



# News from the Rally Office

Spring 2009

*CRA Events – Going where driving is still a pleasure*



**cesuk**

Once again our sponsors CES had a presence on our recent Poppy Rally, Charles Colton and Howard Warren took part in their Porsche 911's and Mark, Matt and Jess handed out the water and snacks. It's the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CES this year which means they started the year after Jeremy Dickson organised his first classic rally!

The Poppy Rally was a great success with all crews enjoying the challenge. Overall winners were Peter Horsburgh and Anthony Preston, second was Dick and Mark Appleton and third Paul and Matt Heal. First "European" was Bert Dolk and first local crew were David and Pascal Vancoillie-Warlop. Hannah Sharp did a magnificent



job of keeping dad Martin on the right road and at the age of 14 is probably the youngest competitor we have had to date – a worthy winner of the Spirit of the Rally award.



With two months to go over 60 entries have already been received for the 21<sup>st</sup> Classic Marathon. See the website for the latest list. We still have some places available and are particularly looking for pre war cars to give Howard Bellm some competition. We are very pleased to be working with the organisers of the Planai and Ennstal Classic events in Austria.

There is a good deal of local interest and I am sure at various points around the route we will be welcomed by the local "old timer" enthusiasts. Exciting special tests will feature throughout the week including a rallysprint circuit, kart circuits, driving training centres and a couple of spectacular hillclimbs.



## 2010 and Beyond

You will probably recall that we have made a provisional announcement for a longer event next year – the Midnight Sun Marathon but we would like your feedback on whether this is something you'd like to do next year or whether you'd prefer a more traditional week long event, probably in Southern Europe.

We anticipate that the Midnight Sun Marathon would be a two week event, starting in Poland and finishing in Copenhagen. The intention would be to arrange a transport service for taking the cars to the start. Denmark has got sea connections with the UK so we assume most people would use these to get home though if there is interest we would of course assist in making arrangements for return transport.

On current exchange rates (April 09) we anticipate that the entry fee would be approximately £8,000. This is based on an entry number of 50 cars. Should a greater number of cars than this be received it would be our intention to offer a reduction based on the savings we are able to make by spreading some of the costs across a larger number of entrants. In comparison a week long European event is likely to cost in the order of £3,000 based on current exchange rates.

It will be pointless for us to invest in doing an expensive route reconnaissance for the Midnight Sun Marathon unless we are reasonably sure that there are a sufficient number of you interested in taking part.

We would therefore be very grateful if you could perhaps send an email, or give us a call to confirm your interest in a longer event. We are not at this stage asking for any kind of financial commitment from you but just want to get a feel for the numbers.

Please feel free to give us a ring to discuss, evenings or weekends are best at the moment.



[www.ClassicRally.org.uk](http://www.ClassicRally.org.uk)

**Classic Rally Association**

PO Box 633, Newport, NP20 5ZX GB – Tel 00 44 1633 263366 (Fax 263399)

