

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Donal Fitzgibbon
Date of Interview	7 th Dec 2011
Location	South Court Hotel, Limerick
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Maurice Walsh
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1958 Home County: Kerry
Education	N/A
Family	N/A
Club(s)	Kilmoyley GAA [Kerry] Mungret St Paul's GAA [Limerick]
Occupation	Youth Manager
Parents' Occupation	N/A
Religion	N/A
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Period Covered	1970-2011
Counties/Countries Covered	Kerry, Limerick
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Playing, Celebrations, Education, Emigration, Involvement in GAA abroad, Role of Teachers, Role of the Club in the Community, GAA Abroad, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Challenges, Relationship with the Association, Socialising, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Maurice Walsh talks about growing up in Kilmoyley, an area in Kerry with deep rooted hurling traditions. His parents interest in the GAA is discussed, as is his own involvement with club, school and university. Walsh talks about returning home to play for Kilmoyley at weekends and the lapse in his GAA participation. He mentions his marriage into a strong GAA family and his re-connection with club life through the Mungret club. Walsh considers the changing structures of the Mungret club, the difficulty of maintaining involvement after underage, given various counter-attractions. Walsh talks also about the prospects of his own children's emigration and the role of the GAA in easing their transition to a life abroad.</p> <p>00:00:10 Interviewee announces himself as a member of Mungret/St. Paul's.</p> <p>00:00:20 Interviewer introduces Walsh a member of a well-known Kerry GAA family and proceeds to provide details of his brother's accomplishments.</p> <p>00:00:44 Walsh talks about growing up in Kilmoyley in Kerry and the 'bad blood' involved in the relationship with rivals. Mentions the awareness of the hurling history of the area, back to 1891.</p> <p>00:01:39 Mentions mother's 'passion' for hurling and father's association with Kerry hurling teams at underage level.</p> <p>00:02:25 Discusses his own involvement with Kilmoyley and Causeway Comprehensive. Mentions their record in colleges competitions and playing alongside brothers.</p> <p>00:03:09 Refers to his move to Limerick for college and playing for University of Limerick.</p> <p>00:03:42 Talks about returning to play with Kilmoyley and playing in a county final in 1983.</p>

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	<p>00:03:52 Refers to thumbing a lift home to Kerry from Limerick to play games – football and hurling.</p> <p>00:04:08 Mentions getting married into a ‘football fanatic family’.</p> <p>00:04:25 Mentions that father-in- law who was selector on Kerry’s All-Ireland winning team of 1962. Tells story of ‘fastest’ goal to be scored in a final from Gary McMahon and father-in-law’s role in it.</p> <p>00:05:15 Talks about work and family commitments and becoming involved with Mungret – attending club on the night of a Minor success in 1993.</p> <p>00:05:40 Discusses the social life of the Mungret club and the role of families within the club.</p> <p>00:06:30 Considers the improved organisation of underage and problems of maintaining them at adult level – refers to attractions of the city and competition from other sports.</p> <p>00:07:20 Interviewer mentions the role of schools and the influence of a Principal who came to Mungret from Cork. Mentions names of other teachers.</p> <p>00:08:04 Discusses the scattering of club members and the importance of them maintaining a link with the GAA.</p> <p>00:08:38 Anticipates the emigration of his own children and refers to the GAA as something they can take with them.</p> <p>00:09:13 Talks about changes in Mungret club and the launch of their strategic plan. Describes Mungret as a ‘club on the move’.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</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 checked="" 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>Chairperson, Mungret St Paul’s, Juvenile Club; Secretary Mungret St Paul’s Senior club</p>

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Duration	Length of Interview: 00:10:12
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Donal Fitzgibbon

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