

# Great Highland Bagpipe Interactive Tutorials

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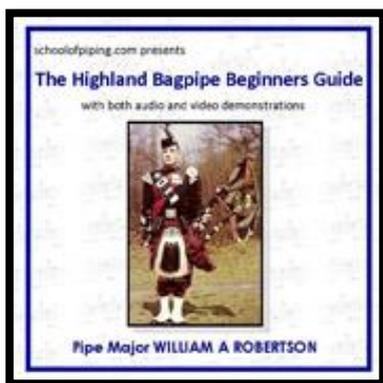
Pipe Major Bill Robertson ex The Royal Scots has produced a series of Great Highland Bagpipe tutorials on DVD-Rom. This is a wonderful package and incorporates video, audio files and books on DVD- Rom. They are incredibly detailed and absolutely magnificent value for the vast amount of material incorporated into each product.

Snippets from the books are available in our articles section and Bill's profile is available for all to see as he is a contributor to The School of Piping site. Bill's pedigree is impeccable being one of the youngest British Army Pipe Major's in his day and having completed his Pipe Major's certificate at The Army School of Piping in Edinburgh Castle under the legendary Pipe Major Willie Ross (Scots Guards).

Bill is a stickler for detail, an immensely talented piper and has a series of impressive contest wins to back up his knowledge. This includes The Highland Brigade Piobaireachd event, the Comunn Na Piobaireachd Gold Medal, numerous grade 1 pipe band championship wins, and various light music championship victories.

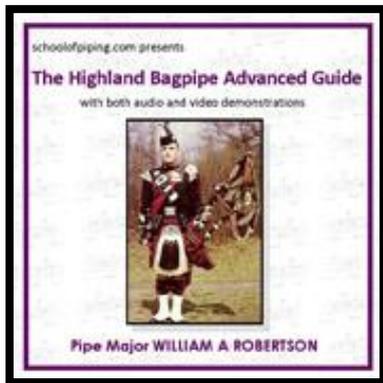
Bill has three DVD-Rom currently available:

- **The Highland Bagpipe Beginners Guide**/tutorial and teachers package.



This includes an excellent 93 page learner's book with audio and video links demonstrating each embellishment and tune and also video links showing bagpipe and chanter maintenance. This is all well thought out and a good strategic method for anyone wishing to learn the bagpipe.

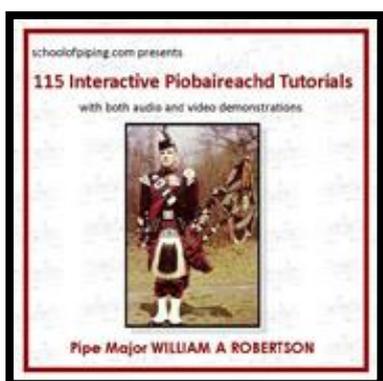
- **The Highland Bagpipe Advanced Guide**



This includes a 97 page Advanced Guide Book showing fingering techniques, expression and phrasing in tunes and a maintenance guide. Numerous video and audio files are linked throughout the text to explain the methods being taught.

In the Piobaireachd section Bill deals with how to execute correct strong technique, broken down in sections, including tune timing, variations, relevant extracts, categories, structures, phrasing, how to interpret the written scores. Guidelines and extra Piobaireachd tutorials are included. You will be amazed at the quantity and quality of the information Bill imparts in his usual fastidious manner.

- **The 115 Piobaireachd Tutorials DVD-Rom**



Bill also offers a Piobaireachd tutorial package second to none. It includes a book showing technique with video links and technical guidance and thorough tutorials for 115 piobaireachd tunes. Twenty Five of the tunes have manuscript produced by Bill in the manner he believes the tunes should be played and the remainder have references to other common sources. There is also a file containing historical notes on tunes produced by Ron McLeod.

This disc contains a vast amount of material that represents a life time's study by a highly respected and immensely qualified Pipe Major.

A lot of time, intelligence, experience and thought have been put into Bill's packages. He is obviously a person to whom the years have been very kind, and his playing, demonstrations, and enthusiasm in no way reflects his advanced years. His chanter work is clean and concise with a very strong technique. He is a man ahead of his time. The use of all modern forms of technology to impart the message is wonderful.



*PM W.A. Robertson*

These DVD-Roms are highly recommended as being of great intellectual value and a superb resource to the piping community. They are now available for purchase from **The School of Piping Shop** at <http://www.schoolofpiping.com/shop.html>