



GARDA GAA CLUB



WESTMANSTOWN GAELS
OUR JUVENILE SECTION

Newsletter – December 2017

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That was the year that was.....

..... some of the main events of 2017, current news & 2018 calendar



Operation Transformation 2018

RTE 1, Tuesday 9th January at 8.30 p.m.



Featuring Davy Cryan, Adult Junior Team Mentor

A community sergeant in an Garda Síochána, **David Cryan**, 38 has been selected as a leader in the upcoming series of Operation Transformation.

***Best of Luck Davy
from all at Westmanstown.***

As part of the OT “Ireland Lights Up” campaign which aims to make exercise more accessible on the dark winter nights, the club will turn on their floodlights at 7pm each Monday from the 22nd January for a six-week period. All club and community members are invited to come together to walk off the Christmas excess, catch up with friends and neighbours and banish the winter blues.



Online Memberships for 2018

In the summer of 2017 the Club sought feedback from members on what we could improve and a key point raised was online functionality to register and pay fees.

We are delighted to announce that in the coming weeks we will launch an online facility to register and pay fees for 2018. Utilizing a third party payments company, Stripe, you can now process payments to the club online. The Club will not hold any of your payment card details with all data held in an Amazon Web cloud server with industry standard encryption and cyber security.

We hope that as many as possible club members take up this option, however, if you still need to pay by cash or cheque this will be facilitated with the new club Registrar, Marco Nuvoloni being available in the lobby area of Westmanstown at times to be announced on the Facebook page of our Website. If you experience any difficulties during your efforts online please contact Marco Nuvoloni at registrar.gardagaa.wmtgaels@gmail.com.

Astro Pitches: Available to hire for Ball Games, Fitness Camps and Kiddies Parties. Contact details: Finula at [087-9657620](tel:087-9657620)

2017 in Review

The Children's Camps at Easter and during the Summer were again a great success. Catering for more than 200 children, great fun was had by all.

**Easter Camp 2018— 3rd to 6th April.
Watch out for details of online registration.**



Boys Féile 2017

Congratulations to our U14 Boys Féile Squad who won their Division on Sunday 9th April in a thrilling final against an excellent St Anne's of Bohernabreena. Later in the year the U14 Boys went on to win their League with a great final result against Man-O-War.

A Hurling First

U14 hurlers took part in their Féile on the 29th April. This was an historic moment for the club as it was the first hurling team from the club to enter into a hurling Féile competition.



Girls National Football Féile 2017

The Garda Westmanstown Gaels U14 Girls Féile team crowned a great weekend when they defeated near neighbours Érin go Brágh in their League final at Trinity Gaels ground in Donaghmede on 2nd April.

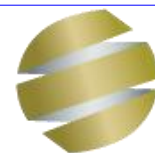
They then went on to compete in the John West National Finals in Monaghan in late June 2017.



Annual Golf Classic

May 26th we held our annual golf classic in Westmanstown Golf Club, A big thank you to all who played and to those who contributed in the form of sponsorship.

Our main sponsor on the day was our very own club member & U14 mentor Ken Murray, Finance Solutions, based in Lucan Village.



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The Garda GAA Club was founded in 1923 and Westmanstown Gaels was founded in 2004. This year is the 50th anniversary of the re-birth of the Garda club in 1968.

To commemorate this a special historical issue of the Garda GAA club will be issued Easter 2018.

Cumann na mBunscoil 2017

Congratulations to St Mary's Boys National School, Lucan, Hurling Team, winners of the Herald Cup Div 1 in Croke Park on June 13th.

A big shout out to our club members in the team Cathal Geraghty, Conor Dillion, Senan Bolger, Luke Mooney, Liam Garrigan and Shane Wallace.

**Please let us know about your child's participation in 2018.
Team photographs welcome.**



Garda Team reached Dublin Intermediate Football Quarter Final in October 2017.

See Calendar for details of Adult League and Championship dates for 2018.

2017 also saw the progression from Minor to Adult Level of several boys whose football skills had been developed through their years in the Juvenile Section of the Club, in the latter years as part of St Catherine's—a joint venture with Érin Go Brágh. Congratulations to Peter MacNamara who played with the Dublin U17 team in their Leinster Championship.



