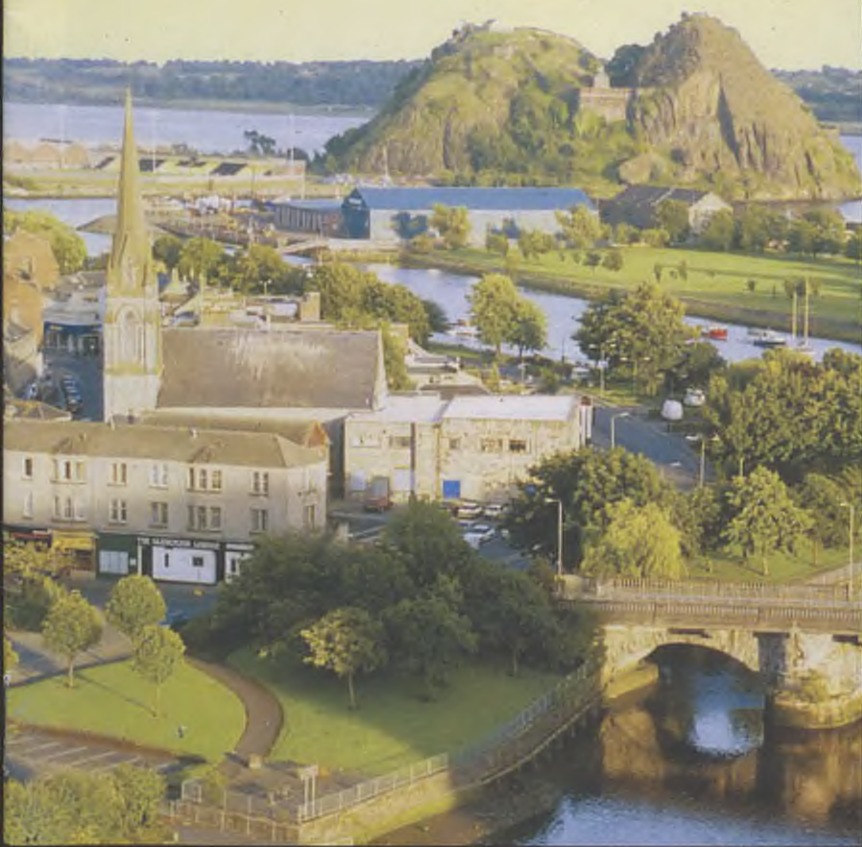


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## View from the Dugout GERRY McCABE

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Last week's visit of Dunfermline ended in a 5-1 defeat, but forget the score. It's all about getting our fitness levels up and we want to play against teams like these as teams nearer our own level wouldn't be such a challenge.

In the first 35 minutes we looked the better team and had a good shape and balance about us. Obviously it changed in the second half as they got a lift from going in at half time in front. The score doesn't look good but we shouldn't have been down at half time. The two goals were down to a couple of basic mistakes.



While the pre season has seen us use most of the players, we still have some to come back from injury. Chris Gentile, Fergus Tiernan and Robert Campbell may return this week but Brian McPhee and Craig Brittain might be a bit further away.

We have made a few signings recently but I'm still in the hunt for another keeper as well as another two players, with experience, who we are looking at.

Although this was written before the

Queen's Park closed door game and last Thursday's visit of St Mirren, I am happy with the progress we have made so far. Our fitness levels are good and Tommy Coyne and David McFarlane are working well together up front.

I was also pleased by the performance of the youngsters at Stenhousemuir. It was a difficult game but guys like Jonathan Yule and Jason McLaughlin showed why they have been given first team contracts.

Tonight we welcome back Celtic for the final pre season game. The provided the opposition for a game last January as well as our visit to Celtic Park in the Scottish Cup that month. While it's difficult to gauge the strength of side Celtic will put on the park, the fact they are in a Celtic strip will make this a challenging night for our players. Whatever their line up, a repeat of the 2-2 draw in the January fixture would be a welcome one and set us up for the start of the League season on Saturday.

Enjoy the game!  
Gerry McCabe



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## Blue Brazil in the CIS

Sons will be away to Cowdenbeath in the First Round of the CIS Insurance Cup. The game will be played at Central Park on Tuesday August 7th with a 7.45 pm kick off.

## Stirlingshire Cup

A mainly young Sons side won the first Stirlingshire Cup sectional match 1-0 away to Stenhousemuir. Jonathan Yule scored the only goal of the game seven minutes from half time. Keeper Peter Shaw earned his man of the match award with several second half saves. Stenny also missed a penalty. This win means that Sons and Stirling Albion play each other in the final match of the section for a place in the final. That game has still to be arranged. Sons' line-up: Shaw; Faro, Boyle, McLaughlin, Yule, Hamilton (Watson 56), Trialist, Williams, Healey, McAlpine (Moore 24), Orr (Trialist 46).



## Robert Campbell

New loan signing Robert Campbell is looking forward to playing for Sons after sealing his loan deal from Kilmarnock. The 20-year-old left winger is on loan from Rugby Park until December 31 and played the first half of Monday's goalless draw with Killie. He told The Lennox: "It was good to play and the boys did well to get the result. I'm looking forward to starting the season. I think Dumbarton look a good team and they will be up there at the end of the campaign. I'm still going to train at

Killie through the week to keep my fitness up. I know Mark Canning and Tommy Coyne from Rugby Park so it's good to link up with them again."



