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New season, new beginnings

Hi everyone.

After a disappointing season just gone, we are all hoping for a more successful year ahead for the Wolves.

As we begin our quest to return to the top flight, it is with a great sense of optimism with a new manager and players that we await the first game against Leeds on the 18th August.

It was great to meet so many

Club members recently at the Carton House training day and at the AGM and Bray match. As we have just entered our 2nd year in existence, we thought it would be a good time to review our progress to date.

Our Chairman Andy Taylor has written a message to all members and you can find it on **Page 2**.

All the latest news including upcoming meetings and events

can be found on **Page 3**.

Photos of the meet-up with the Wolves squad and training session at Carton House are on **Page 4**

Up the Wolves!

Tony Lawlor



We need your photos and stories

Have you been to a Wolves game recently? Do you have photos from days gone by? Why not send your photos and stories to us and we will publish them in Irish Wolves News. We will also add the photos to the website Gallery Section.

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Message from the Supporters Club Chairman

It is hard to believe that it is now over a year since a group of us first met in Nancy Hands Bar in Dublin, to set up a new Irish Wolves Supporters Club. Having talked through what we wanted from a supporters club, it was agreed at that initial meeting that we would loosely follow the model of 'SwedeWolves'.

A committee was formed that day and we have continued to work hard to achieve the goals as set out in that initial meeting. In that first year our membership swelled to an impressive 61 members. Myself and the committee would like to thank all of you for investing your hard earned money in becoming members of the club.

So what have we achieved and where has your money gone?

In order to push forward brand 'Irish Wolves' we have;

- ◆ Invested in enamel pin badges which have been distributed to all members with others sold on to friends and family.
- ◆ Invested in Polo shirts which have been sold to members, family and friends at cost price after P&P.
- ◆ Set up a web site that is regularly updated throughout the season with information and links to match travel, tickets, accommodation and of course supporters groups/branches in Ireland, including Wolves friendly pubs.
- ◆ Set up an email address for membership contact.
- ◆ Sent out several newsletters via email and post.
- ◆ Organised our first successful annual meet in Wolverhampton, including **discounted** tickets and travel to Stoke City away and tickets for Arsenal at home.
- ◆ Organised a player of the season award (as voted by you) with Steven Fletcher being presented with the award at the Sir Jack Hayward Training Ground in Wolverhampton, as part of the annual meet.
- ◆ Appeared in the Wolves V Manchester City Programme as part of the above.
- ◆ Built excellent contacts within Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club.
- ◆ Held area/branch meetings in Mallow in Cork and Dublin, with more planned for the future.
- ◆ Munster Branch supporters have met regularly in Limerick to watch televised matches throughout last season.
- ◆ Organised a 'meet the players' session at Carton House in Kildare and watched the players train as part of their pre-season training camps over the last two summers.
- ◆ We have also appeared in several Munster provincial newspapers as well as advertising on a

regular basis in The Evening Herald and have appeared in The Wolverhampton Express & Star on several occasions.

- ◆ Advertised in the programme of the recent Bray Wanderers friendly match which has resulted in us gaining more members.
- ◆ We have also obtained a banner and a larger flag which have both been displayed at matches, both home and away over last season.



The Irish Wolves ad that appeared in the Bray programme.

In addition to the above, the committee has met regularly throughout the year to push forward ideas as suggested by yourselves.

Recently we held our AGM in Stack's Sports Bar in Bray, prior to the Bray Wanderers friendly match, and again, we would like to thank all those who attended. In all about 50 people attended the meeting, with many of those renewing their membership and others joining for the first time. Minutes of that meeting will follow in a further newsletter. For those who were unable to attend the meeting, we were very grateful to have in attendance Shelly Burt of Wolverhampton Wanderers, representing the club and Paul Richards (Supporter Liaison Officer – not in attendance) in particular.

Through working closely with Shelly and others in recent times we have managed to set up some very good deals that will be of benefit to our members (more to follow).

Despite losing our Premiership status last season, I for one feel optimistic about our new manager Stale Solbakken and his ability to return back to the Premiership relatively swiftly. Whatever happens this season, I hope you all enjoy it and hopefully we'll see you at matches, in the pub for televised games or at branch meetings around the country.

Best Wishes,

Andy Taylor.

Breaking News.....


Exclusive to members of Irish Wolves Supporters Club only.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have agreed to ensure tickets for home games through a special ticket package.

Irish Wolves will be giving membership names and numbers to Wolves, so all you need to do is quote your name and **Irish Wolves Membership Number** when booking your tickets.

Tickets are limited to 50 per match. The package at cost value includes a Billy Wright Stand Ticket (£30) - a match day programme (£3) and a £5 concourse food voucher to be used at the nearest food kiosk to your seat, all for cost price of £38.

Child and OAP concessions are available.



**Home Matchday Package
for Irish Wolves Fans**

Source your transport and we'll do the rest:


Guarantee your match tickets before general sale for any home fixture over the season, with prime position viewing from the Billy Wright Stand

A concourse refreshment voucher to the value of £5, available to use at the closest concourse kiosk to your seats and a match day programme

All for just £38pp

For bookings or further information please email affinity@wolves.co.uk

You can book now!



This package can be availed of for any home games and you may book your package in advance of tickets going on general sale! In fact, you can book your tickets for the games of your choice as far in advance as you wish!!

To order tickets you must EMAIL affinity@wolves.co.uk stating which game(s) you wish to attend, and providing the membership details of all those wishing to attend.

Please note that this is a trial package and is ONLY for member of Irish Wolves Supporters Club and all people wishing to avail of this opportunity must have a current Irish Wolves membership number.

As this is a trial package it may be curtailed at any time. If this package is deemed successful, then Wolves may roll this out to other foreign supporters clubs to ensure Wolves fans abroad can gain tickets for matches of their choice, enabling them to organise transport as necessary.

Please make use of this package, even if you only go once or twice per season.

Leinster Branch

Leinster area supporters and anyone else from further afield, will be meeting on **Saturday 18th August in Sinnotts Bar, King Street, Dublin, (opposite the Gaeity Theatre)** to watch our first match of the season against Leeds.

Kick off is 12:45pm.



Members of the Munster Branch at one of their meet-ups in Limerick last November.

Munster Branch

Munster area supporters and anyone else from further afield, will be meeting on **Sunday 16th of September in Lowrys Bar, Tipperary Town** to watch our match against Leicester City, (kick-off 1.15pm) followed by a general meeting. If you are familiar with the town and have any suggestions for an alternative venue, contact Gary Cotter at 086 811 6563.

Wolves U-15s

Wolves U-15 team will be competing in the Hibernian Cup at St Joseph's Boys Football Club, in Sallynoggin in south Dublin from **Friday 17th to Sunday 19th August.**

Fans are welcome to watch.

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To join just log on to the Irish Wolves website at www.irishwolves.org and complete the membership application form in the Membership Section.

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Watching Wolves at Carton House



Supporters Club members patiently awaiting the arrival of the Wolves squad.



Wolverhampton's Express & Star newspaper photo of the new Wolves Manager Stale Solbakken making a presentation to Irish Wolves Chairman Andy Taylor



Tony Daley putting Karl Henry and Dave Edwards through their paces



Wolves new boy Bjorn Sigurdarson with Munster members Eoin Keating and Ian O'Donovan.

Next issue
News on Supporters Club meetings
Membership update.