

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	23 rd Aug 2010
Location	Toome Clubhouse, Co. Monaghan
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Enda Quinn
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1957 Home County: Monaghan
Education	Primary: Dromore NS, Co. Monaghan Secondary: Castleblayney Technical School, Co. Monaghan
Family	Siblings: 3 brothers & 3 sisters Current Family if Different: Married to Bridie with 3 sons and 3 daughters
Club(s)	Toome
Occupation	Farmer
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Brendan Lambe
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1956 Home County: Monaghan
Education	Primary: Annalitten NS, Co. Monaghan Secondary: St Macartan's College, Co. Monaghan
Family	Siblings: 2 brothers & 1 sister Current Family if Different: Married to Anne with 2 sons and 1 daughter
Club(s)	Toome
Occupation	Builders Hardware Provider
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Macra na Feirme; Golf

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Date of Report	4 th July 2012
Period Covered	1950s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Monaghan
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Coaching, Officials, Administration, Fundraising, Education, Religion, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Rivalries, Scór, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Politics, Relationship with the Association, Food and Drink, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Enda and Brendan talk about their involvement in the Toome club, which was started in Monaghan in the 1950s and has been building slowly ever since. They talk about their success at senior and underage level, and about their efforts to keep improving every year. This involved raising funds so that they could secure a pitch to call their own and then develop their facilities. It has taken time because they are not based in a specific townland, but progress has been made to the extent where they can boast extensive facilities, including an astro turf pitch and a playschool. Enda and Brendan reflect on the administrative work they have done over the years, the increased involvement of women in the day-to-day running of the club and on the difficulties that are often faced by small clubs.</p> <p>00:30 (Enda) Father taking him to football games when he was young. Oram his father's home club.</p> <p>01:15 (Brendan) Memories of underage football with Castleblayney. Structures in place at the time.</p> <p>02:15 (Brendan) Club founded in the late 1950s. Tommy McMahon one of the founders. Pete McGinn also involved.</p> <p>04:00 (Enda) Being a distance away from the Oram club.</p> <p>04:20 (Enda) Going to a Toome game with his brother and people shouting at them.</p> <p>04:40 (Enda) Gene McDonald asking him to play football with Toome in 1975. Being welcomed at training.</p>

