

GAA Oral History Project
Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	8 th March 2011
Location	Nurney Clubhouse, Nurney, Co. Kildare
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Eddie Molloy
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1947 Home County: Kildare
Education	Primary: Nurney NS, Co. Kildare Secondary: Kildare Town VEC, Co. Kildare
Family	Siblings: 1 brother & 1 sister
Club(s)	Nurney; Kildoon; Ros Glas
Occupation	Stores Manager
Parents' Occupation	Thatcher [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Martin's Golf Society

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Jimmy Merrins
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1965 Home County: Kildare
Education (Optional)	Primary: Nurney NS, Co. Kildare Secondary: Kildare VEC, Co. Kildare
Family	Siblings: 1 brother Current Family if Different: Married with 2 sons and 1 daughter
Club(s)	Nurney; Ros Glas; Ballykelly
Occupation	Farmer, Haulier
Parents' Occupation	Farmer [Father]; Bar Woman and Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Pat Deering
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1951 Home County: Kildare
Education	Primary: Nurney NS, Co. Kildare Secondary: St. Joseph's Academy, Kildare, Co. Kildare Third Level: Carlow Institute of Technology
Family	Siblings: 4 brothers & 4 sisters Current Family if Different: 1 son and 1 daughter
Club(s)	Nurney [Kildare]; Parnell's GFC [London]
Occupation	Electrical Contractor
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Golf Club

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	John Kelly
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1948 Home County: Kildare
Education (Optional)	Primary: Nurney NS, Co. Kildare Secondary: Kildare VEC, Co. Kildare
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers & 3 sisters Current Family if Different: Married with 3 daughters and 1 son
Club(s)	Nurney; Kildoon
Occupation (Optional)	Retired lorry driver
Parents' Occupation (Optional)	Lorry Driver [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion (Optional)	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership (Optional)	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s) (Optional)	N/A

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Yvonne Heffernan
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1974 Home County: Kildare
Education	Primary: Nurney NS, Co. Kildare Secondary: Presentation Convent, Co. Kildare
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers & 1 sister Current Family if Different: 1 daughter and 1 son
Club(s)	Nurney; Kildangan/Nurney Ladies Football Club
Occupation	FÁS Employee
Parents' Occupation	Board of Works, Curragh Camp [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

Date of Report	6 th August 2012
Period Covered	1950s – 2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Kildare, Great Britain, England
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Refereeing, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Material Culture, Education, Religion, Emigration, Involvement in GAA Abroad, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Irish Language, Culture, Scór, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Irish History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Outsider's Perspectives, Relationship with the Association, Food and Drink, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships
Interview Summary	<p>Members of Nurney GAA club talk about their involvement in the GAA over the years. They recall how they became involved in the GAA and talk about their earliest memories of the GAA. They describe what the area was like before the founding of the club in 1964. They talk about the development of the club over the years and discuss the club's first championship title in 1984. John talks about winning the Supporter of the Year competition and the group discuss the work that he has done for the club. They talk about the changes in the club over the years and Yvonne discusses the current development of the club's grounds. She describes the role of ladies football in the club and how this has impacted on the area. The group talk about the role of the club in the community and highlight the important role it plays in the village of Nurney.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:50 (Pat) Talks about his early memories of the GAA. Travelling to a training session with his father on a bike. Recalls buying apples for matches. Talks about marking out the pitch in 1963 when he was in 6th class.</p> <p>02:55 Discusses his playing career and what the GAA was like in the area. Winning a Leinster championship with a Kildare Under-21 team. Talks about moving to London and playing football there. Describes his involvement in the club and his pride in seeing players from the club representing the</p>

