Thanks to you all for running last night in the rain of Laindon.  We moved the start to under cover to at least shelter you from some of the rain before and after your run.  There was a bit more traffic on the roads due to the tube strike, so apologies if it took you a little longer than planned to get to the event.  Thanks to Graham for planning the event - some nice route choice, although we will take the observation that crossing loops can leave things open to visiting the controls in the wrong order and reducing the length of the course.

On the night it was Melanie Sirett who got the fastest time on the short course, nearly five minutes ahead of Colin Jackson in second.  A similar story on the long course, this time Chris Prince beating the field by five minutes, with Guy Lidbury in second.

Melanie held on to the lead after handicap in the short course, with Veronica Machin jumping up into second.  Roy Read took the handicap win in the long course, just over a minute ahead of Guy.

That was the final race of the series, so we can now announce the winners.  Taking the short course, with an impressive three wins and two very close seconds over the series was Melanie Sirett, just pipping long time leader Veronica Machin into second.  Third place went to Colin Jackson.

An emphatic victory in the long course - Roy Read just dropping 3 points at Melbourne from an otherwise perfect score.  Gary Chandler came second with two wins of his own, and Jackie Sibthorp claims third.

Many thanks to those who ran in all events - Veronica Machin, Colin Jackson, Gary Chandler, Jackie Sibthorp, Kevin Machin, David Game, John Pettifer, Lorna Pettifer, and Chris Childs.

We had 85 different people running in at least one event, and of those 19 runners got their 50 point bonus for running in a MapRun during the series.  Hopefully you also liked the option of the Anytime MapRun which we had at some events.

We are currently planning the summer series, which is likely to take a similar format, but with potentially more footpath running in the evening sunshine, rather than street running in the winter darkness!

One footnote - one competitor from last night has reported that they tested positive for covid this morning.  So, please test if you feel unwell.

Thanks to all the planners of the events, and to Chris for co-ordinating the SOS side of the series.