

# WAGS News

## Changes to the WAGS AGM

This year only four members and the WAGS committee attended the AGM, which was a shame, but understandable given the weather that evening.

We want to see more of you at future AGMs so we are making some changes for the 2013 AGM in the hope that we will see more of you there.

The **2013 AGM** will be held on **Friday 12 April** in the hope that the weather will be better in April than it usually is in February.

We are also moving the time from 8pm to **7.30pm** so we can start eating the tasty buffet earlier.

On the subject of the buffet, to ensure that we minimise any wastage from 2013 we will be asking members to indicate the week before the AGM if they want food at the AGM. I would encourage you to partake of the buffet which is excellent value for money offering numerous different cheeses, bread, crisps, crudités, dips, olives and pickles, as well as dessert and wine / juice. Don't forget, you can still attend the AGM at the last minute and not have food, unless some kind member wants to share theirs with you.

The Committee looks forward to seeing you all at the 2013 AGM.

*Sam Timmins*  
WAGS Secretary



The **2012 subscription rate** is £4.00 per household – valid from January 2012. To **renew** your subscription, please complete the form on the reverse (p. 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.

Latest news: 2013 Subs rate held at £4.00 per household



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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 2012/13

<b>President</b>	Peter Atkins (ex officio)
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<b>Committee*:</b>	
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\* there are vacancies on the Committee—please contact any of us if you are interested in helping run WAGS, and have an hour or so a month to spare.

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### Diary 2012

Saturday 12 May 2012	Plant Sale
Sunday 10 June 2012	Trip to RHS Gardens, Wisley
Sunday 12 August 2012	Band Concert in Wallingford
Saturday 8 September 2012	Autumn Show
Friday 12 April 2013	Annual General Meeting (new date)

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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]

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### 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 News

The WAGS Store still has some seed potatoes for sale, as well as 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



### Spring Plant Sale

This next event in the Store is on **Saturday 12th May 2012**. Sale starts at 9am. Proceeds of the plant sale are used to help run WAGS and the plants themselves give us all the opportunity to try something new and have variety in what we grow!

We hope to see you all there. There will be a good display of annuals and vegetables this year, and some perennials, kindly grown by members of WAGS.

Annuals will include:

**Geranium** (Pelargonium) - large flowers in red, rose, salmon, pink, white and orange

**Petunia** - bright pink and red grandiflora flowers, some with a striking white centre and frilly edges

**Verbena** - masses of deep red, pink and white flowers

**Lobelia** (trailing) - Mixture of mid blue, light blue, white, carmine, purple, mauve and lilac

**Begonia** - clusters of small flowers in red and pink colours on top of attractive bronze and green foliage

**Gazania** - good in dry conditions, plant in full sun. Colours are orange, yellow, white and red, with stripes and stars

We want to put on a really good sale this year, so when you are sowing your annuals and veg, think of WAGS and sow a few extra seeds to bring to the sale.

**Bring your surplus plants to the Store** on the evening of **Friday 11th May (between 6 and 7 pm)** or before the sale on Saturday morning. Please label your plants clearly for the benefit of buyers! Do also get in touch if you can help on the day.

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### Chairman's Piece

I have been looking back at last year and am very proud to say it was a great success. Thanks to all the Committee and members for their contribution to this. Let's hope the coming year is the same for WAGS and all our gardening endeavours. Fingers crossed for rain to avoid a drought situation.

Our AGM in February was poorly attended due to the weather, so we will be making some changes for 2013 to hopefully increase attendance. For more information on the changes do read the article on page 8.

As you all know, WAGS provides some great catering at its events during the year. To help with the catering we are looking to set up a team of people to spread the work rather than having one Catering Officer. So if you can spare an hour or two over the year to help with shopping, food preparation, setting up the food, or clearing up, please do contact our Secretary Samantha at [vauxhall52@sky.com](mailto:vauxhall52@sky.com).

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that Toni is arranging a trip to Wisley on 10 June. Please do save the date, or better still get your name on her list. It's a great opportunity to see one of the RHS gardens and to make some new friends.

Unfortunately Toni will be stepping down as Trips Organiser after June, so if anyone would like to take this role on please contact Toni for more information.

I am very pleased to say that Toni will be staying on the WAGS Committee and will be taking on the role of Assistant Show Secretary. Thanks Toni, I am sure Sandra will welcome the help!

Remember, if you haven't yet bought your seed potatoes, they are currently on sale at the store together with the onion and shallot sets.

Happy Gardening!

*Colin Timmins*

### ***Come with WAGS to the RHS Gardens, Wisley***

As the days start to warm up, you may want to think about the next WAGS outing on **Sunday 10 June 2012** to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley. By June, the gardens should be giving us a great display.



The Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden opened to the public in July 2011. Featuring more than 4,000 roses and 5,000 herbaceous plants, the garden is designed by RHS Chelsea gold medal-winning designer Robert Myers and is composed of a series of gentle terraces that step down from the Bowes-Lyon Pavilion. A river of roses runs round circular lawns.

As an RHS Affiliated Society, we get **free** entrance, so all you pay for is the cost of the coach: **£15 per person!**

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

It promises to be a great day out!

**Book** your place at the WAGS Store or by phoning **Toni Littledale** - or come and talk to one of the WAGS Committee at the Store on Saturday mornings if you have any questions.

### ***Show Time***

As you know, in 2010 I entered the show for the first time and loved it, and then in 2011 I was Show Secretary for the first time and loved that too.

We really value those of you who enter our show every year and put so much effort in. For members who haven't entered yet, I hope you are thinking "Yes this is the year I WILL enter something and see how I do."

To get you thinking about the items that need some advanced preparation, here are the titles for Art, Photography and the Children's classes:

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

Class 67 – Art entitled "*A Countryside Celebration*"

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

Class 68 – A hand-made item not exceeding 60 x 60 cm (24" x 24") – no height restriction.

#### **Section J – Photography – *Open to all***

69 Colour Print entitled "*Beauty*"

70 Colour Print entitled "*Britain's heritage*"

71 Colour Print entitled "*Sunshine*"

72 Colour Print entitled "*Nature*"

73 Colour Print entitled "*Water*"

Maximum size of print 18 cm x 13 cm (7" x 5"), un-framed, un-mounted.

#### **Section K - *Children***

*Children aged 5 to 8 years (i.e. have had their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday but not their 9<sup>th</sup> on the day of the show)*

Class 74 – 3 biscuits decorated with a Royal theme (biscuits can be shop bought)

Class 75 – A picture of the Queen at her Diamond jubilee, any medium (max A4)

Class 76 – A collage entitled "*A Royal Gardener*" made from natural materials (max A4)

Class 77 – A 3D 'vegetable' creature, going to a Diamond Jubilee event (using only natural materials)

*Children aged 9 to 12 years (i.e. have had their 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday but not their 13<sup>th</sup> on the day of the show)*

Class 78 – 4 jam tarts decorated with a Royal theme

Class 79 – A sketch of a Royal Residence, using pencils (can include colour) max A4

Class 80 – A 'Royal garden' in a seed tray (max 25 x 40 cm)

Class 81 – A photograph from a Diamond Jubilee event

The **complete Schedule** comes out in July and will detail the new titles for Floral Art. If you would like any advice on showing, or have any questions about the schedule, please do give me a call or email.

I look forward to seeing you on Show Day!

*Sandra Halstead*  
Show Secretary