

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Elation all round as the female finally returned last night at around 7pm, the male having returned on the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Both birds on nest first thing then lots of displaying mating fishing and feeding with the female begging food from her mate.

### **Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

After an early mating more displaying from the male then back to the nest with materials before going fishing in the afternoon. While the female feeds the male does some nest repairs.

### **Easter Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

After another mating session nest building becomes the order of the day until they chase off an intruding Osprey late morning, the male goes fishing but doesn't return to the nest with the catch until late afternoon to feed the female by the lake while he gathers more nest materials.

### **Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Both birds off the nest early not returning until late morning with nest materials then after resting and mating both flew off for rest of the day.

### **Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Weather very wet finds both birds sheltering for most of the day in adjacent trees out of view with the male making an odd fishing trip and nest material gathering session.

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Tuesday morning finds both birds in adjacent trees returning to the nest to mate then flying off to gather more nest materials before going fishing and feeding.

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Better weather sees the male flying to the north end of the Lake for a fishing trip and returns late morning to feed his mate. Then both birds fly off to return in late afternoon whereupon the female takes a "bath" in the Lake before returning to the fishing post for serious copulation.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Early feeding on the nest before gathering of more nest materials. More displaying and an afternoon fishing trip before returning to the nest with more nest materials.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

An overcast & wet day sees the female leaving the nest late morning after an attempted mating to shelter in nearby trees while the male collects more nest material and goes fishing before returning to feed his mate.

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Both birds chase off an intruding Buzzard before mating, the male then collects a stick from the lake edge and returns it to the nest, a successful fishing trip ensues in the afternoon while the female forms the nest cup.

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Morning found the female on the nest "housekeeping" while her mate is perching in nearby trees he then chases off a Buzzard before returning to the nest then both birds take turns in nearby trees I

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Bad weather hampers viewing but finds both birds on nest feeding then mating (Yet again!!) before re-arranging freshly gathered nest material

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

Both birds on nest for a brief mating attempt then female leaves for her "hidden Perch in nearby trees before a trip to the fishing post and a bathe in the lake then returning to the nest to spend some considerable time forming the nest cup before being fed by the returning male

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Early morning finds the female "sitting very tightly" on the nest while the male is perched nearby. More mating before the male gathers more nest material, more mating and then off fishing and not returning until late to feed his mate and then taking his turn to "Sit" on the nest.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Female sitting on nest and shuffling around, she lets the male take his turn before he chases off a Buzzard then he goes on a stick gathering sortie which he brings back to the nest. A HELICOPTER flying past disturbs the male from his perch in nearby trees as the female goes down to the lake to preen and gather nest materials she then flies back to relieve the male who was sitting on nest

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Male on nest first thing, he flies away as female returns from fishing trip to feed on side of nest but doesn't sit on eggs until around midday and then only for an hour or so until her mate returns from fishing and feeding, she seems reluctant to incubate the eggs.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Morning finds the female sitting tight on nest and doing a bit of house keeping until her mate returns with a fish for her, while she feeds the male takes over until an intruding Buzzard disturbs him then both birds take turns to sit on eggs.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Male does an early morning fishing trip to feed his mate who disappears to a nearby tree to eat her fill. Afternoon sees both birds taking turns sitting until they are both disturbed by intruding Buzzards but the female returns very quickly to sit.

### **Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

A wet cool day finds the female sitting tight most of the day while the male fishes and feeds her and cleans out the nest. Both birds are disturbed by a family (of Humans), playing in the nearby stream but the female quickly returns to the nest once the problem was resolved.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

The male starts the day on the nest but both birds change over quite a few times during the morning until the male goes fishing and returns to feed the female mid afternoon. After feeding they both chase off an intruding Buzzard before she settles back on nest.

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

A bright sunny morning finds the female sitting on nest until she gets fed with a small salmon at noon when the male takes over, early afternoon sees the male turning the egg(s) (still not sure how many eggs), before going on yet another fishing trip and returning to feed his mate.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning finds the male sitting on nest as the female returns with a half-eaten fish, which she tries to eat while sitting but fails and has to call for her mate to return while she goes off to eat it elsewhere. Both birds do a few changeovers in the afternoon. Another Osprey seen passing in the afternoon.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Both birds taking turns to sit until noon when the male goes on a fishing trip, to return with his catch a couple of hours later. The female takes her meal to the nearby "star" tree she then flies down to the lake shore to gather moss before returning to the nest then to her hidden perch.

