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Do You Remember When?

Perfectly True - It Actually Happened I Was There

On the first day of September in 1962

Our Golf Club ran an outing for folk like me and you They put a sheet up on the board for names who wished to go And left it to the Captain to organise the show

They left the Golf Club car park in a Blair & Palmers bus There wasn't any trouble, there wasn't any fuss

They piled the clubs into the boot with a crate or two of beer And started on their outing full of fitness and good cheer There was Tom Slack and Tom Fraser, Dicky Robinson and John Todd

Frank Shuttleworth, Ellis Beattie, Jacky Tinnion and Bob Dodd Tony Allison, Douglas Oliver, Bill Cameron and Carr Scott Johnny Lowes and Doctor Dolan, now wait that's not the lot Our Captain went and of course you know his name was Alfred Grieve

We'd Bill, Fred and Eddy Todd and our old friend George Ritchie

Frank Jacobs and John Gass were there and of course we'd Dr. Gray

And we went to the Dumfries and Galloway course in a competition to play

We stayed at Dumfries for the night at the old County Hotel Bonnie Prince Charlie once stayed there, now they've had Harold Bell

We were up sharp in the morning, we'd hardly time to dress 'till we piled into the bus again on the way to Southerness We arrived at the course about half past nine not as fit as the day before

We'd drunk a lot of whisky and pints of beer galore Then out we went to do our best full of good intent And the way I felt from the night before I wished I'd never went But we struggled round for eighteen holes then went and had some grub

Just across the road from the golf course there's the Paul Jones Hotel and Pub

Then out we went in the afternoon in a Stableford Four Ball And the state of one of the winners made you wonder how they won at all

Now you'll be getting sick of hearing this and listening to me sing

So before I leave this microphone there's just one other thing Next year when we run this outing get your name onto the sheet And come with us whereever we go and give yourselves a treat.

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I am certain there will be many that remember the characters named here, although after 39 years they sadly won't all still be with us.

If anyone has any other songs or stories, please let us know.