

Dyfi Osprey Project – Observation Board 2025



Dyfi events

Egg laying	 9 th April at 13:48	 12 th April at 13:37	 15 th April at 13:52
Hatching	 17 th May at 16:22	 18 th May at 13:15m	 21 st May at 15:29
Ringing	BRIANNE (female) 6B6	CWELLYN (male) 6B5	HONDDU (male) 6B4
Fledging	10 th July at 11:48	8 th July at 16:12	12 th July 19:37
Last seen	6 th September 08:49	21 st August at 11.00	21 st August at 11:02
2025 Timeline	• 21st March - IDRIS Returns at 18:44 Last seen 7th September at 19:40 (170 days) • 27th March - TELYN returns at 12:41 Last seen 23rd August at 07:52 (149 days)		

Ringed Intruders sighted at Dyfi 2025

	Ring	Sex	Born	Natal nest	Information and parents, if known	Date
1	7C1	F	2022	Lake District	Father: Blue 9C Mother: White DP (2025 paired with KA5 Roli)	07/04/25
2	Olwen X6	M	2022	Llyn Brenig	Parents Blue LJ2 (father) and Blue LM6. (Gendered female in nest, but is male)	17/04/25
3	499	M	2022	Glaslyn	Father Aran (Unringed) Mother Mrs G (unringed)	20/04/25
4	721	M	2022	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed "Oscar" Mother Blue FS2 Also visited 21/08/25	29/04/25
5	720	M	2022	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed "Oscar" Mother Blue FS2	29/04/25
6	7C4	M	2022	Bolton Castle	Father: Unringed Mother: Blue KS1	30/04/25
7	3H3	F	2023	Manton Bay	Father 33 Mother Maya (unringed) She is a half sister to Telyn	06/05/25
8	LX0	M	2023	Private nest	Private Welsh nest	15/05/25
9	6C6	F	2022	Private nest	Lancashire	30/06/25
10	555	M	2022	Clywedog	Male from failed breeding attempt north of the Dyfi River	21/08/25

2025 Intruders sighted at other Welsh nests, not Dyfi

	Ring	Sex	Born	Natal nest	Information and parents, if known	Sighting	Date
	Merin W1	M	2015	Dyfi	Not Wales, but Merin reported back in the Lake district	Lakes	9/04/25
1	416	M	2020	Lake district	Father CX5 Mother PA1	Llyn Brenig	31/03/25
2	Aeron Z2	M	2016	Dyfi	Father Monty (unringed) Mother 12 Glesni	Glaslyn	28/03/25
3	Teifi KC6	M	2020	Dyfi	Father Idris (unringed) Mother 3J "Telyn"	Glaslyn	02/04/25

4	306	M?	2019	Tweed Valley	Parents not recorded (F at ringing)	Clywedog	06/04/25
5	Dinas KS6	M	2018	Dyfi	Father Monty (unringed) Mother 3J “Telyn”	Glaslyn	09/04/25
6	Gwynant 3R	M	2014	Dyfi	Technically not a Welsh nest, spotted in N Spain 6 th April	Asturias	06/04/25
7	Roli KA5	M	2019	Brenig	Father HR7 Mother 24 (2025 paired with 7C1)	Glaslyn	11/04/25
8	2H4	F	2022	Rutland site S	Father T3 Mother Yellow 30	Usk Valley	12/04/25
9	BTO ring only	F	?	?	BTO ring left leg, no Darvic. Possible 2017 Clywedog chick?	Glaslyn	13/04/25
10	KC1	M	2019	Snowdonia	Both parents unringed	Glaslyn	13/04/25
11	685	M	2021	Tweed Valley	Intruded Dyfi nest as 2-year-old in 2023, parents unrecorded	Glaslyn	14/04/25
12	498	M	2022	Glaslyn	Father Aran (Unringed) Mother Mrs G (unringed)	Glaslyn	16/04/25
13	721	M	2022	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed “Oscar” Mother FS2	Glaslyn	19/04/25
14	Gelert KA9	M	2022	Llyn Brenig	Father LJ2 Mother LM6 (Brother of X6 Seen at Dyfi 17/04/25)	Glaslyn	22/04/25
15	Dilys 7B5	F	2023	Llyn Brenig	Father LJ2 Mother LM6	Glaslyn	07/05/25
16	2E9	F	2023	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed “Oscar” Mother FS2	Usk Valley	27/05/25
17	LX4	M	2023	Welsh nest	Private Welsh nest	Llyn Brenig	01/06/25
18	3H6	F	2023	Rutland site B	Father 30 (10) Mother HJ8	Usk Valley	04/06/25
19	0H2	M	2023	Glaslyn	Father Aran (Unringed) Mother Elen (Unringed)	Usk Valley	15/06/25
20	432 “Eshells”	F	2021	Kielder nest 6	Father: Blue W6 Mother: Unringed	Glaslyn	18/06/25
21	8B2	M	2023	Clywedog	Father Dylan (Unringed) Mother 5F	Usk Valley	20/07/25
22	550	M	2020	Clywedog	Father Dylan (Unringed) Mother 5F	Glaslyn	17/08/25

Honddu (6B4) sighted in France (20/09/25)



This is a photo of Honddu (Blue 6B4) in Chalonnes-sir-Loire, France.

He's been there at least a week and possibly longer, probably two weeks. Chalonnes-sir-Loire is 390 miles away from the Dyfi as the osprey flies.

This is why those "How long does a young osprey take to fly to Africa?" questions are so difficult to answer. Honddu is clearly taking his time and taking advantage of the fish he can catch on the Loire River, while other ospreys prefer to get to their wintering grounds as quickly as possible. The river splits into three or four long channels where Honddu is, with lots of tree-lined banks with plenty of alternative roosting and fishing spots.

Einion did the exact same thing as Honddu in 2011, taking months to reach The Gambia, whereas his brother, Ceulan, was fishing in the Senegal River a mere 11 days after leaving Dyfi.

And who's to say Honddu will ever get to Africa? Up to 5% of British ospreys choose to stay in southern Europe, usually Portugal and Spain, deciding the cost-benefit outcome of a difficult migration over the Sahel and Saharan landscape is simply not worth it.

We last saw Honddu at the Dyfi on 21st August - exactly one month ago. He is clearly doing well for himself and is successfully catching fish.

Huge thanks to Samuel Angebault in France for the records and photo of Honddu, and Dr. Tim MacKrill for all his help hooking us up with this sighting.

Judging by this photo Honddu looks in great shape and good health.

Not bad for Bobby Bach who 'wasn't getting enough to eat' 😊

All of our ospreys have now started their migration south.

Where do they go?

Most British ospreys end up in Senegal, Gambia and a handful of surrounding west African countries, but a few – maybe upto 5% - wil never see the African continent, choosing instead to winter in southern Europe, mostly Spain and Portugal.

Here are the exact timings we recorded this year:



Cwellyn last seen - 21st August at 11:00



Honddu last seen - 21st August at 11:02



Telyn last seen - 23rd August at 07:52



Brianne last seen - 6th September at 08:49



Idris last seen - 7th September at 19:40

Idris watched his daughter go last week, but still decided to stay another two days, just to make sure. Monty used to do the same – such amazing parental investment.

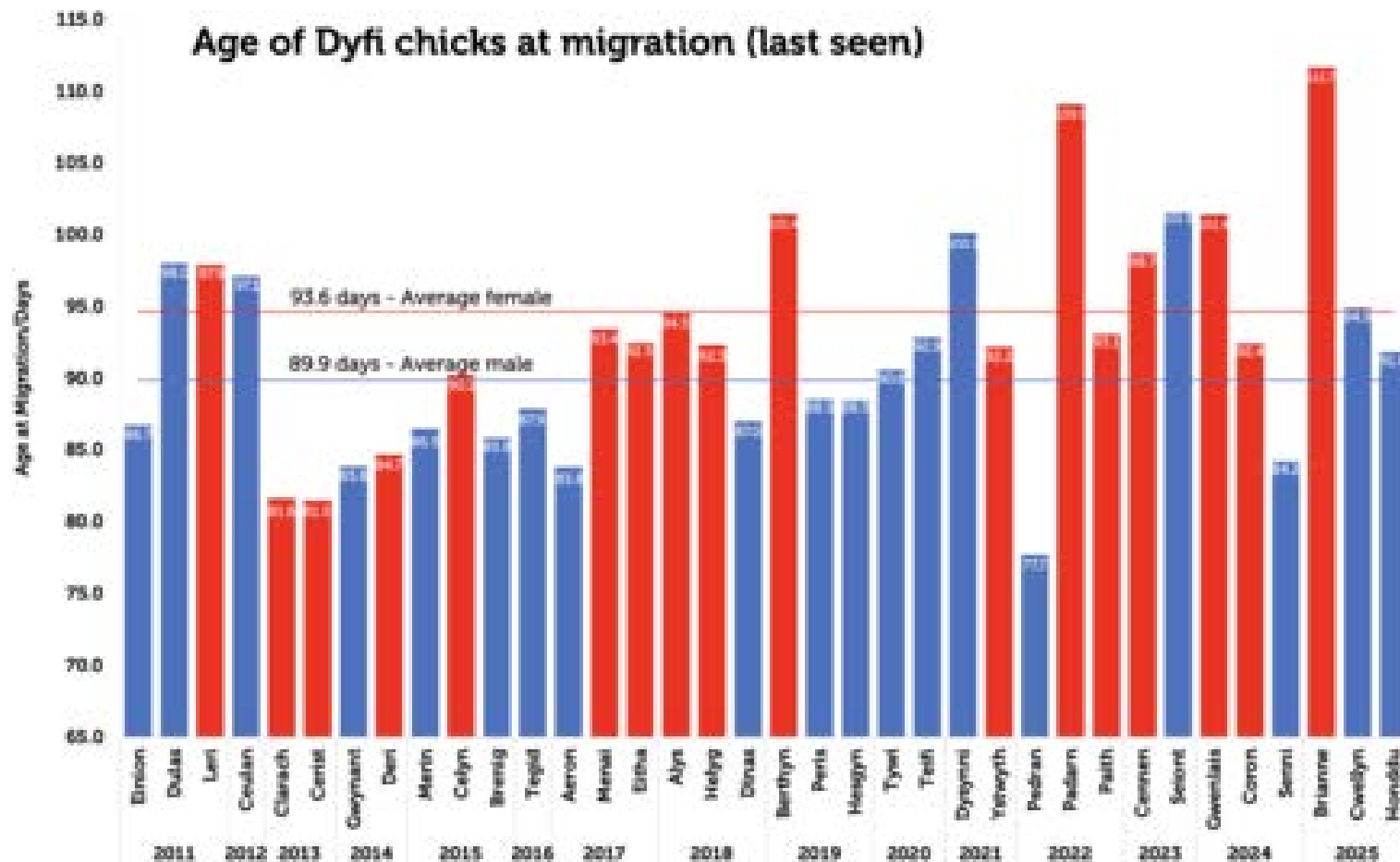


Record Breaking

We've seen a few records broken this year, from the earliest ever arrival (21st MARCH: IDRIS arrives home 18:44), the earliest ever eggs at this nest (🍌 9th APRIL at 13:48) and many more.

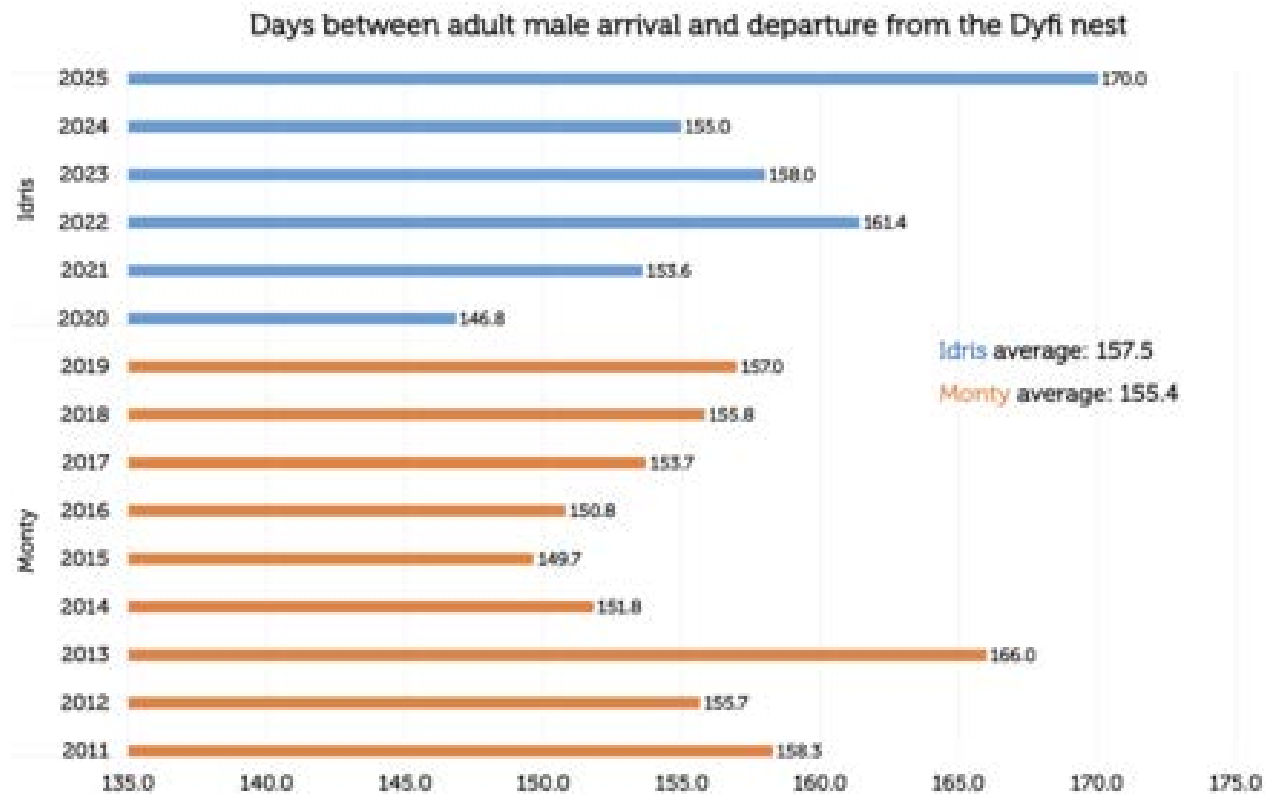
We also observed some individual bird records.

After fledging on 10th July, Brianne stayed around the Dyfi for another 57.9 days before migrating - a new record. She also became the oldest ever (out of 36) chick at this nest before migration - 111.7 days old, beating Padarn's, her sister's record of 109.1 days in 2022.



