

A CHALLENGING YEAR.....WHAT NEXT FOR 2018?

As we have all seen, 2017 has been a difficult year for MC. With the cancellation of Tutbury and Belvoir due to poor entries, and the loss of Catton as our championship venue, we face a challenging season in 2018. Efforts by the board and club members are being made to find new venue sites for next year, but that is only half the story. The club needs input from anyone who would be prepared to assist in setting up, and running a new event, as without this the 2018 calendar will look rather sparse.

Existing events also need your support or they too will be at risk. The welcome return of Widmerpool, and the successful training with Peter and Emily Bennett, were encouraging. And although the Tutbury event was cancelled, it is still available to use. Indeed from an organisation point of view it ticks a lot of boxes. A permanent dressage arena and 2 obstacles, a cross country course as part of the marathon, obstacle materials and an organiser on site, and the enthusiasm of the land owners, Richard and Dorothy, which makes everything easier. We hope to run training again next year, and can run a one day event with a different marathon route which removes the steepest incline from the course.

But we need support for this event or it will be removed from the circuit permanently. No event has it all, and we need to be realistic when deciding what we want to get out of a competition.

With the AGM approaching on 12th November, it is a chance to put your ideas into the forum as to what we can all do to help find new event sites, and what type of competition you would like to take part in.

Use it or lose it!

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