	<p>county.</p> <p>05:20 Talks about his worst memory from his time in the GAA. Recalls his favourite memory, winning a championship in 1984. Describes what the GAA has meant to him over the years.</p> <p>07:49 (Eddie) Recalls his earliest memory of the GAA. Watching the Nurney team training during the 1950s. Playing football with the local primary school before going to secondary school in Kildare Vocational school. Talks about going to the Leinster final in Croke Park in 1956. Describes what it was like to win the championship in 1984. Mentions Larry Tompkins.</p> <p>10:55 (Jimmy) Talks about his early GAA memories. Discusses the junior championship win in 1984. Talks about managing the Nurney team and being elected chairman of the club. Recalls losing a final in 1999.</p> <p>13:40 (John) Recalls his early GAA memories, playing football in school. Talks about the club raising funds when he got ill. Discusses winning Supporter of the Year.</p> <p>16:40 (Yvonne) Talks about her early GAA memories. Describes her brothers' and children's involvement in the Nurney club. Talks about her different administrative roles in the club. Becoming PRO and later secretary.</p> <p>19:19 (Eddie) Discusses his family's interest in the GAA. Talks about his mother's family's involvement in the GAA and how his uncle played in the Tailteann Games.</p> <p>20:48 (Jimmy) Talks about his family's involvement in the GAA.</p> <p>21:52 (Pat) Describes his family's involvement in the GAA. Talks about how his mother and sisters played camogie.</p> <p>24:27 (John) Talks about his parent's interest in Gaelic games.</p> <p>25:05 (Yvonne) Discusses her father's interest in the GAA.</p> <p>26:00 (All) They talk about sports for girls and underage games in the area in the past.</p> <p>26:50 (Eddie) Talks about the history of the club. Formed in 1964 and the relationship with Kildangan and Kildoon. Discusses the early days of the club. Getting a pitch from the</p>
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	<p>Land Commission.</p> <p>29:20 (Pat) Discusses the history of Gaelic games in the area in the past. Describes the make-up of the parish. Talks about the impact of emigration on the area. Discusses the role of the Protestant community in the club.</p> <p>34:10 (Eddie) Talks about the role of Sean Farrell in the club, the father of Dessie Farrell.</p> <p>34:45 Describes what the area was like before the club was formed. Recalls people coming to his house to listen to matches on the wet battery radio.</p> <p>36:00 (All) They talk about the facilities for Gaelic games in the area in the past.</p> <p>36:30 (Pat) Tells a story about playing in a minor match in Monasterevin. Describes the facilities at the time and the improvements over the years.</p> <p>38:50 (Jimmy) Talks about the work of Pat, John and Eddie in the building of the club.</p> <p>39:20 (Yvonne and Jimmy) Describe the current develop of the club's grounds.</p> <p>41:55 (All) They talk about fundraising in the past.</p> <p>43:43 They describe the club's current forms of fundraising.</p> <p>45:00 (Pat) Talks about the involvement of club members in county administration.</p> <p>47:10 (Jimmy) Describes the work that John has done for the club.</p> <p>48:05 (All) They talk about the supporter of the year competition and why John won. Describe the type of person John is. Talk about the role of the county board.</p> <p>53:00 They describe the type of celebrations held in the club after victories. They talk about the celebrations after the 1984 championship victory and lighting a bonfire.</p> <p>56:03 They talk about the club's biggest rivals. Describe the club's relationship with the Suncroft club.</p> <p>57:30 They discuss the role of teachers and clergy in the club and how this has changed over the years.</p> <p>59:48 (Yvonne) Talks about the role of ladies football in the</p>
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	<p>club.</p> <p>01:02:10 (All) They describe the types of characters in the club. Eddie recalls a story about the 1984 championship after winning the Jack Higgins Cup. Mentions Clogherinkoe.</p> <p>01:03:28 The group talks about the different families involved in the club – Sextons, Burkes, Conways, Deerings, Merrins.</p> <p>01:04:53 (Eddie and John) Describe the changes in training over the years. Mention Kevin Heffernan, Brendan Walsh, Jimmy Prendergast.</p> <p>01:06:33 (All) They talk about the club's involvement in Scór.</p> <p>01:08:40 (Eddie) Discusses his best memories from his time in the GAA. Recalls the 1984 championship win. Talks about his involvement in the Over 40s Master's competition. Mentions Mick Loftus.</p> <p>01:10:37 (Jimmy) Talks about his involvement in the 1984 championship win.</p> <p>01:11:30 (John) Recalls being a selector on the 1984 championship team and how Nurney fared in competitions over the years.</p> <p>01:12:55 (Yvonne) Discusses the Féile competition when it was held in Kildare.</p> <p>01:15:00 (Eddie) Talks about his GAA heroes. Mentions Jack Donnelly.</p> <p>01:15:45 (Jimmy) Chooses Tommy Carew as his GAA hero.</p> <p>01:16:17 (John) Talks about his GAA heroes. Mentions Tommy Carew, Pat Mangan, Pat Dunney. Outside of Kildare he mentions Mick O'Connell, Matt Connor and Mikey Conway.</p> <p>01:17:35 (Yvonne) Chooses Mikey Conway as her GAA hero.</p> <p>01:18:26 (Jimmy) Talks about the pride at seeing Nurney players playing for Kildare.</p> <p>01:19:02 (Eddie) Recalls going on an International Rules trip to Australia.</p> <p>01:19:42 (Yvonne) Describes the role of the GAA in her life.</p> <p>***Yvonne leaves the interview***</p> <p>01:20:48 (Eddie) Talks about going on the International Rules</p>
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	<p>tour. Mentions Pat McCarthy, Pat Kelly and Martin Berry.</p> <p>01:22:27 (Jimmy) Discusses the places he has watched football being played.</p> <p>01:23:14 (John) Talks about the different places he has watched football being played.</p> <p>01:23:55 (Eddie) Discusses his biggest disappointments in the GAA. Losing the 1982 county.</p> <p>01:24:55 (Jimmy) Talks about Kildare losing against Down in the All-Ireland semi-final in 2010</p> <p>01:25:15 (John) Describes his biggest GAA disappointments. Talks about the All-Ireland semi-final against Down in 2010.</p> <p>01:26:27 (Eddie) Talks about the role of the GAA in his life.</p> <p>01:27:12 (Jimmy) Describes what the GAA means to him in his life.</p> <p>01:28:00 (John) Talks about what the GAA has meant to him over the years.</p> <p>**Group asked for a note to be included stating that the ground for their pitch came from Kirwan's Estate through the Land Commission**</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>Eddie:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Jimmy:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Pat:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p>