## Ryan Russell

Midfielder Ryan Russell has signed a one year deal with Sons for the coming season. The 20-year-old, previously with Morton, played the full 90 minutes of Monday's goalless draw with Kilmarnock as a trialist. Ryan, who lives in Helensburgh, started in football with the town's Ardencaple Boys Club.

## Two for the Future

Sons have completed the signing of two young players, stepping up from the under 19s to the first team pool. Alan Orr, from Linwood, played in midfield for the 19s all last season, while striker Mark McAlpine, from Paisley, featured in the last few games of the season after moving from Hamilton Accies. Both are thought of as good prospects for the future and will hope to gain first team debuts this season.

## Away Days Confirmed

The Sons Supporters Trust will be running buses to away matches next season and details of how to book, together with news of prices appears on page 7.

## Celtic Line Up

Just like the visit of Celtic in January, it's great fun trying to work out what line up to put on the back page. I think I got it about 50% right last time. At least for this game, I had a start: Scott Cuthbert and Ryan Conroy. Not that I've any inside info from the halls of Celtic Park. Just that I met their respective parents in Canada while watching Scotland perform in the under 20 World Cup and promised I'd give their sons a name check! The next story's a bit hazy (nice Honey ale they sell in Victoria!) but hopefully it's accurate and I haven't got them mixed up. Ryan Conroy's got good footballing blood: his Mum's cousin is Stevie Gow. I think. Too much beer.

## Christmas Party Nights!

I know, you're just back your holidays and the nights are only just starting to draw in, but due to the popularity of last year's series of Christmas Party nights, this is your early warning to get tickets book for your chosen date. The parties will be held on: Friday 14th Dec, Sat 15th Dec and Fri 21st Dec.

Anyone interested in making a provisional booking should contact Rowan on 01389 762569 or via e-mail at club@dumbartonfootballclub.com



ALAN ORR



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## SOLID AS A ROCK

Let's get this straight. I may be a poor benighted Sassenach, I may live in the south-west of England, I may only get up to Dumbarton once in a while... but I'm



a Sons fan through and through, and have been for 37 years.

Sure, I have a season ticket to watch Exeter City and hope they reclaim their football league status. They're my local team, and I've always made a point of lending a cheer

to my neighbourhood sides.

Indeed I still look out for Brentford (where I saw my first match with my grandfather in 1968) and Southall - the west London outfit who now languish in the Cherry Red Middlesex County Football League Division One Central and East, believe it or not.

Even so, for me "the football test" is easy. If Exeter played Dumbarton tomorrow, I'd be cheering the Sons on without hesitation.

In fact I often wear my yellow and white scarf to St James' Park - hoping that I've rightly remembered what colour the opposition's away strip is. "Honestly officer, I didn't mean to start a riot!"

How did my Sons addiction begin? It started at approximately 4.50pm on Saturday 13 December 1969. That day, Dumbarton got whopped 6-1 away to Stranraer. We were in Division Two and eventually finished seventh.

So there I was, aged 11, watching the results on telly. At the time, like most of my schoolmates, I was a Manchester United fan. And my idol was Denis Law (I got some things right).

But I wasn't a champagne Charlie in the making. I was becoming, er, a 'fully rounded football fanatic'. And I especially looked out for the Scottish results. This was partly because my late mother's family has Scots ancestry. She and I always backed Scotland against England, to my father's mild annoyance.

What's more, I liked Scottish team names better than English ones. It was a far away land (I hadn't been north of the Watford gap then) and somehow 'Queen of the South' sounded a bit more exotic than 'Scunthorpe'.

Thankfully, I didn't end up casting my affections on the Doonhamers. What a mistake that would have been! No, on account of their spectacularly bad afternoon at Stair Park, I felt a compelling twinge of solidarity with the Sons. So I checked out their strip on my Subbuteo wallchart. It gained my approval, and that was it.

My mother pointed out, I recall, that the wee trace of Scottish blood we could claim was nowhere near the Leven. But to no avail. Questioning only toughens youthful conviction. And when my parents told me that supporting "an obscure Scottish team" was "just a phase you're going through", it made me really determined.

I wrote to 'Inside Football' magazine, found out how to contact Boghead Park, and asked to join the supporters' club. Somebody sent me some programmes a few months (I) later, and I returned a postal order for 12 shillings.

Since my London schoolmates didn't really believe that Dumbarton existed, and had decided I was plain nuts (not entirely without justification), being able to wave a programme at them did my cause a lot of good.

Indeed, though the concept of 'cool' hadn't properly been invented back then, being a Dumbarton supporter acquired an odd glamour. Not least when news of the Sons' heroics against Celtic in the 1970 Scottish League Cup semi-finals appeared in an English newspaper. Proof!

So, here I am. Still following Dumbarton from the far post in 2007. Yup, that's me with the dodgy machine-knit Sons scarf on the Great Wall of China in 2004 - overcoming my natural aversion to tacky tourist stunts for the sake of a bit of much-needed club publicity.

























Don't fear, I won't bore you with too many tales of Sons dementia down south. There are plenty of other fliba issues to scribble about. But at least you know who I am now.

Oh, by the way, no-one ever did get back to me about the supporters cub. Was there such a thing in 1970? I'm not too bothered. Long live the Trust!

*Simon is a journalist and commentator. He writes occasionally for The Guardian but reckons this is the best gig he's ever got. You can contact him at [simonbarrow2@gmail.com](mailto:simonbarrow2@gmail.com).*

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