

## YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire area members have been busy since the last edition of Windscreen. Area Secretary Brian Slingsby reports that, "There were several small groups that went to Normandy over the first two weeks of June. One group included Gary Docherty, Simon Roberts and Mark Lofthouse. Mark and his partner Lorna, were new to this so were both blown away by the whole experience. As we all know, driving a Jeep in Normandy over the D-Day period is a very special experience. They stayed in St Marie du Mont, which is close to Utah beach and a short drive from Carentan. Although they expected it to be much quieter this year after the massive 80th anniversary of 2024, it was still quite busy with lots going on. As usual we visited numerous historic sites, including the British Normandy Memorial at Ver Sur Mer to see the 'Standing with Giants' sculptures which had returned after the success of last year.

Also in June, going via a ferry from Hull, Robert Kirk and friends took three World War Two bikes, a Norton, a Harley and a Matchless, and a Jeep to the Hürtgenwald, Luxembourg and the Ardennes visiting battle sites, cemeteries and lots of museums. That's Holland, Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium and back to Europoort covering around 1000 miles mostly using small back roads and avoiding motorways over two weeks. The only breakdowns were on the Jeep; a puncture after eight miles from setting off and a condenser in Germany.

Back in England, the next event was on June 22, at the Royal Armouries in central Leeds. We were there to support the local Chevin Motor Club who were putting on a display of classic cars etc to raise funds for the Yorkshire air Ambulance with almost 150 vehicles.

The MVT put on an impressive display of twelve vehicles of varying types ranging from Jeeps and Land Rovers, to Bedford MWs, a Pinzgauer and an LSV buggy owned and driven by Colin Scott. It seemed to be a great success and we had lots of interest from the visiting public, I think we will be going back next year!

Next was the Masham Steam fair on the July 18-20. Like most steam fairs, it wasn't just about steam with attractions of many kinds and a good turnout of 29 vehicles from the MVT despite the mixed weather. Chris Smyth brought his newly renovated Morris Commercial, and what a splendid job he has done too, it drew many favourable comments. The organisers were very keen to have us back again next year, so we must have done something right!

Bridlington Armed Forces day on July 12 was attended by ten MVs of varying types.

Colin Scott went in his LSV buggy and enjoyed the good weather driving it through town. They had a good reception from the large crowds, 'it was really worthwhile doing it for the crowds' said Colin.

Over the same weekend, some Yorkshire members including Gary and Sue Docherty and John Carroll went to the second annual 'Go-Devils and Dragons' green laning weekend in mid-Wales so a fair run from Yorkshire.

Looking ahead Robert Kirk's next group trip is planned for two bikes to Borlo in Belgium for a show then onto Arnhem. Finally, as I write this, many Yorkshire members will be heading for the Yorkshire Wartime Experience today! After that, there's the August Bank Holiday show at Elvington's Yorkshire Air Museum to look forward to.  
John Carroll

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