

## **Tiree memoir**

It was during the summer of 1961 that the first RAF Detachment came to Tiree.

There were six personnel in all, one sergeant, one driver and four technicians. Initially we helped to install the technical equipment at the airfield and on Ben Hough. Before Christmas we were down to five men headed by just a corporal.

The original idea was to work one month about at Tiree and Prestwick, but before the first month was over, we were captivated by the beauty of the island and made arrangements to stay on a permanent basis.

We were living in the Lodge Hotel at the time which was run by a Mr Alfie Bruton and his wife.

The original driver, Vince, stayed and married an island girl called Jane MacKinnon.

I stayed until January 1964 and look back at my time on Tiree with good memories and I remember the island folk with great fondness for their hospitality and kindness.

I still hope to return some day.

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