

# MANORCON XXVI

**Stamford Hall, University of Leicester. 2pm Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

If you've never been to ManorCon before, you might want to start by reading the back of the flyer first. If you're a regular attendee, then keep reading.

Following on from last year's successful move to Leicester, ManorCon will once again be held at Stamford Hall, University of Leicester, in 2008.

**This year, we have four big pieces of news to bring you.**

Firstly, we are now offering Internet Booking. The booking is handled by [www.boardgamers.org.uk](http://www.boardgamers.org.uk), and the payment is processed through PayPal (which can accept payment from a PayPal account or a credit card). A link to the booking system can be found from the ManorCon website, <http://www.manorcon.org.uk/book.htm>. Because we are now accepting bookings over the Internet, we will no longer accept foreign bookings without payment in advance. Foreign attendees should book using the Internet Booking system.

Secondly, at ManorCon this year, we will be accepting bookings for ManorCon XXVII in 2009 – so you can book your place for next year before you go home at the end of the convention.

Thirdly, we've changed the bank account name. **After 26 years, you can now actually make your cheques out to "ManorCon".**

And fourthly, from this year, ManorCon is the new home of the UK SpielChamps. Formerly known as Intergame, this is a tournament for teams of four players. The tournament consists of four rounds, each round being a different game, and each player competes against three different opponents in each round. The highest scoring team across the four rounds wins the tournament, and the top four teams are invited to represent the UK at the European Spielchamps in Essen, Germany in October. The games have not yet been chosen, but will be announced well in advance to allow plenty of time to practice. Players who wish to take part should indicate this on the booking form, and should try and form teams of four in advance - the organisers will help people find teammates, and if necessary, scratch teams may be formed on the day. There is a forum at <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/SpielchampsUK/> where the organisers can be contacted.

Once again this year, we have a limited number of twins, about 5 minutes walk from the convention hall. However, for various reasons that are too complicated to explain here, we can only accept bookings for twins up until mid-April. **If you do not book by mid-April, you will not be getting a twin room!**

ManorCon works because of the number of people who volunteer to help. One such way that you can help is by spending an hour on the registration desk. If you could spare an hour of your time, it would be appreciated. Please tick the appropriate box on the booking form. **P.T.O.**

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**To book, please complete BOTH SIDES OF the form and return by 20<sup>th</sup> June (13<sup>th</sup> April if a twin room is required) to: Neil Duncan, MANORCON, 25 Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 8SS, UK. Please make cheques payable to: ManorCon.**

**This form should be returned to Neil before 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (13<sup>th</sup> April 2008 if a twin room is required). PRE-BOOKINGS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.** However, there will **probably** 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 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 for a full refund. It is the responsibility of delegates to look after their valuables. ManorCon cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to items.

**If you are booking a twin**, please note that we may not be able to offer any twins. We will initially accept your booking, but may be unable to fulfill the booking. If this is the case, we will contact you, and will give you the choice of converting your booking to two singles, or cancelling your accommodation for a full refund.

Data Protection Act : Details of your booking are stored on computers. We do not sell our mailing lists to any other individuals or organisations, but we may share them with other games conventions.

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

**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 Leicester University. Approximately 200 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 so many 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 include: Diplomacy, 18XX, Puerto Rico, St Petersburg, Settlers of Catan, Acquire, Imperial, Midnight Party and Croquet. There will also be plenty of non-tournament games on offer – far too numerous to mention! There will also be a games stall, a second hand games sale, a pop quiz and a treasure hunt.

For further details please contact:

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email us at [info@manorcon.org.uk](mailto:info@manorcon.org.uk)

or check out our website at <http://www.manorcon.org.uk>

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**NB. Please complete a SEPARATE form for EACH person booking**

Name				Male/Female
Address				
Telephone no.		email:		
If this will be your first time at ManorCon, please tick here: <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If you are willing to help out on the registration desk, please tick here: <input type="checkbox"/></b>	If you are a qualified first-aider, please tick here: <input type="checkbox"/>	If you wish to take part in the UK Spielchamps, 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: £5 for one day, £8 for the weekend. <i>(NB. If paying on the door, prices rise to £6 and £10)</i>			Enter £5 or £8	
Accommodation: <input type="checkbox"/> £29 per night for a single <input type="checkbox"/> £29 per person per night for a twin <i>(see note overleaf on booking twins)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> £45 per night for a single en-suite <i>(NB. If paying on the door, prices will be £2 extra per person per night)</i>	Friday	Enter £29/£45		
	Saturday	Enter £29/£45		
	Sunday	Enter £29/£45		
	Total enclosed:			
If twin, name of person sharing with:				

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