

As you might expect with the combined obstacles of Covid restrictions and the dark days and miserable weather of winter not much has happened in the Yorkshire Area since the last report. The major exception to this is the Area's annual run out that takes place between Christmas and New Year. This year was no exception and it is usually both a bit of fun and a social occasion.

Longstanding Area Secretary Brian Slingsby did go along and had this to say about the day, "It was a good run, not too complicated and we had seventeen vehicles turn up, mostly at the last minute, but that was okay. We were confined to the outdoors this year, partly due to safety considerations with Covid and also due to floor repairs at the sports centre where we normally start, with a warm drink, bacon butty and a pee.

The route was once again organised and led by Simon Roberts in his Jeep with his junior crew of Ralph and Sid on board. He did a great job of leading the convoy, watching the route and keeping his two young boys entertained and strapped in - talk about multitasking! The route took us approximately two hours along the various back roads of North Yorkshire, visiting Fewston and Lindley reservoirs and providing entertainment for the many walkers who were out for the day. We covered approximately 48 miles and finished at the Three Acres campsite just off of the A59 close to the Millstones restaurant that we have visited on past occasions. Jim Foster had very kindly offered to let us use his campsite for a base





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to finish at and for those that wanted to have a picnic. Only a couple wanted a picnic and most continued under their own steam to the Millstones where they had a delicious carvery meal.

Brian added that 'this is just a short report, but there was nothing too exciting to report on; there was the usual mix of mostly Jeeps and Land Rovers with one VW Ittis, a Chevrolet van, a Pinzgauer and an American Dodge pick-up for good measure.' The pictures from the run are from Jim Waterhouse and Brian.

Personally, I was sorry to miss this year's run but didn't fancy risking Yorkshire's busy double carriageways in my bitsa MB Jeep that had been a long time coming and had been finished just days before the run. I am hoping to have given it a couple of longish local shakedown runs before the popular annual Yorkshire Area Crank Up event outside the Castle Museum adjacent to Clifford's Tower, a classy and historic place in York City Centre.

This unusual military vehicle event is scheduled for April 10 so, depending on publishing dates and post, will be about to happen or will have just happened by the time you read this. Something else that should have also happened by then is the resurrection of the monthly area meetings in Wetherby from March.

Finally, there are whispers of a new event in May and details should hopefully be confirmed in time for the next report.  
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