



# WAGS News

## October 2018



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

[www.wags-wallingford.com](http://www.wags-wallingford.com)

**Trading Store at Centre 70 open to members only** Every Saturday 11-12 am  
**Annual subscription £4.00** (per household)

### **The Autumn Show**

We had a great Autumn show this year, with lots of new people having a go which was great to see as it breathes new life into the show. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped, as I have said before, I completely depend on others to help in so many different roles and it is thanks to them that the show works so well.

Both the number of exhibitors and exhibits were up this year which was fab. I would like thank all our judges who give up their time to judge each exhibit, and to the Mayor Lee Upcraft for handing out the prizes and helping with the raffle. The Roke and Benson brass band kept us entertained and managed to stay dry this year.

Finally a huge thank you to our kind sponsors who support WAGS by covering some of the costs of staging the show; please give them your support:



**Sponsors: Champions, Rowse, Ros and Ken Lester**  
**Sponsor of the Photography Section: SpecSavers Didcot**  
**Sponsor of the Floral Art Section: Keri Harvey The Florists**  
**Sponsor of the Children's Prizes: Wallingford Bookshop**  
**For giving us a discount on engraving for the trophies: Feetfirst**

I really enjoyed the day and hope all those who took part, or came on the day, enjoyed yourselves too. Special thanks to those who stayed to help us tidy up at the end of a long day – we are all very tired and really do appreciate the help.



Picking out just a few of the highlights: There were a lot more craft entries this year which was great to see, and more photography. Richard Guppy swept the board in the fruit section and Edward Hodgson has some amazing veg. I was very pleased to do well with my dahlias this year, but Peter Willis' chrysanthemums were superb and deserved to win best in show.

We didn't have one entry for Novice Top Gardener this year – so I would like to see at least 3 of you enter next year please! I would also love to see more of you have a go at the floral art classes next year. We did have 3 children enter the children's classes

but really do want to see a lot more, when they enter they always enjoy it.

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There is a list of Trophy Winners at the end of this newsletter and we will put the list on the website. For anyone who missed the show, the website will have some photographs, so do take a look: [www.wags-wallingford.com](http://www.wags-wallingford.com).

All you WAGS members out there, I look forward to seeing you on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019.

P.S. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the show, please do get in touch with me, I would love to hear them.

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### **Madam Chairman's Piece**

It is the end of a very challenging year for growing veg and for keeping the garden looking nice, but as we gardeners say "there's always next year" so start planning!

Thank you to all WAGS members for supporting your society; if you know a keen gardener who is not a member, please mention us to them. If you have any ideas for WAGS 2019, or would like to get involved, I would love to hear from you. We are looking for a new secretary for next year, only involves coming to 4-5 ½ hour meetings a year and producing short minutes – please think about it because it is a role we have to fill.

Remember to visit our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WallingfordAGS](http://www.facebook.com/WallingfordAGS)

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### **Store News**

Hello from the WAGS Store!

The store is now back open until the end of November, and the Dobies catalogues will be in store from Saturday 6th Oct. We'll close again December and January. We re-open February and intend to have seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots available. Do pop in and see us 11am-12noon every Saturday Feb-July and Sept-November. We are taking bulk orders for potatoes and onions, compost, Growmore and anything else that WAGS is able to source for you. If you miss the shop opening times please message on the WAGS Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WallingfordAGS/](http://www.facebook.com/WallingfordAGS/)

Happy Growing!

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### **Photography Section at the WAGS Autumn Show**

Our Judge very much enjoyed judging the entries at the show this year, the number of entries were up and the quality was great. So thank you to all who entered.

To ensure we get lots of entries next year, we want to give you the maximum time to take your photos. So below are the classes for the 2019 Show Schedule:

1. Country Life
2. Love
3. A Single Bloom
4. Movement
5. Summer Holiday



### **Message from Wallingford Gardening Club**

Here is our programme for October and November (December is our AGM).

#### **October**

Thursday 11th October at 7:30pm, Jamie Butterworth will be talking about Late Summer Flowering Perennials.

An avid plantsman, Jamie graduated from RHS Garden Wisley's Diploma in Practical Horticulture with Distinction in 2015. He worked as joint Show Plant Manager at Hortus Loci, Hampshire, growing plants for a range of RHS Flower Shows. After becoming a finalist in the BBC's Young Gardener of the Year at just 16 years old, Jamie went on to co-found YoungHort in 2013 to inspire more young people to choose gardening as a career. In his role as RHS Ambassador, Jamie is sharing his passion for horticulture and getting secondary school children involved in gardening.

#### **November**

Thursday 8th November at 7:30pm A talk by Maren Talbot (Heritage Orchids) on Pleiones the Hardy Orchids.

Maren has a large collection of Pleiones, they are miniature orchids sometimes called Himalayan crocuses. These captivating flowers natural habitat is in moss on branches and trunks of trees, or terrestrially in rocks with leaf litter. Maren will share with us the easy secrets of their cultivation and care.

