

GAA Oral History Project
Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	4 th July 2010
Location	Schumann (European Quarter), Brussels, Belgium
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Dave Barrett
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1981 Home County: Cork
Education	Primary: Summercove NS, Co. Cork Secondary: Bandon Grammar School, Co. Cork Third Level: UCC
Family	Siblings: 1
Club(s)	Kinsale [Cork]; Belgium
Occupation	Human Resources Specialist
Parents' Occupation	Human Resources [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Hockey; Soccer

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Philip Cushen
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1986 Home County: Kilkenny
Education	Primary: Gaignamanagh NS, Co. Kilkenny Secondary: Good Counsel College, Co. Wexford Third Level: UCD
Family	Siblings: 6
Club(s)	Gaignamanagh [Kilkenny]; Belgium
Occupation	Engineer
Parents' Occupation	Weaver [Father]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Soccer / Swimming

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Adrian Hiel
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1977 Home County: Canada (Americas)
Education	Primary: Folkstone Elementary, Toronto Secondary: Beaconsfield High School, Montreal; Dawson College, Montreal Third Level: Concordia University, Montreal; Ryerson University, Toronto
Family	Siblings: 1 sister
Club(s)	Belgium
Occupation	Communications
Parents' Occupation	Railroad [Father]
Religion	None
Political Affiliation / Membership	None
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	None

Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Shane Ryan
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1986 Home County: Limerick
Education	Primary: St. Joseph's, Ballybrown, Co. Limerick Secondary: Ard Scoil Rís, Limerick Third Level: University of Limerick
Family	Siblings: 1 sister
Club(s)	Patrickswell [Limerick]; Belgium
Occupation	Policy Officer
Parents' Occupation	Scientist [Father]; Teacher [Mother]
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fianna Fáil
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

Date of Report	21 st June 2012
Period Covered	1980s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Europe, Belgium, Cork, Wexford, Limerick, Kilkenny
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Managing, Coaching, Refereeing, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Material Culture, Media, Emigration, Involvement in GAA abroad, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Outsider's Perspectives, Alcohol, Relationship with the Association, Food and Drink, Socialising, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Adrian, Dave, Shane and Philip talk about their involvement with the Craobh Rua GAA club in Brussels. All moved to Belgium as young adults and quickly made contact with the local club. They discuss the challenges they faced in getting enough players to compete and securing a suitable pitch on which to train. The club soon expanded and with that came stability, which meant that they were able to field football, hurling, ladies football and camogie teams. They have travelled far and wide to tournaments, all the time working together to forge something successful and long-lasting which they hope will not only benefit them, but also those who come along in the future.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:25 Shane in Brussels since February 2010, working in the European Parliament.</p> <p>00:50 Adrian involved with the club since 2004.</p> <p>01:00 Dave involved with the club since 2005 and working for Toyota.</p> <p>01:10 (Adrian) How the club was started in 2004 by a Cork girl (Áine) and her English boyfriend (Chas).</p> <p>01:30 (Adrian) Women and men playing hurling together. Tournaments they played.</p> <p>02:05 (Dave) Splitting the men and women into a hurling and</p>