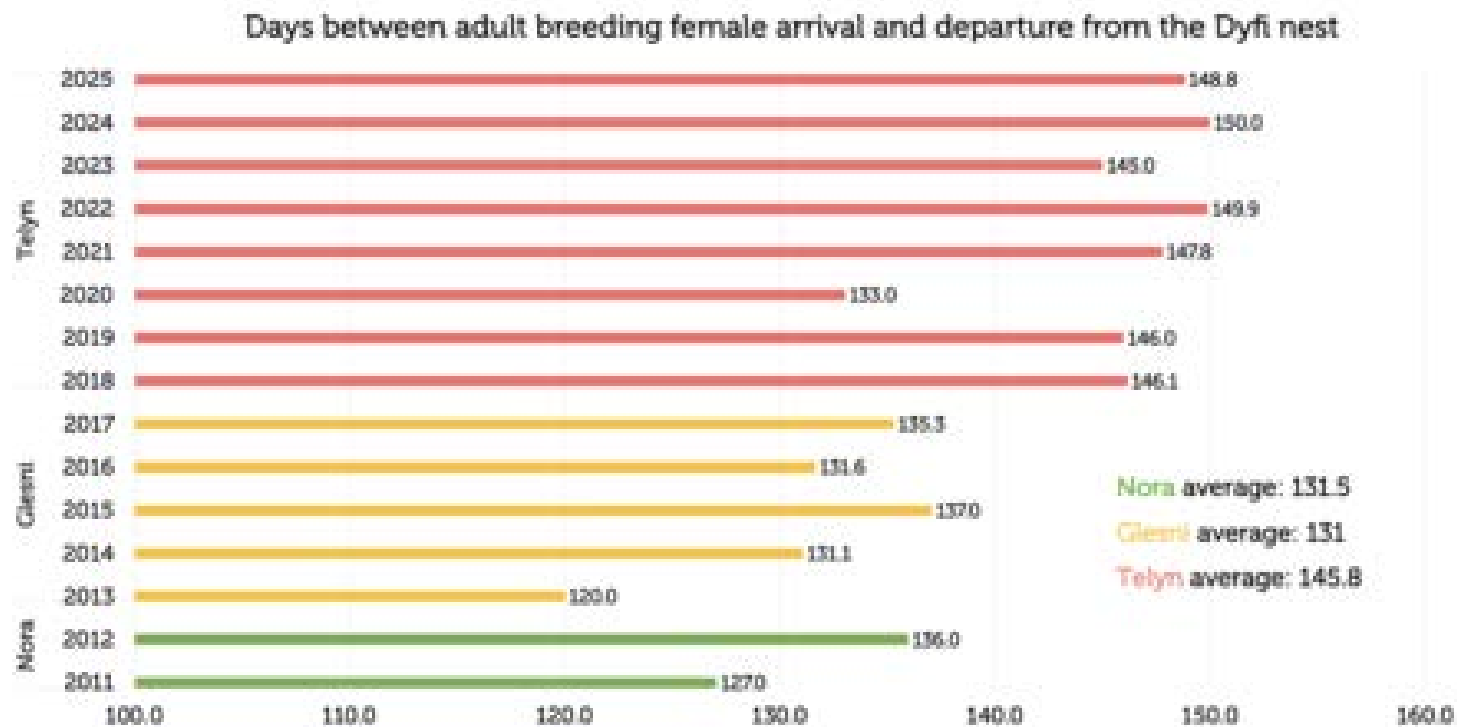
Then we have the 'longest-stay' records for the parents.

Idris smashed the record this year with a loooooong 170-day stay at the Dyfi, beating's Monty's 12-year-old record of 166-days in 2013.



And if you're wondering about the females, Telyn stayed 148.8 days at her Dyfi nest this year, very close to her Dyfi record of 150-days in 2024.

Notice how consistent Telyn has become over the years - just a 5-day variation in stay time over eight years (except 2020 - must have been the pandemic!).



Reflection

As we end DOP 2025 and reflect on the year, we have been blessed with what is, as close as you can get to, a 'perfect year'. Both Telyn and Idris returning early, three eggs, three healthy chicks, and five ospreys heading south late-summer. And no major dramas. We have a lot to be thankful for.

In the osprey world, this is as close to perfect as it comes.

In terms of ringed ospreys intruding at our nest, we managed to positively identify 10 youngsters this year, just one short of the all-time highest record.

Sadly no Dyfi offspring this time, but they'll come.

Many thanks to our volunteer moderator for updating our Observation Board daily again this year, and compiling these great tables.

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More to come

DOP 2025 has now ended and we switch the live streaming off tonight, 14th September, at 7pm.

We've made it through to the end of the season and to within £800 of our Camera Appeal target - thank you all so much for your support, both financially and otherwise.

If you have enjoyed the live streaming and would like to donate, you can do so here. We pay for 100% of DOP, no external funding of any kind.

The new hide is taking shape, replacing the old tower hide we had. Keep an eye out for updates throughout the winter, both on social media plus the odd blog here on the DOP website.

We are also intending to overhaul the whole nest camera, microphone and IT systems before DOP 2026. We will (hopefully!) see a measurable uptick in the live streaming experience, including picture quality and new camera angles, starting from March 2026.

There will also be a new book! All about the Dyfi Wildlife Centre and how we built it to be one of, if not *the*, most carbon-negative buildings of its kind in the UK, full of superb images. One just needs to find the time to write it!

By the way, The Dyfi Wildlife Centre will remain open until Christmas, open 10am - 4pm every Wednesday to Sunday. Then we take a big break in January before starting all over again.



Using the old foundations, this new hide will be better in every way

The end of an era

A couple of weeks ago our people engagement officer, Alwyn, told me that he would be retiring at the end of this season. To be fair, he's told me this before, only to be 'persuaded' back the following year. I think this time, however, he's beyond persuasion.

Alwyn and I have worked together working with ospreys for 20 years. I am confident in saying that there is nobody else that does it better than him. Even our longest serving volunteers say the same. He's been a mentor to all of us, truly a one of a kind.



I was with him briefly in the Obs during his very last day last weekend, listening to him, watching him. He was fielding questions from a three-generation family from child to grandparents. He answered their questions with the passion, enthusiasm, knowledge and drive as if it was the very first time he's been asked those questions.

After 20 years. In two languages.

That is literally priceless. You can't train that.

We wish Alwyn the very best as he sails around the Llŷn Peninsular on his new boat. After educating countless thousands of visitors, witnessing the osprey population in Wales expand from one pair to probably 15 now, and fast approaching his mid-70s (amddiheuraf!), we'll have to let him hang up his binoculars this time.

It's been an absolute honour working with you Al for all these years.

Diolch o galon am bob dim ti wedi neud i fyd y Gweilch yng Ngymru, Al



Mon 8th September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	114	Cwellyn	113	Honddu	110
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Official last seen times for 2025



Cwellyn last seen - 21st August at 11:00



Honddu last seen - 21st August at 11:02



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Idris last seen - 7th September at 19:40

Good luck to all of them.

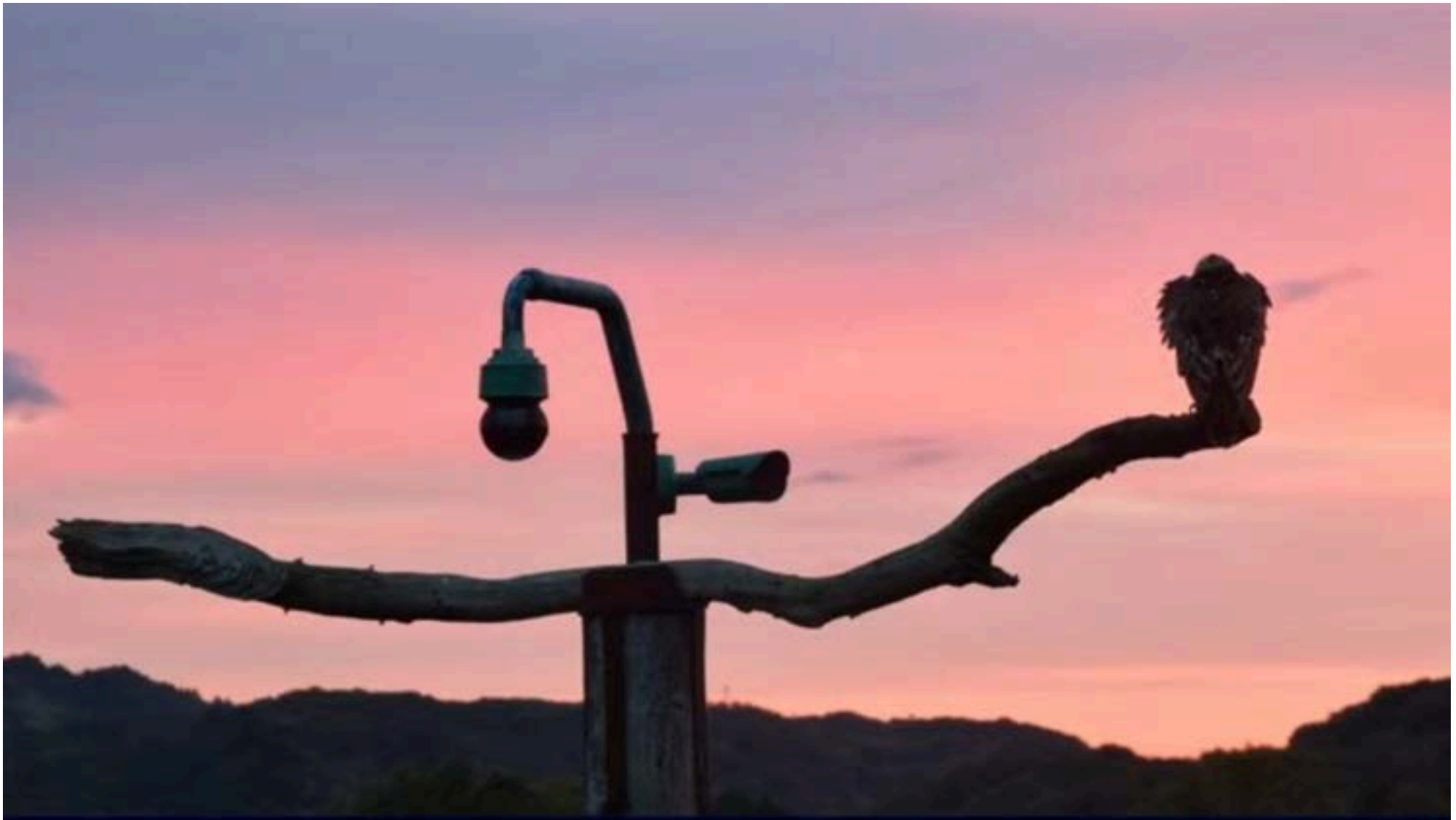
Sun 7th September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	113	Cwellyn	112	Honddu	109
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On Saturday, we saw Brianne fly off at 08:49. We did not see her for the rest of the day.

Idris had a fish which he slowly ate during the day.

He spent a lot of time by the river where the Red Kites were trying to chase him away.



Sat 6th September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	112	Cwellyn	111	Honddu	108
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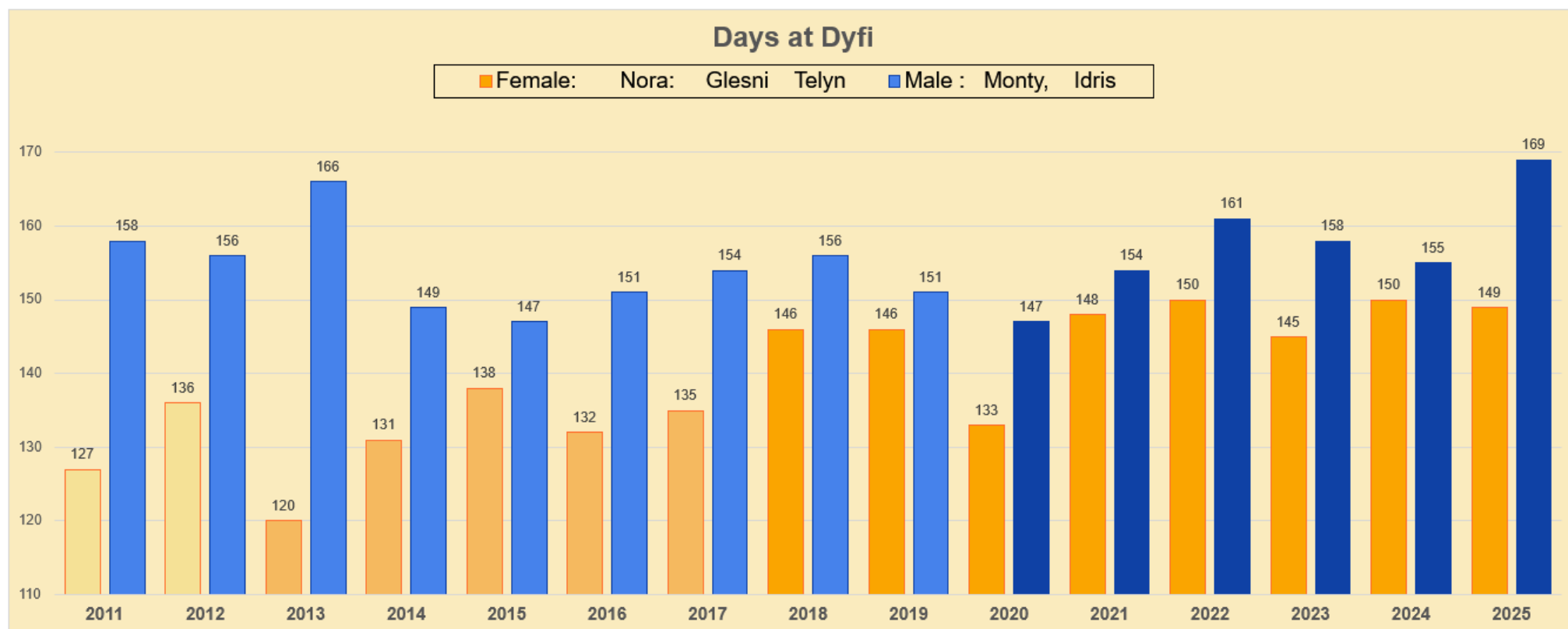
Brianne and Idris were still here on Friday.

They spent quite a bit of time away from the nest, often on the river perches.

We had a great view of an Otter who scared Brianne off the river perch.



With Idris here so late, it is interesting to compare how long the adults have been at Dyfi over the years.
 The final total for Idris will be updated when we know,
 But he is the longest staying male this year.



Fri 5th September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	111	Cwellyn	110	Honddu	107
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Brianne and Idris were still here on Thursday

Both spent time away from the nest during the day but returned in the afternoon.

Brianne



Thu 4th September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	110	Cwellyn	109	Honddu	106
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Brianne and Idris were still here on Wednesday.

It is interesting to think that her brothers could be in Africa by now.



Brianne is now the longest-staying chick that we have had at Dyfi.



Wed 3rd September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	109	Cwellyn	108	Honddu	105
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We again saw both Idris and Brianne on Tuesday.

Today will set some new records for Dyfi Osprey Project birds.

If she is still here this afternoon, Brianne will exceed the 109.1 day record of Padarn.

Idris could also set his own record. The longest a male has stayed was Monty in 2013. He stayed 166 days.

Today, Idris will equal that record.



Tue 2nd September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	108	Cwellyn	107	Honddu	104
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We again saw both Idris and Brianne on Monday.
Changeable weather on Monday but Idris still provided fish to Brianne.



Mon 1st September

Chicks age in days	Brianne	107	Cwellyn	106	Honddu	103
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We saw both Idris and Brianne on Sunday.

Brianne was out of sight for several hours on Sunday, but she appeared late afternoon when Idris had a fish.

Live stream will go off on Sunday 7th.

DOP will change to winter opening from the following week. Opening will be Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 - 16:00

The caffï will be open.



Sun 31st August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	106	Cwellyn	105	Honddu	102
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Idris and Brianne were here on Saturday, which was mixed weather with rain and windy periods.

Idris still managed to provide fish for her.

Here is a comparison picture of the New Scrape, which is next to the Obs.
This shows how fast the area regenerates after clearing the Willow and Birch.

Feb 2024



August 2025



Sat 30th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	105	Cwellyn	104	Honddu	101
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On Friday, we saw Idris and Brianne

Both were still around on Friday with plenty of food coming in.



Fri 29th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	104	Cwellyn	103	Honddu	100
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On Thursday, we only saw Idris and Brianne

The end of season routine continues with Brianne staying mostly close by.

Either in the nest area or on the river perches.

Idris brought in several fish during the day, which he shared with Brianne, making sure that he keeps himself well fed and in good condition.



Brianne was not amused by a heavy rain shower



Thu 28th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	103	Cwellyn	101	Honddu	98
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On Wednesday, we only saw Idris and Brianne

Plenty of fish for Brianne, and she was eating steadily for most of the day



Wed 27th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	102	Cwellyn	101	Honddu	98
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On Tuesday, we again saw Idris and Brianne; no sign of the other three.

Another quiet day with Brianne eating and Idris delivering fish.

We are giving provisional last seen dates.

Telyn, 23rd August, Cwellyn, 21st August, and Honddu, 21st August.



Tue 26th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	101	Cwellyn	100	Honddu	97
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On Monday, we saw Idris and Brianne; no sign of the other three.

Brianne seemed to spend most of Monday eating. Either near the nest or down by the river.

Idris is still providing food for her, but most of the time is out of sight.



Mon 25th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	100	Cwellyn	99	Honddu	96
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On Sunday, we saw Idris and Brianne; no sign of the other three.

Brianne spent the day moving between the nest area and the river perches. Idris brought her a big fish at 18:20.

