

WAGS News

What can you do to support WAGS?

WAGS needs you!

If you want WAGS to continue to operate then we need your help. Please do help out wherever you can. You might assume that someone else will come forward but that's not always the case. You don't necessarily need to become a Committee member and attend committee meetings. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated by members and the Committee.

Could you perhaps spare an hour or two to:

- help unload deliveries to the Store during the week?
- help at the Store on a Saturday or Sunday serving customers or weighing out products or stocking the shelves?
- help at the Plant Sale?
- help with the Show preparations or on the day? This could be contacting possible sponsors or helping set up the hall
- help with the food for the AGM, Band Concert or the Show as part of a team of helpers?
- help with publicity for WAGS by writing an article or two for the Newsletter or for the local press?
- help deliver the Newsletters?

This is a great opportunity to get to know other like-minded people, get hints and tips from other gardeners and support your local community.

Any questions? Please do speak to a member of the Committee. We will all be happy to discuss with you how you can support WAGS.



The **new subscription rate** is £4.00 per household – valid from January 2012. To **renew** your subscription for 2012, please complete the form on page 7 and hand it in to the Store. Please include an **email** if you have one, especially if you live outside Wallingford. As well as the newsletter in electronic format (and colour, where available), you will receive other occasional news. New members are welcome to join at any time.



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Book now for the WAGS trip to Wisley Gardens - 10 June 2012

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Trading Store at Centre 70 **open to members only**
Every Saturday and first Sunday in the month: 10:00 – 12:00

Annual subscription £4.00 (per household)

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WAGS Committee 2011/12

President	Peter Atkins (ex officio)
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WAGS Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on **Friday 10 February 2012 at 8pm at Centre 70**. Please do come along and support WAGS.

It's your opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, meet other WAGS members and get involved in WAGS so don't miss out.

There will be a buffet including a wide variety of cheeses, bread and nibbles followed by dessert. There will also be wine and soft drinks available, all for the bargain price of £4!

You might even be lucky enough to win a raffle prize.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Sam Timmins
Secretary

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Discounts

Discounts are currently available at the following businesses (if you ask first), on the production of your **CURRENT** WAGS Membership Card, which must be shown before the transaction is started:

- Goring Hardware**, Red Cross Road, Goring – 10% on gardening products
- Norman Cox & Partners**, Scotts Common, Checkendon – 5%
Most items, but check at cash desk – NOT with any other offers
- Root 1**, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell – 10% *Mondays and Tuesdays only*
Shrubs, herbaceous plants, pot plants – NOT with any other offers
- Toad Hall**, Marlow Road (Fawley Court), Henley (Mon–Fri) – 5%
Most items except fencing and machinery – NOT with any other offers
- Wears Nursery**, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell – 10%
Shrubs, plants, trees, alpines, composts, bark and fertilisers
- Woodcote Garden Centre**, Reading Road, Woodcote – 10% on plants
- Yarnton Nurseries**, Sandy Lane, Yarnton, Kidlington – 10%
excluding items already discounted, purchases in restaurant or franchises

[List subject to revision]

WALLINGFORD ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS SOCIETY **Membership Application / Renewal 2012**

Please complete – **print clearly** – and hand in to the Store.
Membership fee: **£4.00** (per household)

Name:

Address*

Postcode

Tel no.:

I would like to receive the Newsletter by email....

Email [please print!].

* If you live outside the Wallingford area and do not receive the email Newsletter, please collect your copies from the WAGS Store.

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WAGS Store

It is still not too late to order your seeds and plants from Dobies. There are still some catalogues in the Store.

The **seed potatoes**, together with the **onion and shallot sets**, will be on sale on **Saturday 11 February from 10am**. They will all be on a first come first served basis. The seed potatoes are in 2.5kg bags this year and will cost £2.25 each, with the exception of Rooster which will cost £2.50.

We will be stocking the following varieties:

- Arran Pilot
- Foremost
- Lady Christi
- Pentland Javelin
- Rocket
- Swift
- Estima
- Kestrel
- Wilja
- Cara
- Desiree
- King Edward
- Picasso
- Santé
- Charlotte
- International Kidney
- Nicola
- Rooster



The WAGS Store stocks a variety of composts, fertilizers (by the kg), liquid fertilizers and tomato feeds, not to mention seed trays, string, labels, etc. Let me know if there is something you need that is not in stock.

More people are needed to help out on Saturdays during the year - or maybe you are interested in helping to manage the Store - please contact me at the Store or speak to one of the Committee.

Colin Timmins
Store Manager



If you receive this by email before Christmas, note that **the Store will be closed** on Saturdays 24 and 31 December 2011, Sunday 1 January 2012 and Saturday 7 January 2012.

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Chairman's Piece

WAGS has had another successful year. Thanks to all the Committee who work hard to put on the events and cover the store on a weekly basis. Without their hard work and dedication WAGS would not still be in existence. Despite the commitment of the current Committee, WAGS is always looking for more support from its members. You don't necessarily have to become a Committee member; you could simply help out whenever you are available. If you want to know more about helping at WAGS read the article on page 8.

Next year we will be running another trip which Toni is in the process of organising. More information is inside.

Please do remember to renew your membership and please do add your e-mail address (if you have one) to your renewal slip. We are aware that it takes several months for news to reach our members and hope that we can keep you better informed by sending e-mails at appropriate times. We promise not to bombard you or send you junk.

Don't forget to claim your discounts from those local firms who support WAGS by offering money off their products on production of your WAGS Membership Card. Make sure you show this to the cashier before they start the transaction.

You have been ordering lots of seeds already this year, so I'm looking forward to seeing lots of plants donated to the Plant Sale in May, as well as an abundance of entries in the 2012 WAGS Show.

If you have any suggestions on any aspect covered by the Society, please do let myself or one of the Committee know so that we can discuss it and take any necessary action.

Happy New Year Gardening!

Colin Timmins



The WAGS website at www.cranfordcomputers.co.uk/wags is closing. Please take a look at the blog which replaces it and let us know what you think:

wallingfordags.blogspot.com

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Wisley Gardens Trip

Our next **trip** will be on Sunday 10 June 2012 to visit the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley.

Cost: £15 per person – includes travel and entrance fee!

The coach will leave Wallingford at 9.30 am from outside the Library, returning to Wallingford by 5.30 pm

About Wisley (see www.rhs.org.uk/)

Horticultural science, plant trials, garden advice, education, improvements to our gardens, flower shows and gardening events are all at the forefront of the Royal Horticultural Society's charitable remit.



The flagship garden of the RHS, Wisley captures the imagination with richly planted borders, luscious rose gardens and the state-of-the-art new Glasshouse.

Book your place at the WAGS Store on Saturday mornings or by phoning me.

Toni Littledale
Trips Organiser

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Diary 2012

Friday 10 February 2012	Annual General Meeting
Saturday 12 May 2012	Plant Sale
Sunday 10 June 2012	Trip to Wisley
Sunday 12 August 2012	Band Concert
Saturday 8 September 2012	Autumn Show



WAGS AGM, Centre 70

Friday 10th February 2012, 8:00 pm

Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Presidents opening remarks
- 3 Minutes of previous AGM
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Trading Store report
- 7
 - a Membership fee 2013
 - b Band concert 2013
 - c Autumn show 2013
- 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 including cheese, biscuits, nibbles, desserts and wine @ £4.00 per head

NB If you are interested in helping with catering, in the store or joining the Committee, please speak to one of the Committee. Thank you.

