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Downs and ups this time! Area secretary, Brian Slingsby, had the unenviable task of announcing the cancellation of the annual Crank Up in York city centre saying, "I'm afraid to say that York Council have turned down our application to use the Eye of York for our crank up this year. We did have the go ahead some time ago but that has been withdrawn due to the increasingly worsening situation in Ukraine. The council, like many others, has decided that it was in poor taste to have a military vehicle event while the current conflict goes on. I'm sure that you have seen in the media that quite a few other events have been cancelled for the same reason."

This was, of course, a big disappointment to those of us looking forward to the Crank Up. I was able to gather some news of what else has been going on in the area in what, so far, seems to have been a slow spring.

Regular contributor, Stephen Carr sent a photo of his Dodge (shown below left) on a cold sunny day and said, "We've only had one trip out this year."



Longstanding MV enthusiast, Nick Bullock, lives near Hull in East Yorkshire and wrote: "My son Jake put together a GPW from a pile of bits as a lockdown project (see photos bottom left & right). The Transport Trust gave him an award for young restorer of the year. He's since breathed life into our Dingo, he's very keen and currently studying engineering at university. Jake grew up around MV collecting so was determined to build his own." Nick then added, "I even get out to events occasionally with my Chevrolet HUA!"

Adam Dixon, who is well known for supplying the correct shade of blue drab paint (find [bluedrabpaint](#) on Facebook) used on the serial numbers of US WWII vehicles said: "I am 53 years old and

have a 1943 Ford GPW that I have had for 53 years. It is known in the Yorkshire MVT and is one of the most factory correct Jeeps to date. It lives in the living room (photo shown below top left) as my other half said to me one day: "I never see you as you are always in the garage." It was a birthday present that cost £50 in 1968."

Irrepressible John Gray (photo right) has, by his own admission, 'dodged a few bullets with bowel cancer' but is now making a recovery and getting back to his half-track project. His son Tom, recently bought a GMC 6x6 from Holland (shown below), it's a short wheelbase, hard cab with winch model and will tidy up nicely. The duo had a few problems to overcome getting it to the docks and

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towing it onto the ferry as it had lost its clutch. It then had to be towed off the ferry and through customs. Tom is currently working on the NOVA paperwork.

The Eden Camp Museum near Malton is reopening for 2022 with the news that it has a big new vehicle storage facility that will enable the museum to keep its

restored machines, including a Falklands War CVR(T) and a 1914 Autocar truck (shown below), out of the weather so it's a big step forward as past criticisms were the outdoor vehicles looked shabby. A Sherman M4A4 (ex-British, ex-French, ex-Israeli, ex-Lebanon) is currently under restoration and a 6x6 Scammell Explorer and DUKW are awaiting their turn.

And finally, Brian Slingsby was able to relocate the Yorkshire Area Crank Up at short notice by managing to get permission to have a meeting at the Motorist Hub in Sherburn in Elmet. A report on this will no doubt form the major portion of the next area report in Windscreen.

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