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It's been quiet in Yorkshire during the shorter days and wet weather so most of this report comes from Area Secretary Brian Slingsby's monthly updates. Mind you, that's no bad thing as he, more than anyone, knows what is going on as he has just been elected as Area Secretary for the 23rd year running!

The area's annual 'Crank Down' took place on October 1, a warm and sunny day. We started bright and early on the A64 out of Tadcaster where we had fifteen vehicles join a varied route of approximately fifty miles to the Eden Camp museum. The route was led by Simon Roberts in his Jeep and passed Castle Howard on some spectacular roads in the gorgeous Yorkshire countryside. We were given a behind the scenes tour of the museum where lots is happening. The run home was led by Gary Docherty in his Jeep, who brought us back by an alternative route, which was equally spectacular.

We attended a military vehicle event on Saturday October 22 at the Motorist Hub in Sherburn in Elmet where "again we were blessed with the weather and a decent turnout of approximately twenty vehicles." We also held a combined area meeting and Christmas party in Wetherby on December 7 and, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to our Christmas cracker run out on Tuesday December 27 and the Stoneleigh militaria fair on January 29. Brian says of these winter events, "it's always good to have a ride out to meet up and talk nonsense to your pals for a couple of hours." No one will argue with that.

Photos for this issue's report haven't been forthcoming so I have included a couple of Yorkshire members, Gary and Steve Docherty, competing in the Yorkshire Land Rover Club's annual Patina National trial in September. It's always good to see the Jeeps flying the flag against all the Land Rovers.

The other couple of pictures show a solitary run when Ro and I took my M606-inspired quasi-military CJ-3B along a couple of Pennine green lanes in the rain to visit a stone pillbox. It's located just off one of the trans-Pennine A-roads and is proof that there's WWII history wherever you look.

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