



‘Morrismen’ off to Oxford (NZ)

A COUPLE are preparing to leave Oxford and travel across the world to the small town of Oxford in New Zealand — in a 1954 Morris Oxford car.

Former Oxford Brookes student Tim Nicholson and Oxford University student Joanne Bowlt have organised the Oxford2Oxford trip in aid of the British Red Cross.

Oxford's Lord Mayor Pat Stannard will wave them off from the town hall, in St Aldate's, on Tuesday.

The trip coincides with national Red Cross Week and the 50th anniversary year of the Morris Oxford.

Mr Nicholson, 36, Miss Bowlt, 34, bought the black car especially, and have given up their jobs.

Miss Bowlt said: "I'm sure there'll be difficult moments and probably some days when we will wish we had never started such a madcap adventure, but it's a great opportunity and we're determined to make the most of it, both for ourselves and the Red Cross."

They are asking people to donate £2 to suggest a name for their car. The winner will get a meal at The Longwall pub. Mr Nicholson said: "We're completely self-funding the trip so any

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money we raise will go straight to Red Cross.

Businessman and adventurer Sir Richard Branson, who lives in Kidlington, said: "This is a great

challenge and one that will require a great deal of determination to make it the success it deserves to be."

● To donate, visit the website www.oxford2oxford.co.uk, or send a cheque to David Jones, Oxfordshire Red Cross, Red Cross House, Colwell Drive, Abingdon OX14 1AU.



ADVENTURE: Tim Nicholson and Joanne Bowlt with their Morris Oxford

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