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Both birds being bothered by crows all morning before the female settles down to incubate as the male goes off to fish & feed. A third Osprey is present in the mid afternoon but flies off towards Derwent water.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Mid morning sees the female chasing off a buzzard before she in turn is chased by two Herring Gulls. The male leaves the nest late morning to gather nest material before disappearing on a fishing trip. Afternoon sees a different male Osprey circling above the nest for most of the afternoon, it was chased by our male for ¾ hour or so until he disappears after which the female feeds while the male takes over the nest duties.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning sees the female sitting while the male is off on a fishing trip, quite a few changeovers today before the male gathers more nest material in the afternoon before having a prolonged bathe in the lake

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Female on nest first thing then changeover to allow the female to have her bathe in the lake. More nest material gathered by both birds in afternoon then the male chases off a Goshawk.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning sees the male returning with a fish for his mate who promptly flies off to "star" tree to feed, both birds chase off an intruding Buzzard twice before the male goes off on another fishing trip in the afternoon

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning finds the male in "star" tree feeding before taking over nest duties while the female mobs crows and taking a bath in the lake before returning to nest so that her mate can go fishing and chases off the Buzzard (again!) before feeding both himself and his mate.

Today crows have relentlessly mobbed both birds.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Early morning sees the male returning with a small fish to feed the female who promptly leaves and doesn't return until mid morning to sit while the male takes the remains away but returns with it mid afternoon after preening on a fence post by lake shore

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning finds the female sitting and although the male comes to the nest she doesn't leave until noon (ish) and only then for a hour or so on returning the male departs to do afternoon of nest material gathering

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

A very windy morning sees the male sitting until mid morning when his mate relieves him, they then spend most of the day changing over and gathering nest material. A glimpse of eggs (possibly three) on one change over, but no fishing or feeding done

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning finds the female has been sitting on eggs all night the male went on an early fishing trip and caught a Pike which when brought back to the female she promptly took it to eat. Once fed she returned to the nest until mid afternoon when she had "time out". The male was seen later feeding in "star tree" the remnants he gave to his mate.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning finds the male on the nest until change over time mid morning, he then spends most of the day gathering sticks and moss for the nest and it isn't

until late afternoon that food arrives back for the female who promptly leaves the nest to feed and a bath

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

The female sat all night again until two brief spells of freedom between 05.00 and 06.00 and 09.30 and 10.30 when the male bird took over nest duties. The male didn't arrive back until late afternoon with the remains of a fish which he gave to his mate, she returned to the nest around 4 p.m.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

A wet drizzly morning sees the female having sat all night but was relieved at around 06.00 for a very short time by the male who then takes off until around noon when he returns with a very welcome fish. He then gathered more nest material before disappearing off on a fishing trip elsewhere

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

The female incubated the eggs all night and was fed at 08.00, she was back on the nest a couple of hours later and sat until early afternoon when she was fed again and went to the "star tree", The male was disturbed briefly by buzzards at 16.30 but returned almost immediately after feeding the female returned to the nest to continue incubating.

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

The sides of the nest continue to rise this morning as the male gathers more sticks and moss. He takes time off from construction to fish and do nest duties as the female feeds, she returns to re-arrange the nest to her satisfaction after eating

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

More construction material (sticks & moss) gathered in morning by both birds. A day of alarms as the female flies off the nest to chase buzzards but on returning was swooped upon by an intruding Osprey who disappeared again almost immediately northwards. Our male osprey oblivious of the drama returned with a fish. Both birds were later disturbed by TWO Gyrocopters flying up the lake

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday, - a quieter day finds the female on the nest until mid afternoon when the male returns with a small fish she soon returns after feeding

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning finds the female on nest (until about noon) having sat all night while the male gathers more nest material. The change over allows the female to feed and have a bathe in the lake to return to nest for the remainder of the day

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

More nesting material gathered in the morning by the male as the female sits on the eggs, She leaves the nest for a short period to return to re-arrange the

recently gathered moss and sticks while he goes off fishing to return to feed his mate in the late afternoon

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

A couple of changeovers this morning for the pair until the female is fed at noon(ish). She returns mid afternoon to incubate until she is fed again later on