

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	7 th Dec 2009
Location	Interviewee's home, Dublin
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Paddy Joe Moran [PJ Moran]
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1966 Home County: Meath
Education	Primary: St. Declan's, Ashbourne, Co. Meath Secondary: St. Vincent's CBS, Glasnevin, Dublin Third Level: College of Commerce, Rathmines
Family	Siblings: 3 sisters and 2 brothers Current Family if Different: Married to Anne with one son
Club(s)	Donaghmore-Ashbourne
Occupation	Transport Manager
Parents' Occupation	Vet [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A

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Date of Report	20 th August 2012
Period Covered	1910s – 2009
Counties/Countries Covered	Meath, Dublin, Americas, USA, Europe, France, Asia, United Arab Emirates
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Coaching, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Media, Role of the Club in the Community, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Irish Language, Culture, Scór, All-Ireland, Club History, Irish History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Sacrifices, Alcohol, Opening of Croke Park, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds
Interview Summary	<p>PJ recalls his earliest memories of the GAA, mentioning visits to Croke Park. He discusses his family's involvement in the GAA, and speaks in depth about his father's role in Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA club. He talks about the role of the GAA club in Ashbourne, mentioning the demographics of the area and talking about issues such as identity. PJ discusses his participation in Scór, and debates its role in the GAA. He also talks about the new facilities at Ashbourne GAA club. He discusses issues such as the opening of Croke Park to other sports. He also recalls travelling to matches on the Ashbourne team bus, and recollects his pre-match routine when travelling to Croke Park for matches with his father. PJ recalls the celebrations when Meath won their All-Ireland titles, and also when Ashbourne were successful. He debates the role of alcohol and the pub in the GAA. He talks about his career working with LMFM radio, before recalling his time playing Gaelic games in America. PJ concludes by discussing the best game he has ever seen, his GAA hero and explaining what the GAA means to him.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:18 PJ recalls his earliest memories of the GAA. Mentions going to matches in Croke Park, and recalls league match between Dublin and Westmeath. Also mentions the upper tier of the Hogan Stand and Hill 16.</p> <p>02:40 Discusses Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA club, talks about the underage structure when he was young. Mentions Jimmy Feeley and the Milltown pitch in Ashbourne.</p> <p>03:39 Recalls the Four Corners festival in the parish.</p> <p>04:43 Discusses family involvement in the GAA. Mentions his</p>

