

**The 38<sup>th</sup> June Jaunter**  
**24/6/2021**  
**Organiser's Comments**

Last year the Covid pandemic meant that I was unable to organise a traditional mass gathering for the June Jaunter. Thankfully, rather than miss a year, which has only happened during foot and mouth, David Williams offered to set up a socially distanced Jaunter using the Maprun app.

This year Covid is still with us, so once again we have had to stage the June Jaunter in a Covid-safe manner, with Maprun being the favoured timing mechanism. Also, to allow people to optimise their social distancing, the event was held open for 7 days in addition to the traditional Thursday evening closest to midsummer. Clearly it wasn't the same experience as pre-Covid, but even so there was a good atmosphere around the start/finish and the promised rain held off.

On the night there were 13 participants, 5 using Maprun, the rest using watches or Strava. There were a further 8 runs during the surrounding week. Conditions were pretty ideal; warm-ish and a little short-lived drizzle early on. Most people opted for a clockwise route with just four running anti-clockwise. In recent years we have started to see a number of runners from Halesowen CAC and Cobra RC take part. This year we had just two from Halesowen. Apparently there would have been more but they had had a track league the previous evening and the thought of a hill session the next day scared most off.

In the end, there were 13 Maprun tracks. In the main, these worked very well with only two issues. Peter Rose recorded a perfect GPS track but may well have run too fast past the carpark gate at Nimmings and failed to register – HITMO to the rescue. Alas the satellites weren't so kind to Ian Gamlen so his GPS track went all over the place on the run into the church and didn't register the gate. But Paul Basher managed to 'encourage' Maprun to register the control, so all was well with the splits.