

WINCHESTER

PEREGRINE EGGS HATCH

A pair of peregrine falcons who live at the top of Winchester Cathedral are thought to have had a record number of eggs this year. Winnie and Chester have lived on top of the 900-year-old building for a couple of years. Winnie laid a clutch of five eggs recently, and they have just started to hatch! On 27th April one of the experts keeping track of the pair wrote: "Winnie has hatched her first chick this morning. At 10am she was eating the eggshell – not wanting to waste valuable calcium. The chicks will be carefully guarded and kept warm by her for the first 7-10 days, and then she will leave them to go hunting." You can see the birds yourself via a live webcam. Peregrines are the world's fastest animal. When they dive to catch prey, they reach speeds of 200 miles per hour!



MANCHESTER

AEROPLANE MEALS SHARED OUT

Air travel has collapsed because of the coronavirus. With most flights grounded, a "mountain" of frozen meals meant for airline passengers has been growing near Manchester Airport. Now, a group called Open Kitchen MCR has stepped in to rescue the meals and give them to people in need. More than one million meals are going to be given to people in the area who struggle to afford their own food.

UK

CRANES COME BACK

The tallest bird in Britain, the crane, is making a comeback! This spectacular bird can grow to 1.2 metres tall. Cranes were once common in the UK, but they became extinct here about 400 years ago because of hunting and the loss of their habitat. However, the increase in wetland nature reserves means that about 200 cranes are now thought to live in the UK. Chrissie Kelley, from a wildlife group in Norfolk, said: "We are thrilled to see wild cranes doing so well. Seeing these birds in flight is breathtaking."



Questions on: 'UK News'

Look at the news from Winchester.

1) Who are Winnie and Chester and where do they live?

Who:

Where:

2) Why does the mother bird eat the egg shell?

"You can see the birds yourself via a live webcam."

3) What is **cam** short for in the word 'webcam'?

4) What does the word **via** mean in this quote?

using, or through

connected

seeing, or seen

Look at the news from Manchester.

5) ● Who was supposed to be eating the meals?

- Why haven't they been eaten?
- Who is going to eat them instead?

Look at the news from the UK.

6) Find **three** facts about cranes.

1.

2.

3.

7) Why are more cranes living in the UK now?

Consider all the stories.

8) Which category do these news stories fit into?

Funny news

Good news

Bad news

Explain your choice.