



# WAGS News

April 2019



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)

## News from our 2019 AGM

Our AGM was held on Friday 9th April and as with last year only 4 members came alongside the committee members, which was very disappointing.

### Summary of news:

- We still have no secretary, the role involves taking minutes at around 5 1/2 hour meetings a year
- We have no publicity officer to help increase membership, which is vital
- We have no one offering to help with sponsorship to help cover the costs of the show

So please someone come forward to help us with these roles, particularly Secretary!!!



## Madam Chairman's Piece

The key to keeping WAGS going is to have enough members willing to help out. So a big thank you to all the committee members who take on roles and support behind the scenes.

**Plant sale on Saturday 4th May:** This is our next event, starting at 9am. We hope to have a wide selection of veg this year, as well as great value summer bedding and perennials. Annuals will include Busy Lizzies, Trailing Lobelia, Petunias and Geraniums. WAGS invests in growing 100's of plants for members, I have potted up over 500 bedding plants so far.

The sale is so much better when members bring their spare plants and take home new plants to try – so please all of you try and bring a donation or two (or ten!) on Saturday morning, ideally before 9am.

On behalf of the small band who put a lot of effort into growing plants for you all, do come and support the sale. Any plants not sold will be available the following Saturday 11am-12pm, if you can't make the 4th.

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## **WAGS News**

### **Show Time**

The 2018 show will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, opening at 2pm for viewing.

If you haven't done so before then **this is your year to enter something** and have a go! All the newbies tell me they really enjoy themselves!

To get you thinking about items that need some advanced preparation, here are the titles for Art, Children's classes and Floral Art (photography classes were in the Oct 2018 NL).

Note: class numbers may change on the final schedule so please check.

#### **Section I – Art & Craft – Open to all**

Class 68 – "Colour"

Any media painting, i.e. oil, water colour, pencil drawing, pen & ink etc. or mixed media

#### **Section K**

##### **Children aged 5 to 8 years**

Class 76 - 3 biscuits decorated with the colours of a favourite superhero (biscuits can be shop bought).

Class 77 - A vase of your favourite flowers (combined maximum height 45cm).

Class 78 - A painting or drawing of a super hero, using any medium (max. size A4).

Class 79 - An 'imaginary' space creature, made from vegetables/fruits (cardboard, cocktail sticks and cello-tape also allowed).

##### **Children aged 9-12**

Class 80 - Picture or collage entitled "An ocean scene", any material (max. size A4).

Class 81 - 4 small cakes decorated with animal faces.

Class 82 - A photo entitled "Happy Birthday".

Class 83 - A seed tray scene "My Day At The Seaside". Size not to exceed 25cm x 40cm.

#### **Section N Floral Art – open to all**

Class 84 - 80 years ago the nation took up DIG FOR VICTORY. To celebrate, using a vase and water only make a design of edible material. It can be leaves or leaves and flowers. 45cm H x 30 cm x 30 cm

Class 85 - "Late Summer Symphony", no accessories. 60cm H x 45cm x 45cm.

Class 86 - 60 years ago was 'one step for man and a giant step for mankind'. Your interpretation of what you would present to the astronauts as mankind's thank you. Accessories allowed. 45cm x 45cm x 45cm.

Class 87 - A button hole for the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, 50 years ago, using colours of the national plants of Wales (Daffodils and Leeks). Accessories allowed, live material and/or dried. 4cm H x 10cm x 10cm.

**RETURNING YOUR CUPS:** Remember to return any cups to the store and pick up a copy of the schedule if you're not on the email list. Please do this in **early JULY**, as the store is closed during August.

If you are a first time exhibitor and would like any advice, please do feel free to give me a call or email me.

I very much look forward to seeing you all on Show Day.

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## **WAGS News**

### **Store News**

To all our lovely WAGS Store customers, thank you for your loyalty and supporting the store in 2018 – our numbers are up from 2017!

We began 2019 with seed potato and onion sets selling well and there are still some available in the store. Our members have also stocked up on Growmore, Blood-Fish-Bone, Potash, Potato Fertiliser, Vermiculite, Lawn-Weed-Feed-Moss Killer, grass seed, canes, weed suppressant fabric, slug control, John Innes No1/2/3, multi-purpose compost, bark chippings, Ericaceous compost, grow-bags and lots more besides.

We are Open 11am-12noon every Saturday Feb-July and Sept-November in the Car Park of Centre70, we typically have a parking space available and can help load up when needed.

If you can spare an hour once or twice per year to help run the store please drop me a line, we need more people to support our small but dedicated team and are always looking for additional occasional help in store and also help when we have deliveries, usually Wednesdays, again only a few times a year.

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### **Fund-raising for WAGS**

We have recently requested a Community Matters collection at Waitrose, please keep a look-out and support WAGS if you can by collecting the green tokens and "voting" for us. This will help cover the costs of The 2019 Autumn Show and the May Plant Sale in 2020.



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

Here is our programme of events for the next couple of months:

#### **Thursday 9th May at 6:30pm**

We will be meeting for a visit to Lime Close, Drayton for a one and a half hour tour of this NGS garden which is described as a 3 acre mature plantsman's garden with rare trees, shrubs, roses and bulbs. Mixed borders, raised beds, pergola, topiary and shade borders. The Herb garden is by Rosemary Verey. Cottage garden by MCL Garden Design, planted for colour, an iris garden with 100 varieties of tall bearded irises. Winter bulbs. A new arboretum with exotic trees from Asia and USA planted for autumn colour.

The cost will be £10 per person including refreshments.

Please let us know if you intend coming to this event.

(Aleck 07734 889 717) [www.wallingford-gardening-club.com](http://www.wallingford-gardening-club.com)

## **WAGS News**

### **The Annual Plant Sale**

**Saturday 11th May 09:00 -12:30 in The Wallingford Town Square**

The Wallingford Garden Club will be holding our annual plant sale in the Wallingford Town Square. So be ready to purchase vegetable and annual seedlings, plus plants of all shapes and sizes ready to fill your gardens with colour and structure.

Profits are for club funds enabling us to bring quality speakers to Wallingford and sponsor local gardening activities.

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*Aleck Harrison  
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### **For the special attention of Rose lovers**

A few years ago I bought one of the most beautiful Roses from Anne the original owner of "Root One". It is only about a metre high, pink and the most exquisite fragrance. So good that I introduced it to some of my Neighbours who now have them growing in their gardens.

I sent a cutting to Margaret at "Style Roses" and they managed to propagate it and make some 50 Roses from it and I now have a few more in my garden.

It is called "Daily Sketch" and is from the famous Macready Rose from, I think the 1950's. So, if you want one I suggest contact Margaret at "Style Roses" before they are all gone.

Regards  
David Self  
A grateful long time WAGS member



### **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)



## **WAGS News**

### **Membership**

WAGS membership is £4.00 per household and valid for one year. To renew for 2019, 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.

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