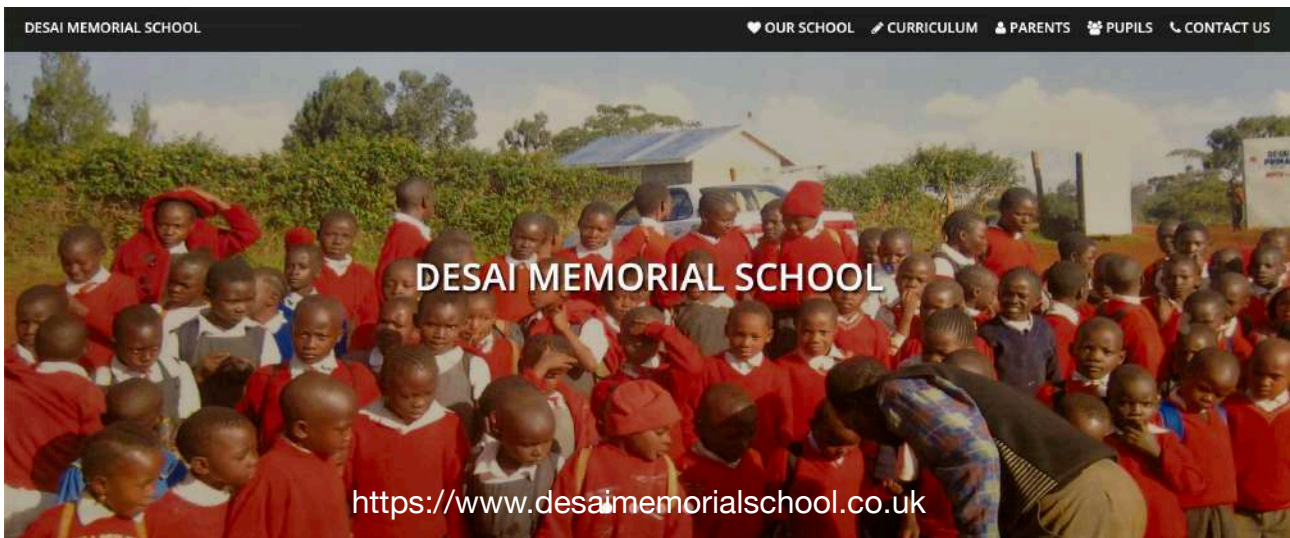




# NWMMOC NEWSLETTER

March 2022



The Desai Memorial Primary School has 400 children from one of the world's poorest communities. It serves the Kawangware slum in western Nairobi, Kenya. On 27 February our branch member Mike Welsh, who has been a driving force for the school for the past 24 years, gave us a very moving talk about the conditions there and how the school, despite extremely limited resources, manages to improve the life prospects of its children.

The Branch has made a donation to the school but Mike's aim is to obtain monthly standing orders of small amounts (£3 - £5) in order to sustain the project. If you would like to help, please email Mike [mike9welsh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mike9welsh@yahoo.co.uk)

Our thanks to Mike for an eye-opening talk and our congratulations to him and Veroniah for their compassion, fortitude and energy in this project. Our thanks also to their children, young members James, George and Lily, for stewarding and providing refreshments at our meeting.

## Our Next Branch Events

**Sun 13 March:** 11:00am: Photo-meet at REME, Lyneham. Lunch at the Crowns Cafe.

Please inform GILL ASAP if you can join us, we will send menu. [gillian.waters43@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.waters43@gmail.com)

**Sat 2 April:** Cotswold Tour, please sign up ASAP with [43martinhoward@gmail.com](mailto:43martinhoward@gmail.com)

**Sun 24 April:** Drive It Day.

**Sun 1 May:** Wheel Nuts, Stroud. Your details ASAP please to [peterwatts516@live.co.uk](mailto:peterwatts516@live.co.uk)

**Sat 21 May:** visit to Painswick Rococo Garden; tea with Peter and Teresa Baddeley.

**Sat 4 June NEW:** Classic Car Cavalcade at Marlborough. Contact Jeff Hide [hidejc@hotmail.com](mailto:hidejc@hotmail.com)

