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Forthcoming Conventions

Travel Con 2015 Traveller's Rest, Kenton Road, Kenton, Middlesex, HA3 8At 16-18 October 2015 Chris Geggus - geggus (at) sky.com	MidCon 2015 The Hallmark Hotel Derby DE1 2SQ 13-15 November 2015 MidCon.org.uk	Pasteboard and Plastic Saltdean Scout Hut, Brighton Saturday 21 November 2015 Details: http://tinyurl.com/3ex38k Map: http://tinyurl.com/ybq7ng
Board Games at the Manor Otford Manor TN15 6XF 4-6 December 2015 www.oakhall.co.uk/manor office(at)oakhall.co.uk	Raiders of the Game Cupboard XXXIII Waterside Community Centre Heath Road Burton-upon-Trent DE15 9LF 2 January 2016 10am-8pm www.raidsofthegamecupboard.co.uk	Winter StabCon Britannia Hotel Stockport 8-10 January 2016 bookings (at) stabcon.org.uk
Great Derby Boardgame Bash IV Derby Silk Mill Museum of Industry DE1 3AF Saturday 6 February 2016 Find "Derby on Board Games" on Facebook	SoRCon 9 Holiday Inn Basildon Essex 26 - 28 Feb 2016 www.sorcon.co.uk	Swan Con 2016 The Swan Hotel, Bucklow Hill, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 6RD 10-13 March 2016. Chris Geggus - geggus (at) sky.com
Raiders of the Game Cupboard XXXIV Waterside Community Centre Heath Road Burton-upon-Trent DE15 9LF 26 March 2016 10am-8pm www.raidsofthegamecupboard.co.uk	BayCon 2016 Exeter Court Hotel Kennford 30 Mar - 3 Apr 2016 https://www.facebook.com/groups/baycon/	TringCon XXXII Marsworth Village Hall Marsworth, Nr. Tring, Bucks Saturday 2 April 2016 tringcon(at)fwtwr.com www.fwtwr.com/tringcon
UK Games Expo NEC Hilton Metropole Birmingham 3 - 5 June 2016 richard(at)ukgamesexpo.co.uk www.UKGamesExpo.co.uk	Raiders of the Game Cupboard XXXV Waterside Community Centre Heath Road Burton-upon-Trent DE15 9LF 25 June 2016 10am-8pm www.raidsofthegamecupboard.co.uk	ManorCon XXXIV John Foster Hall, University of Leicester 15-18 July 2016 info(at)manorcon.org.uk www.manorcon.org.uk
Raiders of the Game Cupboard XXXVI Waterside Community Centre Heath Road Burton-upon-Trent DE15 9LF 24 September 2016 10am-8pm www.raidsofthegamecupboard.co.uk		Derby on Board Games The Bookcafe, Cornmarket, Derby Last Wednesday of every month, except December. 4pm- 10pm

MidCon November 2015 – KNIZIATHON! (Ben Bateson)

What is a Kniziathon?

It is a celebration of, and a chance to explore, the games of one of the best and most prolific Eurogame designers of the last three decades.

For the first time, we will be having a Kniziathon event during Midcon 2015. It will be organised by Ben Bateson (ben.bateson@gmail.com or <https://www.boardgamegeek.com/user/ousgg>).

How will I find it?

The event will take place on Sunday 15th November in the Milldale suite between 10am and 4pm. You don't need to come for the whole event, but the more time you're there, the more chance you have of winning a prize!

What do we do?

Simple - we play Knizia games. Little fun games like Pickomino, big brain-burners like Tigris & Euphrates, the classic 'auction trilogy' of Modern Art, Amun-Re and Ra, 2-player classics like Battle Line, or abstracts such as Ingenious or FITS: these are just a small selection of what will be available to play. Anything designed or co-designed by Reiner Knizia is fair game.

We hope to have some 'teachers' available, but most Knizia games are simple to pick up and learn in a few minutes.

