

Profile

Rob was born in Lennoxton, Stirlingshire, by the Campsie Fells. He grew up in Glasgow and lived there for over 40 years before relocating to Surrey.

Rob was a member of the Surrey Pipe Band for five years, in which time he played on numerous band engagements, including the Surrey County Show, Hendon Police College passing out parade and the Star & Garter Military Tattoo at Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson.

Rob plays 'McCallum' and 'Inveran' Great Highland Bagpipes but can also offer Scottish smallpipes for more confined venues. His dress code on most occasions is full ceremonial 'No1' dress (with Royal Stewart tartan) but other options are Highland day wear (e.g. for funerals) and Highland evening wear (Prince Charlie jacket, dress shirt, bow tie - and kilt of course!). Rob offers a choice of tartans: Royal Stewart, Buchanan, Isle of Skye and Royal Regiment of Scotland.



Anchors Away!

Clients

Recent clients have included:- Dewars Whisky, Siemens plc, Lord Mayor of London, South African Embassy, RAF Lyneham, Royal Army Medical Corps (Keogh Barracks), Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Prince Phillip Barracks), Cranleigh School, Guards Polo Club, Oxford Instruments, Kerry Foods and Hickstead Showground.

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'MACBAGPIPES' **SCOTTISH BAGPIPER** *for hire*



"None other can stir the blood, quicken the heartbeat, or move the soul as can the sound of the Great Pipe, whether heard in a great hall or borne down the glen on the wind."

Col David Murray

Weddings



The Great Highland Bagpipes played by a true Scot in full regalia will provide the finishing touch to your special day. Some suggestions for wedding piping are:

- As the guests arrive at the church/ceremony
- As the bride steps from the car
- Leading the bride and bridesmaids down the aisle
- Playing a short piece at an appropriate point in the ceremony (e.g. the lighting of candles or signing of the register)
- Leading the bride and groom out of the ceremony
- During initial photos
- As the guests arrive at the reception venue
- As the bride & groom arrive at the reception
- During pre-dinner drinks
- Piping the guests into dinner
- Leading the bride & groom to top table

Rob will be happy to talk these options through with you (and consider any others) to ensure the piping is tailored to your requirement. This includes the choice of tunes.



Functions & Parties

Rob is available for corporate events, e.g. to welcome clients to a conference or guests to a company dinner, and for birthday or anniversary parties, whether taking place at home, hotel or pub. Burns Dinners (see photo) and New Year's Eve celebrations are obvious highlights of the year.



*"Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great Chieftain o' the Puddin'-race!"*

Funerals

Funeral options include piping as the cortege leaves the house, at the church, at the crematorium or at the graveside. A typical cremation service will entail leading the hearse on its final approach, playing as the coffin is being carried into the chapel, again as the mourners are leaving the chapel and then a final lament in the distance as the mourners are viewing the floral tributes. The tune selection is agreed with the client beforehand.



Sample Comments

"Fantastic piping yesterday, really glad to have you there - looked and sounded fantastic!"
(Pam & Nathan, Lansdowne Club, Mayfair)

"A big thank you for everything yesterday. You were absolutely awesome. Everyone is still talking about you and we couldn't have asked for anything more on our wedding day. Our guests were completely bowled over by you. Thank you for being so charming and for all the extra touches you provided." (Shirley & George, Hampshire)

"Many thanks for the wonderful job you did for us on Burns Night. Many of our members commented that you were the best yet." (Chipstead Golf Club)