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Happy and sad news from Yorkshire this time; the sad is the passing of long time member Nev Johnson, as mentioned in the news pages. Nev was a keen MVT'er and one of our longer standing members and came to a variety of events both at home and abroad. Those who knew him won't need reminding what a very kind and generous man he was and he was always ready to party whenever we had chance. He will be sadly missed by many, and our thoughts and condolences go out to his family. Brian Slingsby attended the funeral and reported as follows:

"His family gave him a great send off, with a convoy of 25+ Scania tractor units and an older Scania tractor unit with the coffin on the back for his journey to the church in Seaton Ross. It was a very impressive sight and also quite moving. We provided a small convoy of half a dozen or so military vehicles to add to the convoy to follow him down to the church. On the way there the roads were lined with villagers wanting to pay their last respects. A great send off for a very kind, generous and genuine man."

Now the happier news; we had a good January meeting and a surprisingly good turnout for early January. Much of the chatter was about the great run out over Christmas on Saturday December 28 to be precise. It was once again organised by our 'route meister' Simon Roberts.

We started at the Yolk farm café, Minskip, and ended up at the Sun Inn, Norwood Edge for lunch.

Brian commented: "Simon as usual, did a brilliant job of getting us there by a very varied route, taking in what were probably very scenic views but we were shrouded in fog most of the time!"

The run attracted seventeen vehicles and the appropriate number of bodies, some, including this correspondent, from far and wide. It was worth the effort in order to enjoy the 'proper' food and beer in the welcoming country pub that is the Sun Inn.

Looking ahead, our annual and much anticipated, Crank Up is to held once again at our favourite one day venue, Clifford's Tower, in York's historic city centre on Sunday April 13.

Other Yorkshire events include new ones for us at Leeds Armouries and Masham Steam Rally while the Yorkshire Wartime show moves south to Doncaster nearer to our friends the South Yorkshire area MVT. We have also been invited by the Yorkshire Air Museum to put on a 'military vehicle show' over the August bank holiday August 22-24. It will most likely follow the same format as previous events we had there. We'll be supporting all four and no doubt, numerous VE/VJ Day events. Finally, if you haven't heard from Brian by email recently, please email him to get back on the mailing list as he's had a few computer glitches to sort out.

John Carroll

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