MidCon November 2015 – Bookings to 22 September

These registrations have been received and processed:

Jeremy Tullett	Gary Duke	Joy Williams
Peter Jenkins	Kath Collman	Susan Killean
Ruth Jenkins	Paul Cook	Lyndon Gurr
Ben Bateson	John Hopkins	Stephen Webb
Juliette Daniel	Nigel Pepper	Luke Hector
Mr Daniel	Bill O'Neill	John Bennett
Steve Thomas	Steve Jones	James Goodman
Peter Card	Eric Norton	Danny Victor
Andrew Wright	Phil Woods	Mark Fox
Ken Simpson	David Blowers	Tony Kelly
Jeff Edmunds	Angela Counce	Paul Heppell
Andy Walker	Lee Hammerton	Paul Speck
Tina Walker	Jen Marshall	Michael Roscoe
Malcolm Booker	Barrington Beavis	Sean Byrne
Larry Devis	Alan Harvey	Tim Troman
Graham Miller	Jake Turner	Sean Derrick
John Harrington	Richard Coates	Andy Pymont
Paul Oakes	Herbert Gratz	Louise Madden
Alan Havery	Tim Franklin	Craig Parnell
Simon Craddock	Lee Steele	Susan Parnell
John Davis	Ian Wilson	Eleanor Parnell
Bill Mayling	Keith Rapley	Philippa Parnell
Colin & Jane Harden	Dave Clasby	Alan Gates
Derek Wilson	Mike Hutton	Geoff Hardingham

I have also received registrations from the following, but not yet processed them: Pete Mason, Jon Draper, Simon Bracegirdle, Andrew Harris, Richard Adams, Martin Brumm, Mark Wright, Graham Keyte, Richard Keyte, Geoff Sampson, Ieuan Ritchie, and Richard Minson. At this stage, there are plenty of rooms available, so no need to fret. However, it is best to book early to make sure you get one, if needed.

Here's a cut-down version of the booking form for readers who would like one:

Registration Fee: £20 per person for the whole weekend, when booked before 1st November, £25 afterwards, and on the door. The day rates are £10/£15/£10 for Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

After October 17th, rooms will be open for sale to the general public. After 1st 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.

Payment for the Registration Fee and for Accommodation

For the **registration fee** we accept payment by PayPal (visit www.midcon.org.uk for details), sterling cheques (made out to "MidCon Convention"), cash, or transfer to "MidCon Convention", Lloyds TSB Colmore Row 30-00-03 03033129. Please provide your name and postcode as a reference with direct transfers. We *cannot* collect convention fees from credit cards.

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

Please send a sterling cheque payable to "MidCon Convention" or make a bank transfer for the £20 registration fee (£25 after 1st November).

Bed and breakfast prices per room per night

	Thu	Fri / Sat	
Hallmark Hotel Single	£69.00	£64.00	Twins / doubles are available for single occupancy, at the full room rate.
Hallmark Hotel Twin / Double	£82.00	£77.00	The convention closes 6pm Sunday, but anyone wishing to stay on Sunday night will get the Friday / Saturday room rate.
Hallmark Inn Single	£59.00	£54.00	Charges to your room are your responsibility, and are to be paid on departure.
Hallmark Inn Twin / Double	£72.00	£67.00	

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 my permission to pass my credit card details to the hotel to reserve my room. My credit card details are:

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? (Hotel / Inn)	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
N ^o . of single rooms				
N ^o . of twin rooms				
N ^o . of double rooms				
Sharing with ...				

When complete, return this form, together with your registration fee (payable to "MidCon Convention") to the editor.

ManorCon XXXIII - Results

For the third year, ManorCon XXXIII was held in John Foster Hall. There was a first for ManorCon this year, as it hosted the European Diplomacy Championships. Despite ManorCon having been the host of the World Championships three times, and the European Championships having been held in the UK four times previously, ManorCon has never previously hosted EDC.

But of course, even when hosting EDC, Diplomacy is only a small part of the modern ManorCon. There were also all the usual tournaments, and a new tournament for ZhanGuo, run by Paul Grogan and sponsored by What's Your Game?. And as well as the tournaments, there was also a large amount of open gaming, which for the first time since we moved to John Foster Hall, we had enough tables for everybody!

Thank you to everybody who attended, and I hope we'll see you again in 2016.

