

Osprey Diary 2001

15/04/2001

Peter Barron of the Lake District National Park's Blencathra team sees the male osprey return back from Africa

17/04/2001

Peter Baron is again first to see the female return. She heads straight to the artificial nest.



20/05/2001

The female is seen sitting deep into the nest a clear indication that the eggs have been laid.

13/06/2001

The osprey chicks hatch sometime during the 12th and 13th of June.

Whilst observers could not see the chicks it was obvious from the change in their behaviour that the chicks had hatched. The female was no longer sitting on the eggs but was seen by the Forestry Commission's Graeme Prest was seen ripping up fish and passing it down into the nest.

22/06/2001

The osprey viewing platform is opened to the public by the Forestry Minister, Elliot Morley.



A clear sunny day which afforded many good views of both birds.

28/06/2001

11.00am A juvenile osprey is seen around Bassenthwaite Lake. The male of the nesting pair chases the juvenile out of the valley.

11.30am The male osprey provides a superb exhibition for visitors by fishing immediately in front of the viewpoint but unfortunately fails to catch anything. The bird flies out of view but appears 10 minutes later at the nest with a fish - success!

4.15pm During the afternoon Tom Clay of the RSPB and Nathan Fox, one of the Forestry Commission Rangers both see the first glimpse of a chick reaching up to be fed by one of the adults.

29/06/2001

A very wet morning and afternoon. One couple visiting Dodd deserve special mention for perseverance.

They had driven all the way from a clear and sunny Leyland to see the Ospreys only to arrive in North Cumbria to heavy rain and low cloud. They spent 3 hours at the viewing platform getting occasional glimpses. The couple were finally rewarded for their commitment when at 2.30pm the sun broke through and the male was clearly seen fishing. At the same time the female climbed onto the edge of the nest presumably to give the chicks some sun.

01/07/2001

The second weekend of public viewing saw the highest visitor numbers yet with around 600 people watching the ospreys during Sunday.

03/07/2001

Good visibility all morning but poorer in the afternoon

In the morning Peter Ulrich (RSPB) saw a male bird hunting near the marsh at the east end of Bassenthwaite Lake, 2 fishing attempts but no success. Later on Peter reports an amazing sight. The male lands back on the nest with a fish quickly followed by an intruder osprey, so briefly 3 osprey on the nest at once. The male chases off the intruder which included a spectacular "dog fight" lasting 10 minutes.

04/07/2001

Following last night's massive thunder storm the day is hot and steamy in the morning but clearer in the afternoon.

Nathan Fox (Forestry Commission) saw three fish brought to the nest during the day. At 2:30pm the male brought a buzzard high over Barf. At 5pm just before the telescopes are removed for the day a party of school children from Lochinver Secondary School enjoy watching the ospreys

05/07/2001

A bright and sunny day during which Tom Clay (RSPB) saw three fish brought to the nest. One successful fishing expedition takes place right in front of the viewpoint. At 11am.

06/07/2001

A clear and sunny day, hazier in the afternoon. Nathan Fox (Forestry Commission) watched the male bring fish back to the nest at 11:0am, 2:25pm and 3:30pm. In the afternoon a second osprey was seen flying upstream with a fish in its talons. The Calvert Trust visit at 10:00am

7/07/2001

Peter Ulrich (RSPB) has a great view of an osprey chick at around 10:00am. A group of 10 Common Scoters are visible all day. At midday visitors are treated to a view of the male leaving the nest catching a fish at his first attempt and taking it back to the nest

08/07/2001

Rain cleared around 10:00am to reveal the female bird brooding her young.

A very active afternoon Peter Ulrich (RSPB) saw a party of 3 Peregrines screaming over the viewpoint chasing each other at 01:30pm followed at 3:10pm by the male osprey catching fish on his 2nd attempt and good views of the young chick(s) being fed.

09/07/2001

A bright sunny day with a number of ospreys seen during the day.

A very active day with Pete Barron (Lake District National Park Authority) seeing the male osprey carrying a large Perch (fish) back to the nest. Not content with just the fish the male did the "rollercoaster" osprey display flight for everyone to marvel at.

10/07/2001

A cloudy overcast rainy day.

At 11:50am Peter Ulrich (RSPB) saw a third osprey perched on a branch sticking out of the water. This osprey has a green ring visible on its left leg and spends 20 minutes bathing and wading in the lake in the early afternoon before it flies off to interact with another osprey.