We will keep looking for the other three, but we will also record their last seen times.

Cwellyn and Honddu were last seen on August 21st. Telyn was last seen on August 23rd.



Sun 24 August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	99	Cwellyn	98	Honddu	95
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On Saturday, we saw Telyn early in the morning, then Idris and Brianne during the day.

The boys were not seen at all on Saturday.

We are noting “last seen times” but not yet saying migration as birds might return.



Sat 23rd August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	98	Cwellyn	97	Honddu	94
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On Friday, we saw Brianne, Telyn and Idris no sighting of the boys.

Brianne stayed close to the nest for most of the day with some short flights around.

Idris and Telyn spent some time near the nest.

Although there were fish deliveries, there were no signs of Cwellyn or Honddu. There were intruders around again, but with the adults nearby, they did not get close.

Idris and Telyn



Fri 22nd August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	97	Cwellyn	96	Honddu	93
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All five were seen on Thursday.

Brianne was again dominating the nest area and chasing her brothers.

At one stage in the morning, the observatory had 7 Ospreys in view.

Both of our adults were away from the nest, when three intruders investigated the nest.

A male, **721** from Tweed Valley, who visited us on the 29th April.

An un-ringed female.

And **555** a male born at Clywedog in 2022, who has a nest which failed this year, north of the Dyfi river.



Three intruders.



Thu 21st August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	96	Cwellyn	95	Honddu	92
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All five were seen on Wednesday.

Brianne has been trying to dominate the nest area, chasing off her brothers.
This is behaviour that we have seen in previous years with similar circumstances.



Wed 20th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	95	Cwellyn	94	Honddu	91
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All five seen on Tuesday,

Brianne back to the nest at 19:53. She had been away for 4.5 days.

Brianne was hungry, but got a fish from Idris just after she landed.



Telyn on Tuesday



Tue 19th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	94	Cwellyn	93	Honddu	90
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Brianne has not been seen since 08:15 on Friday.

Idris, Cwellyn and Honddu during the day (Monday). Telyn at 19:26.



After searching high and low for two summers, we've finally trapped the elusive rosy marsh moth at Cors Dyfi!

This is a truly special moment for us and a testament to the incredible biodiversity of our reserve. The rosy marsh moth is a "Red Data Book" species, a designation for threatened species in the UK. This specialist relies on raised lowland peat bogs and its food source, bog myrtle.



 **Gwrid y Gors**

 **Rosy marsh moth**

Mon 18th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	93	Cwellyn	92	Honddu	89
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*Telyn was seen very early on Sunday. Idris, Cwellyn and Honddu during the day.
Brianne has not been seen since 08:15 on Friday.*



Sun 17th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	92	Cwellyn	91	Honddu	88
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*Idris Cwellyn and Honddu were seen on Saturday. Telyn early Sat morning.
Brianne has not been seen since Friday morning.*



Sat 16th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	91	Cwellyn	90	Honddu	87
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All 5 were seen on Friday.

Again, we had plenty of fish delivered, and the youngsters are good at holding on to them now.



We are keeping an eye on Telyn as she is likely to be the first to migrate.
(going on previous years' statistics.)

We can also look at the number of days between Telyn's arrival and last seen date.

Year	Days resident
2018	146
2019	146
2020	133
2021	148
2022	150
2023	145
2024	150
2025	141 (so far)

An average of 145 days

Fri 15th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	90	Cwellyn	89	Honddu	86
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All 5 were seen on Thursday.

We are seeing the youngsters getting better at managing fish eating away from the nest. This will become important when they migrate, and they have to keep any fish they catch.

Telyn brought in one of the fish on Thursday. (A Flounder to Brianne.)



A very wet Honddu after a bath in the river.



Thu 14th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	89	Cwellyn	88	Honddu	85
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All 5 were seen on Wednesday

We saw the Ospreys on the nest and down on the river during the day.

However, some of the highlights were sighted on the river.

We saw an Osprey drag its feet in the water. There was a very large fish jumping that was larger than an Osprey.

We also saw an Otter swimming and chasing ducks on the mudflats.



Note the size of this fish, which is further away than the Osprey.



Otter



Wed 13th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	88	Cwellyn	87	Honddu	84
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The Ospreys were out of sight for a lot of the day, which was exceedingly hot. Brianne had not been seen since Monday, but she turned up at the nest in the early evening, being rather aggressive to her siblings. She seemed to calm down after getting fish from Idris.



Tue 12th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	87	Cwellyn	86	Honddu	83
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All 5 were seen on Monday

They spent a lot of time by the river, where it may have been cooler than on the nest.

Idris brought in several fish, and Telyn brought one.

We had an intruder, 6C6, who visited here on the 25th June.



These perches are visible from the Obs with our telescopes.

Mon 11th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	86	Cwellyn	85	Honddu	82
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All three youngsters were seen on Sunday.

We will be watching for any signs of migration from now on.

Telyn is well known for going missing, then returning before the actual migration.

The earliest date that she has left was the 13th Aug in 2020



Sun 10th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	85	Cwellyn	84	Honddu	81
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All five were seen on Saturday

On Saturday, the family were moving around a lot,
 but most of the time we had Ospreys visible from the Obs.
 Both Idris and Telyn brought fish in so everyone is well fed.
 As usual, intruders around but being chased off before they get close.



Stack of fish.

Telyn with her own fish on the perch while Idris delivered another fish to the nest
Where there is already a large fish.



Sat 9th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	84	Cwellyn	83	Honddu	80
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The Ospreys are now moving into migration mode, getting ready for their flights to Africa. Thelyn and Idris are quite happy to leave the youngsters to get on with things now. They are just providing food. The youngsters are in their hyperphagia mode where they are eating as much as they can to build up energy stores for migration.





Fri 8th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	83	Cwellyn	82	Honddu	79
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Thursday was a repeat of recent days.

The family spent a lot of the day away from the nest, mostly down by the river.

Idris was away until about 16:30 when he started to bring fish in.

We had an intruder which had the youngsters mantling, but unfortunately, it was an un-ringed male.



Thu 7th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	82	Cwellyn	81	Honddu	78
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The youngsters are into their Hyperphagia stage where they will scream for food even when fish is available. Their bodies are telling them to eat as much as possible to build up reserves before their migration.



Wed 6th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	81	Cwellyn	80	Honddu	77
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On Tuesday, we had a ringed male intruder land but unfortunately, it left before the camera could read the ring.

Plenty of food again so everyone is well fed.



Tue 5th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	80	Cwellyn	79	Honddu	76
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With the bad weather and strong winds on Monday, the Ospreys spent most of the day low down near the river.

Idris started to bring fish in around 16:30, so all were well fed by evening.
We are being asked if they will migrate early this year as egg laying started early.

The only things to compare are the average migration age over the years.

The average age for males to migrate is **89.5 days**

The average age for females to migrate is **93.6 days**



My fish!

Mon 4th August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	79	Cwellyn	78	Honddu	75
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Sunday started off very quietly with no Ospreys in sight until after lunch.

Later on Idris brought some fish into the nest, and we had a good view of all the family close up.

Again, intruders around, but with Telyn on watch non got close enough to identify.



Sun 3rd August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	78	Cwellyn	77	Honddu	74
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Saturday started off with a great view of Ospreys near the river with a Marsh Harrier flying nearby. This was followed by an intruder flying over them, which the ospreys did not like.

In the afternoon, they put on a good show in the nest area

Plenty of fish again from Idris.





Sat 2nd August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	77	Cwellyn	76	Honddu	73
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Friday was another steady day.

Plenty of movement from all the family moving between river and nest perches.

Telyn has brought a couple more fish in this week,
so she is now well out of breeding mode and is getting ready for migration.



All five in this view.

Fri 1st August

Chicks age in days	Brianne	76	Cwellyn	75	Honddu	72
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Thursday was again lots of flying around and lots of food.

The family are putting on a good show for us this year. Spending time around the nest but also using perches by the river that we can see from the Obs.

Mullet from Idris.



When will Telyn migrate?

Telyn is quite variable in her migration dates over the years.

Note, the dates are “last seen” as we do not know the actual time of departure.

This season is the earliest egg laying that we have recorded at Dyfi.

Will that affect migration dates?

2018	28 th August
2019	23 rd August
2020	13 th August
2021	21 st August
2022	25 th August
2023	19 th August
2024	22 nd August
2025	?

Thu 31st July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	75	Cwellyn	74	Honddu	71
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Wednesday was an interesting day with many intruders looking around.

At one stage the Obs could see 9 Ospreys!

Unfortunately, they were kept high by Telyn and Idris so no identification was possible.



Wed 30th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	74	Cwellyn	73	Honddu	70
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A very similar day on Tuesday



Tue 29th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	73	Cwellyn	72	Honddu	69
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Loads of fish on Monday, including a small Flounder from Telyn.

The youngsters are learning to fly while carrying a fish now which will be vital for them when they leave on migration. Monday evening, we had a nice view of all 5 on Monty's perch.



Mon 28th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	72	Cwellyn	71	Honddu	68
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A very similar day on Sunday, lots of flying and fish.

In the morning, some swimmers in the river got the youngsters going a bit further and being hard to spot.
They all returned later when fish arrived.





Sun 27th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	71	Cwellyn	70	Honddu	67
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Saturday again saw plenty of flying from the youngsters, and the obs had some great views of them near the river.

Telyn brought a lot of sticks into the nest, and Idris continues to provide plenty of fish. We again had intruders around, including an un-ringed adult female who was shouted at by the youngsters.



Sat 26th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	70	Cwellyn	69	Honddu	66
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Everyone very mobile between the river and nest again.

Cwellyn tried to stand on a Flounder and went surfing off the nest perch. (He was fine)

He also grabbed Idris's foot trying to get to a large fish.





Fri 25th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	69	Cwellyn	68	Honddu	65
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All quiet on Thursday, with the whole family moving between the river and the nest at various times.

Intruders about as usual, too high to identify.

Cwellyn made another development step by taking fish away from the nest, to the nest perch to eat.



Telyn is practising her pole vaulting.



Thu 24th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	68	Cwellyn	67	Honddu	64
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It is getting hard work to keep up with who is where.

All five are moving around a lot, spending time near the river and on all the nest perches.

Idris is also providing lots of fish.



Wed 23rd July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	67	Cwellyn	66	Honddu	63
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Plenty of flying around on Tuesday, and the youngsters were down by the river for some time. We saw Telyn bring in a fish which she caught up-river. This may have been her first deliberate catch this season.



Tue 22nd July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	66	Cwellyn	65	Honddu	62
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A quiet day on Monday with normal post-fledging activity.

All of the family alternating between the nest and river perches.

We are fortunate that live stream, and visitors can still see them this year.

They are still happy to be fed by Mam.



Mon 21st July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	65	Cwellyn	64	Honddu	61
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On Sunday, the birds were settling into a typical post-fledging pattern.

They were spending time by the river and also in the nest area.

We have also seen Telyn and Idris at times on the perches near the river.

We are very fortunate this year that they have been using some driftwood perches that can be seen from the Obs.
and also our cameras.



Sun 20th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	64	Cwellyn	63	Honddu	60
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Another quiet day on Saturday.

A couple of intruders in the area, but with Telyn free to chase they do not get near enough to identify.

The youngsters are spending more time by the river now as is normal at this time of year.

Idris's fishing trips seem to take longer, again, something we see at this time of the season.



Sat 19th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	63	Cwellyn	62	Honddu	59
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A quiet day on Friday, plenty of flying and plenty of fish.

The youngsters are getting lots of character now. Telyn got pecked a couple of times when bringing sticks in.





Fri 18th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	62	Cwellyn	61	Honddu	58
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On Thursday, we saw the youngsters progressing well.

They have now started snatching and mantling over fish deliveries, also squabbling over possession. They spent some time on branches down by the river. We are fortunate this year so far that we can see them from the Obs and with the cameras.

We also saw a couple of them bathing in the river.

Idris was working hard, delivering 9 fish during the day.



Thu 17th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	61	Cwellyn	60	Honddu	57
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We had a new fishing record from Idris on Wednesday.

He dropped off a Flounder on the nest, flew off, and was back in 1 min. 10 seconds with a Trout.

All watched by lucky people in the Obs.

Later in the afternoon, Honddu found the support brace on the camera pole





Three tiers of Ospreys in sight, but Cwellyn was down on the low perch, so actually 4 tiers.

Wed 16th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	60	Cwellyn	59	Honddu	56
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Tuesday started off with quite a bit of flying from the youngsters and a couple of fish
 But as the rain set in and the wind strengthened, the youngsters settled down,
 Brianne and Honddu on the nest with Cwellyn spending time on the low perch.





Tue 15th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	59	Cwellyn	58	Honddu	55
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We had a much cooler day on Monday, which got the youngsters flying around.

Plenty of fish from Idris, which the youngsters are enjoying.

We had two intruders around the nest, who were chased off by Telyn before they could be identified.



On Friday, 4th July we posted a photograph of a
Poplar Hawk moth *Laothoe populi*  Gwalch-Wyfyfyn Poplys 

On Monday afternoon, we found a Hawk moth caterpillar on the Boardwalk.



Mon 14th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	58	Cwellyn	57	Honddu	54
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Although Sunday was very hot again, the youngsters have been doing some flying about.

Cwellyn was away from the nest for quite a time, probably down by the river.

This is a natural development for them, and they will all be doing a lot more of it until migration.



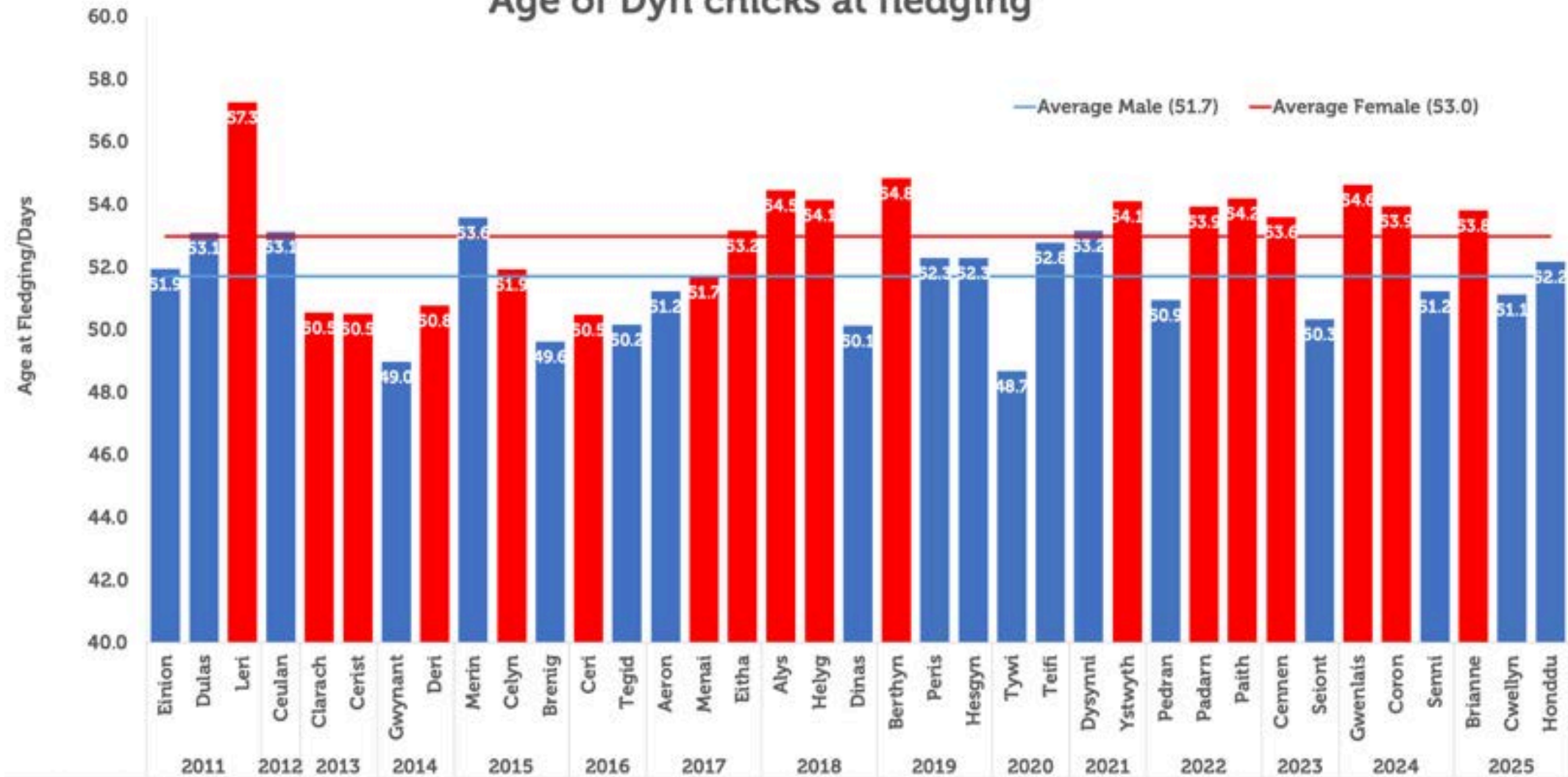


Sun 13th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	57	Cwellyn	56	Honddu	53
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Fledging chart updated with 2025 birds

Age of Dyfi chicks at fledging



After spending most of the day on the nest perch,
Honddu fledged at 19:37 on Saturday. He was 52.2 days old
He flew around, then landed on the camera post.