18XX

The 18XX tournament had 15 players playing 14 games, a slight increase from last year. The games included two 1846, two 1867, two 18EA, two 18GB and one each of 1817, 18Ard, 1858, 1861, 1826 and 1761. There were really only two players in contention for the top trophy after Saturday's games but despite one bad result, Lyndon Gurr had two overwhelming wins and an excellent third win, as well as a solid second. Congratulations to Lyndon on winning the tournament. Ian D. Wilson was the bridesmaid with four wins out of six: hard luck, Ian.

Rank	Name	Games	Wins	Score
1	Lyndon Gurr	5	3	98.32
2	Ian D. Wilson	6	4	89.27
3	Danny Victor	4	2	75.95
4	Steve Thomas	5	1	72.28
5	Geoff Hardingham	3	0	71.80
6	Jon Draper	6	3	68.63
7	Peter Eldridge	5	0	65.86
8	Chris Dawe	1	0	60.87
9	Ken Simpson	6	0	46.03
10	Marcus Barber	1	0	44.53
11	Dave Berry	5	1	43.68
12	Colin Harden	3	0	41.20
13	Dave Thorby	5	0	35.12
14	Ian Haywood	1	0	31.07
15	John Hopkins	3	0	26.03

Diplomacy

2015 saw ManorCon host EDC for the first time. Games were played to 1909, using the traditional ManorCon scoring system. 38 players took part, playing 14 boards over three rounds. In the Friday round, 34 players signed up, so the tournament director had to play to make 5 boards.

The round started with the focus on Toby Harris. Not only had Toby spent a lot of time getting people to attend, but he had also recently become the latest player to be crowned World Diplomacy Champion.

Friday 1			
Austria	Dave Simpson	1906	0.6
England	Toby Harris	1903	0.3
France	Tom Haver	9	27.25
Germany	Davide Cleopatre	7	19.06
Italy	Bjorn Jenske	5	12.5
Russia	Conrad Woodring	6	15.57
Turkey	Philipp Weissert	7	19.06

Friday 4			
Austria	Marco Ferrari	1904	0.4
England	Guy Thomas	8	21.05
France	Marvin Fried	7	17.48
Germany	Mark Wightman	1	3.95
Italy	David Norman	1908	0.8
Russia	Millis Miller	7	17.48
Turkey	Emeric Miszti	11	34.02

Friday 2			
Austria	Laurent Joly	3	5.01
England	Oliver Miszti	1905	0.5
France	Vick Hall	1908	0.8
Germany	Cyrille Sevin	16	45.53
Italy	Tjalling Sybesma	1909	0.9
Russia	Sascha Hingst	15	40.79
Turkey	Dan Lester	1904	0.4

Friday 5			
Austria	Owen Richards	1909	0.9
England	Brian Dennehy	1	3.21
France	Jim Mills	15	46.02
Germany	Marco Nosedo	1907	0.7
Italy	Bernard Andrioli	6	11.62
Russia	Tom de Greef	12	31.8
Turkey	Steve Massey	1904	0.4

Friday 3			
Austria	Matteo Anfossi	7	16.09
England	Emmanuel du Pontavice	12	35.99
France	Fearghal O'Donnchu	1906	0.6
Germany	Robin Walters	1903	0.3
Italy	Andrew Havery	1905	0.5
Russia	Giuseppe Salerno	11	31.31
Turkey	Jean Louis Delatre	4	8.3

Toby's tournament didn't get off to a good start – as is often the case for new world champions. Former world champions tend to fare better though, as Cyrille Sevin showed by ending the round with the largest power, with his 16-centre Germany. But Jim Mills' 15 centre France with nobody close to him topped the scoring. Sascha Hingst, Tom de Greef, Emmanuel du Pontavice, Emeric Miszti and Giuseppe Salerno also got off to good starts.

Saturday is traditionally the team tournament at ManorCon, and it had been hoped that there would be enough players for seven teams of seven, to run a traditional ManorCon Team tournament. Unfortunately there were only 35 players, so the five teams of seven were hastily rearranged into seven teams of five. Each team was then told which five powers they were to play, and the captain then assigned players to countries.