**Sat 18 June:** Fundraising in Swindon for Cancer Research UK with GHR 800N

**Sun 19 June:** Branch Rally at REME, Lyneham

**Sat 25 June:** "Summer Festival On The Parks", Swindon

**Sun 10 July:** Cherished Vehicle Show, Chippenham, SN15 4LW

**Sat-Sun 16-17 July:** Market Lavington Vintage Meet

**Sat 6 August:** South Cerney Show: details to Bill ASAP please [bill@euclidvillas.co.uk](mailto:bill@euclidvillas.co.uk)

## Swindon Puzzle

The horse is on the wall by the car park entrance at the pub now called "The Runner" on Wootton Bassett Road, Swindon. North Wilts branch (Moonraker Minors) used to meet there - it is not far from Dean Street where Freda and Brian Tinson still live. I wonder if anyone has a photo from those times? In the meantime here is one from the Arkell's archive, and one I took when passing on 22 February.



## GHR 800N

The photograph above shows the area in Regent Street, Swindon, where we plan to display GHR 800N on Saturday 18 June to collect for Cancer Research UK. In the centre of the photo you can see Gill Waters talking to Taylor Cane-Richardson from Cancer Research, at our meeting on 22 February. We are in discussion with InSwindon, the body responsible for the management of this site, and hope to have arrangements confirmed soon.

Roger Briance has sent this link to a video on an electric conversion for a Morris Minor:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdcTOLH\\_8HY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdcTOLH_8HY)

This photo is to introduce you to **Robert Harrin**, the nephew of **Patrick David Harrin**, who built GHR 800N at Dutton Forshaw in Swindon. Robert has many memories of his "favourite uncle" who owned an AJS motorcycle and was active, along with Robert's father, in the Cubs and Scouts in Swindon. Robert remembers seeing the car being built in the Victoria Road showroom, but has never "touched the metal", so he is very much looking forward to seeing it in Swindon in June.



## NEW EVENT IN OUR DIARY

**Saturday 4 June**

Platinum Jubilee Classic Car Cavalcade at Marlborough, led through the town by the Mayor, followed by parking in the High Street. To take part, please contact **Jeff Hide** [hidejc@hotmail.com](mailto:hidejc@hotmail.com) tel. 07792 102219 or 01672 511774



**Jeff Hide** got his photo into "Third Age Matters", the national magazine of the U3A, in an article about the Kennet Classic Car Group, of which he is a member. A good promotion for our cars.

Jeff also sent in photos of these signs and wrote:

"The attached mirthful signs were presents which put a smile on the face whatever political, medical or weatherwise problems are currently making life uncertain."





When I took this photo in I thought I could give it a 1970's feel by converting it to monochrome (and ignoring the push-button telephone - technology which was actually developed at the Cowbridge site in Malmesbury). But my image is a long way from the reality. I am grateful to the Forward family of Malmesbury for this gritty photograph of the same fish & chip shop, showing how it actually was in the 70's. I'll leave you to identify the vehicles.

## BRANCH TREASURER

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Pam Holmes wishes to step down as Branch Treasurer. We would like to recruit her replacement ahead of our next AGM. If you would like to help the branch, please contact Bill or Pam for a chat.

## NWMMOC BRANCH CLOTHING

**NEW: NAME STITCHING.** Add £1.00 (beneath logo) or £2.00 (opposite logo)

	Adult (inc VAT)	Child (VAT exempt)
Classic Polo Shirt	15.00	8.50
Sweatshirt Drop Shoulder	18.00	10.00
Sweatshirt Raglan	18.00	10.00
Polar Fleece	23.00	15.00
Mistral Reversible Jacket	28.00	16.00
Hooded Sweatshirt	22.00	13.00

We still have some copies of the **North Wilts Branch 40th Anniversary Album.**

Branch members: £18.00 plus post and packing; Non-members: £20.00 plus post and packing

For any of the above contact Kathleen Ridley [keridley@sky.com](mailto:keridley@sky.com) 01793 881573