



WAGS News

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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
Annual subscription £4.00 (per household)

Madam Chairman's Piece

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

When the store opens 2nd Feb, please remember to renew your membership for 2019 and do add your e-mail address (if you have one) to your renewal slip so we can keep you informed of any news. Do you have someone you could bring along to join? They would be very welcome and we would be delighted.

If you haven't ordered seeds with your WAGS discount from Dobies, you can still do so. This is the time of year we all sort out our old seed packets – if you have any unwanted seeds to swap with something new, bring them to the WAGS Store Seed Swap, even half used packets or seed you have collected from your garden are great to swap.

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### ***Store News***

Hello from the WAGS Store!

Our WAGS Store re-opens on Saturday 2nd February and will be open every Saturday 11am-12noon until 28th July. We close in August and re-open 7th Sept until 30th Nov.

Our Seed Potatoes and Onions Sets arrive in the next few days and will be available to purchase in-store early/mid Feb, this year's delivery is;

Onions: Turbo and Golden Gourmet

Potatoes: Arran Pilot, Foremost, Lady Christi, Nadine, Charlotte, Desiree, Picasso

Come along to renew your memberships for 2019 and purchase our regular stock items; composts, fertilisers, bug control, lawn feed, canes, weed control fabric and fleece. We have a large catalogue of other items which can be ordered for our Members should you wish to make a special purchase.

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Happy Gardening and Growing,

Jayne

PS If you are free to volunteer 1 hour a few times per year to help with the running of the store please make contact on [jbumley@hotmail.com](mailto:jbumley@hotmail.com) or tel: 07900588898. We currently have 4 WAGS members on a rota and the more members we can get involved all helps the smooth running of the store throughout the year Feb-July and Sept-Nov. Many thanks.

Jayne Page  
Store Manager  
[jbumley@hotmail.com](mailto:jbumley@hotmail.com)

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### **Spring Plant Sale**

The annual plant sale will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9-12 noon. We plan to have some fabulous veg plants, perennials and summer bedding plants at great prices, so please put the date on your calendar and pay us a visit. The profits from this sale are vital to help us continue to run the WAGS Autumn show.

Summer bedding will include Geraniums, busy lizzies, trailing lobelia and petunias.

I really need at least two more members with a frost free greenhouse to 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. Sadly, no one rang me last year, but I live in hope that you will this year!

As ever, we ask you to grow a few extra vegetable plants to donate, and 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](mailto:s.halstead2@btinternet.com)

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### **WAGS AGM, Centre 70**

**Friday 12th 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

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- 6 Trading Store report
- 7 a Membership fee 2020
- b Autumn show 2020
- 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.

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### **LES NOVELL**

Les unexpectedly passed away at Hatchmoor Nursing Home, Great Torrington in the early hours of Monday 19th November at the age of 93. He was a long time member and enthusiastic supporter of WAGS over a great many years, taking on the role of store manager and judging at the Autumn Show. His son Bernard held a memorial service at Centre 70 earlier in January, to celebrate his life. He said Les had a good innings, especially when put in cricketing terms!

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

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

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Questions and Answer Session with Andy Ledbury  
Andy from Purely Plant (formerly Busy Baskets) will be ready for a question and answer session on plant propagation and cultivation, so be ready with your questions from soil to seeds and pests to petals.

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Ferns and Their Companions – George Lockwood  
George says of himself he is “the gardener’s gardener!” He is a full-time totally organic passionate gardener, taught his trade at Capel Manor College. A full list of plants George talks about and shows will be provided.

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April - The Bill Baker Memorial Lecture**

How to be a 21st Century Gardener – Timothy Walker  
Timothy will talk on how the changes we are seeing in our weather and climate affects us, then applies these so we gardeners can reduce their impact on the world’s natural resources....it’s more than global warming and peat!

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All events start at 7:30pm and are at Ridgeway Community Centre, Old Buildings off Wood Street OX10 0EW.

Visitors are most welcome, admission is just £3.00.

*Aleck Harrison*  
*Wallingford Gardening Club*



### **Share your experiences in our Newsletter**

Part of being a member of WAGS is having access to other like minded gardeners, to swap stories and get advice.

Have you had a gardening challenge, disaster or victory? If so please do send us an email about it, with pictures if you have them, as we would love to put some of our members stories into the newsletters and on our website. Or perhaps you've found a good gardening website or blog you think others might be interested in.



### **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)



### **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.

Please use our form on the next page.

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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:*