Saturday 1			
Austria	Toby Harris	1903	0.3
England	Philipp Weissert	7	14.22
France	Emeric Miszti	1	3.21
Germany	Bernard Andrioli	1905	0.5
Italy	Tom Haver	10	23.85
Russia	Dan Lester	16	51.38
Turkey	Matteo Anfossi	1905	0.5

Saturday 2			
Austria	Chris Martin	10	28.89
England	Dave Wreathall	8	20.74
France	Bjorn Jenske	1907	0.7
Germany	Guy Thomas	8	20.74
Italy	Laurent Joly	8	20.74
Russia	Marco Ferrari	1906	0.6
Turkey	Sascha Hingst	1903	0.3

Saturday 3			
Austria	Jean Louis Delatre	1905	0.5
England	Tjalling Sybesma	1906	0.6
France	Dave Simpson	2	4.81
Germany	Brian Dennehy	11	31.1
Italy	Marco Nosedo	1	3.61
Russia	Vick Hall	8	19.24
Turkey	Conrad Woodring	12	35.74

Saturday 4			
Austria	Jim Mills	1904	0.4
England	Mark Wightman	5	10.93
France	Emmanuel du Pontavice	8	20.07
Germany	Giuseppe Salerno	1904	0.4
Italy	Tom de Greef	10	27.96
Russia	Fearghal O'Donnchu	11	32.44
Turkey	Oliver Miszti	1907	0.7

Saturday 5			
Austria	Marvin Fried	10	32.23
England	Cyrille Sevin	7	19.21
France	Davide Cleopatre	5	12.6
Germany	Millis Miller	5	12.6
Italy	Shaun Derrick	6	15.7
Russia	Andrew Havery	1905	0.5
Turkey	Owen Richards	1	4.34

Once again, Toby had a three-year elimination – although not so surprising with Austria as it had been with England. Dan Lester had by far the best score of the round, providing over half his team's points, but they lost out to the consistent scoring of 5 Dwarves, who apart from one elimination, saw all their players end with 7 or more centre.

5 Dwarves	106.91
Brian Dennehy, Fearghal O'Donnchu, Sascha Hingst, Cyrille Sevin, Tom Haver	
Team Orc	89.81
Dave Simpson, Giuseppe Salerno, Dan Lester, Owen Richards, Chris Martin	
Dr Who	68.21
Andrew Havery, Guy Thomas, Mark Wightman, Conrad Woodring, Toby Harris	
Something With Europe?	61.99
Bjorn Jenske, Tom de Greef, Tjalling Sybesma, Marvin Fried, Bernard Andrioli	
Team Dalek	59.30
Jim Mills, Dave Wreathall, Emeric Miszti, Vick Hall, Shaun Derrick	
In The Navy	48.76
Jean Louis Delatre, Philipp Weissert, Davide Cleopatre, Laurent Joly, Oliver Miszti	
MI5 Service	37.38
Emmanuel du Pontavice, Millis Miller, Matteo Anfossi, Marco Nosedo, Marco Ferrari	

Saturday evening proved to be eventful, when in the early hours of the morning on the way back to their rooms, seven players got stuck in a lift! Unfortunately they didn't have a Diplomacy board with them, and after half an hour, they were rescued by the Fire Brigade!

Sunday saw a few players drop out, as people who were well down the order, and people who hadn't made it up after their lift escapade, decided to give the final round a miss. But 28 players did play the final round, with Cyrille Sevin going into the round with a slender lead over Tom de Greef and Emmanuel du Pontavice.

Sunday 1			
Austria	Millis Miller	3	5.82
England	Tom Haver	15	47.33
France	Philipp Weissert	12	32.7
Germany	Vick Hall	1905	0.5
Italy	Jean Louis Delatre	1	3.3
Russia	Laurent Joly	1906	0.6
Turkey	Tom de Greef	3	5.82

Sunday 3			
Austria	Bernard Andrioli	1903	0.3
England	Dave Simpson	8	17.89
France	Marco Ferrari	1904	0.4
Germany	Fearghal O'Donnchu	7	14.86
Italy	Oliver Miszti	3	5.91
Russia	Davide Cleopatre	1904	0.4
Turkey	Brian Dennehy	16	53.67

Sunday 2			
Austria	Guy Thomas	1905	0.5
England	Owen Richards	1907	0.7
France	Conrad Woodring	11	34.94
Germany	Matteo Anfossi	9	25.68
Italy	Sascha Hingst	4	9.27
Russia	Jim Mills	4	9.27
Turkey	Giuseppe Salerno	6	14.67

Sunday 4			
Austria	Cyrille Sevin	13	44.72
England	Emeric Miszti	6	14.34
France	Andrew Havery	1	3.96
Germany	Bjorn Jenske	2	5.28
Italy	Emmanuel du Pontavice	6	14.34
Russia	Tjalling Sybesma	1904	0.4
Turkey	Marco Nosedo	6	14.34

Cyrille had a brief scare on Sunday lunchtime, when he saw Brian Dennehy was on 14 centres after 1904 and had a potential solo looming. But Brian's game ended in a draw soon after lunch, and with the third highest score of the round, Cyrille was able to cement his win - his first at ManorCon.

