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There's plenty been going on in Yorkshire since lots of Yorkshire members got back from the Normandy and the 80th Anniversary of D-Day commemorations although my information on exactly what is a bit patchy.

For the D-Day Anniversary, Area Secretary Brian Slingsby travelled with a group of Yorkshire members including Simon Roberts and Gary Docherty. On the other hand, I met up with a small group of friends at the Portsmouth ferry terminal so had solo runs from Huddersfield to Portsmouth and back in my Jeep. Nick Dunford and his crew of Simon King, Anthony Bentham and Jack Bentham, were there with Nick's pair of Bedford MWs that were driven to and from the ferry ports.

News of what I do know about post-Normandy events will give an indication of the type of things happening in what is a large geographical area and where there's numerous classic and vintage vehicle gatherings that take place each year. Steve Carr is always active with his vehicles and this year attended the Northallerton 1940s day and pushed the 'Yorkshire' boundaries by going to events on Hartlepool's historic quay and at Ushaw House, both of which are in County Durham.

Elsewhere, also pushing the Yorkshire boundary, on Sunday August 4, a small group of YMVT members entered the Historic Commercial Vehicle Society (HCVS) Trans Pennine Run which is in its 53rd year. The rally takes the form of a run from Birch services on the M62 on the Lancashire side of the Pennines across to West Yorkshire. This year it finished at Tockwith aerodrome and nine Yorkshire MVT members joined the route part way in Jeeps and Land Rovers. There were also supposed to be two GMCs but both vehicles decided at the last minute they didn't want to play out and so were left at home! Brian Slingsby reports: "We finished the route and lined up along the runway, making quite a good display with our military vehicles. We even had a '41 Chevy belonging to...Cont'd

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...Alistair Scott join us. There was a good turnout of approx. 150 commercial vehicles, mostly restored to within an inch of their lives, it was quite a splendid sight to see so many old and varied vehicles on display."

We had a prize winner in our midst, with Chris Smyth having the oldest vehicle on the rally, that being his '42 Ford Jeep.

I also pushed Yorkshire's boundaries by going greenlaning in Mid-Wales with Tom Benson and Barney Netherwood, a couple of mates from the Yorkshire LROC, and group of flat fender Jeeps - two MBs, an M38, three CJ-2As and two CJ-3As - at the inaugural Go-Devils and Dragons run.

Back in West Yorkshire's Happy Valley of TV fame, Mark Illingworth went to the vintage weekend in Hebden Bridge on the Sunday and was pleasantly surprised to win 1st prize with his 1943 Ford GPW.

I went to Wakefield to a drive-in Friday evening charity event at Thornes Park in my '32 Ford pick-up and, while there weren't as many military vehicles, there were a couple of real eye-catchers in the form of a civilian-painted AEC Matador with a tow-truck conversion and a beautifully restored Chevrolet CMP wrecker.

At the time of writing, within hours of this issue's deadline, numerous Yorkshire Area members will be at the popular Yorkshire Wartime Experience event. It's handily located just off the M62 and is evolving into one of the country's biggest military vehicle events and something that I'll no doubt be reporting on in the next issue of Windscreen.

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