

# HOBBY NEWS

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## GALLIMAUFRY FOLDS

Steve Doubleday has decided to fold *Gallimaufry* as his increasing workload is not leaving him sufficient time to devote to the zine. The 'serious' games will transfer to a subzine in *Dolchstoß*.

## SUMO

Mike Siggins has decided that he needs to change his lifestyle to throw off the 'Sumo' tag, and is therefore taking a break from producing *Sumo's Karaoke Club*. Stuart Dagger will take over temporarily.

## THE THINKER

A new zine from Paul Denham orientated towards war-type strategy games such as *Civilization* and *Risk*, the former being the first game to be run. The first issue will be free in return for an A4 SSAE, and future issues will be priced according to the number of pages. Ideas, letters and subscriptions welcome - get in touch with Paul at 324 Mawney Road, Romford, Essex RM7 8DP.

## WHERE IS MY MIND

A new zine from David Oya to be published early in September. It will be 6-weekly and aims to have a good amount of editorial content and a letter column. The main, but by no means only, game will be *Railway Rivals*. Issue 1 (A5, 16pp) is free and has waiting lists for *RR* (3 maps), *RR Discovery* variant, *Diplomacy*, *Gunboat*, *Game of the Clans*, *Breaking Away*, *Golden Strider*, *Mornington Crescent*, *Snowball Fighting*, *The Crossword Game* and *Preposterous Prose*.

For a free copy of issue one, or to subscribe, write to David Oya at 24 Kingsway, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9NY.

## BORN LOSERS

Edmund Morgan is folding *Born Losers*, though he hopes to produce one final issue.

## TRINGCON

Organized by Alan Parr (6 Longfield Gardens, Tring, Herts HP23 4DN), this is a small informal event for up to thirty people on Saturday 24 September in Tring. To register, send a deposit of £2-£5 to Alan. The total cost will be under £10 (including lunch).

## 70's ZINES WANTED

Do you have any 70's zines that you would be prepared to donate to the MidCon Collection? Less famous zines especially wanted. A MidCon Collection Booklet featuring reprints of classic articles will be available free for all those registering for MidCon and available to the world for £1 after MidCon. Contact Stephen Agar (79 Florence Road, Brighton BN1 6DL or email address Compuserve 100276,775).

## NATIONAL DIPLOMACY CHAMPIONSHIP FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Saturday 3 September. **LONDON** Diplomacy Tournament at The Royal George, Evershot Street. Nr Euston Station. Contact: Vick Hall, 115a Offord Road, Islington, London, N1 (071 700 2008)

Saturday 17 September. **YORKSHIRE** Diplomacy Tournament at Leeds University, in the Holdsworth Applied Science Building (enter via the main entrance and go up the stairs into the open area). Starts 10 am. Contact: Iain Bowen, 5 Wiggington Terrace, York. (email: alaric@harlech.demon.co.uk)

**NORTH EAST** Diplomacy Tournament. Probably in Durham. Contact Peter Sullivan, 55 Brunton Street, Darlington, Co Durham (email: peter@manorcon.demon.co.uk)

**NORTH WEST** Diplomacy Tournament. Probably in Liverpool/Manchester. Contact Malcolm Cornelius, 3 Gretton Close, Longsight, Manchester, M13 0YR (email: Compuserve 100277,1422)

If anyone would like to organize an event in **SCOTLAND**, John Dodds would be happy to offer advice.

The 'last chance' qualifying event and the finals are at Midcon, from Friday November 18 to Sunday November 20 at the Royal Angus Thistle Hotel, Birmingham.

## CAMBRIDGE GAMES FAYRE

Milton primary school, Cambridge, on Sunday 30 October from 9.30 a.m. Features the British Team Britannia Championship (£10 per team of four) and also a *Magic: The Gathering*™ tournament (£2 each). Non-tournament players pay £1 each. More details from Tony Hetherington, Cambridge Games Club, 59 Greenfields, Earith, Cambs, PE17 3QH

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## ESSEN GAMES FAIR

20 - 23 October in Essen, Germany. The largest games event in the world, featuring Intergame, the European card and board game championship for teams of 4. More details from Friedhelm Mertz, Alberichstr, 15-17 Bonn, Germany (Phone +49 228 342273).

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## MidCon

Friday November 18 - Sunday November 20 at the Royal Angus Thistle Hotel, Birmingham. Room rates are £26 per person per night (sharing) or £32 (single). Registration is £10. Brian Williams, 30 Rydding Lane, Millfields Estate, West Bromwich, B71 2HA. (Compuserve: 100275,203)

Features the **National Diplomacy Championship**, remaining qualifying competitions for which are: London (4 September), and Leeds (17 September) plus one at Midcon itself, with events planned in NE and NW England. For details contact the national co-ordinator, John Dodds, at 55 Leigham Vale, Streatham, London SW16 2JQ (phone 081 677 3287, or e-mail jdodds@cix.compulink.co.uk).

