

Iain started dancing and piping at 7 years old, his teacher being Tommy Pollock from Glasgow. He also took lessons from Bobby Cuthbertson, Andrew Sutherland, Jackie Grant and Willie Cuthbertson and he continued his piping with world famous Glasgow piper Peter R. McLeod.

Iain joined The Queens Own Cameron Highlanders in 1959 and during his Army Career performed for The Royal Family on many occasions. He also performed in The Press Club New York for Brigadier McLean.

Iain continued to compete during this time and in one competition in Munster Germany, he competed against Mr. Robert Clark who like Iain has represented Scotdance Canada at Board Meetings. Iain left the Army in 1961 and returned to Willie Cuthbertson's dance classes, and in 1962 was 2nd in the World Championships. He joined the B.A.T.D. in 1972, the S.D.T.A. in 1973 and the judges panel in 1977. As well as teaching dancing successfully for many years, Iain organised the first Kirkintilloch Highland Games, The Glasgow Highland Gathering and The St. Mungo Championships.

Under the guidance of Angus Morrison Iain started piping for dancing competitions and over the years became many competition organisers' regular piper and at Cowal Highland Gathering Iain piped for 43 consecutive years. Unfortunately due to lack of mobility Iain has retired from piping and I am sure you will all agree he will be irreplaceable in the dancing world

Throughout his life Iain has been dedicated to the Board and Highland Dancing in more ways than one and was made an Honorary Life Member by the Directors of the Cowal Highland Gathering and an Honorary Member of the SOBHD. He is also known for his good sense of humour and positive manner. When Iain was asked if he would like to adjudicate at the Millennium Champions Challenge, he replied "on this occasion I think I'd like to pipe". And so he did!