

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Regina Fitzpatrick
Date of Interview	26 th Aug 2010
Location	Bill Flynn's home, near Clonaslee, Co. Laois
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Kevin Flynn
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1970 Home County: Laois
Education	Primary: Reary NS; Clonaslee NS, Co. Laois. Secondary: Clonaslee Vocational School, Co. Laois Third Level: Warrenstown Agricultural College
Family	Siblings: 3 sisters Current Family if Different: Wife (Martina)
Club(s)	St Manmans GAA, Clonaslee [Laois]
Occupation	Farmer
Parents' Occupation	Farmers
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	Local Co-Operative; Glanbia

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Date of Report	12 th June 2012
Period Covered	1990's – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Laois
Key Themes Covered	Supporting, Grounds, Playing, Training, Coaching, Administration, Fundraising, Role of Teachers, Role of the Club in the Community, Club History, Purchase of Grounds
Interview Summary	<p>Kevin discusses his involvement in the GAA from playing in school up to Under 21 level. After this he talks about his roles within the Clonaslee Saint Manmans club. He goes on to talk about the financial concerns of the club and how the community got behind the fundraising for the club grounds. He then talks about the importance of the club for keeping in touch with people and of his hope for the future. Finally, Kevin speaks of his proudest moment when the Under 16 team won the county championship.</p> <p>00:26 Discusses his involvement in the GAA playing hurling and football in school and at all levels up to Under 21. Mentions a teacher Paddy Bates.</p> <p>01:00 Talks about joining the club in 1990 and his involvement in the administration of the club. Mentions being Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman of the Clonaslee Saint Manmans club.</p> <p>01:29 Speaks about playing at the same time.</p> <p>02:38 Talks of being the youngest of the officers of the club. Mentions being mentored by others in the club and delegating some of the work.</p> <p>03:24 Speaks about the parish of Clonaslee and the football club, Saint Manmans and the hurling club, Clonaslee Hurling club. Mentions bring the clubs together as they had the same players and the difficulties involved.</p> <p>05:18 Talks of the large amount of dual players involved in the two clubs. Mentions how both clubs were about the same size.</p> <p>06:33 Speaks about the finances of the club when he took over as treasurer and how this has increased over the years.</p> <p>07:14 Talks about the financial concerns of the club. Mentions acquiring the grounds and the time taken to get the</p>

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	<p>land for the pitch.</p> <p>08:22 Speaks about the importance of the club to the parish and this can be seen during the fundraising for the field. Mentions everyone wanting to be involved.</p> <p>10:19 Talks of the interest for football and hurling over soccer in the area and how it does not have the following of the GAA.</p> <p>11:00 Speaks of how important the GAA is to him for staying in touch with people.</p> <p>11:54 Talks of the confidence his involvement has given him and how the structures has helped him in other aspects of his life.</p> <p>12:54 Speaks of being hopeful for the future. Mentions the transition from Juvenile to Senior level and being a dual club.</p> <p>13:58 Talks of his proudest moment being when the Under 16 he was involved of won the county championships. Mentions DJ Carey.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager <input 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>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Played with Clonaslee at all ages from U12 up; Played underage until U21 with Laois</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Clonaslee GAA: Committee member for many years, held many positions including treasurer, secretary and chairman.</p>
<p>Format</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p>
<p>Duration</p>	<p>Length of Interview: 00:14:59</p>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>

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Signed: Regina Fitzpatrick

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