Telyn

Honddu

Cwellyn



Sat 12th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	56	Cwellyn	55	Honddu	52
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Brianne and Cwellyn have been flying well.

They seem to be a bit subdued by very high temperatures and very little wind.
Honddu has been watching and flapping but again possibly held back by the heat.





Fri 11th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	55	Cwellyn	54	Honddu	51
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Brianne fledged at 11:48 on Thursday

She did a bit of flying around but spent most of the afternoon up on Monty's perch, where she was probably slightly cooler.

Cwellyn also spent most of the day on the low perch with some short flights.

It was very hot and sunny, so the Ospreys were not too active but were nicely on show for visitors.





DOP by moonlight (after Ansell Adams) 😊

Thu 10th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	54	Cwellyn	53	Honddu	50
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A very hot and sunny day on Wednesday. Cwellyn spent the night on the camera pole, where he looked very relaxed. He eventually flew down to the nest perch and then to the nest.

He has done some flying around but the heat seems to have kept them mainly on the nest all day.

Brianne has done some flapping but seems to be content to rest in this heat.





All five on the nest.

Wed 9th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	53	Cwellyn	52	Honddu	49
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Cwellyn fledged at 16:12 on Tuesday, he was 51.1 days old, very close to the average for males at this nest.

He flew up to the camera pole, where he sat quite happily.

He was fed by Idris, and eventually, he spent the night up there before returning to the nest over 14 hours later!



Idris

Telyn feeding

Cwellyn

Tue 8th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	52	Cwellyn	51	Honddu	48
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Cwellyn fledged 16:12



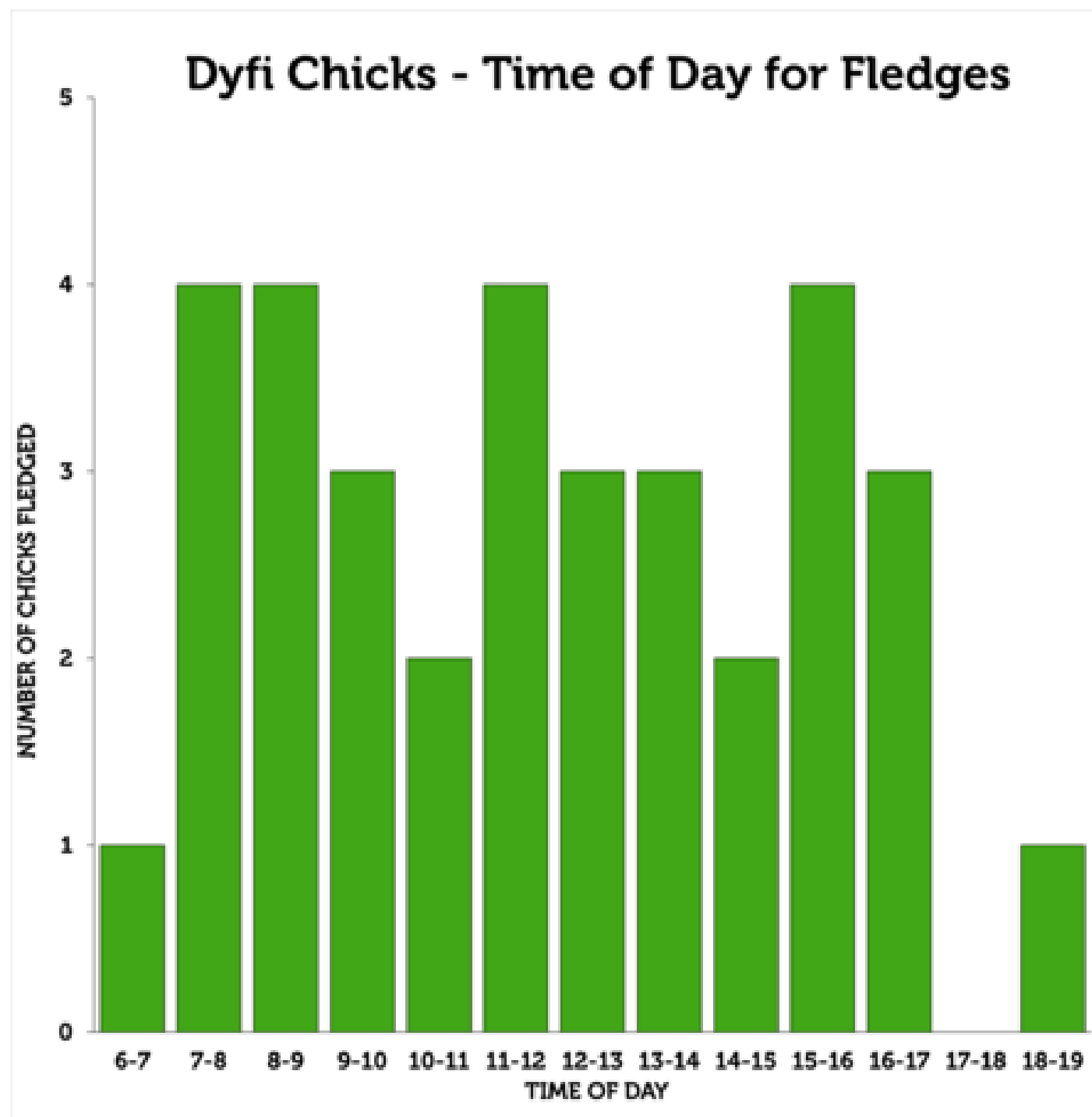
A lot of wing flapping on Monday, with more height now.

Cwellyn is doing very well and in one session, went up out of the camera shot.

An intruder followed Idis back to the nest. Identified as a ringed (right leg) male, but the ring could not be read.



Cwellyn on his way back down.



Mon 7th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	51	Cwellyn	50	Honddu	47
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Some intruders were around on Sunday, but they were chased off before they got into camera view. The youngsters have been doing plenty of wing exercises. Cwellyn was doing some helicoptering while Honddu looks on.



Plenty of food again from Idris. This one is a Trout.



Sun 6th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	50	Cwellyn	49	Honddu	46
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A windy day again on Saturday, and we saw a lot of wing flapping from the youngsters. They have been jumping as they flap, but we have not seen any helicoptering so far.

No intruders were reported yesterday.

The nest is getting very crowded now if all five are there.



Sat 5th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	49	Cwellyn	48	Honddu	45
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Friday was very windy again, but the youngsters still did some wing flapping.

We are seeing a few small hops off the nest now.

Cwellyn getting some lift.



Fri 4th July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	48	Cwellyn	47	Honddu	44
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Plenty of wing flapping and tiny jumps on Thursday as they strengthen their wings.
Again, intruders around, but they are being chased off before they can get close enough to identify.

We had some interesting Moths in our trap.

Poplar Hawk moth *Laothoe populi*



Gwalch-Wyfyn Poplys



Also, a master of disguise, a Buff Tip moth *Phalera bucephala*



Blaen Brigyn



Thu 3rd July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	47	Cwellyn	46	Honddu	43
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Lots of intruders around on Wednesday, but again, too high to identify.

Telyn was doing quite a bit of the chasing.

Plenty of fish from Idris and the youngsters are getting much more energetic in their wing flapping.

All five on the nest.



Wed 2nd July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	46	Cwellyn	45	Honddu	42
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A cooler day on Tuesday. Some intruders about, but not close enough to identify.
 The chicks are doing some energetic flapping now to build up their wing strength.
 Looking at our stats. The youngest male fledge was Tywi at 48.7 days.
 The youngest females were Clarach, Cerist and Ceri at 50.5 days.



Tue 1st July

Chicks age in days	Brianne	45	Cwellyn	44	Honddu	41
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Monday was a very hot day, but there was some breeze at the nest, which prevented the Ospreys from getting too overheated.

We again had some intruders who were too far away to identify then in the evening we had a visit from **6C6** a 2022 Female from a private nest site in Lancashire.

Interestingly, she has been sighted at Poole Harbour recently, showing the large areas that these young Ospreys will cover.

The youngsters are beginning to self-feed from fish that Idris brings in. This led to a fight between Brianne and Cwellyn over a fish on Monday evening. (Neither were hurt.)



[Big Fight video link](#)

Mon 30th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	44	Cwellyn	43	Honddu	40
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Plenty of intruder sightings on Sunday, but none close enough to identify.

The youngsters are reacting to intruders and can already tell them from their parents.

Telyn was doing quite a bit of the chasing.

She does not get the chance earlier in the season when she is looking after eggs or young chicks.

The youngsters are beginning to try self-feeding. Idris left a fish on the nest, and they all had a try at it.



Sun 29th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	43	Cwellyn	42	Honddu	39
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A quiet day on Saturday, rather windy, so the youngsters did stretch their wings, feeling the wind, but no helicoptering yet.

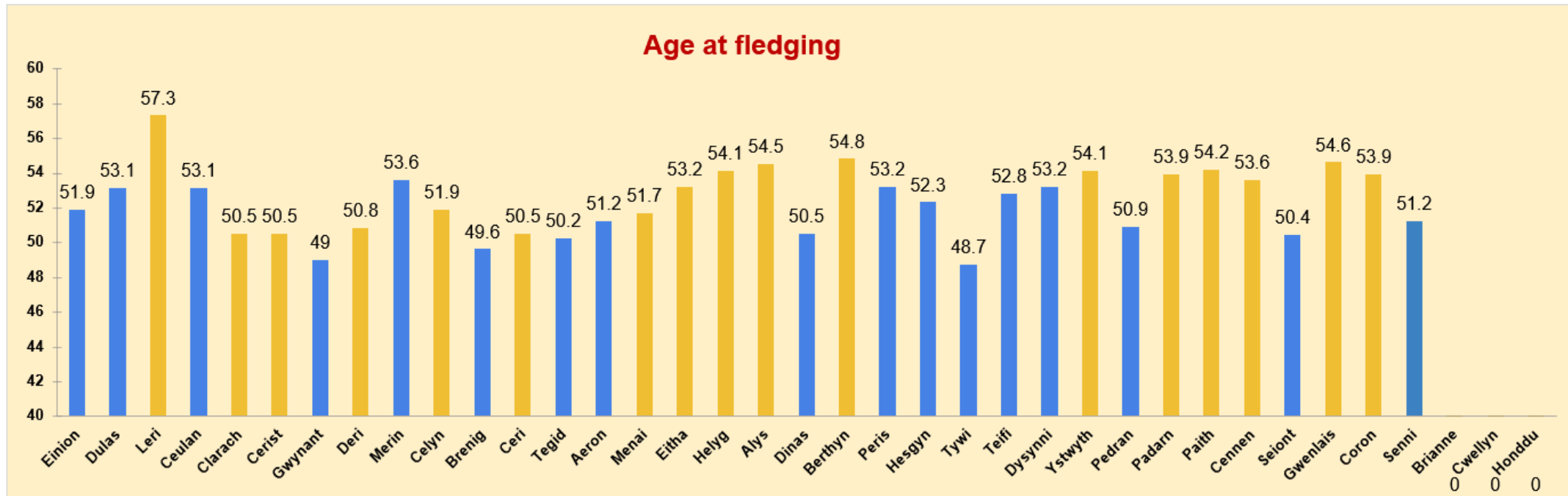


When will they fledge?

Statistics on previous years fledging.

Males tend to fledge at a younger age than females, so we may get some close dates this year.

The average for Males is 51.7 days old, for Females 52.9 days.



Sat 28th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	42	Cwellyn	41	Honddu	38
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A new record on Friday. Telyn caught a Trout, which is the earliest we have seen a female fishing at Dyfi.

Also, she was only away from the nest for two minutes!

Is this, and chasing intruders, a change in behaviour by Telyn, or is it all just a coincidence?

This may have been “opportunity fishing”

Where Telyn saw a fish, so caught it. Rather than deciding to go fishing.



At exactly the same moment, Idris with his own Trout on another perch.



Fri 27th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	41	Cwellyn	40	Honddu	37
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We saw some intruders around on Thursday. Nothing close enough to identify, though. Recently, Telyn has been off chasing intruders even though Idris has been nearby.



After many hours of trying, one of our Staff members has managed to get a video of a Pine Martin on the Cors Dyfi reserve.

For months, our trail cameras have been hinting at something special, and we're overjoyed to confirm the presence of Pine marten (*Martes martes*)

Once critically endangered, these amazing animals are now thriving in mid-Wales thanks to the dedicated reintroduction efforts of [Vincent Wildlife Trust](#) since 2015.

The Pine Marten is deeply embedded in Welsh culture and natural history, with its presence reflected in numerous place names across the landscape such as Afon Bele (Marten River) and Castell y Bele (Marten's Castle) 🇬🇧

Each pine marten has a uniquely shaped creamy-yellow or orange throat patch, often called a "bib." This distinctive pattern allows individuals to be identified and we are actively studying our footage - we hope to learn more about this vital population here at Cors Dyfi.

🇬🇧 Bele'r Coed 🇬🇧 Pine Marten



Thu 26th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	40	Cwellyn	39	Honddu	36
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Better weather on Wed. Plenty of fish again.

The youngsters are still filling out as their feathers grow,
Their flight feathers still have quite a bit to grow before they will be helicoptering.



Cwellyn is having a stretch in the wind.

Wed 25th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	39	Cwellyn	38	Honddu	35
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Tuesday was quite windy all day, but Idris still brought in several fish. The youngsters were interested in the wind and were all stretching out their wings to feel it. They are nowhere near fledging yet. We would expect to be around day 50 for that.



Tue 24th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	38	Cwellyn	37	Honddu	34
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Quite windy on Monday, which at times got the youngsters exercising their wings. They are still some way from fledging as their main flight feathers are not fully grown yet.

We would expect males to fledge at around 50 days old.

We had an intruder around for some time. Not close enough to identify.

Idris was eating on a perch near the river, so for a change, Telyn chased it away.



Mon 23rd June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	37	Cwellyn	36	Honddu	33
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A cooler day on Sunday, but plenty of fish were provided by Idris.
The chicks were not bothered by their ringing experience on Friday.

The wind has been quite strong and we have seen the youngsters beginning to exercise their wings.
Fledging is normally around the 7 week area.



Sun 22nd June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	36	Cwellyn	35	Honddu	32
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[Ringing video 2025 click HERE](#)

This year's ringing day was unusually hot, with temperatures approaching 30°C by midday. To avoid stressing the chicks, we aimed to ring them early in the morning before the heat exceeded 20°C whilst at the same time being mindful of the full tides. Two chicks were already panting heavily when we brought them down, signaling the urgency of our task.

In our focus on the chicks' welfare, we inadvertently placed the blue Darvic rings on their left legs, a practice typically followed in Scotland but not in England and Wales, where rings go on the right. However, the rings were correctly oriented to read upward from the foot, which is the critical detail.

Ultimately, the leg placement doesn't matter, we occasionally see such variations in Darvic ring placement among ospreys in the UK. The key achievement was completing the ringing as quickly as possible, which we did in just 34 minutes, thereby minimizing the time the three chicks were out of their nest.