The male osprey is seen catching fish twice during a busy half an hour from 2:00pm until 2:30pm.

12/07/2001

At 1:30pm Peter Ulrich (RSPB) saw 3 young foxes playing on the far side of the marshes at the edge of Bassenthwaite Lake.

At 3:40pm Peter sees the male osprey take off from the "famous" fence post and hover over the lake several times but doesn't dive probably because the windy conditions have caused the lake surface to become rippled making visibility into the lake very poor.

13/07/2001

Peter Ulrich saw the chick at around 10:35am. The afternoon saw lots of activity with the male osprey fishing at 12:30pm and bringing in a fish to the nest at 12:45pm to which the female responded by dropping down from her perch to feed the young chick.

14/07/2001

Graeme Prest (Forestry Commission) saw good views of the male bringing fish to the nest and feeding the young chick. In addition a Greenshank was seen on the nearside lake edge.

15/07/2001

Graeme Prest enjoyed a day of great activity with the young chick seen flapping its wings on the nest for the first time. Another 2 juvenile ospreys were seen in the area during the afternoon along with more views of the male osprey fishing.



16/7/2001

Nathan Fox (Forestry Commission) reported two juvenile ospreys, female and male, circling over the lake and then the viewpoint.

The chick was seen regularly during the afternoon. The day finished at 4:45pm with the male catching a fish in the bay in front of the viewpoint and taking it back to the nest.

17/7/2001

Pete Ulrich (RSPB) enjoyed a day full of ospreys fishing at 11:55am, 1:45pm, 2:30pm and 3:35pm.

Whilst the male is very successful at catching fish he manages to drop one over land near Powter Howe.

18/7/2001

A very windy day sees the water being whipped off the lake surface. Peter Ulrich (RSPB) reports good views of the male bird fishing throughout the day.

The afternoon saw the chick walking around the nest along with both adults and the day finished with the male sitting on its favourite lakeside post having had a wash and a wade in the lake in front of the viewpoint.

19/7/2001

The chick is given a health check today. See press release. Nathan Fox (Forestry Commission) and Peter Ulrich (RSPB) see much activity during the afternoon with the male chasing off an intruder at 3:45pm and at 5:15pm the female osprey feeding the chick on the nest.

The male chick was ringed with a red ring 15 on its right leg and BTO ring number 1378101 on its left leg. The chick's wing length was 270mm, its tail length was 80mm and it weighed 1505 grams. The chick was 5 weeks and 2 days old.

20/7/2001

Peter Ulrich (RSPB) has a good day with lost activity spread throughout the day. At 10:45am the male osprey leaves his perch and escorts a third intruder osprey out of his territory.

At 10:50 an osprey alarming repeatedly above the viewpoint flapping vigorously with its legs dangling, presumably not a bird of the nesting pair. At 1:45pm the male osprey starts to fish and is finally seen bringing a fish to the nest at 2:15pm. The female drops from her perch to feed the chick.

21/7/2001

In the morning Peter Ulrich (RSPB) sees the male fish catch and eat a smallish fish followed by both adults chasing off an intruder osprey.

The afternoon sees more crossbills flying around the viewpoint, another intruder osprey driven off and both adults circling to a great height and eventually out of site. From 3:00pm onwards the male is seen fishing hourly.

22/7/2001

The male osprey spent the morning chasing off intruder ospreys. At 12:00pm Paul Brown (forestry Commission) saw the male return to the nest with a large stick. In the late afternoon the male is finally seen bringing a fish to the nest where the female feeds it to the chick. The afternoon was busy with the male successfully fishing a number of times but out of view for most of the day. The female was always close to or on the nest though so visitors did get a view of her.

23/7/2001

Paul Brown (forestry Commission) saw both the female and the male sit all morning from 09:30am until 12:00pm. The afternoon saw more activity with both adults seen fighting off a buzzard intruder.

Swooping dives by both adults were seen. Between 4 and 5pm the male successfully fished twice in front of the viewpoint. The second time the male was seen eating fish on the "famous" fence post - "classic stuff"

24/7/2001

Paul Brown (forestry Commission) enjoyed clear morning visibility and saw both adults exchanging perches around the nest. At 12:10pm visitors to the viewpoint were greeted with the superb sight of the male chick standing on the edge of the nest flapping its wings. At 1:15pm the male is seen bringing a fish back to the nest, the female joins him 10 minutes later to feed her and the chick.

