Airs



& Graces



Original Compositions for the Highland Bagpipe by Chris Eyre and Joe Massey

FOREWORD

This book is the product of a long and warm relationship between Joe Massey and myself over at least thirty years coupled with our mutual interest in composing. Some of these tunes have taken many years to mature. Others have been written in one session. That's the way it goes sometimes. I hope you find something of interest for you here. Chris Eyre.

Joe joined the Scots Guards after leaving school, one of three brothers who served with the regiment, the eldest being killed in action. He learnt his piping with the 2nd Battalion and also studied at Buckingham Palace under Alec MacDonald, the then Sovereign's Piper.

For a while he played with the Clan MacLeod Pipe Band, and then as Pipe Sergeant of the Clan Cruachan Pipe Band. He then joined the Cameron Highlanders 1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish until its disbandment in 1967

He then became Pipe Major of the Liverpool Irish and was that regiment's last Pipe Major. The Irish then became the 103 Light Air Defence Regiment, and Joe was asked to form a new band and became its 1st Pipe Major.

Joe then moved to Ayr, where he was P/Sgt of the Killoch Colliery Pipe Band and was called upon during this time to judge the Killoch Junior Solo Piping competition. He then played with British Caledonian Airways Pipe Band for several years before retiring to Anglesey. He then moved to Formby where he helped for several years in training the Merseyside Cadet Pipe Band at Altcar.

While serving in the Liverpool Scottish, he was invited by Capt. John MacLellan to be guest Piobaireachd player at the West End Hotel ceildh owned by Gordon Usher, and played in front of D.R.MacLennan and P/M Evan MacRae.





I learned my piping for the most part in Scotland. For several years I was taught by Sandy Mitchell in Peebles. Later I attended a series of Summer Schools at Stirling University where I studied under several excellent pipers, i.e. Hugh MacCallum, Iain and Duncan MacFadyen, Capt. John MacLellan, Andrew Wright, and Donald Morrison. During this time I gained the Institute of Piping's Senior Certificate. For a number of years I also attended Duncan Johnstone's School of Piping in Glasgow.

Apart from the piobaireachd I was taught at the Summer Schools, I also learned quite a number of tunes from P/M Donald MacLeod and several others from P/M Evan MacRae, who I knew for some years after his return to Fort William and just prior to his winning the Gold Medal at Oban.

I have also played in several pipe bands, competing in Grades 4, 3 and 2. In 1991 I moved to the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band and was their Pipe Major from 1992 to 2003. Since then been with the Wirral Pipe Band

Chris Eyre

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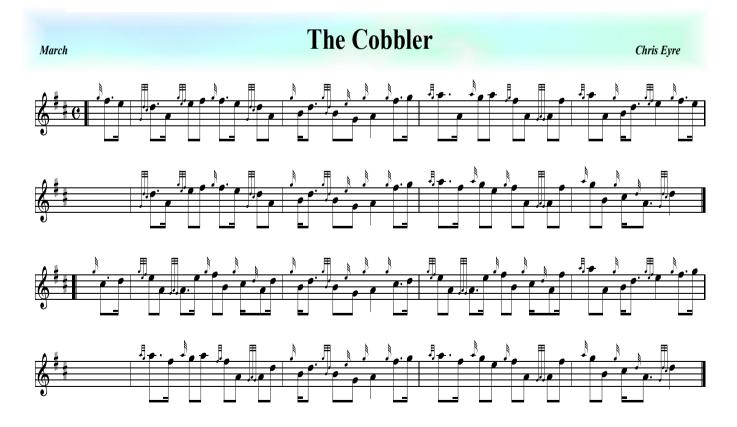
March

The Men of Hooge

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16th June 1915 The 1/10th (Scottish) Battalion, The King's (Liverpool) Regiment, T.F. took part in an attack at Hooge during the 1st Battle of Bellewaarde. Of 23 Officers and 519 O.R's who went into action, only 2 Officers and 140 Men came out unscathed.



