



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association

The Music Board

Member Details – Davie Clark

Branch: Ayrshire Dumfries and Galloway

Band: Not Applicable

Discipline: Piper

About me:

I joined Ayr Pipe band Society in March 1956 having previously learned piping in Prestwick Pipe Band. In my first season with Ayr we were promoted to grade 2 after having won the World's grade 3 in Belfast and many other contests that year. I held the position of Secretary, Treasurer and Pipe Sgt during my first 14 years. In 1970 I was elected Pipe Major to take over from Bob McCroskie. With my two Pipe Sgts. Ian Mathieson and Andrew McKissock and lead drummer Bert Boyd we taught a new band from scratch and in 1976 were promoted to grade 1 where the band stayed until my retirement in 1987.

I was appointed to represent the Branch on the Advisory Committee in 1972 and I was elected to the College Board in 1981. In 1986, the Music Board was being formed to replace the Advisory and College Board. In October the Music Board was formed with three main sections being lead by J. K. McAllister, Wilson Young and myself. During this period I was actively involved in the team which produced the Structured Learning Tutor Books. I have continued to represent the Ayrshire Dumfries and Galloway Branch now for 37 Years. Currently, I hold the position of Standard's Convener responsible for grading matters

My greatest claim to fame was a 6th in the World's grade 1 at Lanark in 1978. Ayr Band did however win many other competitions including 13 consecutive Branch Championships. I continue to be a member of the RSPBA Adjudicator Panel both in Piping and Ensemble. I also teach young pipers of the 1st Troon BB.

Music Board Activities:

Branch Representative