The meeting venue for both is at Ridgeway Community Church, Old Buildings off Wood Street OX10 0EW.

Visitors are most welcome, admission is just £3.00.

*Aleck Harrison*  
*Wallingford Gardening Club*

## Call for support from St John's Primary school

The PTFA (Parents and Friends Association) of St John's Primary school would love to hear from any WAGS members that might be interested in helping manage the borders and planters throughout the year.

At St John's school there are several borders and flower beds/planters that have always been a struggle to make an ongoing success. Individual beds are sometimes used for specific projects, such as strawberries or herbs with a particular year group, but then as the seasons change, or the year groups change the beds tend to fall into neglect again.

There are no firm plans, but they'd be keen to hear from anyone that might be able to work with them to help design a low maintenance, robust year round planting scheme and then supporting some of the staff and children in the regular upkeep of the beds. They can muster the man power, but struggle with the continuity and what to do when.

If anyone would like to offer any support it would be gratefully received. Please do get in touch with Jim Chiazzese (jimc@live.co.uk) who can arrange further discussion with the school.



## Keri the Florist

Keri the florist, one of our generous sponsors of the WAGS show, is running a Christmas workshop again this year on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There will be 3 sessions available running from 10am-12pm, 12:30pm-2:30pm and 3pm-5pm. To book a session, please call 01491 838005 or pop into her shop.



## 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 x 75 x 74 cm) and folds in half to 3ft x 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](mailto:georgesmall68@yahoo.co.uk)



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### **Membership**

WAGS membership is £4.00 per household and valid for one year. To renew for 2018, please complete the form below and bring to the store with your payment. Newsletters are distributed by email – news is generally posted at the website too.

A few printed copies of the newsletter will be available in Store if you don't have email/Internet.

WALLINGFORD ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS SOCIETY  
***Membership Application / Renewal Form***

**Name:**.....

**Address:**.....

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**Postcode:**..... **Tel no:**.....

**eMail:**.....

*I would like to receive the Newsletter by email:*

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### **WAGS Show Winners 2018**

Number	Trophy	Description	Name
1	The Bill Stickley Trophy	WAGS Top Gardener	Sandra Halstead
2	The Talbot Trophy	WAGS Novice Top Gardener	n/a
3	The Presidents Cup	Vegetables - Members Only	Edward Hodgson
4	The Albert Reed Memorial Trophy	Best in Show Vegetables	Edward Hodgson
5	The Slade Memorial Bowl	Flowers - Open	Sandra Halstead
6	The Vice Presidents Cup	Flowers - Members Only	Tommy Buckingham
7	The Joe Gniadek Cup	Best in show - Flowers	Peter Willis
8	The WAGS Cup	Pot Plants - Members Only	Tied: Sandra Halstead Marion Cherry
9	The Members Trophy	Fruit - Members Only	Richard Guppy
10	The Peter Hallet Memorial Bowl	Best in show - Fruit	Richard Guppy
11	The Arthur Shepard Trophy	Specialities - Open	Joanna Bowyer
12	The Bob Burrel Memorial Trophy	Length and weight - Members Only	Edward Hodgson
13	The MacMower Trophy	Heaviest 4 Onions	Edward Hodgson
14	The Audrey Bosley Trophy	Children aged 5-8 1st	Jacob Webb
15	Children 5-8 £3	Children aged 5-8 2nd	Aeris Webb
16	Children 5-8 £2	Children aged 5-8 3rd	n/a
17	The Lilian and William Wells Memorial Trophy	Children aged 9-12 1st	Mabel Whitehead
18	Children 9-12 £3	Children aged 9-12 2nd	n/a
19	Children 9-12 £2	Children aged 9-12 3rd	n/a
20	The Floral Art Cup	Floral Art - Open	Marion Cherry
21	The WAGS Linnian Cup	Best in show - Floral Art	Joanna Bowyer
22	The Mayoress Trophy	Container Gardening - Open	Tied: Mel Belgrove Jones Jayne Page Marion Cherry
23	Commemorative Plaque Tomato	Tastiest Tomato	Richard Guppy
24	Commemorative Plaque Rose	Most Scented Rose	Richard Guppy
25	The Craft Cup	Art and Craft - Open	Carol Pitson
26	The Latter Trophy	Photography - Open	Joanna Bowyer
27	Founders Cup	Secretary's Choice for Best Effort	Joanna Bowyer
28	Mayors Trophy	Best Family Effort	The Buckingham
29	The Banksian Medal	Highest Prize Money Total	Sandra Halstead
30	The Ben Buckingham Memorial Cup	Highest Number of Points	Edward Hodgson
31	The Eddie Small Shield	Best in Show - Members Only	Peter Willis
32	Wallingford Town Council Allotment Shield	Best Allotment	Denise Wyatt