



WAGS News

April 2016



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 (except August)
Annual subscription £4.00 (per household)

WAGS 2016 AGM

This will be held **on Friday 8th April**, starting at 7.30pm. If you care about WAGS and want it to continue, please come and share your views.

Draft of Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Chairman's opening remarks
- 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 new Store Manager
 - (b) Autumn Show 2017
 - (c) Membership fee 2017
- 8 Election of Committee Members
- 9 AOB

To be followed by a Cheese buffet and wine, and pudding @ £4 per head. If you want to stay for the buffet, please email Sandra ASAP so we cater for the right number!

Madam Chairman's Piece

I hope your Spring gardening is going to plan after a "non-event" winter, although this March wind is really cold. You should have your onions and potatoes from the store by the time you read this and I hope you are taking advantage of the seed swap, a great idea to re-cycle your unwanted seed and get to try and grow something new.

The next store event is the Plant Sale on Saturday 14th May, starting at 9am. There will be a wide selection of veg this year, as well as great value summer bedding and perennials. Please do support the sale, as the funds really help WAGS, particularly in covering the costs of the Autumn Show.

Regarding the running of WAGS and membership, sadly nothing much has changed in the last 12 months. We are delighted to have a new committee member Giles Whitehead and a few of you have kindly offered to help as and when needed, but we still have no president, no events organiser, no one offering to run the store and a declining number of members.

Sandra Halstead

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The Dobies catalogues are still available in store for you to order seeds and plants, among other things. Ordering is easy: enter the code from the catalogue to

identify that you are a WAGS member (to qualify for your discount). Then simply send your order form and payment directly to Dobies – they will deliver to your home address. Discounts are **30% on seeds and 10% on other items**, so come and collect a catalogue and place your order.

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POTATOES and ONIONS

Most varieties have now sold out, though we do still have some seed potatoes and onion sets.

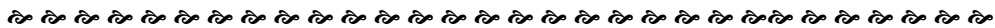
HELP PLEASE!!

We are required to have two people in the store at all times, so a **rota of helpers** is being drawn up — if you have a spare hour or two on *Saturday morning between 11 and 12*, please contact Sandra or Colin

to add your name to the list. If there are particular dates you can do, let us know.

WAGS is also still looking for someone to take over the role of **Store Manager**, if you think this might be of interest, please get in touch.

WAGS Committee



Show Time

2015 was another really enjoyable Show for all involved. This year the show will be on Saturday 10th September, opening at 2pm for viewing.

The Committee and volunteers do so much hard work 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 as well as adults to show what they can do, so if you have a family please think of the kiddies as well. We are planning on visiting local primary schools to encourage children to enter. If you would like us to come to your children's school, let me know.

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

Section J – Photography – Open to all

Class 71 – Colour Print entitled "Shed(s)"

Class 72 – Colour Print entitled "Weather"

Class 73 – Colour Print entitled "Our feathered friends"

Class 74 – Colour Print entitled "Historical Wallingford"

Class 75 – Colour Print entitled "Well I never!"

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

Section K

Children aged 5 to 8 years

Class 76. 3 biscuits decorated for the Queen's 90th Birthday (biscuits can be shop bought)

Class 77. A posy of flowers & leaves, in a vase (combined maximum height 30 cm)

Class 78. A painting or drawing of an imaginary creature using any medium (max A4)

Class 79. A funny face on a plate – made from fruit/vegetables (cardboard, cocktail type sticks & cello-tape also allowed)

Children aged 9-12

Class 80. A picture or collage entitled "A Castle", any material, max. size A4

Class 81. 4 small cakes decorated for the Queen's 90th birthday

Class 82. A photo entitled "Laughing out loud"

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Class 83. A seed tray garden: "Fun in the garden". Size not to exceed 25cm x 40cm

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

RETURNING YOUR CUPS: Remember to return any cups to the store and pick up a copy of the schedule if you're not on the email list. Please do this in early **JULY**, as the store is closed during August.

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

I very much look forward to seeing you all on Show Day.

Sandra Halstead

Empathy Products

We have had a leaflet from this company promoting their mycorrhizal fungi and bio-fertilisers, endorsed by the RHS. They are all sustainable and natural plant treatments to promote plant growth, including "biscuits" to add to your hanging baskets. If you are interested there is a leaflet in the store, and if you would like to buy some, ask in store for it to be ordered for you.

Membership

WAGS membership is £4.00 per household and valid for one year. To renew for 2016, 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.

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Membership Application / 2016 Renewal*

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