Award	Winner	Reason
TD's Award	Brian Dennehy	For getting to 14 centres as Turkey in 1904, killing three players in the process.
Most French Player (who is not actually French)	Sascha Hingst	He likes Chateauneuf-Du-Pape!
Most Belgian Player (who is not actually Belgian)	Fearghal O'Donnchu	He drinks nice beverages, has fun with everyone whatever is happening, and keeps cool till the end. Life is to be enjoyed not stressed!
Most Dutch Player (who is not actually Dutch)	Toby Harris	We wouldn't have coffee shops without him!
Most German Player (who is not actually German)	David Norman	His organisational skills and commanding tone are worthy of a true Prussian!
Most Italian Player (who is not actually Italian)	Jean-Louis Delatre	He is as reliable as an Italian, and likes good food!
Most Irish Player (who is not actually Irish)	Oliver Miszti	For being thrown out of a bar for being underage!
Most American Player (who is not actually American)	Fearghal O'Donnchu	He's loud, drunk, obnoxious, you always know when he's in the room. But he's friendly, outgoing and loveable!

Country	Best Player	Centres	Country	Best Player	Centres
Austria	Cyrille Sevin	13	Germany	Cyrille Sevin	16
England	Tom Haver	15	Italy	Tom de Greef	10
France	Jim Mills	15	Russia	Dan Lester	16
			Turkey	Brian Dennehy	16

The final results were:

Rank	Name	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Overall
1	Cyrille Sevin	45.53	19.21	44.72	99.85
2	Tom Haver	27.25	23.85	47.33	86.51
3	Brian Dennehy	3.21	31.10	53.67	86.38
4	Conrad Woodring	15.57	35.74	34.94	78.47
5	Emmanuel du Pontavic	35.99	20.07	14.34	63.23
6	Tom de Greef	31.80	27.96	5.82	62.67
7	Philipp Weissert	19.06	14.22	32.70	58.87
8	Jim Mills	46.02	0.40	9.27	55.49
9	Dan Lester	0.40	51.38		51.78
10	Sascha Hingst	40.79	0.30	9.27	50.20
11	Emeric Miszti	34.02	3.21	14.34	49.97
12	Marvin Fried	17.48	32.23		49.71
13	Fearghal O'Donnchu	0.60	32.44	14.86	47.59
14	Giuseppe Salerno	31.31	0.40	14.67	46.19
15	Guy Thomas	21.05	20.74	0.50	42.04
16	Matteo Anfossi	16.09	0.50	25.68	42.02
17	Millis Miller	17.48	12.60	5.82	32.99
18	Davide Cleopatre	19.06	12.60	0.40	31.86
19	Chris Martin		28.89		28.89
20	Laurent Joly	5.01	20.74	0.60	26.05
21	Dave Simpson	0.60	4.81	17.89	23.00
22	Dave Wreathall		20.74		20.74
23	Vick Hall	0.80	19.24	0.50	20.29
24	Marco Noseda	0.70	3.61	14.34	18.30
25	Bjorn Jenske	12.50	0.70	5.28	18.13
26	Shaun Derrick		15.70		15.70
27	Mark Wightman	3.95	10.93		14.88
28	Bernard Andrioli	11.62	0.50	0.30	12.27
29	Jean Louis Delatre	8.30	0.50	3.30	11.86
30	Oliver Miszti	0.50	0.70	5.91	6.86
31	Owen Richards	0.90	4.34	0.70	5.59
32	Andrew Havery	0.50	0.50	3.96	4.71
33	Tjalling Sybesma	0.90	0.60	0.40	1.70
34	Marco Ferrari	0.40	0.60	0.40	1.20
35	David Norman	0.80			0.80
36	Toby Harris	0.30	0.30		0.60
37	Steve Massey	0.40			0.40
38	Robin Walters	0.30			0.30

Tzolk'in

The Tzolk'in tournament was run by Paul Grogan from Gaming Rules! and sponsored by Czech Games Edition. We had 9 people registered, so round 1 was three 3-player games, with the winner of each and best 2nd place going through to a 4-player final.