Brianne, **Cwellyn** and **Honddu** all fall pretty close to the average weights we would expect for their gender, perhaps the lack of sea trout this year explaining the very modest gap under the trend line (trout, per unit weight, have more calories than mullet and flounder due to them being an 'oily fish').

If you'd like help with the chick pronunciations this year - here's [Alwyn to help](#).

The youngsters are doing fine after ringing.
They had plenty to eat on Saturday and even had a couple of showers to cool them down.
It is interesting to see that they show no interest in their new leg rings.
No pecking or pulling at them, which indicates that they are not causing any irritation.



Idris feeds the chicks while Telyn has a snooze.

Sat 21st June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	35	Cwellyn	34	Honddu	31
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The chicks were hot on Friday and, after early ringing, spent most of the day at the edge of the nest, catching any breeze.

They had plenty of fish provided by Idris, so they had enough water intake.
At times, Telyn was shading them as well.



Fri 20th June

Chicks age in days	Brianne	34	Cwellyn	33	Honddu	30
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Ringling day

Today, the chicks have been fitted with identification leg rings.

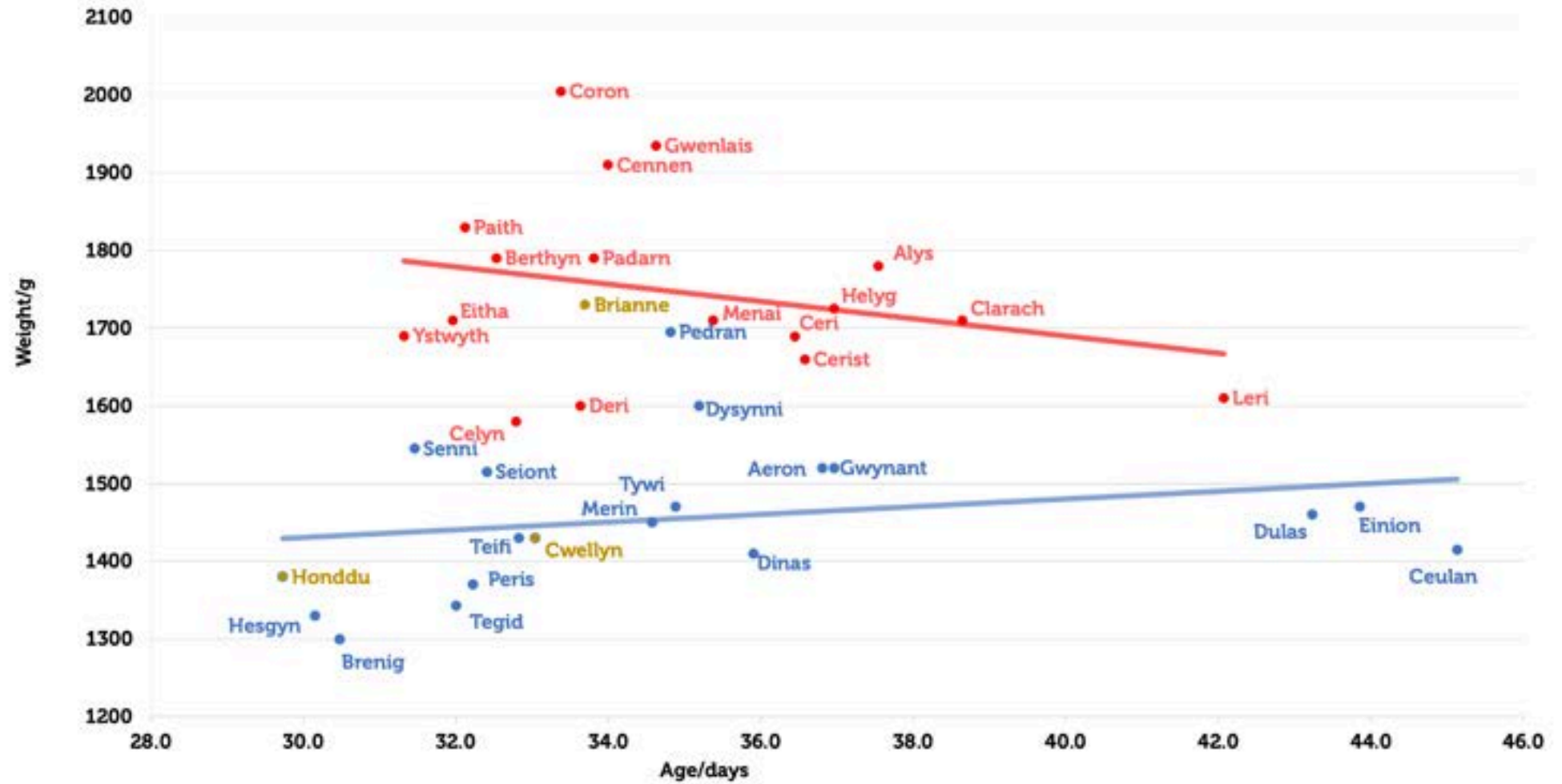
Chick 1, Female 6B6 Brianne 1730g

Chick 2, Male 6B5 Cwellyn 1430g

Chick 3, Male 6B4 Honddu 1380g

[Chick Pronunciation video 2025](#)

Weights of Dyfi chicks





Thu 19th June

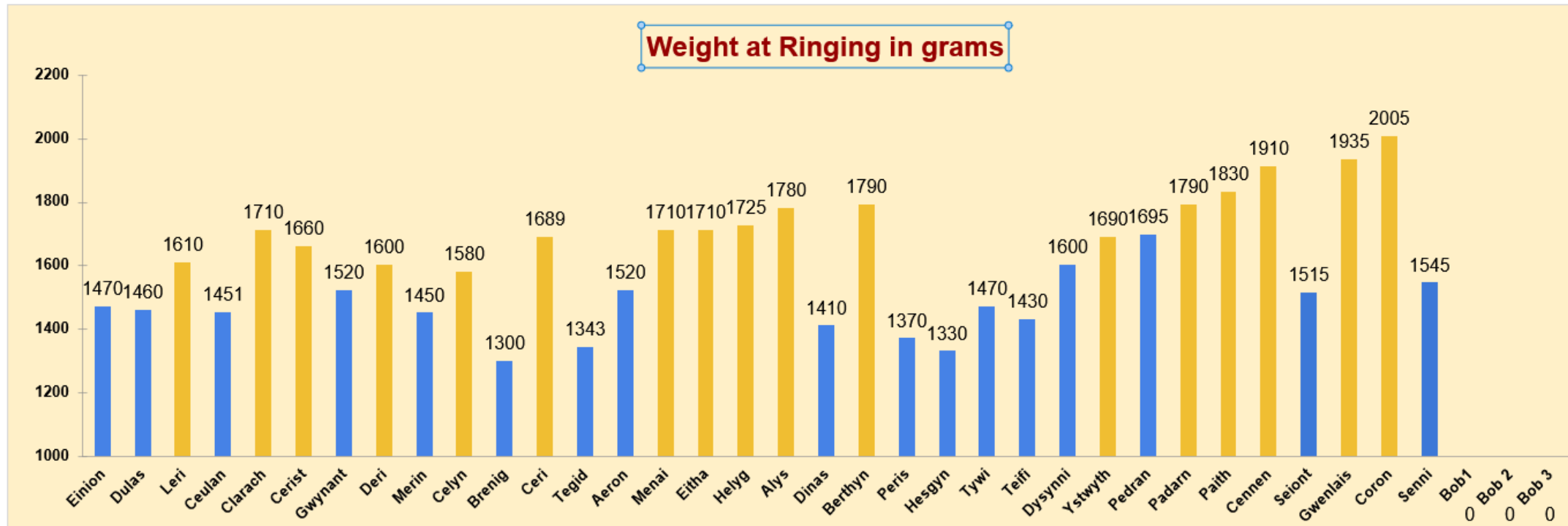
Chicks age in days	Bob 1	33	Bob 2	32	Bob 3	29
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A warm sunny day on Wednesday. The chicks are developing feathers, but as expected, the growth rate is slowing down now and Bob 3 is catching up in size..

We had two intruders appear together, flying over the nest but not close enough to identify.



As part of ringing tomorrow, the chicks will be weighed.
As a comparison, here are the weights of previous chicks.



The chicks last year were very large, we think from being fed a lot of Trout.
This year we have seen a more normal mix of fish being supplied, so it will be interesting to see what this year's chicks weigh.

Wed 18th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	32	Bob 2	31	Bob 3	28
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On Tuesday, Idris brought in an unusual fish for this nest.
 A Rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*)  Rhudyll in Welsh 



Might be a strange fish for this family, but it was soon eaten.

Feather growth is going well.
The chicks are well fed and not moving much in the heat.



Tue 17th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	31	Bob 2	30	Bob 3	27
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A warm and dry day on Monday, with the chicks well fed.

This included a large Sewin, which the Obs saw him catch down the river.

An interesting plant on the reserve is Royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*) 🇬🇧 Rhedyn Cyfrdwy 🇬🇧

The Welsh name translates as Flowering fern.



Protective and Magical Properties: In various cultures, royal ferns were associated with protection. Their fronds were used in spells or placed in arrangements to ward off evil spirits, witchcraft, or bad luck. Some traditions held that carrying fern spores or fronds could make one invisible or bring good fortune.

The chicks are very well camouflaged on the nest when they are lying down.



Mon 16th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	30	Bob 2	29	Bob 3	26
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Several Flounders again on Sunday. Then Idris brought in a large Sea Trout (Sewin)
He struggled to hold it on the camera pole but managed in the end. He fed first, then took it to the nest.
This camera was misty as it faces into the rain.



Sun 15th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	29	Bob 2	28	Bob 3	25
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Another wet start on Saturday, but Idris brought several fish in during the afternoon.

The chicks are growing quickly, and their feathers are showing well now.

The chick's feathers look bright when they are moving, but when they lie down, they are excellent camouflage in the nest.



Sat 14th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	28	Bob 2	27	Bob 3	24
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A few showers on Friday but mostly dry until the evening.

No intruders reported recently. Telyn and Idris have been close to the nest, which will put them off.
The eldest chick is 4 weeks old now and they are growing well and have good feather development.



Fri 13th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	27	Bob 2	26	Bob 3	23
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A very wet day on Thursday.

Telyn did her best to shelter the chicks, but they are too large to all get under her now.

Idris still managed to provide fish.

Ringling and Naming will be a week from today.



“Mumberella”



Thu 12th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	26	Bob 2	25	Bob 3	22
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Quite a warm day on Wednesday. Plenty of fish from Idris, so everyone was well fed.

Telyn spent some time in the afternoon being a sunshade for the chicks.



Idris brings in nesting material as a change from fish.



Wed 11th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	25	Bob 2	24	Bob 3	21
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Better weather on Tuesday, with plenty of fish being supplied by Idris.

A few intruders near the nest making Telyn and Idris mantle, but none close enough to identify.

Feather growth on the chicks is happening rapidly now. We can see real shape in the feathers.





Tue 10th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	24	Bob 2	23	Bob 3	20
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All quiet on Monday with plenty of fish being provided by Idris.

He brought in two very large Mullet and several Flounder, which kept the chickens stuffed with food all day.



Ringling this year will be the 20th June, dependent on the weather. On that day, we will also name the chicks

We are asking again this year for any name suggestions to be added to our list.
Submissions are to be made on the chat that accompanies our live stream on YouTube.

Remember, they must be Welsh lakes or rivers with Welsh spelling.

New suggestions will be added to our list.

The DOP managers will pick names on the day that we fit leg rings to the youngsters.

It is not a vote.

Below is the existing list of names.

Please try to check suggestions, and also, no repeats of previously used names.

[The Dyfi family tree is here.](#)

Afonydd	Cefni	Eden	Gwendraith	Llynoed	Plysgog	Tecwyn
Ahafon	Cegin	Edno	Gwenffrwd	Llynoedd	Pryddin	Terrig
Alaw	Cegir	Edw	Gwrl	Maelog	Pryddyn	Thaw
Aled	Ceirlog	Efyrwy	Gwy	Manod	Prysor	Traffwll
Alwen	Ceiro	Egnant	Gwyddior	Marlais	Rhaedr	Traws
Amman	Ceiswyn	Eiddion	Gwyrfa	Masalak	Rheidol	Trefechan
Anafon	Chwefri	Eiddwen	Gwys	Mawddach	Rhiw	Trefechan

Angell	Chweifri	Eigiau	Gwytheryn	Melindwr	Rhosddu	Trystion
Annell	Claerwen	Eira	Gywdol	Mellte	Rhosduu	Tryweryn
Arth	Cledan	Eirlys	Hafren	Menasgin	Rhymney	Twrch
Artro	Cleddau	Elan	Hepste	Meurig	Rhymni	Twymyn
Bachawy	Cledlyn	Elennydd	Hirwaun	Milwyn	Ritec	Tyswyg
Banwy	Cletwr	Elsi	Honddu	Morlais	Roath	Tywmyn
Barfog	Clywedog	Elwy	Iaen	Morwynion	Salek	Vyrnwy
Bawddwr	Cneifa	Ennig	Iain	Mwrwg	Seilo	Wallog
Berws	Connach	Erwydd	Idwal	Mwyngil	Seli	Watcyn
Bidno	Conwy	Evan	Iesyn	Mywyn	Silyn	Wysg
Bodlyn	Coro.	Evyrnwy	Irfon	Nedd	Sirhonwy	Ysgethyn
Bran	Cothi	Fflur	Islyn	Nevern	Soch	
Brefi	Crafnant	Ffraw	Ithon	Nyfer	Solfach	
Brianne	Cray	Ffyddion	Ithon	Ogden	Stewi	
Bugail	Cregennen	Gafenni	Kenfig	Ogmore	Stwlan	
Cadair	Creuddyn	Gareg	Kenson	Ogwen	Sychan	
Cain	Cwellyn	Garnwynant	Lisvane	Ogwwen	Sychnant	
Camddwr	Cych	Garw	Lledr	Onnen	Taff	
Camlad	Dilliw	Geirionydd	Llifon	Pandy	Taliaris	

Carno	Dulyn	Geugarn	Lliw	Peder	Talylllyn	
Caron	Dwyfor	Gludy	Llwyd	Peirian	Tanant	
Caseg	Dyfan	Gorlan	Llyfnant	Pilau	Tanat	
Cau	Dyfdwy	Gwaun	Llyfni	Piliau	Tarrell	

Mon 9th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	23	Bob 2	22	Bob 3	19
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The chicks are getting much more coordinated in their movements now. They are better at walking around the nest and are starting to exercise their wings.



Breakfast arrives (Flounder)



Sun 8th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	22	Bob 2	21	Bob 3	18
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A wet start on Saturday, but mostly dry throughout the day.

Telyn had the chicks uncovered almost all of the day.

Idris brought several fish in during the afternoon and the chicks were so stuffed that they could not move.



The feathers are now showing on the chicks.



Sat 7th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	21	Bob 2	20	Bob 3	17
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Bob 1 is three weeks old today and, like both his siblings, is growing well.



We had a few intruders around on Friday, but none close enough to identify.
Idris is chasing an intruder while Telyn and the chicks watch.



Fri 6th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	20	Bob 2	19	Bob 3	16
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Another quiet day on Thursday. No close intruders reported.

Most of the day now she lets them get fresh air as they mature.

They have all been getting plenty of food and they are sleeping a lot as they are so full.

Growth rate at this stage is extremely rapid.



Thu 5th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	19	Bob 2	18	Bob 3	15
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A breezy day on Wed. but that did not stop Idris from bringing in plenty of food. The chicks are looking very similar now that they have all lost ther down covering. Idris landed with a very nice Trout. The chicks all watching him.



We are now seeing their feathers beginning to emerge.



Wed 4th June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	18	Bob 2	17	Bob 3	14
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A wet start on Tuesday, but Idris still managed to bring plenty of fish in during the day.

One of these was a huge Mullet, he struggled to control it in the wind, so he went down onto the ground for a while.

The people in the observatory were very fortunate to watch Idris fly in from the estuary carrying the fish.



Idris with his large Mullet.



Tue 3rd June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	17	Bob 2	16	Bob 3	13
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Sunny weather on Monday allowed Telyn to leave the chicks out in the sunshine for most of the day.