The alternative name for Ben Arthur, a very distinctive mountain near the head of Loch Fyne in Argyll. It lies between Ardgartan and the Rest And Be Thankful on the road to Inverary.

The North West of England Piping Society

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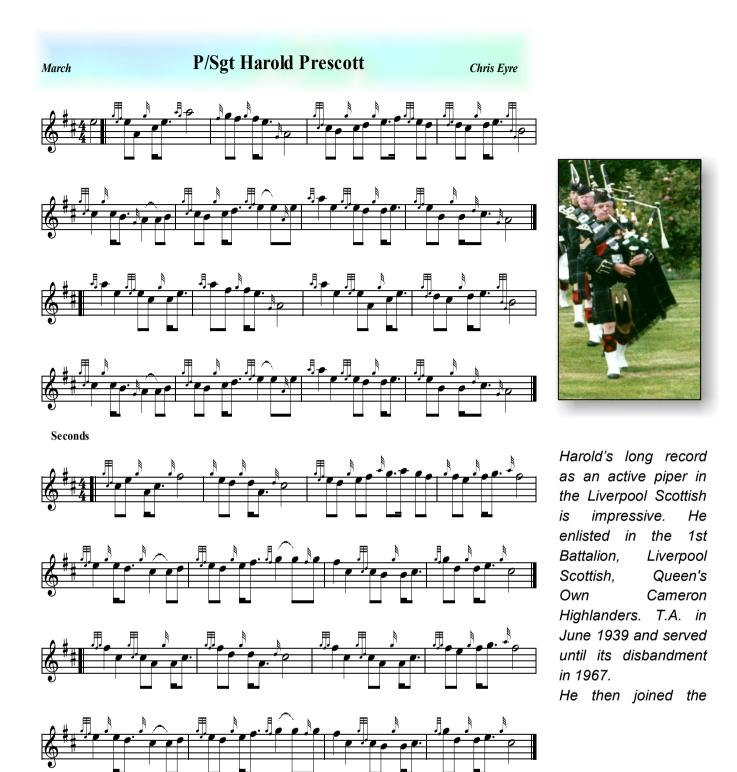


Formed in 1992, due mainly to the efforts of Owen Nash whose brainchild it was and who is still the mainspring behind its activities, the Society hosts a recital by two leading pipers every six months in the Manchester area. To date (April 2002) the Society has staged 21 of these most memorable events in the Manchester area. The Society also runs an annual Solo Piping competition in March, Strathspey & Reel, and Slow Air, Hornpipe & Jig.



The home of the Liverpool Scottish until 1967. The site is now occupied by Pickwick's night club.

March



newly-formed 'V' Co. (Liverpool Scottish), 51st Highland Volunteers T.A.V.R. serving for many years as its first Pipe Major.

In 1989 he was a founding member of the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band and was still playing regularly with the band until only a few years before his death in March 2002. He is pictured here playing with the band in his role as P/Sgt in the early 1990's.



Joe Massey





The eldest of Joe's brothers.

Charles was killed in action at Bonningharte, Holland, three weeks before the end of World War 2.





Mick Molyneux served as a Staff Sergeant in the Liverpool Scottish. He is now the Chairman of the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association.





Rosalind is a school teacher, and is, at the time of publication, one of Joe's pupils. She owns a croft in Murlaggan, near Fort William, and spends much of her time there.







This tune was written in honour of all submariners and was dedicated to them during a service at St Nicholas' Church, Liverpool. The title is Latin for "They will rise again". Incidentally, some years later a submarine bearing the same name which was sunk in the river Mersey during WW2 was brought back to the surface.

Here Joe had just played the tune for the first time at HMS Dolphin in Gosport during a visit there with the 103 Regiment Pipe Band.







Tom served as a piper for many years in the 103 Regiment Pipes and Drums and eventually took over as Pipe Major. He then moved to "V" Co. the Liverpool Scottish where he succeeded Glyn Pritchard as Pipe Major when he retired.



