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It was great to see a good number of you on Sunday, November 29, at the Plough Inn, Marsh Gibbon, where 18 of us enjoyed a fine Sunday lunch and local ales, accompanied by a slideshow from the 2009 Micro Marathon and some taster photos for our planned three-week event for classic cars in 'virgin' rallying territory; we still can't announce that one quite yet, but there are encouraging signs that we will be able to launch it next month: watch this space!

Entries have been coming in steadily for **Liège-Brescia-Liège 2010** and we are looking forward to a great event, 10 days exploring the classic rally routes of the 1950s, many of them used not just by the Liège events but also by the Alpine, Monte Carlo and other rallies - though only the legendary Liège organisers could have dared to send tiny cars over the Gavia and the Stelvio twice, and that after tackling the most spectacular pass in Slovenia and the magnificent Route des Colis; oh, and they did the Gavia and Stelvio in the dark - in both directions... Our schedule gives you time to enjoy the glorious scenery in daylight, and we don't just allow you to stop and take a photo at the top of each pass - we positively insist on it, your photos being your proof of passage on the correct route for each day. The next entry deadline is 31 January, for an entry fee of £3200...

Very Best Wishes for Christmas and 2010

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Among the entries are the Belgian Fiat 500 of Michael Merkelbach and Katia Barrech, recently rebuilt with a later 650 engine and looking stunning (above right). A hat-trick of Morris Minors is completed by Stephen Lloyd and David Lockyer, with the very smart and original 56-year old 803cc Series II two-door saloon, above. At the other end of the performance spectrum and the newest car entered so far is the 2004 Smart Roadster Brabus of Jeff Payne and Jonathan Stewart, looking very purposeful on steel wheels. With a turbocharged 698cc engine producing 101bhp, it's capable of 0-60mph in 9.8sec and 121mph top speed via a sequential six-speed paddle-shift transmission – all the while returning 43-62mpg. No prizes for guessing who's going to be first at the bar in our hotels each night...



Micro Marathon 2010 is GO!! September 5-11 in WALES...

As announced last month, **Micro Marathon 2010** goes to Wales and offers a full circuit of the Principality, taking in the cream of its finest roads, ALL its race circuits and many of its most impressive castles, museums and historic places. Majestic mountains, rolling hills and glorious coastlines abound in Wales – and we guarantee you will see enough to convince you that Wales stands among the finest countries in the world for rallying.

The rally is open to pre-war cars up to 1000cc and post-war (of a type built prior to 1976) up to 700cc: this year's event proved that the pre/post-war mix works really well and it would be great to see a clutch of Morgans, Austin Sevens etc joining the bubbles in 2010.

2009's Micro Marathon unintentionally clashed with the National Micro Car Rally, and we inevitably lost a few entries as a result (and the NMCR lost a few

Magnificent castles (below is Brecon, where we stay the first night) and breathtaking roads: welcome to Wales...



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