She is very keen for them to get fresh air as soon as possible.

They had an abundance of food during the day, and at some stages, they were all so full that they could hardly move!

Bobbi Bach, so full it slept after eating.



Bob 1 or Bob 2?

At the moment, they are so alike that it is difficult to identify them.

The back stripes are still different, but only when we can see them side by side.

Bob 2 has a slightly longer and wider stripe, which seems to bend to the right on its neck.

On Tuesday, Bob 3 had a pale patch on its head.

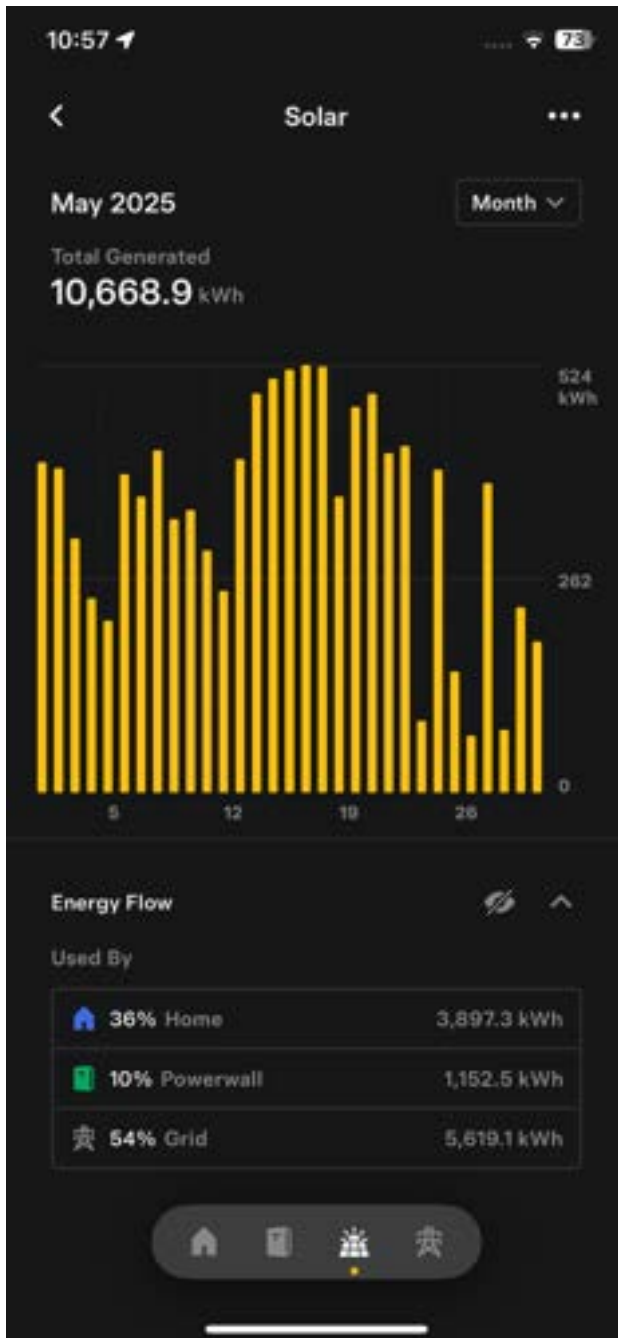


We will continue to watch as they grow.

They are changing very fast now, and in about three weeks time, they will be the same size as the parents with feathers well developed.

Mon 2nd June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	16	Bob 2	15	Bob 3	12
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New Record for May: we generated over 10,000 kWh of solar electricity for the first time. That's 10 Megawatts hours!

We only used 48% of this to run the whole DWC including all the car chargers and commercial kitchen, the surplus 5,619 kWh was sent back to the grid as clean energy.

We get 12p per kWh for this - that's £674, all of which goes into the 2025 camera appeal.

On Sunday, we had a couple of intruders very close.
One was ringed on its right leg, but because the light was low in the early morning, we could not read it.
In the afternoon, we had an unringed female visit. Possibly the same bird we have seen before this year.

Those watching the Live Stream will have seen several fights breaking out on the nest over the last week or so.

Though these fights can seem vicious, they are completely normal,
and siblicide (death from sibling fighting) is very rare.

Chick aggression is usually the result of a food shortage, with the strongest, and often oldest, chick(s) winning the
fight for fish and ultimately outcompeting the weak;

a selection pressure which is more commonly seen in larger broods.

There is currently no shortage of food on the Dyfi, and so aside from the odd battle scar, our three Bobs should be
absolutely fine.



The chicks line up for one of Idris's large fish



Sun 1st June

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	15	Bob 2	14	Bob 3	11
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Ringed intruder this morning - ringed right leg, unable to make an ID due to movement in dim light.
Beware of pareidolia.



Saturday was quiet again on the nest. Idris brought in a mixture of fish starting early, so Telyn was able to feed the chicks plenty of food throughout the day. They are growing very rapidly now. They are being quite rough with play fighting, but this is normal and usually does not result in any injuries.



Sat 31st May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	14	Bob 2	13	Bob 3	10
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Better weather on Friday, Telyn spent time up on the perch giving the chicks some fresh air.

We are seeing more aggressive play now that the chicks are getting mobile.

This is normal and usually does not result in any injuries.

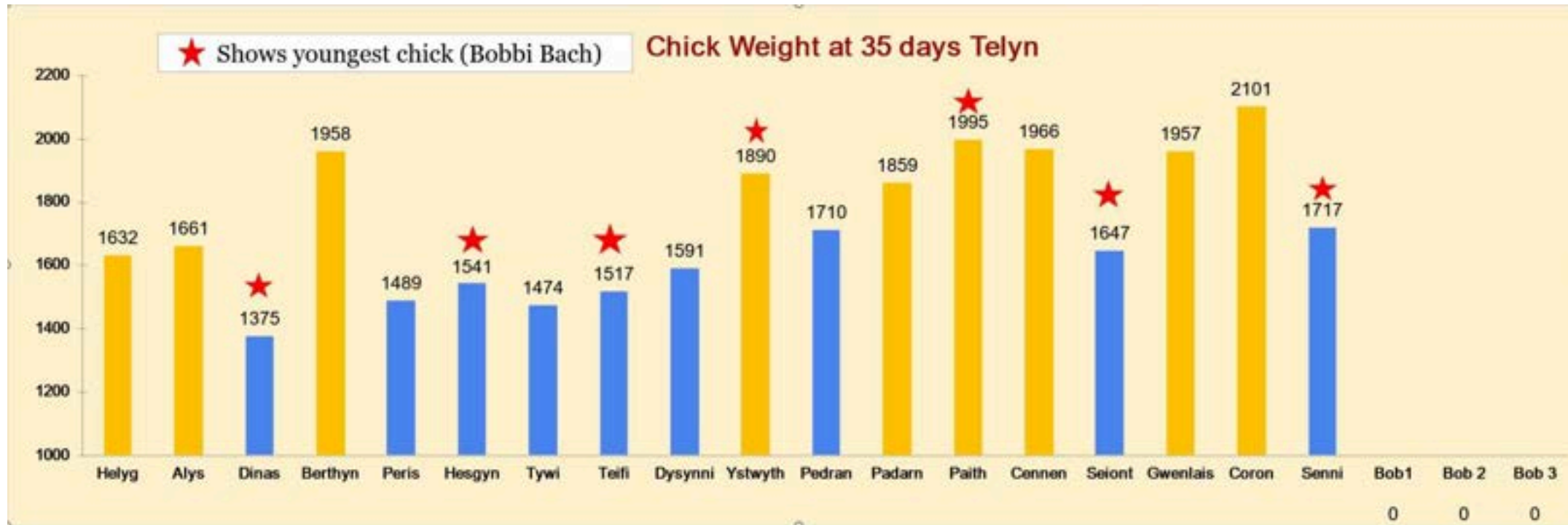


We continuously get questions about the youngest chick not being fed enough or being small.
(Every year, not just this one.)

This is a chart of Telyn's chicks' weights since 2018.

At ringing, the age can vary by a few days each year, so these weights are calculated to be 35 days old for comparison.

Males blue Females yellow



This shows that Telyn is good at ensuring that all her chicks get adequate amounts of food.

None of these youngsters are significantly lighter or underweight.

We would consider anything over 1250g for a Male and over 1500g for a Female to be satisfactory.

Most of our youngsters are considered to be very well developed and heavy.

This means that they have been well and continuously fed.

Fri 30th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	13	Bob 2	12	Bob 3	9
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Everyone is doing well, a windy day on Thursday, but Idris still managed to bring fish in. He brought in a couple of what we think were freshwater Trout, so he may have been somewhere different. Just to prove that Bob 3 does get fed.



Thu 29th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	12	Bob 2	11	Bob 3	8
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The bobs are progressing now and we are seeing big changes in them as feathers start to emerge.

We are moving into the “Rapid Growth Phase” now.

They will be growing very quickly and increasing the amount of food that they eat.

By 5 weeks old, when we will fit leg rings, they will be a similar size and weight to the adults



Rapid growth phase.

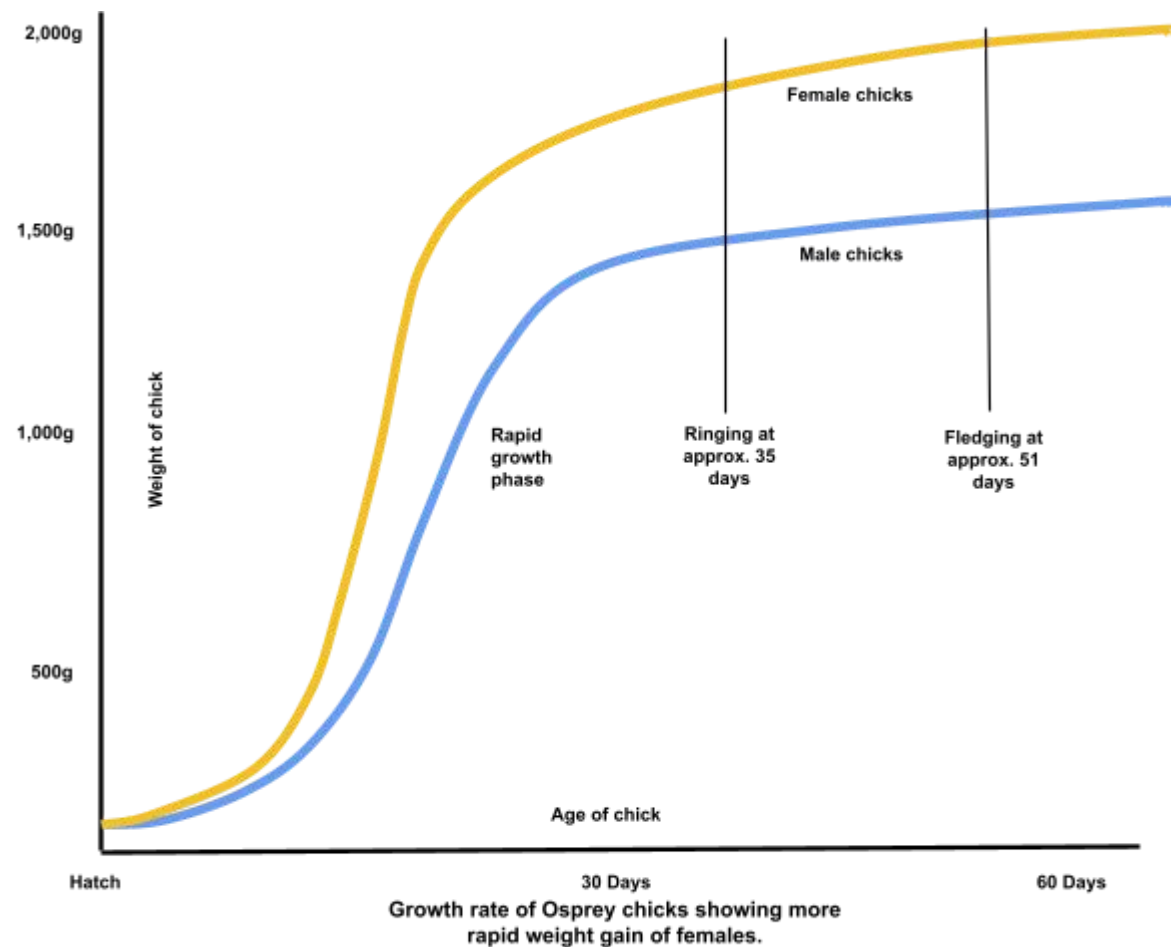
The growth of Osprey chicks is not constant. They pass through a “rapid growth phase”

This is an approximately two-week period where they seem to grow overnight.

Towards the end of this phase, and by about 5 weeks old when ringing takes place, there is a weight difference between males and females.

This is one of the factors used when determining the gender of the chicks.

After this, they will continue to gain weight steadily, storing up energy for their long migration.



Wed 28th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	11	Bob 2	10	Bob 3	7
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A very wet day on Tuesday
with Telyn concentrating on keeping the chicks protected from the weather for most of the day.

We are seeing Bob 1 and Bob 2 starting to lose down as they progress,

They are entering the dinosaur stage.

Soon we will see the golden feathers on the back of their necks starting to emerge.



Tue 27th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	10	Bob 2	9	Bob 3	6
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16:34 Intruder, 499 a 2022 Male from Glaslyn.
Idris away so Telyn on the defensive!



No shot of the ring, power cut as it was happening.

Bobbi Bach is looking quite small compared to its siblings.

However, this is just the age difference, with being a few days younger.

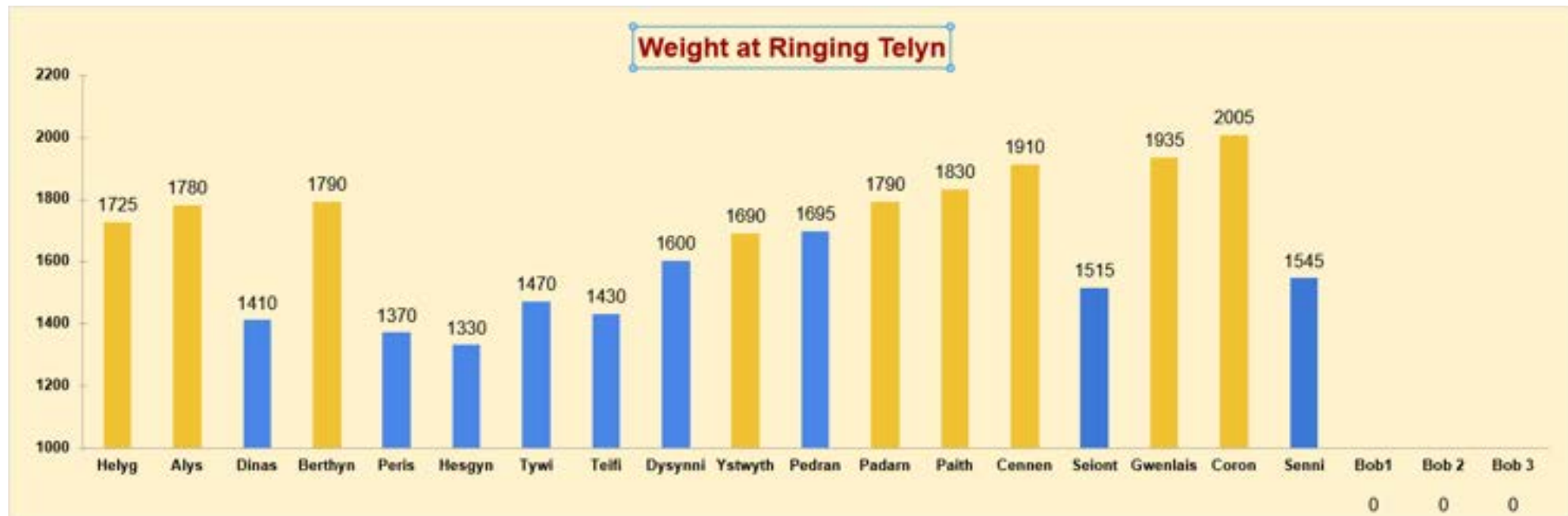
We weigh the chicks as part of the ringing process at 5 weeks old. (To determine gender, females are heavier.)

Although weights vary, we have never had a chick that we consider underweight.

They all get plenty of food over a period of time.