Steve Barry	73
Gary Duke	64
Steve Bailey	36

Tanya Fox	143
Gary Bailey	48
Iain Drylie	34

Matt McIntyre	71
Graham Wilkes	67
Philip Honeybone	51

In the final:

Tanya Fox	96
Graham Wilkes	75
Steve Barry	56
Matt McIntyre	55

Congratulations to Tanya Fox for winning the tournament - despite her initial assertions that she's not very good at the game! Thanks go to the tournament sponsors, CGE, who provided promotional tiles for everybody who played in the tournament, and a copy of the expansion for the winner.

ZhanGuo

The ZhanGuo tournament was run by Paul Grogan from Gaming Rules! and sponsored by What's Your Game? We had 6 people registered, although one of them forgot, so we had two games in round 1, a 2-player and a 3-player. The winner of each game, and the best second place went through to a final. In the 3-player game in round 1, there was a tie for first place - so in fact, all 3 winners from round 1 went through to the final.

Steve Bailey	197
Andy Pelton	194

Matt McIntyre	168
Gary Bailey	168
Dave Anderson	156

In the final:

Matt McIntyre	202
Gary Bailey	152
Steve Bailey	143

Congratulations to Matt McIntyre on winning the tournament, winning a copy of the game and a Gaming Rules! T-shirt.

Treasure Hunt

23 people in 4 teams in a Richard III themed treasure hunt, won by Jerry Elsmore, Mark Fox, Vick Hall, Simon Hornby, Jen Marshall, David Tittle.

Croquet

Eleven people signed up in the end, so I randomly drew the match-ups with randomly selected folk getting byes in the first round. I had to chase up people when, by dinner time Saturday, no games had been played. Eventually, the games were played on Sunday, but I was disappointed at the no-shows for which I had to award walkovers. Congratulations to Marek for winning the first Challenge tournament at ManorCon. Unfortunately, he didn't find Mick Haytack cold in the shoot-out for the Croquet Champion, and Mick successfully retained his crown, winning 14-1; bad luck Marek. Next year, Mick will be automatically in the Final, and we will have a knockout for the Challenge between every other player who enters to decide who faces Mick in the Final.

Sue Phillips	?	Sue Phillips	6	Bekki Honeybone	3	Marek Siejka	14
Sean Byrne	?						
Bekki Honeybone		Bekki Honeybone	14				
bye							
Martin Burroughs		Martin Burroughs	4	Marek Siejka	14		
bye							
Marek Siejka	w/o	Marek Siejka	14				
Richard Solomon							
Adam Siejka		Conrad Woodring		Conrad Woodring		Stuart Stafford	1
Conrad Woodring	w/o						
bye		bye					
bye							
Bat		Bat	4	Stuart Stafford	w/o		
bye							
Stuart Stafford	14	Stuart Stafford	14				
Philip Honeybone	11						

Midnight Party

Three games - at Midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Rank	Name	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Overall
1	Alex Zbyslaw	14	10	9	8.25
2	Mike Townsend	12	9		7.00
3	Dave Holmes	11	13	3	6.75
4	Ian Wilson	10	6		5.33
5	Steve Guest	5	8	7	5.00
6	Alan Bellamy	9			4.50
6	John Mitchell	8	5	5	4.50
8	Dave Cowie	1	11	5	4.25
9	Neil Monkman	5	7		4.00
10	Timothy Luffingham		4	6	3.33
11	Tanya Lim	7		1	2.67
12	Stuart Malone	6	1		2.33
13	Chris Burnham	2	4	2	2.00
14	Neil Rowlands	3			1.50
15	Gail Baker		2		1.00

Pop Quiz

Eight teams took part in this year's Pop Quiz, this year run by Phil Hannay. Once again, Phil mixed audio and video to make a very professional-looking quiz.

