

Woking Peregrine Project update

The Woking peregrines' fame is officially global. Not content with ITV Local News stardom, they have reached out to Tampere in Southern Finland and down to Hobart in Tasmania / Wellington in New Zealand. En route, they have been noticed as far away as Hilo in Hawaii! Closer to home, the peregrine family will be featuring on the BBC's One Show.

Thanks to Google Analytics, the Woking Peregrine Project website has revealed some interesting statistics. After some very amateur analysis, I found the following details for the period 31/01/2017 to 04/08/2017.

The Project's website had a total of 401,933 page views which peaked at 8.601 on the 30/05/2017. The home page had 349,511 (86.96%) followed by; Gallery 17,843 (4.44%), North End camera 9,180 (2.28%), Ledge camera 7,728 (1.92%), Video 6,417 (1.60%), TimeLine 3,834 (0.95%), About 3,184 (0.79%), In The Press 2,185 (.54%), Partners 979 (0.26%), Contact 881 (0.26%) The Contact page is managed by Craig Denford (Project webmaster) and this is in addition to his running of the Project's Twitter feed and maintenance of the Project's website.

I've related the following dates / page views to my personal record of this

year's breeding season:

31/01/2017 - 234 = still images from the new external cameras first shown on the Project website

07/02/2017 - 661 = all 3 web cameras now switched on and showing live images (nest cam, North End cam, Ledge cam)

03/03/2017 - 1,111 = adult tiercel seen in nest box making a depression in the substrate (in preparation for egg laying)

17/03/2017 - 2,891 = adult tiercel and falcon seen incubating the first egg

20/03/2017 - 3,397 = very high possibility of falcon seen laying the third egg

28/03/2017 - 3,730 = Woking Peregrine Project shown on the ITV Local News programme

26/04/2017 - 3,015 = Nick Dixon reported hearing chicks calling at 16.43 and seeing pieces of egg shell (Nick's based in Exeter so he must have been watching via the website - <http://www.urbanperegrines.co.uk/>)

27/04/2017 - 5,962 = numerous screen grabs from the website confirmed the hatching of 3 eggs

11/05/2017 - 5,612 = 5 chicks now seen on the website



Richard Denyer, Mel Roberts & Jon Denyer, weighing chick (James Sellen)

19/05/2017 - 5,482 = all the juveniles can be seen wearing their red leg ring (left leg) and metal B.T.O. leg ring (right leg) The ringing was done on the 18/05/2017 by Richard Denyer ably assisted by his son and daughter; Jon and Mel.

29/05/2017 - 6,174 = at least 2 of the juveniles seen outside of the nest box

30/05/2017 - 8,601 = 4 of the juveniles not seen on the webcams for long periods ('Runty' - youngest of the juveniles - still seen in the nest box). Views from the WWF Living Planet Centre and Peacock's car park showed the AWOL juveniles to be on Export

House's north end stairwell ledge just out of camera view. At 17.25 all 4 were seen walking back to the nest box!

02/06/2017 - 6,475 = 'Runty' seen with siblings on the north end stairwell ledge, out of camera view. 23.00 - 2 juveniles seen in nest box / adult falcon in nest box entrance / 2 juveniles on west side ledge near nest box / 1 juvenile on north end stairwell ledge - all viewed via the web cams

05/06/2017 - 5,853 = unconfirmed report of 1 juvenile seen flying / fledging

12/06/2017 - 3,300 = whilst I was helping with the SBC stand in Jubilee Square on the 11th, 2 juveniles were seen in flight and perched on Export House roof / transmitter dishes. On the 13/06/2017, I saw all 7 peregrines on the west side ledge from the Peacock's car park and on the 14th, 4 juveniles seen flying.

19/06/2017 - 1,836 = all 5 juveniles seen on the west side of Export House

03/07/2017 - 1,055 = at least 3 juveniles & 1 adult seen. Web cams turned off.

04/08/2017 - 217

The Woking Peregrine Project website has been viewed from 85 countries which include; USA, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Romania, Qatar, Brazil, China, Venezuela, Grenada,



*Juvenile Peregrines, Woking,
15 Jun 2017 (James Sellen)*

Guatemala and Libya. Some of the more interesting towns / cities include; Jeddah (Saudi Arabia), Rauma (Finland), Albuquerque (New Mexico), Leeuwarden (Netherlands), Lodz (Poland), Bury St. Edmunds (UK), Santa Monica (California), Wackersdorf (Bavaria), Nafplio (Greece), St. Julian's (Malta), Mecca (Saudi Arabia).

The ITV Local News report shown on the 28th March (<https://www.facebook.com/ITVLondon/videos/10154432313487944/>) has recorded 32K views on their Facebook site with; 257 likes, 36 comments and 246 shares. On the



*Craig Denford and Richard Taylor Jones, BBC Wildlife cameraman,
Woking (James Sellen)*

14th and 15th June, the BBC's One Show filmed at Export House and from the Peacock's car park. Wildlife cameraman Richard Taylor Jones (his work has been shown on various BBC Spring Watch programmes) captured a lot of peregrine action, including a food pass, with the aid of a high speed camera. This time, it was Craig Denford's turn to up stage Chris Packham as interviewee - it should be good viewing! (At the time of writing, the broadcast date has not been advised but Craig will put an announcement on the website Twitter feed when known).

Since the web cameras were turned off, I've regularly seen both adults and the juvenile peregrines. Up until the 12th July, 4 juveniles could be seen together and more recently up to 3 have been seen perched in front of the nest box (1st August). I'm guessing it's still possible all 5 of the juveniles could be on or around Export House / Woking and it would be very helpful to see other peoples' records of the Woking peregrine family.

The Surrey Bird Club stand in Jubilee Square proved to be very successful and again it was an excellent opportunity to promote the Club's conservation work and attract new members. Club representatives ran the stand on the 13th /20th / 30th of



L to R: Debbie Hodges, Charlotte Gray, Marilyn Frame & Rich Mooney, SBC stand, Jubilee Square, Woking (James Sellen)

May and 3rd / 11th of June.

*James Sellen
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