

January 2018



Wallingford Allotments and Gardens Society Affiliated Member of the Royal Horticultural Society No. 10572234

www.wags-wallingford.com

Trading Store at Centre 70 open to members only Every Saturday 11-12 am

WAGS Store closed during January; re-opens 3rd February 2018

Annual subscription £4.00 (per household)

Madam Chairman's Piece

Hope you all had a great Christmas and happy New Year.

This Spring is looking a lot healthier than last year, when the future of WAGS hung in the balance. We start 2018 with our store manager Jayne Page settled in and supported by a number of other committee members and Jill, a WAGS member (although 1-2 more people would be really helpful). Our President Ros Lester is enjoying her role, Giles and his talented wife Flick are brightening up the store with new signage, and the rest of the committee continue to offer great support.

One of our members, Annabelle Padwick is working with Jayne, Ros and myself (as Show Sec.) to help promote WAGS, particularly with the local schools and in getting sponsorship for the show.

When the store opens 1st week in Feb, please remember to renew your membership for 2018 and do add your e-mail address (if you have one) to your renewal slip, we've included one at the end of this newsletter. If you can bring along someone new to join, they would be very welcome and we would be very pleased.

If you haven't ordered seeds with your WAGS discount from Dobies, you can still do so. This is also the time of year to sort out your old seed packets, so remember the WAGS Store Seed Swap and do bring in your unwanted seeds to swap with something new, they can be half used packets or seed you have collected from your garden.

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Store News

Hello from the WAGS Store!

Thanks to all our WAGS members who supported us through the first year without Colin at the helm. Between us we have managed to keep open and serving our fabulous keen allotment holders and gardeners.

During 2017 the popular stock items have been grow-bags, our many varieties of compost, grit, farmyard manure, Lawn-Weed-Feed-Moss, Black Plastic, 777, Tomato Feed, Blood-Fish-Bone, canes, Chicken Pellets, seed potatoes and onion sets.

We saw a flurry of store visits in Sept when our members collected their Dobie Seed catalogues and they will enjoy discounted rates on all the many products and plants.

We are getting ready for 2018 and have ordered a variety of Seed Potatoes and Onion Sets, please join us in February to purchase the new stock.

Many thanks to Richard Guppy, Sandra Halstead and Jill Hudson for helping to keep the store open during 2017. Thank you to Sandra, Bernard and Kevin for making all the store deliveries happen so smoothly. It has been a huge team effort! Any other members who would like to volunteer will be warmly welcomed.

Visit us in person every Saturday Feb-July, Sept-Nov 11am – 12noon in the WAGS Store in the Car Park of Centre 70, Goldsmith's Lane near the Kinecroft, Wallingford, OX10 0DT.

Happy Gardening and hope to see you in store soon!

Jayne Page Store Manager jbumley@hotmail.com

Spring Plant Sale

The annual plant sale will be on Saturday 5th May 9-12 noon. Attendance was down last year which meant we had left over bedding plants that wasted money, which was a real shame. If there is any reason you didn't buy from us last year we really would rather know than be in the dark, so do get in touch. If you just forgot – then tie some garden string to your finger and remember next year!!!!

Again please can I ask if one or two of you with a frost free greenhouse could take some plug plants and grow them on Mar/Apr so that we can offer a good choice – please contact me **asap** if you have some space as I need to be ordering them by late January.

And do think seriously about growing a few extra vegetable plants to donate, as they are always very popular. Finally, if you bought 6-pack trays of bedding last year, please could we ask you to return the trays to WAGS so we can use them again, rather than have to buy new.

Please contact me either by phone on 01491 836527 or by email s.halstead2@btinternet.com

WAGS AGM, Centre 70

Friday 13th April 2018, 7:30 pm

Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 President's opening remarks
- 3 Minutes of previous AGM

- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Trading Store report
- 7 Membership fee 2019
- 8 Autumn show 2019
- 8 Election of Committee Members
- 9 Any other business to be notified to the secretary in writing at least 14 days before the AGM

To be followed by a buffet with desserts and wine @ £4.00 per head. If you would like to stay for the buffet, please let us know in advance so we know numbers to cater for.

Tables for Hire

WAGS owns 10 trestle tables which are available for hire at £5 per table, or £30 for all 10. Each table is 6ft by 2ft 6" (L x W x H: $180 \times 75 \times 74$ cm) and folds in half to 3ft × 2ft 6".

So remember if you are having a party, or a garage sale, and need some tables for the day, please contact George: georgesmall68@yahoo.co.uk

*** WAGS Store re-opens 3rd February 2018, 11:00 – 12:00 ***

Pam Harper

We were sorry to hear that Pam died on the 4th December 2017 after a long struggle with illness. Pam and her husband Ray were active members of WAGS for many years, and Pam has supported the WAGS show by kindly judging the Arts and craft section along with Margaret Pritchard. She will be sadly missed by all that knew her, and our thoughts go out to her family.



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