	<p>grandfather and two grand-uncles. Mentions an uncle Kit in Fingal who took part in the 1916 Rising with Thomas Ashe. Mentions the Fingallians club in Swords and family involvement.</p> <p>07:07 Recalls club bus parked in family driveway, driven by his father. Toured Meath and Dublin.</p> <p>07:53 Recalls his father's efforts to get Ashbourne into the Under 21 Fingal League.</p> <p>10:14 Discusses county identity in Ashbourne in relation to Meath and Dublin. Talks about the identity of Fingal people. Recalls his father's funeral.</p> <p>13:07 Discusses the history of Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA club.</p> <p>14:32 Recalls events held at the GAA club in Ashbourne.</p> <p>15:16 Discusses the decision to move the club into Ashbourne.</p> <p>17:25 Discusses Scór and the club. Recalls winning an All-Ireland medal in recitation.</p> <p>18:44 Talks about Scór and its role in the GAA. Discusses what could be done to improve Scór. Mentions Longford Slashers.</p> <p>22:39 Recalls how he became involved in Scór. Mentions Dónal Ó Loinsigh and Colin Mellett. Recalls a final in Ulster Hall in Belfast and travelling to Greencastle in Tyrone. Mentions Killarney also. Discusses club involvement in Scór.</p> <p>26:11 Discusses his proficiency in the Irish language.</p> <p>26:50 Recalls when he started playing Gaelic football for Ashbourne. Mentions Jimmy Feeley. Mentions playing hurling as well. Talks about a schoolteacher from Clare, Frank Reidy.</p> <p>28:18 Recalls progression of his Gaelic football career. Discusses pre-match build ups. Recalls the demographics of the Ashbourne team.</p> <p>31:34 Discusses the sense of identity that was in the GAA club in Ashbourne.</p> <p>33:24 Discusses the role that the GAA club played in the community. Mentions soccer and rugby, as well as the Church. Discusses GAA facilities.</p> <p>37:23 Discusses the financing of the new GAA club</p>
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	<p>development. Mentions the old club location, The Wotton. Mentions race day in Naas and the development draw.</p> <p>41:35 Discusses facilities that are in the club. Mentions the hosting of the All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final.</p> <p>42:24 Discusses the challenges that face the GAA in urban areas. Mentions Good Counsel and resources being invested in camogie and hurling in Dublin city.</p> <p>44:55 Discusses the opening of Croke Park to other sports.</p> <p>46:33 Recalls travelling to matches locally in his younger days. Mentions the Turnpike. Recalls hiring a local mini-bus from Sean Farrell. Recalls the club buying its own bus – “The Snot”. Recalls a weekend trip to Galway and the All-Ireland football semi-final replay in Cork on new bus. Also mentions stopping for Mass in Ennis.</p> <p>52:06 Discusses pre-match routine when attending games in Croke Park. Recalls parking in Clonliffe College. Mentions going for drinks in Botanic House, Glasnevin; Coolquay Lodge; The Brock and The White House, as well as Kelly’s in Ashbourne.</p> <p>55:02 Discusses family rivalry regarding supporting Dublin and Meath.</p> <p>56:31 Recalls the celebrations when Meath were successful. Mentions the 1986 All-Ireland semi-final against Kerry. Recalls Meath’s All-Ireland victories. Discusses the standard of club football in Meath at the time. Mentions Sean Boylan, Dunboyne and Kepak.</p> <p>01:00:03 Discusses the club’s rivals. Mentions Ratoath, Curraha, Kilbride. Also mentions Garristown tournament. Recalls an East Meath selection playing a Fingal selection for a cup in honour of his grandfather.</p> <p>01:02:56 Describes celebrations when Ashbourne won.</p> <p>01:05:14 Discusses the role of alcohol and pubs in the GAA.</p> <p>01:07:19 Discusses his grandfather Patrick Moran and his role in Fingallians. Mentions his grand-uncles Kit and Sean Moran. Mentions his grandfather’s role with the Air Corps team. Recalls some stories regarding his grandfather. Discusses Fingallians’ rivalries. Mentions Garristown, Ballybough, The Naul, Skerries and Rush. Mentions Dublin winning the 1983 All-Ireland Football Final</p> <p>01:12:46 Recalls his administrative and coaching career with</p>
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	<p>the club.</p> <p>01:14:02 Discusses working for LMFM radio. Recalls doing commentary when Ashbourne won the intermediate championship in 2007.</p> <p>01:15:53 Recalls working at his Gaelic football game to improve himself. Mentions sacrifices made. Recalls training in Florida.</p> <p>01:19:00 Recalls playing in New York for junior club Kerry. Mentions Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Also mentions Gaelic Park. Recalls the hurling matches played there. Describes the facilities that were available. Mentions players being paid to play. Recalls contacts made.</p> <p>01:22:20 Mentions that his sister-in-law's children play Gaelic games in Bahrain and Abu Dhabi.</p> <p>01:22:54 Talks about the GAA providing a sense of identity.</p> <p>01:23:33 Describes attending GAA matches in Abu Dhabi. Mentions Van Cortlandt Park in New York.</p> <p>01:24:24 Discusses his brother Mick and his involvement in the GAA in Lyon with Lugdunum Gaels. Discusses the activities of the club. Mentions GAA club in Rennes – indigenous French, play a version of Gaelic football.</p> <p>01:26:24 Discusses changes in media coverage of the GAA and debates how they have affected the Association. Mentions the opening of Croke Park.</p> <p>01:28:36 Recalls the best game he has ever seen. Mentions the four Leinster Championship matches between Dublin and Meath in 1991. Mentions Sean Boylan and team trip to Scotland. Also mentions 1991 All-Ireland Football Final, Meath v Down. Recalls Com O'Rourke's display in that final.</p> <p>01:31:36 Recalls his best memory in the GAA. Mentions winning an All-Ireland medal in Scór.</p> <p>01:32:03 Discusses disappointments with the GAA.</p> <p>01:33:24 Discusses his GAA hero Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh.</p> <p>01:35:07 Explains what the GAA has meant to him.</p> <p>01:35:55 Recalls story regarding his father - fundraising for Goal, hybrid match between rugby and GAA clubs in Ashbourne. Mentions Brian Mullins and Pat Fallon. Recalls the reaction of Meath County Board.</p>
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Involvement in GAA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)	Played from Under 10 until he was 36. Reached a Division 4 League Final (he was captain, but wasn't playing as he had been suspended in a case of mistaken identity!)
Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)	Was a representative from the Under 21 team to the club committee.
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 01:39:08
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Date: _____ 20/08/12 _____