Weight of Telyn's chicks at ringing. (Approximately 5 weeks old)
 Note, male chicks (blue) are lighter. This is the difference that we use to establish gender.



Pedran was initially listed as a female because of the weight.

Later on, development indicated that we actually had a large male.

His development and progress were faster than his sisters', typical of a male.

As they developed, his body form was noticeably more slender, again a male feature.

Mon 26th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	9	Bob 2	8	Bob 3	5
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No real excitement on Sunday, a windy day, but still plenty of fish were brought in so all three Bobs were well fed.

We are seeing a colour difference with Bob 3. Hard to know what it means but we will continue monitoring.

They will very soon start losing their pale down covering and entering the dinosaur stage.

Last year, we recorded Bob 1 starting moulting at 11 days old.



Bob1

Bob2

Bob3

Because it was windy, Idris took his fish down onto the ground to eat. This is normal for him, but something that we very rarely saw Monty do.



Sun 25th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	8	Bob 2	7	Bob 3	4
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Another quiet day on Saturday. The weather was mild but windy, not much rain so far.

No intruders close to the nest, we seem to be having a quiet spell.

Plenty of fish again from Idris, so all three Bobs are well fed.

Idris supervises while Telyn feeds the Bobs. (They are down there somewhere!)



Meanwhile, on Cors Dyfi, Thom caught a great picture of a Tawny Owl with a trail camera.



Sadly, the UK's tawny owl population has fallen by over a third since the 1970s, placing them on the "Amber" conservation list.

Sat 24th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	7	Bob 2	6	Bob 3	3
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Quiet on Friday with the weather beginning to change in the evening.

Bob 1 is a week old today and doing fine. We can already see the growth over the first week.

Telyn is doing her normal splendid job of ensuring that all three chicks are well fed.

Ringling is planned for about the 20th of June. (Exact date to be decided later.)



Fri 23rd May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	6	Bob 2	5	Bob 3	2
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Thursday was a quiet day after the excitement of Bob 3 hatching.
All calm, plenty of fish and all the Bobs are getting plenty of food.
Even Idris got involved in feeding.



We have something different to look out for on the boardwalk.

Some unusual spider webs.

Labyrinth Spider (*Agelena labyrinthica*)



Thu 22nd May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	5	Bob 2	4	Bob 3	1
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Bob 3 was hatched at 15:29 on Wed.

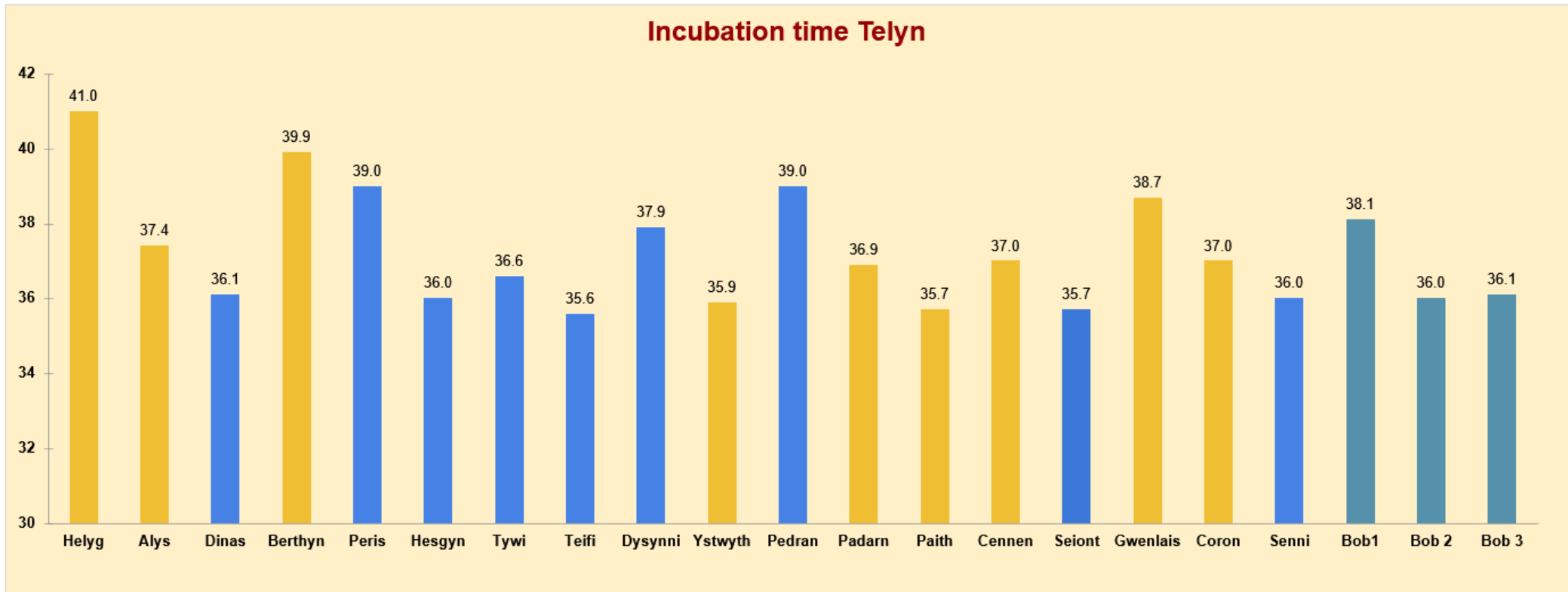
It was fed as soon as it hatched, as Telyn was feeding the other chicks at the time.

Although it seemed to take a long time to get out of the egg it was actually 36.1 days

Almost identical to Bob 2 and right on Telyn's average for a third chick.



Incubation chart for Telyn



Telyn incubation stats. 2018 to 2025

Telyn	Ave incubation egg 1	38.5 days
	Ave incubation egg 2	36.7 days
	Ave incubation egg 3	36.0 days

Today, Thursday 22nd May, Telyn (3J) is 12 years old.

She was born on this day in 2013 to
Male Green 5R (04) – Female Maya (unringed) at Manton Bay, Leicestershire.
A very old picture of Telyn with her two siblings on the Manton Bay nest.

🎈 *Happy birthday Telyn* 🎈



Wed 21st May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	4	Bob 2	3	Bob 3	
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Egg 3 hatched at 15:29 Bob 3 was eating as soon as it hatched.



No intruders were reported on Tuesday, but the cameras were close focused to watch egg 3.
The Bobs are doing well and both have had plenty of food.





Tue 20th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	3	Bob 2	2	Bob 3	
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A quiet day on Monday with Telyn and Idris concentrating on the Bobs.
 A large Sea Bass was brought in quite early and lasted for many tiny feeds of the Bobs.
 Some intruders were seen, but very high above the nest. Impossible to identify.



As far as we can see, Bob 1 has a dark back of the head and a narrow back stripe.
 Bob 2 has a paler head and wider back stripe.
 This is likely to change as they develop!

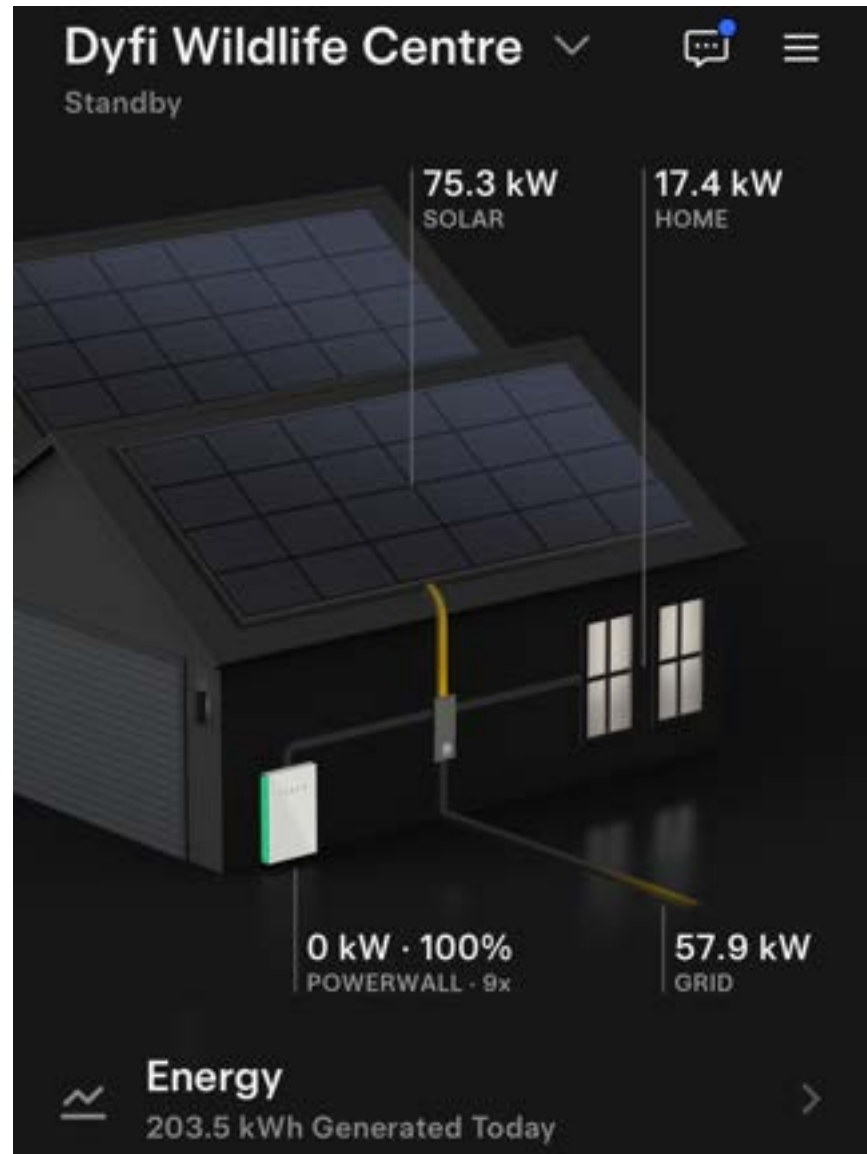
An early morning Flounder breakfast.



Mon 19th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	2	Bob 2	1	Bob 3	
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Generating 75kW at the moment - absolute madness



Two chicks have hatched now. Both are moving and eating very well.
Incubation was 38.1 days for Bob 1 and 36.0 days for Bob 2



Both Bobs get fed.



Sun 18th May

Chicks age in days	Bob 1	1	Bob 2		Bob 3	
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Bob 2 hatched 13:15 Sun 18th



Bob 1 being fed as Bob 2 hatches.

Egg 1 hatched at 16:22 on Saturday.

The chick was actually fed before it hatched.

The chick was still sitting in the bottom of its shell when it was fed by Telyn and Idris together.

A while later, it left the shell and hatched by Dyfi rules.

A crack was also seen in egg two around mid-morning





Telyn and Idris feeding the chick.



Sat 17th May

~OUT!!

1st chick hatches at 16:22 to beautiful Welsh sunshine, bang on time 🌞



We expect the eggs to start hatching this weekend.



Fri 16th May

Another new record today, a massive 518.7 kWh generated by the DWC solar array system. For context, that's enough to power run an average UK home for over two months.

With our new inverter installed this week, following probably a perfect solar day today, our new solar potential maximum seems to be around 520 kWh in one day.

We exported surplus 366 kWh today to the grid, the £42 we'll get for this goes straight to the Camera Appeal 2025.



Quiet day on Thursday for Idris and Telyn until the evening.

At 21:02, we had one intruder land on the nest perch.

At the same time, there was another intruder flying out of the camera's range.

LXO, no further details available, but probably a Welsh bird from a private nest in 2023.



Note Idris on the perch, mantling at another intruder above him.

Another view of LXO from a different camera.
Looks to be a male.



Thu 15th May

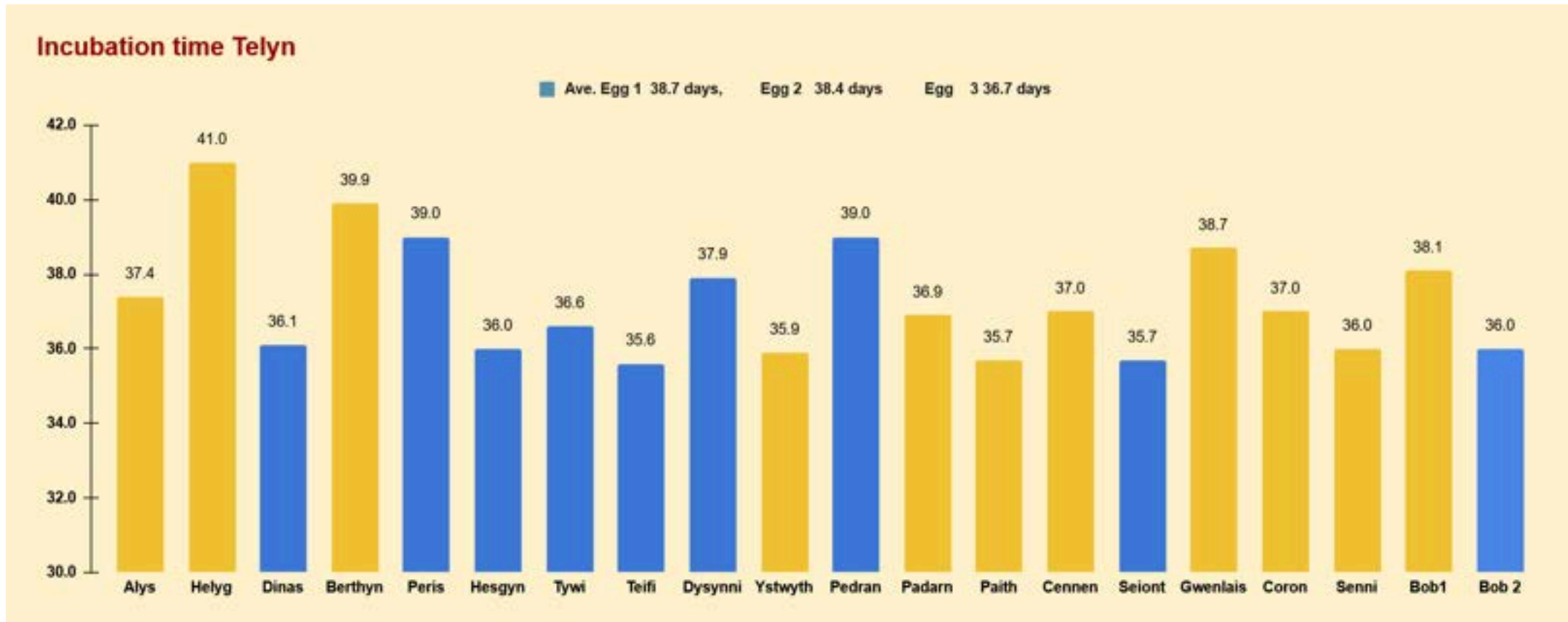
A NEW RECORD!!

Today we passed 500 KWh solar energy generation at the DWC (previous record was 499 kWh). That's half a MEGAWATT HOUR in one day!! Science Sunday post soon...



We saw a female unringed intruder on Wed. almost certainly the same one that has been around recently.
Also, other intruders too high to identify.

We have been predicting an early hatching date of Sat. 17th, based on incubation of 37 days as Telyn appears to have incubated egg 1 from laying. We have not seen any delayed incubation this year.
Her average is 38.7 days for egg 1.



Wed 14th May

Telyn and Idris are doing well, sharing incubation in the fine weather.

No close intruders were reported on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, on the reserve wild flowers large and small are blooming.

Yellow Flag Iris 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Gellesgen felen
Iris pseudacorus



Round Leaf Sundew 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Gwlithys
Drosera rotundifolia



Tue 13th May

A few intruders about but none close enough to identify.

One had a missing second primary feather on its right wing.

Rather warm on Monday before the rain came, and both were gular fluttering while sitting on the nest.



Clouds building before a thunderstorm.



Mon 12th May

A quiet day again, no intruders reported.

We are expecting egg 1 to start hatching from next Saturday, the 17th but it will be worth keeping an eye on the live stream feed from Thursday “just in case.”

Dyfi Osprey Project



Sun 11th May

More intruding ospreys again, a couple too high to identify, but we did get (the same?) unringed female fly past the cameras.