A long serving member of the 103 Regiment Pipes and Drums as a piper, Ken has now served for many years as Pipe Major. The band was for many years based as Daysbrook Barracks, Liverpool. A few years ago the band moved to its present location in St. Helens.

D/M John Noble's Farewell to Ayr Joe Massey

(Wirral Pipe Band)



Ken was one of the founding members of the Wirral Pipe Band 25 years ago. He is still there today, having held the post of Pipe Major for the last 15/20 years.

March

Pipe Major D. Black, MBE, BEM

Joe Massey



After serving in the 1st Batt. Royal Scots for 6 years, and the 7th/9th Batt. Royal Scots T.A.Dave then joined the Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band, and later played with Woolmet Colliery P/B. He then joined the 278 Regiment, Royal Artillery, remaining there until 1967 when it became the 102 Regiment, Ulster and Scottish. He served there as senior Pipe Major until his retirement in 1986.



Written to mark the occasion when Chris became Pipe Major of the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band in 1990, a post he has now held for 12 years.



When, in April, 1967, the 1st Battalion, Liverpool Scottish, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, T.A., based at Fraser Street Barracks, was disbanded, 'V' Co. (Liverpool Scottish) was established in its place as one of five rifle Companies of the 1st Batt. 51st Highland Volunteers. Their new home was Forbes House, Score Lane, Broadgreen. This association with the 51st continued until 1999 when "V" Company reverted to its original role as part of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment.

This change involved the breaking of a long-established tie with a most enjoyable group of pipers and drummers, and this tune was written to commemorate that rather sad occasion.

Shown here is the 51st parading in the Liverpool in 1992 and includes the combined pipe bands of the Liverpool Scottish, the London Scottish and the band from HQ in Perth.

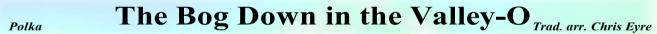




This tune was written during Joe's convalescence after a hip replacement operation during which he found marching to a tune rather awkward as one leg wouldn't quite work the same as the other one.....











The Fort stands on the north-east tip of the Wirral peninsular, built as a defence against invasion from Napoleon.

March

The Banks of the Mersey

Joe Massey



March The Salmon Run Chris Eyre





A former Commanding Officer of the Liverpool Scottish. His son also served in the Liverpool Scottish during the 2nd World War. His grandson, Paul, served as a piper in the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band in the early 1990's.

Colonel and Mrs Anne Paterson March Joe Massey











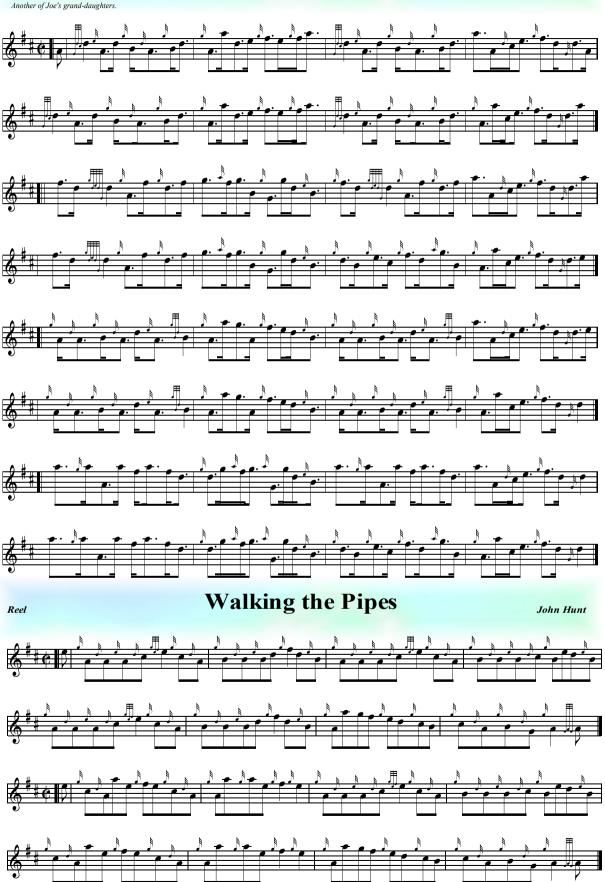


I lived for a while on Kinnoull Hill on the outskirts of Perth, Scotland. From there we had a magical view of the hills of Breadalbane, rising above the city of Perth. As autumn moved into winter and on into spring, I used to watch the gradual progress of the snowline on those distant hills.