Minors



The 2017 Minor Boys Team finished 3rd in their League and reached the Championship Shield Final on 12th November where they agonisingly lost at the last moment to St Pats Palmerstown.

Progressing from the 2017 Minor Team to adult level in 2018 include: Naoise Barry, Callum Bradley, Shane Byrne, Matthew Daly, Eoin Farnan, Jamie Hennessy & Peter MacNamara.

Going forward U14, U15, U16 & minors in both hurling and football will play under the name Westmanstown Gaels Érin go Brágh. Paul Smith will manage and administer this project but primary responsibility for players remains with each individual club.

Another good year for the Garda Westmanstown **Ladies Team** who won the Division 3 Cup 2017.

Winners medals awarded on the Gala Night in December. Ladies player of the year : Keri Harmon. Ladies young player of the year : Heather Smith who played at Minor level for Dublin in 2017 and is part of the Dublin Senior Ladies Squad for 2018.



Gala Night December 2017



Club
Person
of the year

**Jenny
Fagan**



Garda Westmanstown YouTube Channel

We have set up a YouTube channel to showcase our club. On it you will find drone footage of a typical summers day at the club and a preview of the activities at our nursery.

See website for link.



Pitch Development Plans

Fundraising to date has been focused on installation of lights on the second pitch. The project will cost us in the region of €100,000 with funds raised now at €30,000. This together with a bank loan will allow us to install the lights on the second pitch in the first quarter of 2018 over a six weeks period. We will look at developing dressing rooms and the option of a hurling wall in the future. We will continue to seek a Sports Capital Funding grant in 2018 to help us complete the project.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

Our Club depends upon the support of those individuals and organisations who believe in the ethos of the GAA and the benefit that it brings to all members of our community. These improvements could not be made without our supporters to whom we express our thanks.

If you are interested in partnership opportunities please contact any member of the executive committee or email sponsorwmtgaelsgaa@gmail.com.



We would also like to ask everybody, where possible, to support our sponsors .



Hoarding and Sponsor Opportunities Available

Please contact sponsorwmtgaelsgaa@gmail.com

Calendar of Events 2018

13th Jan 2018	GAA Nursery Resumes
18th Feb 2018	Men's Adult Football League 1st Round
23rd February	Ladies Section Quiz Night
25th Feb 2018	Minor Football League 1st Round
17th March 2018	St Patrick's Day Parade
April 2018	Ladies Competitive Season
April 2018	Dublin Girls Football Féile
3rd April 2018	Easter Camp
15th April 2018	Garda Intermediates & Juniors 1st Round of Championship
21st April 2018	Dublin Boys Hurling Féile
29th Apr 2018	2nd Round Intermediate & Junior Championship
5th May 2018	Dublin Boys Football Féile
5th May 2018	La Na Glub
TBC	Golf Classic
29th June 2018	Girls/Boys National Football Féile
TBC	Men's Adult Section Club Fundraiser
2nd/9th July 2018	Kelloggs GAA Cúl Camp:
20th August 2018	GAA Summer Camp
8th Sept 2018	Family Fun Day and Fund Raiser
9th Sept 2018	Minors 1st Round of Championship
19th Nov 2018	AGM
7th Dec 2018	Gala Night
16th Dec 2018	Kiddies Christmas Party

Some Dates & Events to be confirmed

Facilities

Club Shop: Generally Open Saturday mornings for all Club Gear 10 to 11.30am. We make no profit on Club Gear, so there is real value when you buy from the Club.

Club Tuck Shop: Usually Open every Saturday morning. Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Bottled Water and Snacks Available.

Regular Pitches: we have 3 full size pitches to use, 2 at Westmanstown and one in Beechpark.

Nursery

Geraldine Culloty, Nursery Co-ordinator



Training every Saturday morning 10-11.30am for children aged 5 to 8 years.

Geraldine runs a well organised and safe nursery where the emphasis is fun, fitness and friendships.



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Declan Jennings,
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Shauna Murphy,
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The Juvenile section of Garda Westmanstown Gaels Club strives to uphold the best standards of Child Protection. This includes the Garda Vetting Process which must be completed by all mentors and coaches of underage teams based on agreed guidelines..

