

WAGS AGM, Centre 70

Friday 12th April 2013, 7:30 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 2014
- b Band concert 2014
- c Autumn show 2014
- 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.



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Is there a garden you'd like to organise a visit to?

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 (except August)
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WAGS Committee 2012/13

President	Peter Atkins (ex officio)
Chairman	Colin Timmins
Treasurer	Richard Guppy
Secretary	Sam Timmins
Store Manager	Colin Timmins
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Trips Organiser	<i>Vacant</i>

Committee*:
George Small Ivy Small Joyce Stickley Bernard Thorrington

* there are vacancies on the Committee—please contact any of us if you have an hour or so a month to spare and could help us run WAGS. No expertise required!



WAGS 2013 Diary

Friday 12 April	Annual General Meeting (see page 4)
Saturday 11 May	Plant Sale
Sunday 11 August	Band Concert
Saturday 14 September	Autumn Show

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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 2013

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 clearly!].

* If you live outside Wallingford and cannot receive the Newsletter by email, please collect your copies from the WAGS Store or provide a c/o address.

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Store News

The *Dobies Catalogues* is in Store – there's **30% discount on seeds** and **10% discount on plants** ordered.

The seed potatoes which will be available from the Store from 9 February 2013. We will be stocking the following varieties:

Arran Pilot	Charlotte
Lady Christi	Foremost
Rocket	Kestrel
Estima	Cara
Wilja	International Kidney
Desiree	Rooster
Picasso	

As usual, we will also be selling onion and shallot sets. 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. There may not appear to be much in stock, because we prefer to order items on request, rather than have things gather dust on the shelves. Let me know if there is something you need that is not in stock.

If you are able to help out on the odd Saturday morning – or maybe you are interested in helping to run the store on a more regular basis – please contact me at the Store.

Please note that due the Christmas holidays the Store will be closed on Saturdays 15th, 22nd December 2012 and Saturday 5th January 2013.

The Store will be CLOSED on 3, 4, 10, 17, 24 and 31 August 2013

Colin Timmins Store Manager

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Chairman's Piece

I have been looking back at last year and I am surprised that we have managed to grow anything due to the amount of rain we have had which was preceded by the very dry period when the seeds should have been sown. So let's hope that next year will be a lot better.

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.

We would like to have a visit to RHS Wisley in the spring so if there is anyone who would like to organise this outing please contact me in the store.

Remember, if you haven't yet bought your seed from the catalogue we are still taking orders. Do not forget that the seed potatoes will be on sale in February at the store together with the onion and shallot sets.

Happy Gardening!

Colin Timmins

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Changes to the WAGS AGM

In February 2012 only four members and the (much diminished) WAGS committee attended the AGM, which was a shame, but perhaps understandable given the weather that evening.

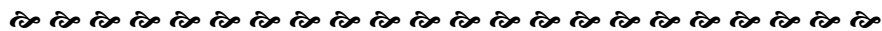
We would like to see more of you at future AGMs, so we have made some changes for the future in the hope that it will ensure that more members can attend. Do come along and help decide how your Society is run.

The next AGM will be held on **Friday 12 April 2013**.

We are also moving the time from 8pm to **7.30pm** – which also means we can start eating the tasty buffet earlier!

This year, to ensure that we minimise any wastage, we will be asking members to indicate a week beforehand if they would like to have the wine and cheese buffet at the AGM. There are usually numerous different cheeses, bread, crisps, crudités, dips, olives and pickles, as well as dessert and a choice of wine or fruit juice. It's good value for money, at £4 per head, but you can still attend the AGM at the last minute and not have food.

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



Tables for Hire

WAGS now owns 10 trestle tables which are available for hire at £5 per table, or £30 for all 10. Each table is 6 ft by 2 ft (183 × 61 cm) and folds in half to 3 × 2 ft.



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Spring Plant Sale

Thanks all of you who returned empty plant trays from the Plant Sale in May 2012. Following the success of that sale—the proceeds of which went toward running the Autumn Show—we are thinking ahead to the next one. Winter is a great time to take stock of the garden and allotment, while it's too wet to do much outside. Many of you will have taken advantage of the great discounts in the Dobies catalogue to buy your seeds. Do think of WAGS when you sow them, and prick out a few extra seedlings in the Spring to bring along to the sale. Vegetables were very popular and we hope to have plenty again this year. We also plan to grow various bedding plants from plugs again—put the date in your diaries now!



Trip to Wisley in 2013?

Since WAGS is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, we can arrange to visit the RHS gardens at Wisley for relatively little cost, entry being free once a year. So many of you enjoyed the trip in the Autumn last year, that we are thinking of running another trip in spring, to see a different aspect of the great gardens there. In April, Cherry blossom, daffodils & other spring bulbs, magnolias and camilias, spring rock garden plants like pulsatilla, dog's tooth violet, primula and epimediums should be in bloom. If you are interested, please come and let us know in the Store by signing the provisional list.

In order to make the trip a success again, we need someone who is willing to coordinate the booking and coach hire nearer the time. Let us know if you think you might be interested in helping.