

## GAA Oral History Project

## Interview Report Form

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Tommy McCann
<b>Date of Interview</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2010
<b>Location</b>	N/A
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Peter Bannon
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> N/A <b>Home County:</b> Louth
<b>Education</b>	N/A
<b>Family</b>	N/A
<b>Club(s)</b>	O'Connell's GFC [Louth]
<b>Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

<b>Date of Report</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1970s – 2010
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Louth, Dublin
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Supporting, Facilities, Playing, Training, Refereeing, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Religion, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Irish language, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>This is a short interview which touches briefly on many themes and issues: the interviewee's family background and involvement in the GAA, including his own 35 years experience as a referee, developments in training, the role of the club in the community, the role of women in the club and fundraising initiatives.</p> <p>00:00:05 Interviewee introduces himself as a member of O'Connell's GFC in Castlebellingham, Co. Louth. Mentions that his nickname is 'badger' and explains why.</p> <p>00:00:29 Outlines introduction to O'Connell's forty years before and recalls efforts to build a stand. Mentions that he was player and outlines his playing record – winning junior championship in 1976 and being beaten in 1982 and 1983.</p> <p>00:01:11 Family background in GAA: father supported but never played, while three of his brothers were involved on the playing and administrative side. O'Connell's GFC was a topic of discussion in the home.</p> <p>00:02:06 First memory of playing for club was Under 16. Had previously lived with his aunt in Dillonstown – his mother was sick – and played with another club at Under 14s. Joined O'Connell's when he returned to Castlebellingham.</p> <p>00:02:40 Mentions that his own son is now involved playing gaelic football.</p> <p>00:03:00 Mentions that GAA is an important part of life and that he has been a referee for 35 years. Refers to the refereeing experience and how they are treated.</p> <p>00:03:53 Mentions the names of significant players who lined out for Louth.</p> <p>00:04:28 Mentions that 2010 was the best year in memory for Louth. Laughs as he says that 'Mr. Sludden..another referee'</p>

	<p>put a stop to that.</p> <p>00:04:40 Reference to his father's lack of involvement in the GAA.</p> <p>00:04:55 Comments on the differences in training and approach to playing today than in his youth. Notes the increased commitment and the additional pressures this places on teams and the referees.</p> <p>00:05:40 Discusses the role of club in community and mentions the building of a new hall. Comments on the difficulty of getting newcomers to the community into the club. Refers to initiatives to bring these new inhabitants into the club. Refers to the number of underage teams available.</p> <p>00:07:10 Comments on the involvement of women in the club and their activities.</p> <p>00:07:30 Refers to lack of other sports available in the community: a soccer club had gone out of existence, but the school runs underage basketball.</p> <p>00:07:50 Comments on the absence of church involvement in club and contrasts the situation to that of 30 years previously.</p> <p>00:08:17 Discusses changes in transport to games: a mini-bus used to be provided to carry teams, but players now use their own cars.</p> <p>00:08:44 Refers to the various sponsors of the club, including the local credit union and a local factory. Says that it is hoped the local hall would be used for fundraising activity in the future.</p> <p>00:09:30 Comments that the GAA is surviving well in the 'current climate' – refers to healthy attendances at games.</p> <p>00:09:50 Remarks upon his admiration of the Dublin footballers in the 1970s and beyond. Says he would attend Hill 16 when the Dubs played.</p> <p>00:10:42 Comments that the Irish language is not used enough, but suggests that people are not 'interested enough' in it.</p>
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<b>Involvement in GAA</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward  <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person  <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
<b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)	N/A
<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	N/A
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 0:11:14
<b>Language</b>	English

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_