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<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Eddie: Played from the age of 16 to 42. Won a junior championship and league with Nurney; 2 hurling championships with Ros Glas; 2 handball championships; 2 Masters Over 40s All-Ireland medals with Kildare and an All-Ireland Factory League with Spollens.</p> <p>Award: 1980 Club Footballer of the Year.</p> <p>Jimmy: Played from the age of 8 to 37/38. Won an Under 14 championship and league, 2 senior leagues and a senior championship.</p> <p>Pat: Played for 33 years. Won a Kildare junior championship, a Leinster Under 21 championship and a London senior championship with Parnell's.</p> <p>John: Played for 23 / 24 years.</p> <p>Yvonne:</p>

	Played for 1 year with Kildangan/Nurney Ladies Football
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	<p>Eddie: N/A</p> <p>Jimmy: Has been involved in administration since 1987. Club: Vice-chairman (7/8 years), Chairman.</p> <p>Pat: Has been involved in administration since 1969. Club: Nurney Secretary and Delegate to County Board; Parnell's Secretary County: Kildare Secretary of Football Board.</p> <p>John: Has been involved in administration since 1964.</p> <p>Yvonne: Has been involved in administration since 2003. Club: Secretary (2 years), PRO (5 years), Underage Treasurer (2 years), Underage Secretary (4 years). Ladies Club: Secretary (1 year), Treasurer (2 years). Award: Kildare County PRO Award.</p>
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 01:28:49
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: _____Arlene Crampsie_____

Date: _____06/08/12_____