

MANORCON XXIV

Shackleton Hall, Birmingham. 2pm Friday 21st July – 2pm Monday 24th July 2006

New ManorCon Policy... Because so many of our regulars don't read anything we write, and because from time to time, we have some information that's new for this year and we need everybody to read, we are going to try a new policy. Everything that we need everybody to read, will be in a box (like this) – and we'd really appreciate it if everybody would read it. Everything else, you are welcome to ignore if you're a ManorCon regular – just like you always have done...

Another year, another ManorCon. Following the events of last year, we have had some long discussions with the University, and they have agreed with our opinion that there were a number of things that need serious improvements. As compensation for the events of last year, we have been given a significant refund by the University, together with an assurance that things will be better this year.

As a result of the refund, we are pleased to announce that all prices for ManorCon 2006 have been discounted. Every registration price, and every night's accommodation, has been reduced in price by £3. We would also like to take this opportunity to apologise to everybody who was affected by last year's problems, and hope that you will be back with us at ManorCon this year to see that things really have been sorted out.

ManorCon 2006 will be in Shackleton Hall, University of Birmingham. However, unlike last year, we will be in Rio's. This is a suite that is split over two floors, in a completely new part of the hall. It has several advantages for ManorCon, including most notably, a full bar in the lower level of the gaming area. Also unlike last year, we will have complete exclusive use of Rio's; there will be no other groups in there while we are. The one down-side of using Rio's, is that it does not have a cafeteria, so we will be walking through to Fusion's (where we were last year) for meals. This is along a short corridor from Rio's.

Unfortunately, the University are not able to offer us any Twin rooms this year, so we will only be able to offer singles. All bedrooms in Shackleton itself are en suite, and will cost £37 per person per night. We also have some non en-suite accommodation at £27 per night in the next building, Maple Bank (which is much closer than the non en-suite accommodation we had last year). Numbers of rooms in Maple Bank may be limited, and any overflow is likely to be accommodated in the "Tennis Courts" block (where all non-suite rooms were in 2005), so we advise you to book early! **Please note that room prices will be higher if not booked in advance.**

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To book, please complete BOTH SIDES OF the form and return by 16th June to: Neil Duncan, MANORCON, 25 Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 8SS, UK. Please make cheques payable to: The Universities Diplomacy Tournament.

This form should be returned to Neil before 16th June 2006. PRE-BOOKINGS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. However, there will almost certainly be some rooms available if you arrive and pay on the door (we wouldn't like to guarantee which type of single room will still be available at this stage). Please note that room prices will be higher if not booked in advance.

The prices are subject to variation in the event of VAT changes. Cancellations may be made up to June 16th 2006 for a full refund. University fire regulations require that you must book a room if you intend to stay on the premises after midnight. It is the responsibility of delegates to look after their valuables. ManorCon cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to items.

Data Protection Act : Details of your booking are stored on computers. We do not sell our mailing lists to any other individuals or organisations.

Will you permit us to pass your details on to other UK convention organisers? Yes No

Please tick here if you would like information about other UK Conventions to be sent to you via email

Please note: Standard singles will be allocated on a first-come, first- served basis. Once all standard rooms have been sold, your booking will be returned unless you have ticked the box overleaf to indicate that you are willing to pay extra for an en-suite.

Please sign here.....

If you've never been to ManorCon before and are wondering what it's all about, ManorCon is the largest board games convention in the UK. It's held annually in July, in one of the halls of residence of Birmingham University. Approximately 250 gamers come along for a weekend of intensive board gaming, some entering tournaments, others simply playing socially. It's great fun, and makes a change from your humdrum everyday life. If you've never been before, why not try it? Further details of the tournaments and other events can be found below.

With over 200 people at the Convention, you should be able to find plenty of other people who want to play the same sort of games as you. Either look around for someone setting up a game and ask if you can join in, or look for a group already playing a game, and ask if they know where you can get into a game. If you see a game that looks interesting, then ask about it. Most people are happy to teach a new player. Alternatively, try asking one of the Tournament Directors to help get you into a game, or if you don't know how to find him, one of the ManorCon Committee will be "on duty" to answer queries, solve problems, etc., throughout the weekend – we can help to point you in the right direction.

The aim of ManorCon is to play games and have fun, and our aim is to help you to succeed in doing both!

Tournaments will as usual include: Diplomacy, Settlers of Catan, 18XX, Outpost, Acquire, Puerto Rico, St Petersburg and Croquet. There will also be plenty of non-tournament games on offer – far too numerous to mention! Other events will include the a games stall, and hopefully a pop quiz and a treasure hunt.

For further details please contact either :

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NB. Please complete a SEPARATE form for EACH person booking

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Name				Male/Female
Address				
Telephone no.			email:	
If this will be your first time at ManorCon, please tick here: <input type="checkbox"/>	If you are willing to help out on the registration desk, please tick here: <input type="checkbox"/>	If you are a qualified first-aider, please tick here: <input type="checkbox"/>		
If non-resident, please tick to indicate which days you will be attending:				
Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/>				
Registration fee: £6 for one day, £11 for the weekend. <i>(NB. If paying on the door, prices rise to £7 and £13)</i>			Enter £6 or £11	
Accommodation: £27 per night for a basic single* £37 per night for a single en-suite	Friday	Enter £27or £37		
	Saturday	Enter £27or £37		
	Sunday	Enter £27or £37		
<i>(NB. If paying on the door, prices will be £2 extra per person per night)</i>			Total enclosed:	
* If my choice of room type is not available, I am willing to pay extra to have an en-suite (see note overleaf) <input type="checkbox"/>				

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