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Bluebell the motorhome is parked up at home, having a well earned rest having driven 500 miles over the last week!

We've had a wonderful week, and have been very lucky with the weather, hence the lack of blog posts- we've been out and about, eating, drinking and napping!! Oh, and I actually started and finished a book I'd been wanting to read, which is what holidays are all about aren't they?!

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So, let's rewind back to Tuesday morning, when we set off from our lovely little camp-site and head off to visit the very pretty Spa town of Buxton.

We spent an enjoyable couple of hours wandering round the sites



and enjoyed a coffee and people watch outside a cafe on the high street. We were gutted to realise that the one and only Brian May was playing at the opera house the following day, but unfortunately and not surprisingly, it

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was all sold out.

After lunch we set off towards The Snake Pass, an interestingly named pass that caught our eye on the map, that was to take us towards the Derwent Dam/Ladybower Reservoir. I'd read a little about this famous Reservoir, and knew Keefy would enjoy visiting, as a history lover I knew he would be keen to see for himself where the Dambusters practiced. Being a slight self confessed air head, and having never seen a real dam before (I don't think) I hadn't quite understood how large it would be and spent the first 15 mins feeling a bit underwhelmed



Once I realised I was looking at the the

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wrong thing...durrr, I was genuinely impressed and excited- it really is an impressive bit of engineering and is huge- and I would highly recommend visiting if you are in the area.



It's was soon getting time for our traditional holiday nap, so we hit the road towards Castleton, with the intention of finding somewhere to wildcamp so that we were close to the attractions for the next day.

After a little bit of exploring we settled on a

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spot overlooking Castleton near to Mam Tor,
and settled in for a night of Criminal Minds.

Next day, we awoke to thick fog- which was
disappointing seeing as we were hoping to
walk up Mam Tor BEFORE breakfast (yes you
read that right..)

Doing the very British thing, we decided we
wouldn't let a bit of fog put us off, so donned
our walking gear and set off up to the peak.



I'm not entirely sure how we are both smiling
at this point, being that it was before 8am
and we couldn't see a thing, but we were and
even though we were disappointed we
laughed all the way down)those of you that

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know me well, it let you decide how true you think that statement is...)

After a rewarding bacon and egg butty and a chat with the motorhomer parked next door, we head on down to the pretty village of Castleton for a wander, and to find a cave to explore.

It's a very pretty town, with Mam Tor (known as the Shivering mountain to locals) in the backdrop



The tourist information here couldn't have

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been more friendly, helpful and dog loving- Jazz was allowed in and of course lapped up all the attention from the ladies who worked there! Having chatted to the TI lady we decided on visiting the **Blue John Caves** - the main factor in this decision being that we could take Jazz, the well travelled pampered pooch in.



We enjoyed the visit, but wonder if we've been spoilt with other caves we visited elsewhere- it was nice to take Jazz in, we enjoyed walking down (and up again!) the 245 stairs to get to the bottom, but we both left feeling

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it was a little overpriced perhaps?

Seeing as we were at the top of the hill (The Winnats Pass)

☒ and the weather had transformed we decided to give Mam Tor another go- in an attempt to be rewarded with a view- luck was on our side, we got our view

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It was well worth the second walk up the view was spectacular.

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By now, it was coming up towards nap time again, and so we programmed the sat nav with a pub we'd seen in the Brit Stop book located near the Tissington Trail ready for tomorrow. After a nap, a couple of pints, a chat with another motorhomer also staying, we were worn out and so hit the sack!



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