Written by a cadet piper. His first attempt at composing.



A view of the track leading to the summit of Ben Nevis. It starts in the bottom left hand corner, near to Glen Nevis Youth Hostel. The summit is just in view, top right. The ascent takes about 4 hours. Even in July when the temperature in the glen is 90 degrees F there are still snow-fields near the summit. The final 1000 feet is a gruelling zigzag path through boulder scree. It is just visible here but the fore-shortening in the picture gives no idea of the scale involved.



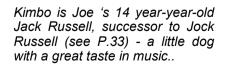


Joe's faithful canine companion, now deceased.

He just loved dressing up.....











Written to commemorate the world's most horrific act of international terrorism to date — the destruction of the World Trade Centre in New York in 2001.







Zudupiper was the pseudonym which Dave Turpen used during the years he spent as a regular contributor to the Internet Newsgroup known as **rec.music.makers.bagpipe**. He was a serious student of the pipes and often competed in solo competition in America. It was only after the sudden announcement of his death that we learned about his long battle against cancer.

















Forbes House, in Score Lane, Broadgreen, was the home of "V" Co. the Liverpool Scottish for 33 years from 1967 until 2000 when the Company was disbanded.

In February 2002 it was finally demolished after having been sold off to developers. Only two platoons of the Regiment now remain, one in Manchester, and one in Liverpool as part of the King's Regiment at Townsend Avenue Barracks.

The sadness involved during this period was very great and was the setting for this tune.



Vicky is the wife of Bill Williams. Bill served in the Scots Guards from 1943 to 1953, ending with the rank of full Sergeant. He was offered the rank of Drum Major but had already decided to come out at this point. In 1954 he joined the 1st Battalion, the Liverpool Scottish, as Drum Major where he remained until 1967.



The Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band. Photograph taken in the Drill Hall of Forbes House in 1993.





Joe's daughters — Jeanette and Yvonne

Frank & Jean Pirie

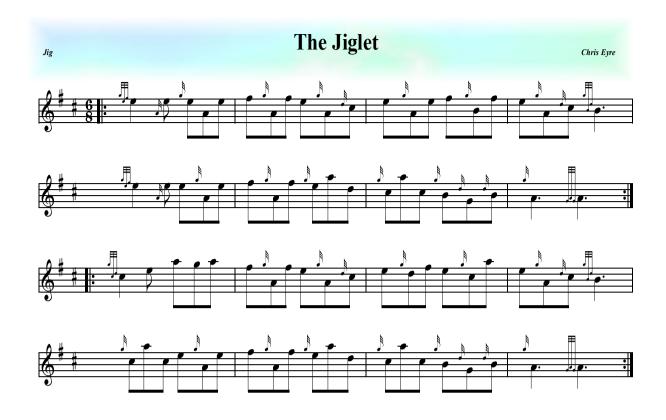
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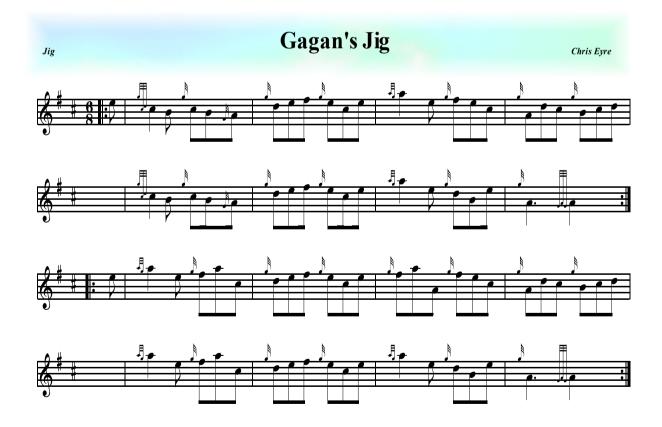




