**ISLAY MIST 2019**

Do you like the idea of being gently woken by the distant calls of hundreds of geese as they fly in to their feeding grounds? If you’re not an early riser, as I am not, then the good news is that sunrise on Islay is not till about 0730 in late October. Or would you prefer the idea of relaxing in front of a coal fire after a good day’s birding? We can’t arrange peat for the fire but 8 distilleries can offer beverages with various intensities of the flavour.

We make no promises on what birds you’ll see but the average number of species seen on the 5 previous Autumn visits to Islay by RAFOS is 112 (for the statisticians, range 107 – 121). There has been a Richardson’s Cackling Goose at Loch Gruinart but, again, we can’t promise it will still be there and I couldn’t pick one out in a flock of Canada Geese anyway.

Islay Mist 2019 is due to take place from 26 Oct to 2 Nov 19. If you are interested, please tell Dick and Jan Knight on theknightsat2@gmail.com or on 01243 920289. We need to know by 1 Jun 19 so we can confirm the accommodation.