We do not have enough overlapping detail to prove this is the same bird, but we feel that it might be. Idris and Telyn were on the nest as she flew over.



As a pleasant change, we saw a Dragonfly on one of our other cameras.

A four spot Chaser *Libellula quadrimaculata*



Picellwyr pedwar nod



Sat 10th May

7 days until we expect egg No. 1 to start hatching.
More intruders around but none close enough to identify.



Fri 9th May

Another very quiet day with plenty of fish delivered.
No close intruders reported, but 2-year-old birds should be arriving any time now.
The notorious red plastic gets moved again by Telyn, who brought it in.



Thu 8th May

Another quiet day, no intruders reported.
Idris and Telyn inspecting the eggs.



Wed 7th May

An unringed female was intruding again on Tuesday.
It is possible that the same bird is staying in the local area.
She tried to land on the nest while Idris was egg-sitting. (Telyn was on the camera pole.)
He was not happy about this.



Seen on the reserve a Large Red damselfly (*Pyrrhosoma nymphula*)



Mursen Fawr Goch



Tue 6th May

15:14 A ringed female intruder landed

3H3 born at Manton Bay, Rutland Water.

Half sister to Telyn (same mother but different father.)



Another quiet day with Telyn and Idris concentrating on the eggs.
Plenty of fish are being brought in by Idris, so both are well fed.
No close intruders on Monday, but several passing through the valley too far away to identify.



Mon 5th May

All quiet with Telyn and Idris, incubation continues with both sharing egg sitting.

Another close intruder, but again an unringed female.

Possibly the same one as before, there are not enough details to tell for sure.



During the intruder visit, Telyn landed on the nest, startling Idris.



Sun 4th May

Plenty of fish from Idris, Telyn was presented with a whole Trout on one delivery.



Another frustrating intruder on Saturday, an unringed female on the camera pole.
No idea if it was the same one that visited on Wednesday.



A fascinating thought is that this could be the unringed juvenile that visited the nest in 2022. We are aware of other nests close to the river Dyfi on private land that have had successful breeding but were not ringed.

2022 unringed juvenile intruder.



Sat 3rd May

Intruders about but nothing close enough to identify.

Idris continues to bring in large fish. Mullet this time.

First egg hatching in approx 14 days. (17th May)



Fri 2nd May

We had some intruders around on Thursday but none close enough to identify. Telyn and Idris were hot in the sun so were not very active, concentrating on incubation.

Telyn “Gular fluttering” This is rapid vibrations of the gular (throat) skin.

Similar to panting in some mammals.



Thu 1st May

A big frustration for our camera operators is getting a great picture of an intruder only to find it was un-ringed.

This female visited on Wednesday morning.

She could be a Welsh bird, as there are nests in Wales where ringing is not possible.

Our pair were in sight at the time.



Telyn and Idris are still nicely relaxed and concentrating on the eggs.
Incubation and protection are their priority.



Wed 30th April

14:49 We had another intruder
7C4 from Bolton Castle who visited Dyfi last year.



Quite an exciting day with intruders on Tuesday.

Early in the morning, we had a male, 721, from Tweed Valley land on Monty's perch. Then, in the evening, we had his brother, 720, from the same year (2022) on the nest perch. We have recorded 5 ringed intruders so far. This time last year we had only seen 2 at Dyfi.



Tue 29th April

Another quiet day with the Ospreys. Telyn and Idris are doing well and concentrating on incubation.

We had a first-ever sighting on the reserve on a trail camera of a Pine Marten.

They have been seen locally but not on Cors Dyfi.

Intruder, 721 from Tweed Valley (2022)



The Canada Geese were out with newly hatched young.
These are on the Beaver pond, but we have other pairs around the reserve.



Mon 28th April

Another calm day on the Dyfi with Telyn and Idris concentrating on incubation.

No intruders were close enough for identification.

We hope to see two-year-old birds (from 2023) returning soon.

We had one female and one male that year Cennen. 7B3 and Seiont. 7B4

It would be great to see another Dyfi female in Wales.

Flounder from Idris. The Obs saw him go to Glandyfi bend to catch this one.



Two more moths from Saturday.



Alder kitten ~ *Furcula bicuspis*



Lunar Marbled Brown ~ *Drymonia ruficornis*

Sun 27th April

All quiet on Saturday. No reported intruders.

We had a moth night for a visiting group on Saturday.

Dulcie and Thom recorded 32 moth species in one night. A good result for April.

Maiden's Blush ~ *Cyclophora punctaria* A rare and local species for Montgomeryshire, recorded since 2000 from only a couple of sites in the far east of the county.



Every year, we see Telyn bring in seaweed to the nest. She brought some in on Saturday.



Later, Idris, who was egg sitting, did some rearrangement.
Telyn checks that he is doing it correctly.



Sat 26th April

We had a good view of the eggs yesterday.

Hatching of egg 1 is expected in three weeks, 17th of May (approximately.)



Fri 25th April

All is going well with Idris and Telyn as they share incubation.

We saw other Ospreys from the Obs looking down river (about 3 km)

And one flew over the nest area but was chased away by Idris.

Frustrating not to know the identity of the birds but encouraging that there are more Ospreys around in Wales now. Also, the two-year-olds should be arriving soon.



A happy Idris.

Thu 24th April

Again, all nice and quiet here, Intruders too high to identify.

Operculum

These are bony flaps inside the gills of fish.

They serve to direct water over the gills, helping with oxygen absorption.

Because they are so hard, they are usually discarded by the Ospreys.

We have some on display at DOP for visitors to examine. These were collected from beneath the nest.

Idris is removing one from a Mullet.



Wed 23rd April

Idris continues to provide plenty of fish while Telyn concentrates on incubation of the eggs.

We again have seen some intruding Ospreys but with Idris staying close by they do not get much chance to come close enough for identification.

The cows have been returned to Morfa Dyfi by a local farmer. These do a good job in the summer of controlling shrub growth, preventing Willow and Birch from taking over.

The Ospreys just ignore them.



Tue 22nd April

All quiet on the nest again on Monday

We did see some good wing pulling from Idris trying to get Telyn off the eggs so that he could sit.

She was not moving.



Mon 21st April

Several intruders about one of which landed on the nest.

This was 499 A 2022 male from Glaslyn nest.

The three chicks that year were the last ones from Mrs G. she did not return in 2023.

The amazing thing is that all three have been sighted back in the UK.

497, 498 and 499 All males.

To equal this three chicks from the same year at Tweed Valley nest have also been sighted.

720, 721 and 722, All males

Extraordinary stats this year.

499 on the Dyfi nest perch Sun 20th



Sun 20th April

More intruders around on Saturday, but again not close enough to identify.

Telyn and Idris continue to share egg sitting.

Idris still brings in big fish. This one is a Mullet.

Probably close to his own body weight.



Sat 19th April

No fourth egg this year. Still three.

Another quiet day at DOP.

A few intruders about, but nothing close enough to identify.

At 23:48 on Thursday, we had a Barn Owl land on the nest behind Telyn.

It was so quiet that she did not notice until it took off.



Other wildlife on the reserve.

Puss Moth (*Cerura vinula*).  Cathwyfyn 



Fri 18th April

Thursday was a busy day.

It started off with an intruder who landed on Monty's perch.

This was "Olwen" **X6** a 2022 bird from Llyn Brenig.

This bird was noted as Female at ringing, but clearly was a male when sighted today.
During the day, we had numerous visits from Intruders, but all were too far away to identify.

At times, there were two intruders in the air with our pair in the nest area.

Also, three Ospreys were seen down the estuary in the usual fishing area.

Olwen



Thu 17th April

A very wet and windy day. Idris and Telyn have just been waiting out the weather and taking turns to egg sit.

We saw Telyn down on the low perch which is unusual for her.

We did get one good view of the three eggs.



Eggs are

2

#3

1

Wed 16th April

The third egg was laid at 13:52 on Tuesday, as per Telyn's normal schedule.

Other than the egg-laying, it was another quiet day.

We have some wet weather predicted for the next couple of days, but that is unlikely to affect the Ospreys or the eggs.



Tue 15th April

Egg three 13:52

Things all OK with Telyn and Idris, plenty of food and mild weather.

A third egg expected today (Tuesday)

More intruders were seen on Monday including one with a fish, but all too high for identification.



Mon 14th April

After the excitement of egg-laying, we had another quiet day at Dyfi.

Telyn is relaxing while egg sitting.

This view shows the depth of the egg cup protecting the eggs.



We expect egg No. 3 tomorrow morning (Tuesday)

Sun 13th April

Telyn laid egg No. 2 at 13:37 on Saturday.

This is the same day that the first egg was laid last year, so we are well in advance this year.

We expect egg three on Tuesday morning.

Will there be a fourth egg? Her mother (Maya) has laid 4 again this year.

Egg No. 2 on the right with a dark end.



We have news of **3R** Gwynant, a chick born in 2014 to Monty and Glesni.
He has been photographed again in Northern Spain.
This was almost certainly on his way back to the UK.
As an 11-year-old, he will be breeding somewhere.
Thanks to Doriana Pando for the report and photograph.



Sat 12th April

Egg No 2 at 13:37

First Cuckoo was heard today at 12:20

We expect Telyn to lay a second egg around midday today.

After another sunny day, the mist ( TARTH) suddenly rolled in, giving an unusual view.



Fri 11th April

Another quiet day after the egg-laying on Thursday.

Telyn and Idris are settling into the routine of egg sitting.

Both have taken turns sitting but Telyn has also left the egg uncovered at times while standing guard on the nest edge.

This is normal for Telyn and the egg is fine.



Thu 10th April

First egg for 2025 was laid at 13:48 on Wed.

This is the earliest date for egg-laying that we have seen at Dyfi.

The previous record was on the 12th of April for Gwenlais and Dysynni.

This was 12.8 days from first mating, which is exactly the average for this pair.

This egg has two very distinctive dark blotches on it.

A second egg will be expected around midday on Saturday 12th

With a third egg on Tuesday 15th mid mid-morning



Wed 9th April

Idris and Telyn are enjoying the good weather and mostly staying near the nest.

We have again had some intruders passing through but no identifications today.

Good news, **W1** Merin is back at his nest in the Lake district.

Z2 Aeron has been sighted on his nest and KS6 Dinas was seen on camera on Wed 9th.

Both in North Wales.

Merin was born in 2015 and started off with a triple fledge with his siblings Celyn and Brenig.

Glesni was not ready for this and was very surprised, she mistook the flying youngsters for intruders.

The story is here including videos of the day.

[Triple Fledge 2015](#)

At ringing Merin was declared as a female but subsequent results from DNA testing showed that he was a male.

He returned and bred in Denmark for a couple of years before moving to the Lake district where he has been successfully breeding since 2021.

We saw his daughter **460** as an intruder at Dyfi last year.



Merin photographed in Denmark.

Idris and Telyn



Tue 8th April

Both Telyn and Idris are doing well.

Several intruding Osprey sightings, including one that landed.

7C1 A female born in the Lake District in 2022. She was seen at Clywedog last year.



Lots of Red Kites seen and a Marsh Harrier over Morfa Dyfi.

Mon 7th April

All quiet again (As we like it.)



Telyn and Idris are planning egg-laying.

Sun 6th April

We had some intruders on Saturday, but Idris was close by and chased them away before we could get an identification.

We are hoping for a first egg around mid-week.



Sat 5th April

Another quiet day at DOP. No reported intruders.

Idris and Telyn were relaxing and enjoying the warm sunshine.

At Glaslyn, Teifi KC6 is bonding with the resident female Elen (unringed), as Aran, her partner, has not returned yet.

Teifi was born in 2020 to Idris and Telyn in their first year together. He was reported from North Wales last year, so he had been scouting the area.

Also note that Teifi was very pale compared to his brother and parents.



Fri 4th April

Plenty of fish were brought in, and both fed well.

We saw two Red Kites (probably males) circling up and down the valley trying to best each other in the air.

Also, a single intruding Osprey came fairly close but not into camera range.

It was chased off by Idris.

This is the new nest perch being collected by Thom and Dulcie (who is on camera duty.)

It was selected for strength, not bounciness.



Thu 3rd April

A quiet day on the Dyfi again. Plenty of fish and sunshine.
We had two intruders reported from the Obs. but, as usual, they were too high to identify.
Idris and Telyn are working to ensure that we have eggs this year.



We were very pleased to see [KC6](#) Teifi at Glaslyn.
We do not have any more information about him but he was seen there last year.

Wed 2nd April

Idris and Telyn were both close to the nest again yesterday
apart from the times when Idris went fishing.

We are moving towards egg-laying now, which we expect in about 7 days time.



Idris with two fish.



Tue 1st April

Telyn and Idris continue to do well, spending a lot of time near the nest just relaxing. Meanwhile, on ponds around the reserve, we have Ducks and Geese getting ready to breed. They are busy investigating and competing for breeding sites.



Dulcie, who does Moth collection and identification, had a good sighting

An Oak Beauty (*Biston strataria*) 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Rhisgl y Derw 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

The plant is Bog Myrtle, (*Myrica gale*) 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Helygen Mair 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

Which is flowering all over the reserve at the moment.

Plenty going on at Cors Dyfi.



Note that all moths are released unharmed after identification.

Mon 31st March

Plenty of fish on Sunday to keep them both full.
They put on a good show for all the DOP visitors to enjoy.



Idris

Telyn

Sun 30th March

A quiet day on the Dyfi. One intruder was spotted by the Obs but too far away for identification. Telyn has started to use the new Nest Perch, which has always been her favorite nighttime perch.



Note, the lights in the buildings are infrared from the cameras.

Sat 29th March

Friday was a relaxing day for Idris and Telyn as they adjust to being back in the UK and the start of the breeding season.

Idris is catching big fish, so Telyn has not needed to fish for herself. There have been plenty of matings. We would expect a first egg in about ten days.



Fri 28th March

Telyn returned on Thursday.

This will be her 8th season breeding at Dyfi. 2 with Monty and now 6 with Idris.

She was hungry when she arrived but by no means starving.

Idris had a fish when she arrived and he spent about half an hour sky dancing and calling above the nest in his excitement. Finally, giving the fish to Telyn, who very much enjoyed it.

In the afternoon there were several mating sessions as they settled down.



Thur 27 March

TELYN RETURNS!!

Video here:

 Telyn Returns (2025)

And Blog here: <https://www.dyfiospreyproject.com/blog/emyr-mwt/idris-and-telyn-return-2025>



Idris continues to bring sticks to the nest.



Wed 26th March

Another quiet day for Idris.

We can see great progress on the nest now compared with last week.



Tues 25th March

Idris had a quiet time on Monday spending most of the day on the perches with a large Mullet that he caught. This would be exactly how they pass the time in Africa while overwintering.



Mon 24th March

Idris is bringing in lots of sticks for the nest while he waits for Telyn to arrive.



Sun 23rd March

Idris has been settling in.
He has brought some sticks to the nest and has already dug an egg cup.
He looks in very good condition and is relaxed on the nest.



Idris eggcupping.

Sat 22nd March

Idris returned at 18:44 yesterday.

This is 9 days earlier than 2023 or 2024.

It is also the earliest that we have ever recorded one of our Ospreys returning.

He arrived with a very fresh Mullet which he rapidly began to eat.

Because Idris is not tracked we have no idea where he migrates to. It is interesting to speculate if he overwinters in southern Spain or Portugal. But we can not be sure.

Idris returned to the nest at 05:49 this morning.



Fri 21st March

18:44 Idris returns



As we get ready for a new Osprey season let's record the nest before they return.



Mon 10th March

We have done some work on the nest ready for this season.

A new nest perch has been fitted. This has been selected to be strong and hopefully will last for a long time. .

Also, the top of the nest has been cleaned to give a nice flat platform.

The Ospreys will build on top of that whatever they want to.



Sat 1st March

As March begins, we can start to think about Ospreys returning.

Last year,

2024 • Telyn returned at 19.29 on Mon 25th March • Idris returned at 09.49 on Sat 30th March.

We have work to do on the nest and the cameras before then, so we are hoping for some decent weather.

Our current plans are to start live streaming on the 22nd of March.

With the visitor center going to 7 day opening from the 20th March 10.00 to 17.00