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	<p>05:55 (Enda) Father a member of Oram.</p> <p>06:10 (Enda) Going to Dromore National School. Being made club members and told to vote on a club matter.</p> <p>06:45 (Enda) Facilities they had.</p> <p>07:15 (Brendan) Moving to the old Castleblayney field and playing there in the early 1970s.</p> <p>08:05 (Brendan) Squad they had in the 1970s. Winning the double.</p> <p>08:50 (Brendan) Playing in cross-border tournaments.</p> <p>09:35 (Brendan) Meetings held in Annalitten Hall. Moving to Drumgoose. Planning fundraising.</p> <p>10:05 (Brendan) Purchasing a ground in the early 1980s.</p> <p>10:30 (Brendan) Raising funds.</p> <p>11:05 (Brendan) Area they get players from.</p> <p>11:50 (Enda) Being close to the border with Armagh.</p> <p>12:35 (Brendan) John Doolan and Brian McGovern, both guards on the 1975 team were from Westmeath and Laois. Club being known to have a guard or customs man playing.</p> <p>13:35 (Brendan) Team being neglected due to focus on club development project.</p> <p>14:10 (Enda) Competing with rival clubs for talented players.</p> <p>14:55 (Brendan) Annalitten school in their catchment area. Losing players to Castleblayney.</p> <p>15:55 (Brendan) Why he started playing for Castleblayney. Success they had.</p> <p>17:45 (Brendan) Administrative involvement as a teenager. Selling raffle tickets.</p> <p>18:55 (Brendan) Having good ambassadors for the club.</p> <p>19:30 (Brendan) Starting a club lotto in the 1990s.</p>
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	<p>20:15 (Enda) Travelling around selling tickets. His friend, Brendan Coleman, helping him out.</p> <p>21:00 (Enda) Selling to a local man and what he said to him.</p> <p>21:35 (Enda) Being in a fiesta van and Brian Ruddy driving. Hitting a dog. Going round pubs selling tickets.</p> <p>22:35 (Brendan) Collecting with Tommy McMahan in Newbliss. Encountering the police at a checkpoint on Cootehill Road into Monaghan. Mentions Smithboro take your pick.</p> <p>23:50 (Brendan) Being at a Scotstown racenight in Ballinode and selling tickets. Martin McCarville there.</p> <p>25:05 (Brendan) Playing in tournaments.</p> <p>25:50 (Enda) Enjoying playing different clubs in tournaments.</p> <p>26:15 (Brendan) Hosting their own tournament.</p> <p>26:40 (Enda) Less time to play tournaments.</p> <p>26:50 (Brendan) Change in leagues in Monaghan and effects of that.</p> <p>27:55 (Enda) What training was like when they were younger.</p> <p>28:50 (Brendan) Mickey McArdle organising training.</p> <p>30:15 (Brendan) Clubs's successes down the years.</p> <p>31:00 (Brendan) Losing players to Castleblayney.</p> <p>31:25 (Brendan) Playing a game in Truagh. Petey McGinn remarking on the quality of the team.</p> <p>32:05 (Brendan) Trophies they won at junior and underage level.</p> <p>33:10 (Enda) Reason for success at underage level. What they have won.</p> <p>34:40 (Enda) Losses at underage level.</p> <p>35:40 (Enda) Winning with 'born and bred' Toome players.</p>
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	<p>36:25 (Enda) Girls playing on underage teams.</p> <p>36:45 (Brendan) His sons playing at underage level.</p> <p>37:30 (Brendan) Sons playing hurling with Castleblayney.</p> <p>38:50 (Brendan) Camogie club that used to be in Toome in the 1970s.</p> <p>39:20 (Enda) Role of women in the club and how that has changed. Irene Connolly's involvement.</p> <p>40:25 (Enda) His wife working as secretary.</p> <p>40:40 (Enda) Ladies on the committee.</p> <p>41:55 (Brendan) Raising money for the new development and visiting different households.</p> <p>42:50 (Brendan) His wife involved in organising a golf classic.</p> <p>44:05 (Brendan) Women cooking for barbeques.</p> <p>44:45 (Enda) Petey McGinn a character around the club.</p> <p>45:20 (Brendan) Tommy McMahon an important figure at the club.</p> <p>45:40 (Enda) Tommy McMahon delegating.</p> <p>56:25 (Brendan) Mickey McArdle a former chairman. His style of leadership.</p> <p>47:15 (Brendan) John McCabe treasurer.</p> <p>47:50 (Brendan) Club involvement in Scór.</p> <p>48:25 (Enda) Broomfield Band winning All-Irelands and using Toome facilities.</p> <p>49:40 (Brendan) Role of teachers and priests.</p> <p>50:20 (Brendan) Fr Leveson in Broomfield. Bazaar he ran.</p> <p>51:25 (Enda) Involvement of people from other religions and where they come from.</p> <p>52:55 (Brendan) Club facilities available to everyone.</p>
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	<p>53:45 (Enda) Playschool at the club.</p> <p>54:40 (Brendan) Opening of their facilities. Paddy Buggy there. President Jack Boothman unable to attend.</p> <p>56:25 (Brendan) Opening an astro turf pitch.</p> <p>57:05 (Enda) Being on a Crawley Cup winning team.</p> <p>57:20 (Enda) Three sons playing on one team. His son going on to captain Seneschalstown in Meath.</p> <p>57:55 (Enda) Enjoying working with juveniles.</p> <p>58:25 (Enda) Having a car and filling it with many people.</p> <p>59:15 (Brendan) Disappointments.</p> <p>59:25 (Brendan) Losing a final in 1983.</p> <p>01:01:25 (Brendan) Help they have had from the GAA and the county.</p> <p>01:02:20 (Brendan) Getting funding from the National Lottery.</p> <p>01:03:05 (Enda) Some of their players not making the county team and possible reasons for that.</p> <p>01:05:00 (Brendan) Politics when it comes to the county minor team.</p> <p>01:06:05 (Enda) Administrative figures using the GAA as a stepping stone.</p> <p>01:07:05 (Brendan) What the GAA has meant to him.</p> <p>01:07:55 (Enda) What the GAA has meant to him.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>Enda:</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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>

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	<p>Brendan: <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Enda: Played for 30 years. Won a Crawley Cup Medal with Monaghan Over 40s. Brendan: Played for 20 years. Won an Intermediate League and Championship in 1975.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Enda: Was club chairman in the 1980s and has been on the club committee ever since. Brendan: Was club chairman at the age of 23/24. He has since been vice-chairman, PRO and delegate to the county board.</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 01:09:33</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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Signed: ___Arlene Crampsie_____

Date: _____04/07/12_____