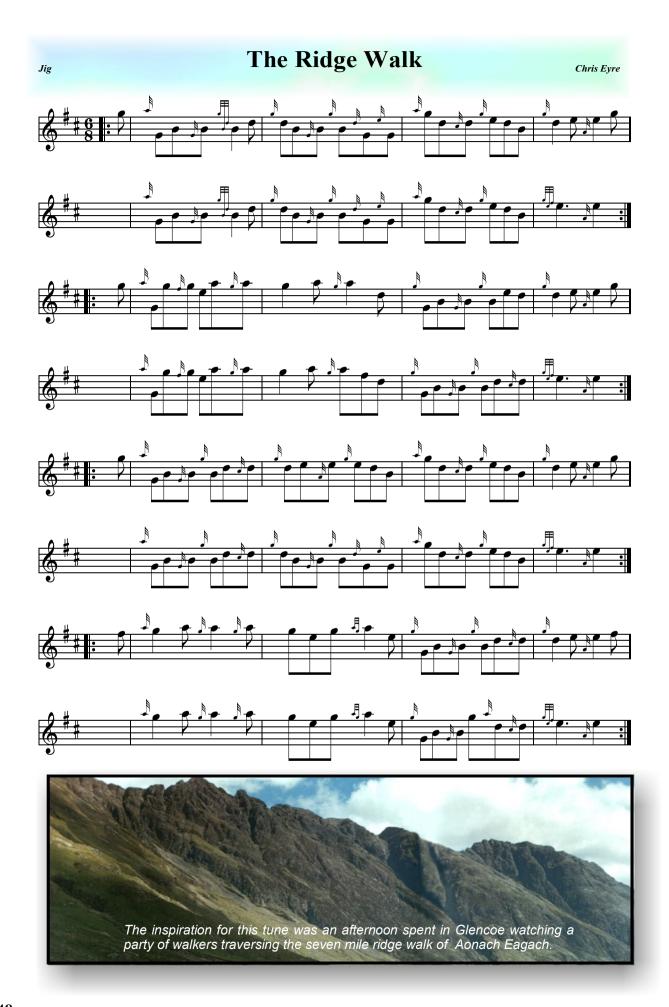






















Another of Joe's grand-daughters.







The local name by which the Liverpool Overhead Railway was affectionately known.

Joe Massey's Night Out

Chris Eyre





Alan Draper learned his piping at St George's Pipe Band, Chorley, playing in their Juvenile band when it was at its height. During this time, the band was placed 2nd in the World Championships. Alan then joined the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards and became P/Sgt under P/M Brian Donaldson.



Commemorates the sad end to a trumpet after a collision with a bedpost after a riotous night out.



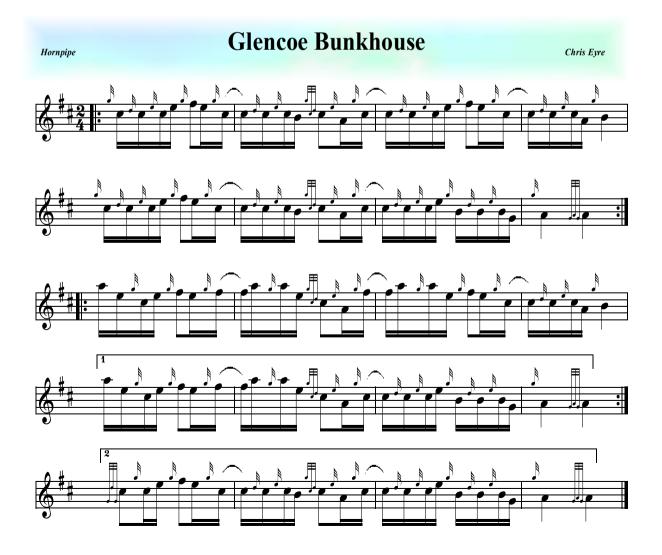
Joe's grand-daughter.....
Well, one of them, anyway....

