



WAGS News

April 2015



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 10:00–12:00 (except end July and August)

Annual subscription £4.00 (per household)

WAGS 2015 AGM

The Annual General meeting will be held at Centre 70 on **Friday 10th April**, starting at **7.30pm**. The future of WAGS is very much in the balance, so if you care about WAGS, please come and share your views.

Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Chairman's opening remarks (in lieu of President)
- 3 Minutes of previous AGM – matters arising
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Trading Store Manager's report
- 7 Future of WAGS
 - (a) Need for occasional helpers
 - (b) Autumn Show 2016
 - (c) Membership fee 2016
 - (d) President for WAGS
- 8 Election of Committee Members
- 9 AOB – **to be notified to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the meeting.**

*As usual, we will follow the AGM with a **buffet** of wine or soft drinks, cheese, nibbles etc., for which we are charging £4. Please let us know by 4th April, either in the Store or by email (wagsnews@gmail.com), if you wish to have food (please also pay in advance).*

Madam Chairman's Piece

Happy Spring everyone, the sun is out and it is feeling a little warmer today. My first seedlings are up and we won't dwell on the mice massacre of my sweet peas yesterday. Breaks your heart doesn't it!

I hope you have your onions and potatoes from the store by the time you read this. If you have been to the store you will have seen the seed swap. We all have seed we don't need and it is great to try to grow something new, particularly when the seed is free.

The next store event is the Plant Sale on Saturday 9th May, starting at 9am. There will be a wide selection of veg this year, as well as great value summer bedding and perennials.

On a serious note, your Chairman once again has to let members know that support for WAGS is seriously waning. We have had only one person express any interest in supporting the committee, we have no President, no events organiser, and not one person has come forward to give any time to keeping the store open by supporting the store team occasionally!

When I look back over the years, past Chairmen have all put in similar paragraphs to the one above, and to date people have come through at the last minute to keep WAGS going. So be one of those people in 2015 and get in touch!! By the AGM on 10th April would be a good time to do that, but anytime is fine by me.

If people don't come forward to help, there is a distinct possibility that there will be no WAGS next year.

Sandra Halstead

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Show Time

We had a great show in 2014 and I hope this year will be even better. The show is held at Centre 70 on Saturday 12th September, opening at 2pm for viewing.

The Committee all put so much hard work in, to help me put the show on, so for them please do come along and show your appreciation. Even better, enter something into the show if you haven't tried before.

The show is a great opportunity for children to show what they can do, so if you have a family please think of the kiddies as well.

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

Section I – Art & Craft – Open to all

Class 68 – Any media painting entitled "Garden Pest"

Section J – Photography – Open to all

Class 71 – Colour Print entitled "Reflection"

Class 72 – Colour Print entitled "Holiday"

Class 73 – Colour Print entitled "Beauty"

Class 74 – Colour Print entitled "Fruit & Veg"

Class 75 – Colour Print entitled "Garden Pest!"

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

Section K

Children aged over 5 but under 8 on the day of the show

Class 76 – A drawing/painting entitled "A Bird", made from any materials, max. size A4

Class 77 – A small posy of flowers in a little vase/glass, combined maximum height 20 cm

Class 78 – Garden bug made from fruit/veg (cardboard, cocktail sticks and cello-tape also allowed)

Class 79 – 4 decorated biscuits (biscuits can be shop bought)

Children aged over 7 but under 13 on the day of the show

Class 80 – A picture or collage entitled "My Favourite Animal", any material, max. size A4

Class 81 – 4 small cakes for a birthday party

Class 82 – A photo entitled "A Day Out"

Class 83 – A seed tray garden: "Winter Wonderland". Size not to exceed 25cm x 40cm.

The Schedule comes out in early July and will detail the new titles for Floral Art.

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

I look forward to seeing you all on Show Day.

IN JULY – Saturday 5th and 12th ONLY:

Remember to **return all cups to the store** and pick up a copy of the schedule if you're not on the email list. You must do this **no later than 12 July** as the store is closed during the second half of July and all of August.

Sandra Halstead

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Tables for Hire

WAGS 10 trestle tables are available for hire at £5 per table, or £30 for all 10. Each table is 6ft by 2ft 6" (LxWxH 180x75x74cm) and folds in half to 3 x 2ft 6". So if you are having a party this Summer, or a garage sale, and need some tables for the day, contact George: georgesmall68@yahoo.co.uk



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Store News - Plant Sale

The next big event, the Spring Plant Sale, will be held on Saturday 9th May 2015 at Centre 70. The sale starts at 9 am and is open to the public as well as members. Proceeds of the plant sale are used to help run WAGS and cover some of the costs of the Autumn Show.

There will be a good display of beautiful annuals and young vegetable plants full of potential. We will also have a good range of perennials for masses of summer colour, all kindly grown by members of WAGS.

Annuals will include:

Geranium (Pelargoniums): Deep rose, salmon, orange, white, pink and red

Lobelia Royal Blue

Petunia (semi-trailing) - Red, White, Pink, Lilac and Cerise

Verbena - masses of deep red, pink and white flowers

Busy Lizzie (Impatiens) New Guinea Divine - Large flowers in colours Red, Pink, White, Scarlet and Salmon

This will be a great opportunity to buy plants for your bedding and containers so don't miss out! We hope to have the usual array of vegetables too, whether for garden or allotment.

If you are coming, please don't forget to think of WAGS and sow a few extra seeds and bring the seedlings to the sale. Bring your surplus plants – bedding, veg and perennials, such as herbs – to the Store on the evening of Friday 8th May (between 6 and 7 pm) or before the sale on Saturday morning. Please label your plants clearly for the benefit of buyers!

Colin Timmins
Store Manager

P.S. If you could help grow on some of the bedding for the plant sale in your greenhouse, this would be very much appreciated by Sandra as she has over 600 plants filling up her greenhouse – please contact Sandra direct (01491 836527, s.halstead2@btinternet.com)



Membership

WAGS membership is £4.00 per household and valid for one year. To renew for 2015, please complete the form below and bring to the store with your payment. Newsletters are distributed by email – news is frequently posted at the website first. If you would like a printed copy, please come and pick one up from the store.

WALLINGFORD ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS SOCIETY
Membership Application / 2015 Renewal

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Postcode..... **Tel no.**

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