



# Newsletter – February 2018

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Dates for your diary to Summer 2018 - Stick it on your Fridge!!

**Club Fundraising Events 2018**



## Calendar of Events 2018

18th Feb 2018	Men's League Div 3 1st Round game away to St Pats Donabate
18th Feb 2018	Men's League Div 8 1st Round game away to Ranelagh Gaels
23rd Feb 2018	Fundraiser—Quiz Night
TBC	Minor Football League 1st Round
17th March 2018	St Patrick's Day Parade, Lucan, club represented by U10s
TBC	Ladies First League Match
3rd April 2018	Easter Camp : Online registration now open
14th April 2018	Dublin Girls Football Féile
15th April 2018	Garda Intermediates & Juniors 1st Round of Championship
21st April 2018	Dublin Boys Hurling Féile
5th May 2018	Dublin Boys Football Féile
TBC	La Na Glub—usually with function attached
7th Jun 2018	Fundraiser—Golf Classic
TBC	Men's Adult Section Club Fundraiser

### Children's Easter Camp : use this link to book

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WMTGaelsEaster2018>

## Fundraising and Sponsorship 2018

The first club fundraiser of 2018 is being held on **Friday 23rd February** at 8.00 p.m. - a fun quiz night with raffle- being run in the Westmanstown Sports Centre by the Ladies Section of the Club. Table of 4 is €40. Please come along and support their efforts.

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**Thursday June 7th** will see the full Club hosting the Golf Classic at the Westmanstown Golf Centre. This continues to be one of the greatest annual opportunities to fundraise for the club so it is hoped that each team in the club will have a team to represent them on the day. Various forms of sponsorship are available for the event.

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Two other club fundraising events to be held later in the year will be organised by the Men's section and by the Juvenile Section, more details will be confirmed in the coming months.

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If you are interested in partnership opportunities please contact any member of the executive committee or email

[sponsorwmtgaelsgaa@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorwmtgaelsgaa@gmail.com).

**Hoarding and Sponsor Opportunities Available:** Please contact

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## Online Membership for 2018

Online membership continues to be available for 2018 club membership. We are using a third party payments company Stripe to process payments so the Club will never hold any of your payment card details and all data is held in an Amazon Web Server 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 Registrar being available in the lobby area of Westmanstown at times advertised on Facebook.

<https://payments.gardawestmanstowngaels.com/>

If you experience any difficulties during your efforts online please contact the Registrar at [registrar.gardagaa.wmtgaels@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.gardagaa.wmtgaels@gmail.com)

## **Astro:**

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

**Garda GAA Club** was founded in 1923 and **Westmanstown Gaels** was founded in 2004. We propose to issue a fuller newsletter update on the history of the **Garda Gaa Club**, probably around Easter, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the re-birth of the club in 1968.

As part of our remembrance of the above the Gala Night on 23rd November 2018 will celebrate the 50th Anniversary and also the 20th Anniversary of Ladies Football in the Club.

Another long term date for your diary!!



*We would like to remind everybody, where possible, to support our sponsors or recommend them to your friends.*



## **Facilities**

**Club Shop:** Generally Open Saturday mornings for all Club Gear 10 to 11.30am. The club makes no profit on Club Gear, so there is real value when buying from the Club.

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

**Regular Pitches:** we have 4 full size pitches to use, 2 at Westmanstown, 1 in Beechpark, and 1 in Phoenix Park

## **Pitch Development Plans**

All fundraising to date has been towards installation of lights on the second pitch. The project will cost us in the region of €100,000. Funds raised have now reached €30,000.00 and this together with a bank loan will allow us to install the lights as soon as possible. We will look at developing dressing rooms and the option of a hurling wall in the future.

We will continue to look for a Sports Capital Funding grant to help us complete the project.

Did you know?