25/7/2001

Gareth Browning (Forestry Commission) and Tom Clay (RSPB) enjoy some classic intruder chasing and male osprey display flying in the morning.



Around lunchtime a single Goshawk provides added interest to visitors as it circles over the viewpoint. The afternoon saw superb views of both female and male birds washing and wading on the nearside of the lake. The male is watched by two Ravens as he eats fish on his favourite fence post and later fails to catch a fish on the far side of the lake.

- 26/07/2001** A warm morning saw both adults very restless and flying allot. The male osprey caught a fish at midday and ate it on his favourite fence post and then went for a bath in the lake. Tom Clay (RSPB) saw an intruding osprey landed on a tree near the nest and only moved on after 30 minutes of constant mobbing by both parent ospreys. The afternoon saw more feeding activity with the female bringing some to the nest and leaving it for the chick to feed itself on.
- 27/07/2001** Tom again on duty saw a male osprey feeding on a fish caught out of sight. At 5pm Tom saw the young chick flapping its wings on the nest.
- 28/07/2001** Bill Kenmir (RSPB) and Pete Davies (Lake District National Park Authority) saw very little activity by the chick all day. The male adult caught fish at 1:30pm and both adults spent the afternoon flying and perching
- 29/07/2001** Alistair Boston (Forestry Commission) and David Shackleton (RSPB) enjoyed a fine dry day with the chick seen flapping its wings throughout the mid morning. Both male and female spent the afternoon perched on trees around the nest with a brief spell of flying including the male "rollercoaster" display flight.
- 30/07/2001** Tom Clay (RSPB) saw very little activity during the morning with both parents sat in perchs by the nest. The afternoon saw the chick flapping its wings around 2pm and the male fishing successfully at 4pm taking the fish back to the nest for the female to feed on. Pete Baron (Lake District National Park Authority) added the following notes
Interaction with intruder male at nest at 1700 followed by 15 minutes of flying around by the intruder including spectacular cart wheel actions at high speed in front of Barf. This bird then proceeded to fish and took 5 attempts to catch a fish at about 1815, this included spectacular dives and last minute 'pull outs' from the dives. The fish caught was a nice perch. He disappeared north and west. The resident male at about the same time as the intruder disappeared came into a tree above the nest and stood drying his wings before starting to eat, we had to go and did not see the fish taken to the nest. Spectacular watching even for someone with hundreds of hours under the belt by now!! Other birds included a common sandpiper still on the river, 21 moulting goosanders and 45 lapwing, moorhen with 2 young, teal back on lake (25) and young buzzard being fed with rabbit in Dodd Wood.
A very hot and sunny day. Tom Clay (RSPB) saw the chick flapping its wings during the morning and both parent birds spending an hour around midday flying around the nest area. The afternoon saw no fish brought to the nest and both parents sat high above the nest near to each other.
- 31/07/2001**
- 1/08/2001** A sunny day allowed Alastair Boston (Forestry Commission) to see a fox on the lake shore at 09:15am followed by the male catching a fish in the bay in front of the viewpoint. 10:15 am saw a Peregrine falcon and young flying over the viewpoint. The afternoon saw the male successfully fish at 2:15pm and 4:40pm
- 2/08/2001** The male was very active during the morning catching fish in the bay in front of the viewpoint at 10:15am and bathing for 5 minutes at 11:50am. The afternoon saw very poor visibility.
- 3/08/2001** Tom Clay (RSPB) and Alastair Boston (Forestry Commission) enjoyed good views of the female fishing for herself at 10:45am followed by bathing at 11:15am. This is a good indication that the chick is maturing fast and will soon be fledged. The afternoon saw little activity except at 1:30pm when the male caught a fish and ate it on the sand bank nearest to the viewpoint.
- 4/08/2001** Tom Clay (RSPB) and Graeme Prest (Forestry Commission) enjoyed a sunny Saturday morning followed by heavy rain during the middle of the day. 10am saw the male flying back with a fish to a perch above the nest. On the nest the chick was flapping its wings watched by the female adult on a nearby perch. After the rain stopped good views were had of the male seeing off an intruder osprey and flying directly over the viewpoint. This was followed by the male catching a fish which he dropped of on the nest for the chick to eat. Tom Clay (RSPB) and Graeme Prest (Forestry Commission) were up at the viewpoint early at 08:30am and were rewarded with seeing 5 ospreys over the lake at once, the two parents and 3 intruders. The remainder of the day saw little activity although 6 crossbills flew past the viewpoint and at 5pm the male was seen fishing over the lake.
- 5/08/2001**
- 6/08/2001** Tom Clay (RSPB) witnessed an active morning with both male and female bathing in the lake and the male catching fish around midday. The afternoon was taken up by both parent birds mobbing an intruder osprey which

landed in a tree below the nest at 1:30pm and did not leave until 4:30pm after continuous mobbing.

