

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Padraic O'Connor
Date of Interview	6 th Oct 2010
Location	St Patrick's Clubhouse, Lordship, Co. Louth
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Rose McEnaney
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Female
Born	Year Born: 1952 Home County: Louth
Education	Primary: Yes Secondary: Yes Third Level: Yes
Family	Siblings: Four
Club(s)	St Patrick's GFC
Occupation	Laboratory Technician
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	Fianna Fáil
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Bowls, Parish Committees

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Date of Report	22 nd May 2012
Period Covered	1950s – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Louth
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Administration, Celebrations, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Rivalries, Scór, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Impact on Life, Politics, Professionalism
Interview Summary	<p>This interview touches on a number of the landmark moments in the history of St. Patrick's GFC in Louth, including major on field successes and the local celebrations that followed. In addition, the interviewee discusses her family background in the GAA and her association with the emergence of ladies gaelic football in the club.</p> <p>00:00:00 Interviewer introduces Rose McEnaney as one of the 'longest serving committee members and volunteers' in St. Patrick's GFC.</p> <p>00:00:15 Discusses earliest GAA memories – her father's attendance at the 1957 All-Ireland football final and listening to it at home. Mentions going to matches with her father and others in the early 1960s and the advent of ladies football in the 1970s and the commencement of her involvement as player and administrator. Refers to other developments in club including the club's involvement in Scór in the late 1970s, early 1980s.</p> <p>00:01:20 Mentions that her father, Joe McEnaney, had been involved with the first club team in 1953. Her uncle was also involved in the GAA, but with another club. He won a championship medal with Glyde Rangers.</p> <p>00:02:00 Recalls the celebrations that accompanied a club championship success in 1961 when a bonfire was lit and the cup was brought home in the front of John Savage's car.</p> <p>00:02:30 Mentions getting a lorry in the 1970s and driving it around the area.</p> <p>00:02:40 Mentions celebrations around the 'quay' on winning Intermediate titles in the 1980s, as well as those that accompanied the senior successes of the 2000s.</p> <p>00:03:17 Selects the 2003 championship victory as a stand-</p>

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	<p>out moment – ‘the best day of my sporting life’. Describes watching the game and the emotions felt.</p> <p>00:04:30 Discusses the impact of the GAA on personal life and that of the community. Remarks that it is impossible to imagine the community without it.</p> <p>00:05:00 Mentions that in the Lordship area, the club ‘is the one thing that pulls the whole parish together’. Refers to level of activity and work that goes on in the club with parents and children.</p> <p>00:05:45 Discusses involvement in women’s football, which began in 1970, and refers to the number of teams involved and the poor facilities available.</p> <p>00:06:47 Comments on the people who have contributed to the development of the GAA locally. Mentions the names of various individuals who worked voluntarily on behalf of the club.</p> <p>00:07:35 Makes observations on the changes that have affected the GAA over time – professionalism and improvements in facilities.</p> <p>00:07:55 The GAA and politics: mentions individuals whose political careers were aided by their GAA profile (including Des Foley, John Donnellan, Seán Kelly and Seamus Kirk) but says she experienced no political rivalries within clubs.</p> <p>00:08:35 Personal disappointments in the GAA centre on the ‘lean years’ when promise has gone unfulfilled.</p> <p>00:09:00 Refers to the importance of ‘healthy rivalry’ to the GAA.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input 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>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Format	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
Duration	Length of Interview: 00:09:30
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: _____Padraic O'Connor_____

Date: _____22/05/12_____