



ULSA Newsletter

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Editorial:

Well the anti-depressants have kicked in and I've become bored enough to do something. Since my last call for articles I have not received a word from anyone although Sam Allshorn provided a particularly good write up of further explorations in Dentdale with imagery that suits the level of discovery within the area.

Hopefully this very dull template will persuade people that if they send me something, it will see the light of day. I will be pestering people more specifically in the future if I hear that you are up to something. However this will require me to listen so don't hold much hope.

Articles!!

I need to have written evidence of your inane lives. We die once when we die, and again when our names are last spoken. Live forever in print.

Upcoming Meetings

- 12/02 – Paul Pot Memorial Trip
- 16/02 – Cinema Social, Puss in Boots 2
- 17-19/02 – Derbyshire weekend (TSG)
- 23/03 – ULSA AGM
- 25/03 – ULSA dinnermeet (Nidderdale)
- 26/03 – Northern Explorers forum
- 31/02 – 02/04 – NCHECC
- 07/04 – 10/04 – Irish Student Caving Forum

What I Had For Breakfast:

Seeing as no one wants to talk caving I will talk about my eating habits.

This morning started as a slow one, on account of me arriving back at home last night at 4am following a quick night of 12 bar blues at The Palace in Headingley. An hour and a half after my alarm rang I roused myself from the comforts of my bed and in the words of Geoffrey Boycott I had to 'Get right out of the bed'. That I did.

Priorities straight I went for the kitchen for the morning coffee. Fresh grounds of course. Nothing else will do when Robs in the same house as you, although personally I prefer grounds that have been laying in an open heap behind to toilet for 3-4 weeks but we can't be picky here.

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What I Had For Breakfast, Continued:

Coffee brewing we move onto the food. Eggs this morning and I'm on a health binge right now so we're poaching them today. So I fill a pan with water that I had previously boiled in the kettle for my coffee. I purposely added more water to the kettle earlier for this purpose as I did not want to wait for the water to boil on the electric hob.

I give this water sometime in the pan to reach an optimum temperature and while this is occurring I plunge the coffee which has been brewing in an Aeropress™. Coffee in hand I gave the water a stir and cracked an egg into it. Now the stirring of the water keeps the egg as a whole package but means that I only really cook one egg at a time. This egg I cracked a bit too zealously and some shell ended up in the water with the egg, but I accepted this and moved on as I was hungry. First egg removed after the unspecified amount of time it took to go white the second egg made a plunge, after yet another stir, sans shell. I ate it up with an untoasted buttered bap and sriracha sauce.



Good Sauce, Bad Bottle

The sriracha sauce bottle is a point of contention in the house as it is not the bird branded one but the Lidl version which is a fine sauce but the bottle leaves something to be desired. The nozzle does not allow any air to enter the bottle and as a result you cannot squeeze much out before you have to tip the bottle right ways up in order to get more of the good stuff out. Now I have been living with this situation for a few months now and have put up with it as the sauce is good but now the nozzle seems to have clogged up completely and no amount of minimal effort will clear the jam. I now have to take the top completely off in order to dish out that sweet sweet sugar spice sauce. But the sauce is good and I soldier on none the less.

Recommended way to eat this meal. Knife and fork with an egg of top of each slice. Eating it as a sandwich will result in too much yoke mess. If I were to have this meal again I would toast the bread.

Nadia was sat in the kitchen this whole time and had not eaten breakfast. I did not offer her an egg as I thought she had already eaten, and apparently I'm the bad guy.



The Offended Party

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Top caving tunes:

It has been brought to my attention by me that people listen to music. We need to know what music we need to listen to as our imaginations cannot stretch past the algorithms of today tech giants. Here's a couple of recommendations from your fellow club members.

1. The Fox, Petrol Bastard

Feel free to send in your recommendations



Guess This Mans Wagamamas:

The Illustrious ex president of the student division recently missed a trip despite numerous parties encouraging him out and offering to pick him up. His final reasoning for non-attendance:



“I've just ordered a Wagamamas and am waiting for it to arrive”

Luke Stangroom has sniffed out what was ordered that evening and if you can guess correctly what was ordered Luke will buy you this meal. Send your answers to me and I will arrange the necessaries.

Opinion: why we should all join the ULSA commune

There is a folk song called 'Cauliflower Curry' by Robb Johnson which espouses the benefits of communal living. After many years of musing about the dreamland of the ULSA commune, a resurgence of passion has emerged and the reality is well on its way.

Why you should join you may ask. Well I have compiled some of the most compelling benefits of communal living for you to ponder.

1. Communal food

Imagine returning from a long day of work or caving and returning to a big pot of steaming vegetarian slop day after day. On days that you are less busy you can flex your creative muscles and cook up a vegetarian slop of your own. Amazing!

2. A fully stocked gear store

In a world where we are all together, everyone's gear will be at your finger tips and gear tape will be only be a suggestion. Currently at Aston street there are enough trad racks for 3 teams to scale El Cap and enough rope to set fixed lines up the whole way (8mm only). You could get your hands on all those shinny well oiled screw gates and never have to use a maillon in a cave ever again.

3. Silverback time all the time

One of the chief commune supporters is Mr Luke Silverback Stangroom. You will have unlimited access to this mad performer's antics. Simply challenge him to any entertaining task you desire and have a night full of endless entertainment on demand.

4. Aspiration housing

Have you ever wanted to live in a multi-million pound property but fear you will never be able to afford it. Well with a simple breakdown of £100 000 commitment per-person (various payment options available), we could achieve this aspirational dream. I have included some listings to get you excited. This cozy gem, [Arthington](#) would require a 9 person buy in at £900 000. This 7 Acre palace in the [Peak District](#), with a two story climbing wall at £1.4m for a bigger group. Or Alternatively, for a more modest financial contribution there is this unique property in [Bentham](#) with 6 bedrooms and 6 reception rooms and great potential for only £300 000.

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