7/08/2001

Tom Clay (RSPB) and Gareth Browning (Forestry Commission) saw little activity in the morning with both parent birds absent until 10am when the male returned with a fish and ate it on a perch above the nest.

The afternoon saw the male provide an excellent fishing display from 1:45pm until 3pm punctuated by rain.

Quote of the day from a young visitor to his sister "Its easy to spot it looks just like a golf ball" describing the chick on the nest.

The chick is seen flapping its wings regularly during the day with Gareth Browning and other very excited visitors to the viewpoint seeing it lift off the nest and hover on a number of occasions.



8/08/2001

David Ogilvie (RSPB) endured a wet day but still managed to catch good views of two Peregrine falcons in the morning followed by a successful fishing by an osprey at 11am right in front of the viewpoint.

The afternoon saw the chick flapping its wings watched by both parents perched near the nest. The day finished with yet more fishing by the male osprey hunting on the lake for 20 minutes.

Just goes to prove what you can see even in poor weather!

9/08/2001

More chick flapping and hovering over the nest watched by Nathan Fox (Forestry Commission). Nathan thought it might fall off a couple of times as the chick flapped its wings on the edge of the nest. The time of fledging cannot be far away now.

The day was punctuated by both parent birds chasing away intruding ospreys and finished with the male bringing a fish back to the nest at 4:40pm.

To date 16226 people have visited the viewpoint to see the ospreys.

10/08/2001

A major milestone day for the chick with its first flight from the nest.

10.40am saw the male parent eating a fish whilst perched on a tree overlooking the nest. Both morning and afternoon saw much activity by both parents flying over an area north of the nest presumably where the chick was perched after its first flight.

11/08/2001

Tom Clay (RSPB) saw the male parent catch a large pike (fish) at 1:30pm which was estimated at 340mm long through the telescope.

The male flew back to a tree near the nest and fed on the pike. At 3pm the female adult was seen eating a small fish on the "famous fence post" followed by preening herself before flying back to the nest. At 3:30pm the male drops down off his perch to the nest with the remainder of the large pike which he leaves for the chick.

12/08/2001

At 0945am Tom Clay (RSPB) and Nathan Fox (Forestry Commission) were able to show visitors to the viewpoint the chick back on the nest.

At 10:20 three osprey are seen flying above Barf followed later in the morning by the male adult taking a fish into the nest for the chick. At 2:45pm visitors enjoy good views of the female fishing in Basenthwaite Lake and at 3:30pm she is seen feeding on a small fish whilst perched above the nest.

13/08/2001

At the start of the day Tom Clay (RSPB) saw the chick feeding on a fish in the nest with both parents perched guarding the nest nearby.

At 10am the female again fishes for herself returning to a perch near the nest to eat the fish. The afternoon is quiet with the only activity being the male catching a fish and taking it back to the nest for the chick at 4:00pm.

14/08/2001

Tom Clay (RSPB) and Nathan Fox (Forestry Commission) both enjoy seeing the chick flying early in the morning. Unlike its parents the chick flies by constantly flapping with no soaring at all. Everyone wonders at what is going through its mind.

Middy sees the female preening on the fence post by the lake shore followed by successfully catching a fish at 1:20pm and eating it back perched on the post.

To date 18153 people have visited the viewpoint.

15/08/2001

Alastair Boston (Forestry Commission) and Tom Clay (RSPB) start the day watching two fox cubs playing on the lake shore

The projects partner's thanks go to Tom Clay who today completed his stint on the viewpoint team and headed for his winter work in the south of England

By 11:15am the female osprey has caught herself a fish and eats it perched on the fence post. At 1:45pm the female is back down on the lake shore preening herself. She is showing every sign of preparation for her flight south. Late afternoon sees both parents chase an intruder osprey off the nest. All afternoon both parents and chick were almost constantly flying making Tom and Alastair's job difficult showing visitors to the viewpoint. The chick characteristically flying in a constant flapping manner back and forth across the forest at the same height as the nest. As if to reward it for its effort one of the parents bring it a fish in the late afternoon.

