MANORCON XL
Boardgames Convention 19th – 22nd July
Freemen's, University of Leicester

Friday 19th to Monday 22nd July 2024
Freemen's Common Campus, University of Leicester, LE2 6BF

Progress Report July 2024

Location

MANORCON HAS MOVED!

After nearly 20 years at various locations around the Oadby Campus, this year we are moving to the Freeman's Common Campus near the centre of Leicester. This is the only location at Leicester University that currently provides us with the facilities we need – Oadby is no longer available.

All accommodation is in single, en-suite rooms located within the campus. Kitchen facilities are available in the accommodation blocks. The beds are small doubles (4' wide), so would potentially allow double occupancy, but we are unable to provide that this year. We intend to look into whether such an option can be provided for next year.

Full English breakfast is included.

A basic map of the Freemen's Common Campus can be found here:

Campus map - University of Leicester

Contact Details

If you need to contact one of the committee, the ManorCon mobile number is 07391 046 410 (or +44 7391 046 410 from outside the UK). This can also be used if you want to contact someone who isn't on the committee, but only in an emergency, and only if we can find them...

PLEASE do not use this number before the Thursday morning of ManorCon! If you need to contact us beforehand, please phone Steve Jones (07575 027270), or email info@manorcon.org.uk.

Directions

By public transport

The venue is situated just outside the city centre, a mile South of Leicester railway station. Bus service 48 regularly runs direct from the city centre and station to the venue. The 47 will take you back in the opposite direction.

By car

Use your Sat Nav to navigate to the car park – details in the following section. Please ensure you read the parking information below before setting off.

Arrival Information

Parking

PARKING MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE!

Parking is in the multi-storey at 11 Putney Road, LE2 7TF. Parking is £2.50 per day and should be booked online in advance using the following link:

https://shop.le.ac.uk/product-catalogue/car-parking/staff-car-parking/manorcon-2024-parking

Once booked, multiple entries and exits are possible to the car park as your car registration will be recognised by the system.

When you arrive….

The ManorCon Registration Desk is in the Freemen's Common Reception area, which is a short walk from the car park. This is where you collect your badge if you have pre-booked and where you pay any moneys owing. If you have not pre-booked, then we have a number of rooms available on the door.

If you have pre-booked a room, then you should have received a Room Chit by email (check your spam). Present your Room Chit, either electronically or a print-out, to receive your room key. Present your Room Chit at Freemen's Common Reception. If you didn't receive your Room Chit then don't panic; you can collect a copy from the Registration Desk when you arrive.

If you have any difficulties, then either ring the ManorCon mobile on 07391 046 410, or look for the Committee Member On Duty – look for the helium balloon.

We can now accept card transactions! This includes using an Apple or Android smartphone. Payments can also be made by cash or cheque.

Please try to arrange your transport so as not to arrive before ManorCon opens, which is at 2pm on Friday. If you are on public transport, and you will be arriving early because that is what the timetable says, or the drive is quicker than you think and you do end up arriving early, you will not be able to get into the gaming areas.

Departure

PLEASE NOTE: you **must** vacate your room and return your key by 9:30am on the day of your departure. All room keys should be returned to the ManorCon Registration Desk.

Closing Time

The convention finishes at 2pm on Monday.

Facilities and Events

Gaming rooms

Gaming will take place in The City Social Space, The City Reception Building and Mary Attenborough Accommodation including common room. Specific rooms are allocated for quiet gaming. All gaming rooms may be locked up for some period overnight; the exact details are not yet known.

Food and Drink

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the Freeman's Kitchen and Bar.

The bar should be open 2pm on Friday until 1am, noon on Saturday and Sunday until 1am, and noon to 2pm on Monday, but may close early if not doing much business. Note that due to the licensing laws you are not allowed to bring your own alcohol onto the site.

Games Stall

Meeple World have the sole right to sell first-hand games at ManorCon, and anybody else wanting to do so must speak to the committee first. A discount of at least 10% will be available on all purchases at the convention.

Second Hand Games Sale (SHGS)

ManorCon provides an opportunity for buyers and sellers of second-hand games to meet and complete transactions. Please see the attached document or following the link below for details on how to use the SHGS, either as a buyer or seller. Philip Honeybone is organising the SHGS.

http://manorcon.org.uk/files/ManorCon2024SHGS.pdf

Treasure Hunt

Phil Hanney will be running the Treasure Hunt:

"THE SUN IS MISSING! THE SUN IS MISSING!" CRIED THE FOOL.

FOLLOW THE FOOL'S JOURNEY, SOLVING PUZZLES ALONG THE WAY TO FIND THE MISSING SUN. THIS YEAR'S MANORCON TREASURE HUNT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 2PM FOR UP TO 8 TEAMS OF 5. TO SECURE A PLACE PLEASE USE THE SIGN-UP SHEET. OR FEEL FREE TO JUST COME ALONG AND WE'LL FIT YOU IN IF WE CAN AND FORM TEAMS AS APPROPRIATE.

Tournaments

18XX: There will be an ad-hoc tournament for 18XX, organised by Steve Jones; just play, record the results on the forms provided, and put them in the envelope provided.

Midnight Party will, as usual, be run at midnight each night. Steve Guest will be running it.

Pop Quiz: will, as usual, be run in the bar area on Saturday evening.

Programme Booklet

The Programme Booklet contains all sorts of useful information such as maps of the buildings and surrounding area, plus directions to the nearest shops, ATMs and restaurants, instructions for finding a committee member, what to do if you have a problem, opening hours of the bar and the canteen, details of the tournaments, and lots more. If you have questions, it would be greatly appreciated if you check the Programme Booklet before asking a Committee Member.

The Programme Booklet should be available on the website (www.manorcon.org.uk) in advance; some printed copies will be available at the Registration Desk.