	<p>camogie team in 2007.</p> <p>02:10 (Dave) Adding men's and ladies football in 2008 and success they enjoyed.</p> <p>02:35 (Adrian) First team in Europe to have a camogie team, first to field a team in all four codes, and first to have two football teams.</p> <p>03:00 (Dave) Camogie and hurling teams fielding a second side in 2010.</p> <p>03:30 (Shane) Involvement in the GAA. Family involvement in Toomevara in GAA.</p> <p>03:45 (Shane) Moving to Navan and then to Limerick.</p> <p>03:55 (Shane) Hurling when he was two years old and joining Patrickswell hurling club at four.</p> <p>04:30 (Dave) Family's GAA involvement in Cork. Grandfather, Jack Barrett, a Cork hurler and administrator.</p> <p>05:00 (Dave) Moving to the United States when he was eight.</p> <p>05:10 (Dave) Driving from Indianapolis to Chicago in 1990 to watch Cork footballers and hurlers win the double.</p> <p>05:30 (Dave) Hearing stories from people about his grandfather. Pitch at home - Kinsale - named after his grandfather.</p> <p>06:05 (Dave) History of Kinsale club.</p> <p>06:35 (Shane) Father's involvement with Patrickswell GAA club as a coach and administrator.</p> <p>07:25 (Shane) Mother and sister's involvement in GAA.</p> <p>07:50 (Adrian) Seeing hurling for the first time in Wexford at the age of 23. Mother originally from Cromane.</p> <p>08:35 (Adrian) Moving to Brussels in 2004 and taking up hurling.</p> <p>09:15 (Adrian) Impressions of Hurling having come from Canada.</p>
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	<p>10:20 (Adrian) What the GAA means to him.</p> <p>11:05 (Dave) Why he got involved with the GAA in Brussels.</p> <p>11:30 (Shane) Why he got involved with the GAA in Brussels.</p> <p>12:15 (Adrian) Networks that develop from GAA involvement.</p> <p>12:30 (Shane) Finding accommodation through the club.</p> <p>*****Philip Cushen joins the conversation*****</p> <p>13:35 (Philip) Earliest GAA memory - playing hurling with his brother.</p> <p>14:05 (Philip) Local club is Graiguenamanagh in Kilkenny. Family involvement in the GAA. Getting involved in hurling in Kilkenny.</p> <p>16:05 (Philip) Getting involved with the club in Brussels.</p> <p>17:15 (Dave) How new people get in touch with the club.</p> <p>18:05 (Dave) Rival sports in Brussels and their popularity.</p> <p>18:45 (Dave) Trying to become competitive with rival sports.</p> <p>19:15 (Adrian) Logistics of setting up the club in Brussels.</p> <p>20:10 (Adrian) New chairman coming in. Becoming an official non-profit organisation in Belgium. Securing a pitch.</p> <p>21:05 (Dave) Trouble in commuting to their first pitch.</p> <p>21:20 (Dave) Getting proper goalposts.</p> <p>22:05 (Adrian) Deciding to make the club better. Costs of participation.</p> <p>23:00 (Dave) Pitch owned by Belgian military.</p> <p>24:40 (Dave) GAA club in Brussels in the 1990s.</p> <p>25:45 (Adrian) Getting goalposts. County secretary Tony Bass working with Seamus Howlin, Overseas chair. Goalposts arriving on day of St Patrick's Festival in Brussels.</p> <p>27:30 (Dave) Moving the goalposts to other venues for</p>
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	<p>tournaments.</p> <p>28:15 (Philip) Tournaments for Benelux clubs. Belgium one held in Leuven.</p> <p>29:40 (Dave) Structure of the championships they have. Cost of travelling to tournaments.</p> <p>30:30 (Adrian) Trip to Zurich they are due to go on.</p> <p>31:10 (Dave) Furthest they have travelled - Dubai. How that worked out. Going to Clare island. Roger Casements of Coventry going too.</p> <p>32:55 (Adrian) Underage club being separate.</p> <p>33:40 (Dave) Underage players drifting away from the GAA in Brussels.</p> <p>34:45 (Adrian) Reasons older people are reluctant to involve themselves.</p> <p>35:40 (Shane) Jarlath Coleman involved in training the ladies football team.</p> <p>36:10 (Dave) Need to get others involved.</p> <p>36:35 (Shane) Relationship with ladies football and camogie teams. Benefits of that.</p> <p>38:05 (Adrian) Women being in their first ever starting 11 hurling team.</p> <p>38:50 (Shane) Men and women supporting each other.</p> <p>39:10 (Dave) Age breakdown of club members. Their children attending games in Belgium.</p> <p>40:25 (Shane) Prospect of Irish people's children eventually moving to Ireland.</p> <p>41:00 (Adrian) People coming and going from the city and problems that creates.</p> <p>41:35 (Dave) Carragh O'Connor and Alan Rowan moving to Belgium at a young age and playing GAA.</p> <p>42:25 (Shane) GAA adapting to global nature of Gaelic</p>