In the evening Gareth Browning (Forestry Commission) along with a small group of visitors witness a spectacular formation fishing demonstration at 6:30pm by the male osprey with the chick tucked behind its tail swooping and diving "Dad teaching Son how to fish" - classic..

16/08/2001

Pete Ulrich (RSPB) starts the day watching an osprey chasing off a sparrowhawk.

By 11:45am the male Osprey is seen catching fish in the bay on its first attempt. At 11:50 the juvenile lands on the nest and the male adult drops a live fish in for the juvenile to kill and eat. At 1:40pm the male again catches a fish at its first attempt. At 1:50pm the female as if to say "I can do that" catches a fish at her first attempt also.

Alastair Boston (Forestry Commission) has a very quiet day with all three ospreys sitting around the nest. Male and female adults catch fish around 4:40pm and return to the nest to eat.

17/8/2001

18/8/2001

An early visitor to the viewpoint reports watching the male adult fishing at 9:15am.

At 11am the male takes a fish to the nest for the juvenile to eat. The afternoon saw more successful fishing by the male adult including superb closeups of the male and female sitting together on the famous fence line.

19/8/2001

Peter Ullrich (RSPB) sees the Juvenile on the post by the lake. The first time that is it has been seen this close.

The juvenile flies around in loops diving at a very shallow angle into the lake several times landing on several more fence posts. At 12.30pm the male arrives from Wythop and hovers repeatedly over the lagoon with the juvenile watching from the fenceline. The male dives towards the water 2 or 3 times checking out at the last minute each time. Then he dives into the marsh picks up some turf and flies back to the fence post where the male pecks at the turf dropping most of it in the water. The late afternoon sees more fishing by the male adult finishing at 4:20pm with the male depositing a live fish in the nest for the juvenile to eat.

20/8/2001

A quiet day with the ospreys flying as a family and some mid afternoon fishing.

21/8/2001

A quiet morning followed by a busy afternoon with visitors enjoying views of the juvenile fishing briefly in very windy conditions. One attempted dive but lost interest and flew back to the nest around 1pm. The juvenile attempted more fishing at 2pm and enjoyed a bathe by the fence post. At 3pm the male adult takes 3 attempts to catch a fish which he drops in the nest for the juvenile to eat.

22/8/2201

Early visitors to the viewpoint are rewarded by views of the juvenile carrying out repeated shallow dives into the lake repeatedly fishing but no likelihood of success.

By 10:30am the juvenile are male adult are seen flying high above the viewpoint. Soon after the juvenile is back fishing but very delicate, just daintily landing on the surface of the lake. The afternoon sees the juvenile in and around the nest with the male bringing in fish for it to eat.

23/8/2001

Peter Ulrich (RSPB) sees the male catch a fish at 10:10am followed by both male and juvenile fishing and bathing throughout the morning.

Both ospreys are absent for most of the afternoon returning around 3pm with fish. The male goes fishing again in the late afternoon unsuccessfully at first but catches one out of site returning to the "black hole" next to the nest to feed.

24/8/2001

Peter Ulrich (RSPB) enjoys a morning watching both juvenile and adult male fishing over the lake, the juvenile still not succeeding.

The afternoon sees the male adult mob a Buzzard mercilessly all the way across the side of Barf and past the nest site. The day finishes with the welcome sight of the female adult not seen for a couple of days. THIS TURNS OUT TO BE THE LAST SIGHTING OF THE FEMALE IN 2001.

25/8/2001

Peter Ulrich (RSPB) starts the day at 9:55am watching the juvenile sitting on a fence post by the water with a fish. It takes off but drops the fish in the water! but continues to fly off out of sight.

The remainder of the day is punctuated by repeated fishing by both birds but only male adult seen to be successful.

26/8/2001

A morning of flying and fishing by the male adult which started with it chasing off a Buzzard. Unusually the male east one fish on a dead tree on the side of Barf.

The afternoon sees the juvenile half heartily fishing followed by a great "family photo" of "Dad and Son" side by side on adjacent fence posts by the lake. The juvenile tries more fishing without success and doesn't get to eat until the male brings it a fish at 4:50pm.

