Double / Twin per room per night Thursday 10 November 2011 available at £63.00 Single, £75.00 Double/Twin

Hallmark Inn Accommodation: Bed and breakfast prices of £48.00 Single, £60.00 Double /Twin per room per night Thursday 10 November 2011 available at £53.00 Single, £65.00 Double / Twin

## Payment for the Registration Fee and for Accommodation

For the **registration fee** we accept payment by PayPal (visit [www.midcon.org.uk](http://www.midcon.org.uk) for details), sterling cheques (made out to "MidCon Convention"), or cash. We *cannot* collect convention fees from credit cards.

<b>Name(s)</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Post code</b>		<b>Tel:</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>			
<b>I enclose a sterling cheque (payable to "MidCon Convention") at £20 (£25 after 1<sup>st</sup> November) for:</b>		<b>£</b>	(See above for registration rates)

**Accommodation deposits** may be made when booking through the **MidCon** website, by supplying us with a credit card number and expiry date, or with a sterling cheque made out to the 'Hallmark Hotel', accompanied by this form.

Please select one of the following options by ticking the appropriate box.

- I hereby give permission for **MidCon** to pass my credit card details to the hotel to reserve my room. My credit card details are given *here*:

Name on Card	16 Digit Card Number	Expiry date

- I enclose a sterling cheque for 50% of the total cost of my room booking, payable to "Hallmark Hotel".

HOTEL NAME?	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
N <sup>o</sup> . of single rooms				
N <sup>o</sup> . of twin rooms				
N <sup>o</sup> . of double rooms				
Sharing with ...				

You will settle anything charged to your room directly with the hotel on your departure.

The cancellation policy of the hotel is complicated; please seek advice from a member of the **MidCon** committee if you have to cancel to minimise your financial exposure.

When complete, return this form, together with your registration fee (payable to "MidCon") to: Jeremy Tullett, **MidCon**, 7 Midland Place, Derby, DE1 2RR

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## The Queen's Lane Advertiser (incorporating Convention News)

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Coordinator: David Norman

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.

The coordinator can be contacted at [david\(at\)ellought.demon.co.uk](mailto:david@ellought.demon.co.uk)

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