Other Midcon events will include a quiz, a darts tournament, hobby discussion, a group Chinese meal, an entertainment of some sort on Saturday night, and plenty of space for playing games of all sorts.

## MASTERCON 2/EURODIPCON 3

The second Mastercon will also play host to EuroDipCon, an event that has previously taken place in Paris in October 1993 and Sweden in May 1994. The location is the Kings Head Hotel in Cirenster, Gloucestershire, and the dates are Friday 24 to Sunday February 1995. Registration is £10 per person, with a special concessionary rate of £5 for non-UK residents, and hotel rooms are £23 per person per night sharing or £25 single.

To register, send £10 (or £5) to Shaun Derrick, 313 Woodway Lane, Walsgrave, Coventry CV2 2AP.

## MANORCON 13

Will take place at Birmingham University from Friday 21 to Monday 24 July. More details from Peter Sullivan, 55 Brunton Street, Darlington, County Durham DL1 4EN (email: peter@manorcon.demon.co.uk)

## HOBBYMEETS

**BRISTOL:** The Knowle (Back Bar), Leighton Road, off Priory Road, off Wells Road. 1st Friday of the month. Paul Norris (0272 427061) Richard Egan (0272 774460)

**EXETER:** Thatchmeet at the Mount Radford on Magdalen Road on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Rob Mulholland (0392 494072).

**FAREHAM:** Richard Williams (0329 236125) organizes a get-together at his house, on the 2nd Sunday of even-numbered months from 10 am.

**HERTFORDSHIRE:** Semi-regular meetings on Monday and Friday evenings in St Albans (Steve Kingsbury 0727 844475) and Sawbridgeworth (Mike Taylor 0279 724687).

**LONDON (1):** The Royal George, Eversholt Street, near Euston station, 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Vic Hall (071 326 0125) or Mike Allaway (081 863 6413) for details.

**LONDON (2):** The Small Furry Swiggers meet at the Royal Oak in Regency Street, Westminster every Wednesday from 6.30. Costs £2.

The **NOTTINGHAM & DERBY** Board Games Club meets every Thursday from 7-10.30 pm. Contact Mick Haytack on 0332 511898.

**NORTH YORKSHIRE:** Tap & Spile, Monk Bar, York, on the 2nd Sunday of the month, at noon. Contact Iain Bowen (0904 640095) or Pete Sullivan (0325 364153).

**OXFORD:** Every Wednesday during term-time at 7.30 in the nuclear physics building off Keble Road. All welcome. Details from Mark Stretch Flat 23, Stevens Close, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6JW (term) or 2, Over Mill Drive, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7JL.

**RIPLEY,** near Woking: Usually 2nd Tuesday of the month, but can vary depending on availability of regulars. Starts with a curry and moves to a pub. Contact Dane Maslen (0483 721856) in advance to check on dates.

The **SHREWSBURY** Games Club meets every Sunday from 2.00 pm to 10.00 pm at The Lodge, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. More information from Mark Kennett (0743 361417).

## HOBBY SERVICES

*Springboard* is run by Danny Collman, 14 Westover Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, B20 1JG mainly to deal with people who respond to the Diplomacy box flyers. Players are limited to one gamestart.

*The Finishing Touch* is produced by Richard Sharp, Norton House, Whieldon Street, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0HU. The results of all Diplomacy games played in the UK: an invaluable source of reference for statisticians, or to find out something about your opponents.

The **Novice Package** provides a large amount of useful information for those who are new, and not so new, to the hobby. Includes a 56 page booklet with articles on playing Diplomacy and other games by post, a glossary of hobby jargon and pen pictures of hobby personalities, plus a number of sample zines and addresses for hobby services and zine editors. £2 from John Dodds, 55 Leigham Vale, Streatham, London, SW16 2JQ.

**Zine Bank:** Send a large (A4) SAE stamped for 200g to John Dodds, (address above) and he will send you about half a dozen different zines.

*Mission from God* lists all the zines in the hobby, with information about prices, sizes, frequency, etc., together one or more brief reviews to give a flavour of what the zine offers. £1 from. New issue just out.

**Rules Bank:** Mike Siggins (129 Ardmore Lane, Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5SB) has a collection of over 200 sets of English rules for German and other foreign games. Mike is continuing to run this service even though he is temporarily handing over *Sumo's Karaoke Club* to Stuart Dagger.

**Hobby Advertising Campaign and Quick Gamestart Service:** organized by Stephen Agar (79 Florence Road, Brighton BN1 6DL). The Hobby Advertising Campaign places adverts in various magazines, and the Quick Gamestart Service aims to match players and suitable waiting lists.