

Great Highland Bagpipe Interactive Tutorials

Bill Robertson has produced a series of tutorials, ranging from beginners packages to a comprehensive guide which is available on DVD. This is a wonderful package and incorporates video, sound files and two books on DVD.

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 this site.

The package includes:

- A detailed beginners Guide/tutorial and teachers package.
- Details on how to improve your light music playing.
- A Bagpipe Maintenance section.
- Piobaireachd tuition.
- Music downloads.

Bill offers a monthly tutorial on-line, by way of a tune of the month. I strongly recommend subscribing. Other material and free lessons are also available on his site at www.bagpipe-tutorial.com. These range from simple exercises to advanced tunes. There are always good pointers as to what the sticking points in each tune will be.

Bill also offers a Piobaireachd tutorial package with technical guidance and 110 tunes that are available. A very thorough package with tips on techniques, demonstrations of the tunes and various settings and comments and playing tips interspersed throughout. I have seen the demonstrations of selected tunes in the main package but not the entire Piobaireachd package itself.

A lot of time, intelligence, experience and thought have been put into Bill's package and it is worth spending time perusing. He is obviously a person to whom the years have been very kind, and his playing, demonstrations, and enthusiasm in no way reflects his age. (All meant in a good way Bill). His chanter work is clean and concise with a very strong technique.

This package has obviously been put together with limited resources and is an absolute credit to Bill. The value is therefore exceptional and any small flaws do nothing to detract from the "pearls of wisdom" being imparted. The use of all modern forms of technology to impart the message is wonderful.

When I was an up and coming Piper, we had an ex-member of the Innes Tartan Band playing with us. He later took over as Pipe Major of the Band I was playing with and I subsequently became his Pipe Sergeant. Stories of Bill Robertson were common place and the amount of respect was obvious. The tuning techniques, maintenance and set up passed from Bill influenced me enormously. It was not difficult to sell me on the fact that anything Bill

produced was going to be of great value to the piping community. A man ahead of his time and a highly recommended series of products!



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