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Picture	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
Team Traitor	13	17	17*	19	20	15	18	136
We Blame Gordon	18*	15	14	20	11	17	15	125
Endless Nameless	18	18	12	19	11	19	10*	125
The Outstanding Managerial Record of Harry Redknapp	9	17	14*	20	18	14	13	119
The Mozartful Team	19*	15	9	20	10	13	11	116
Ritual Humiliation	13	17	10	17	14	13	12*	108
The Bar Team	17	5	1	4	12	3		42
Any Name Will Do	4	6	6					16

Congratulations to Mark Fox, Dan Lester, Mark Wightman, Phil Williams on their win.

The rounds were:

Round	Title	Description
1	Let it go already	Identify the Disney film from the song
2	The Era of the Disc	Name the artist and the studio album that these songs first appeared on.
3	The Era of the Disk	10 tracks played on floppy disk drive motors to identify
	Pictures	20 pictorial representations of band names to identify
4	Slow, Slow, Quick Quick Quick	20 tracks "expertly" mixed together
5	These are not the songs you are looking for 3: The Phantom Menace	Identify the musical and the title of any other song from the musical.
6	The Easy Round	10 cover versions in an easy-listening style.
Joker	Each team could play their joker at the start of a round (marked with an asterisk), and scored double for that round.	

Lost Property

Just the one item of lost property this year, a red poker chip, value 5. If it's yours, please contact a member of the committee to claim it.

Your Feedback

Thank you to everybody who filled in a feedback form. Once again, the food and drink dominated the comments we got, but for a change, some of it was positive! In summary, it was better than it has been in previous years, but still not as good as people would like it to be.

The only issue being reported from the bar is the lack of variation in Real Ale. Unfortunately this was a problem that the committee didn't know about until we arrived on Thursday, at which point, there was nothing we can do.

There were also two problems reported repeatedly with the rooms. The first was uncomfortable beds. Unfortunately this is something we don't have much influence over, all we can do is report it to the

University and hope they take action. Secondly, several people reported the cleaners servicing the rooms before 9:30am. This caused problems both with the cleaners disturbing people before they were properly up and awake, and on Monday, with the cleaners' equipment blocking corridors as people were trying to move their belongings out of their rooms. This we have taken up with the University, and do not expect it to be a problem in future.

There were also a number of reports of noise outside peoples' rooms in the early hours. This was actually coming from people sat on the area just outside the bar, and unfortunately, was completely inaudible from inside the bar. As soon as the problem was reported to a committee member (who was still in the bar at the time, and was completely unaware of it), the people involved moved inside. Unfortunately it had been going on for some time before it was reported, or it could have been resolved sooner.

There were also a number of people who reported issues with the room on their questionnaires (lights not working, problem with the shower, etc.). As ever, if you do have maintenance issues with the room, please report them to the University as soon as possible, to give them a chance to rectify the issue.

One thing that was noticeably absent from the questionnaires was any comments about table space – something that's previously been a problem ever since we moved to John Foster Hall. Hopefully this is an indication that we've finally solved this problem.

And finally, a number of people asked for the postcode to be included in the Programme Booklet. Well it's already at the top of page 6 of the booklet – as well as on page 4 of the preceding QLA! But people shouldn't need to hunt for it, so we'll put it somewhere more prominent next year.

Thanks.

ManorCon is run completely by volunteers. Some of those volunteers are daft enough to call themselves the committee, and spend 12 months a year organising ManorCon. But they could not do it by themselves. Therefore we'd like to thank everybody else who helped with the running of ManorCon XXXIII:

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For organising tournaments: Gordon Aickin, Paul Grogan, Steve Guest, Phil Hannay, Dan Lester, Chris Martin, Phil Williams.

For hosting the convention, and being ready to deal with problems as quickly and effectively as always, the University of Leicester.

Rounding Things Up

Numbers were up on last year, primarily due to EuroDipCon, at 257. There were 203 on Friday, 246 on Saturday, 228 on Sunday, and 140 on Monday. The number of rooms used was 183, slightly more than in 2014 and the same as in 2013. And Internet bookings increased to 79%, with only 21% of advanced bookings being made postally.

We look forwards to seeing you there for ManorCon XXXIV on 15th to 18th July 2016.

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