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	<p>games. Passion of ex-pats for the GAA.</p> <p>43:15 (Dave) Reintegrating people into the GAA.</p> <p>43:45 (Adrian) Need for the club to be welcoming.</p> <p>45:15 (Philip) Nationalities they have at the club and how they got involved.</p> <p>48:25 (Dave) Internal politics and need to overcome that.</p> <p>49:20 (Adrian) Need to share out resources fairly.</p> <p>50:00 (Adrian) Sponsorship from Conchur De Barra and how that came about.</p> <p>51:05 (Adrian) St Patrick's Day celebrations and popularity of that. Support from ambassador Brian Nason.</p> <p>52:15 (Dave) Starting a club newsletter.</p> <p>52:45 (Dave) Raising money for Haiti earthquake victims together with the soccer club. Connor Barry and Denis O' Sullivan helping with that. Dual members.</p> <p>53:30 (Philip) Relationship between pubs and the GAA.</p> <p>54:05 (Dave) Striking the right balance between sport and alcohol.</p> <p>57:15 (Dave) Relationship with other GAA clubs in Europe. Rivalry with The Hague.</p> <p>58:00 (Shane) Uniformity of playing standards across Europe.</p> <p>59:20 (Dave) Difference between rivalries in Ireland and those in Europe.</p> <p>59:55 (Adrian) Being dependent on your rivals and they on you.</p> <p>01:01:45 (Dave) State of the GAA in Europe.</p> <p>01:02:30 (Shane) Problems associated with hurling.</p> <p>01:03:20 (Dave) European County Board and how they help.</p> <p>01:04:00 (Philip) How things could be improved.</p>
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	<p>01:04:30 (Dave) Referees courses in Europe and other initiatives.</p> <p>01:06:00 (Dave) Joe McDonagh of the Overseas Committee visiting. Former GAA President Sean Kelly attending a tournament.</p> <p>01:07:40 (Dave) Players from home clubs in Ireland visiting and issue of them taking part in games.</p> <p>01:08:50 (Shane) Issue of paying players to pay.</p> <p>01:09:20 (Dave) Ladies captain Míde Ní Shúilleabháin stressing the importance of establishing a community over success on the pitch.</p> <p>01:09:55 (Philip) Dedication of club members.</p> <p>01:10:50 (Dave) Problems in other cities as their members are dispersed around the regions they are living in.</p> <p>01:12:00 (Adrian) Club name - Craobh Rua - and how it came about. Conan MacOscair suggesting the name. Club crest. Winning a McNamee award for their website.</p> <p>01:13:55 (Shane) Future development of the club.</p> <p>01:14:25 (Dave) Fear of club falling apart and what they do to keep people interested.</p> <p>01:16:00 (Shane) Many people that work in the European Parliament participating in the leagues, including Oliver O'Callaghan.</p> <p>01:16:40 (Dave) Provincial teams.</p> <p>01:17:15 (Philip) Sourcing jerseys and equipment.</p> <p>01:18:50 (Dave) Giving new members club clothing and advantages of that.</p> <p>01:19:40 (Adrian) Bringing club gear to games in Croke Park.</p> <p>01:20:15 (Dave) Locals' reaction to Gaelic games. Anne Marie O'Rourke working on GAA in schools in Rennes.</p> <p>01:22:45 (Dave) Best GAA memories - Winning in Maastricht</p>
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	<p>in 2008.</p> <p>01:23:20 (Adrian) Best memory - winning in Zurich in 2008.</p> <p>01:24:10 (Shane) Best memory - first tournament in Belgium.</p> <p>01:20:00 (Philip) Best memory - tournament in Zurich in 2008.</p> <p>01:26:20 (Dave) Disappointments - lack of games.</p> <p>01:27:25 (Adrian) Disappointments - losing a final in a home tournament. Kevin Keary hitting a vital shot wide.</p> <p>01:28:05 (Shane) Disappointments - losing an All-Ireland to Kilkenny CBS with his school.</p> <p>01:29:35 (Philip) Disappointments - failing to make the Under-16 team when he was 14.</p> <p>01:31:30 (Adrian) GAA hero.</p> <p>01:31:50 (Shane) GAA hero - Nicky English. 1991 All-Ireland.</p> <p>01:32:45 (Philip) GAA hero - Philly Larkin.</p> <p>01:33:30 (Dave) GAA hero - Jimmy Barry Murphy, Brian Corcoran, volunteers.</p> <p>01:34:50 (Philip) Enjoying playing in Clare Island.</p> <p>01:36:05 (Dave) Padraig O'Malley of Clare Island expressing his gratitude.</p> <p>01:36:50 (Dave) Getting Shane involved in the club. Getting Shane's friend Diarmuid Laffin, and Gearóid Sayers - accomplished players - to get involved in the club.</p> <p>01:38:30 (Dave) Passion for GAA across Europe.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p>Dave:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input 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>Philip: <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 checked="" 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): _____</p> <p>Adrian: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>Shane: <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): _____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Dave: 2 European Hurling Championships; 1 European Football Championships; Various Local Medals at Home</p> <p>Philip: 1 European Hurling Championship; 2 European Football Championships; Various Local Medals at Home</p> <p>Adrian: 2 European County Hurling Championships, 2009, 2010</p> <p>Shane: Munster Schools, U-15 and U-16; Various Schools' Cups; Limerick Intermediate League Division 3; Senior City Championship</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Dave: Kinsale GAA PRO for 2 years; European Coaching Officer</p> <p>Philip:</p>

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	Not provided Adrian: Chairperson, 2006 – 2007; Hurling Officer, 2009 - 2010 Shane: N/A
Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 01:39:41
Language	English

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Signed: _____ Arlene Crampsie _____

Date: _____ 21/06/12 _____