More to come!



Written on the death of Arthur C. Molyneux, the father of my Leading Drummer in the LSRA Pipe Band at the time of writing.









Written in honour of one of Joe's pupil's who cannot get through more than two sentences without using the phrase "at the end of the day"....



Written in memory of the members of "V" Company, the Liverpool Scottish, who were based at Forbes House, Score Lane, Liverpool from 1967 to 2000.

Subtitled, "Tom, a Credit to Sutcliffe's"







Yet another of Joe's grand-daughters..

Hornpipe

Big Kenny Horton

Joe Massey



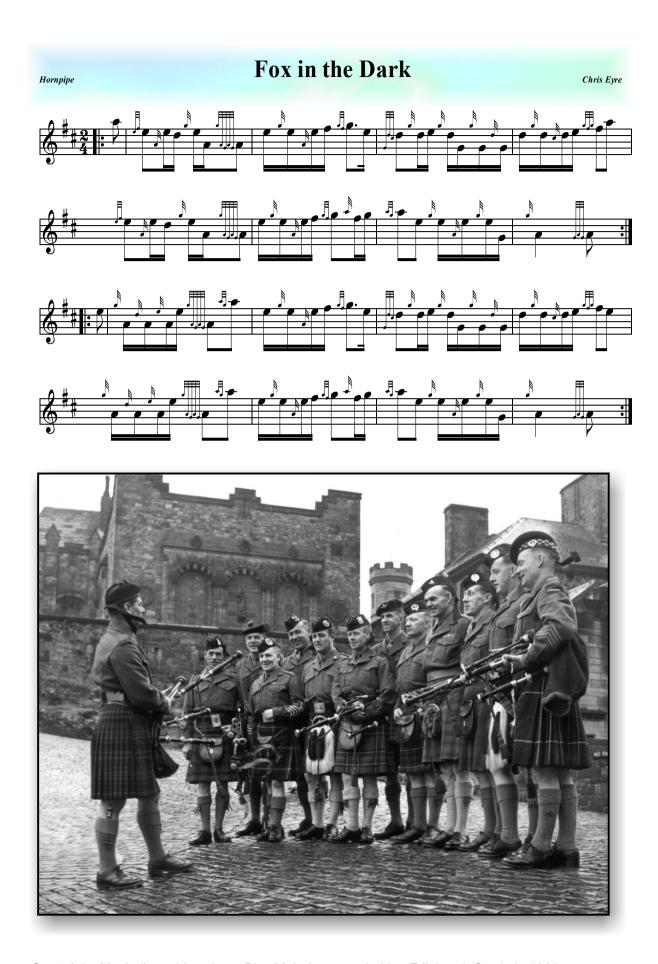
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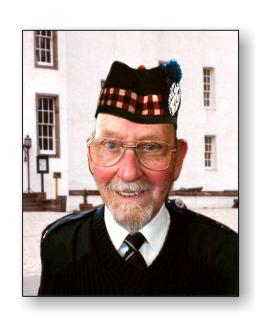
Capt. John MacLellan addressing a Pipe Major's course held at Edinburgh Castle in 1965. Joe is the second on the right.



Written on learning that Sid Edwards has attained the age of 80 - and hadn't told anyone.

Sid has been a very active and dedicated Committee member of the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band over the last 12 years or so.

In fact, he is the youngest 80-year-old I have ever met.





On one famous occasion, I travelled 100 miles to a contest a Shugborough Hall, only to find I had forgotten my band shirt. After a frantic search for a suitable shop to no avail, I was saved at the last minute by a friendly landlord who lent me a freshly-ironed shirt in time for me to join my band for the contest. He literally gave a perfect stranger the shirt off his back..





Pat is the wife of Bill Baker, a piper in the 103 Regiment Pipes and Drums during Joe's time there as Pipe Major.

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