27/8/2001

Peter Ulrich (RSPB) enjoyed a morning of flying display culminating in the juvenile giving a dazzling display high up including diving high in the sky, also flipping over on to his back.

At 1pm the male brings the juvenile a fish to the nest, the first time it had eaten all day. Neil Hutchin followed a third Osprey going towards Derwentwater. At 3:30pm an intruder osprey is chased off a perch close to the nest and 3 adult ospreys seen circling round Wythop for sometime. The day finishes with the Juvenile perched in a group of Scots Pine on Barf.

28/8/2001

The morning sees little activity except the Juvenile circling to a great height over Skiddaw

At midday the male adult appears back on the Scots Pine group with a fish. The highlight of the day for Peter Ulrich (RSPB) was to see a Marsh Harrier on the ground near the lake. It had to move onto a fence post as a fox was getting too close for comfort. The male brought the juvenile a fish at 12:15pm. At 2:45pm the Juvenile was seen high in the sky above the Scots Pine Group mobbing a raven which returns the favour by mobbing the juvenile! The juvenile then shows off with some exuberant flying including rolling and diving. 3:15pm sees the juvenile attempting to fish but not diving only hovering 20 feet above the water, gives up with no success and lands on the fence post. The male adult brings the juvenile now on the nest a fish at 4:30pm.

29/8/2001

Early visitors to the nest were rewarded with a view of the Juvenile perched in the "Black Hole".

Little action until 11:50pm when the juvenile drifted across the lake toward the viewpoint whilst at the same time an adult osprey (probably migrating) flew overhead southwards.

At 12:30pm the juvenile sporadically attempts to fish and is mobbed by a Marsh Harrier at 1:45pm. At 2:25pm the male adult joins the juvenile on the fence posts and both birds leave circling high up. At 4:45pm both birds are seen briefly on the nest.

30/8/2001

10am sees an Osprey near the "Black Hole" but the morning's highlight is watching a Kingfisher fishing off a branch in the bay nearest to the viewpoint.

At 11:25 as visibility improves after a misty morning the juvenile is seen feeding on the nest. At 12:15 am a juvenile (did not look like ours) is seen fishing off the spit with no success, flew back to a perch on Barf. At 1:10pm the male adult flies high and does some spectacular diving and roller-coasting with a fish presented prominently in its talons. He lands near the Scots pine on top of the fells on a 6ft dead stump and feeds. At 1:45pm the male brings the same fish down on to the fence post in the water where the juvenile (our red ring visible!) is already waiting. The juvenile flies back to the nest and the male finally takes it the fish that he has been trailing around for the last 2.5 hours at 3:35pm

31/8/2001

At 10:15am the juvenile comes on to the nest and feeds (presumably fish from earlier in day)

At 10:50am the juvenile lands back on the fence post (red ring visible) followed at midday by the male who has successfully caught a fish. At 12:15 pm the juvenile and a passing Buzzard take it in turns to mob each other. At 2pm the juvenile dives twice into the lagoon, no success but better style. He then returns to the nest at 4pm and feeds on the same fish from earlier in the day as the male adult has not been seen bringing a fish to the nest all day.

1/09/2001

Heavy showers up to lunch prevent any sightings.

The afternoon was quiet until at 2:35pm the juvenile left its perch on the nest and flew high above the lake . Very extravagant flying was seen by all at the viewpoint including circling and wheeling around culminating in a steep dive to bathe on the shore. The juvenile left and flew back to the nest at 2:50pm returning back to the fence posts in the bay at 3:40pm and showed very well until the close of the day.

2/9/2001

LAST DAY OF OSPREY WATCH 2001

10am saw the juvenile and adult circling high above the lake. At 10:50am with both ospreys in the black hole visitors were rewarded with a Marsh Harrier hunting over the marsh and Calvert Trust reed beds. Landing on the marsh and showing very well. At 11:45pm 2 ospreys appear over the lake, neither adult or juvenile lands, believed to be non breeding birds, one carrying a fish. At 13:05pm the Juvenile came past the viewpoint and perched on a post in the bay to preen. The juvenile mobbed a buzzard high over the lake at 14:30pm and was fed by the adult male a fish in the nest at 3pm.

Thanks to all the volunteers, RSPB, Lake District National Park, Forestry Commission and the 25,000 plus visitors that made this first years event such a success. See you in 2002.