



# WAGS News

## July 2014



Wallingford Allotments and Gardens Society  
Affiliated Member of the Royal Horticultural Society No. 10572234

[www.wags-wallingford.com](http://www.wags-wallingford.com)

**Trading Store at Centre 70 open to members only** Every Saturday 10:00–12:00 (except August)  
**Annual subscription £4.00** (per household)

### *Madam Chairman's Piece*

The weather is definitely warming up and the gardens are bursting with colour and in the veg gardens everything is really getting going; runner beans spiralling up the poles, the baby courgettes and onions bulbing up. On the subject of onions, some of mine have gone to seed – any idea why? If you are plagued by slugs this year, don't think they are picking on you, everyone I speak to seems to be having problems this year! (except me – I have grazing baby bunnies instead).

If you have any suggestions on any aspect covered by the Society, please tell me or one of the Committee, we welcome any new ideas.

Enjoy the Summer, and let's hope it fries the slugs!

*Sandra Halstead*

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### **Store News**

**REMINDER:** the Store will be closed throughout AUGUST.

**WANTED:** help to run the Store — if you have an odd hour to spare Saturday mornings, please contact Sandra to add your name to her list of potential helpers.

We have all the usual variety of composts, fertilizers (by the kg), liquid fertilizers and tomato feeds, not to mention seed trays, string, labels, etc. – at 'membership' prices too!

Let me know if there is something you need that is not in stock – we prefer to order specific items on request, rather than fill the shelves with stock that may not be wanted.

*Colin Timmins*  
Store Manager



### **Coming soon:**

**Autumn Show** - Sat. 13th September



### **A Successful Plant Sale**

The Spring plant sale in May went well again this year, with all the veg very popular, particularly runner beans and cucumbers. Lots of different varieties of tomatoes were available to choose from and my favourites, the "Fairy Light" chillies, sold out. I think some went to the fire station! The bedding plugs had all grown strongly this year and looked really  
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### *Plant Sale continued...*

good quality and we are able to offer them at a very good price.

Thank you for your support if you purchased anything, and a special thank you to those who grew plants to donate.

**Please do remember to return the bedding trays,** so we will have

something to grow next year's plants in (you don't have to wash them!).

The money made goes towards helping run WAGS, and in particular to cover some of the considerable costs of staging the Autumn Show. In total we raised about £600 this year.



## THE AUTUMN SHOW

The Show Schedule comes out with this newsletter, please do take a look at it and consider entering. It is the show that brings the society members together and allows us to celebrate our successes (and share our disasters). Even if you don't enter, we hope you will come along to see the exhibits, between 2 and 4pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

As always we are particularly keen to see children enter and to see those grown-ups who haven't had a go before, as well as you seasoned entrants of course!

If you won a **trophy** last year, please **return it to the Store**, in clean condition, at the latest **by Saturday 26th July** (earlier is fine too!). Remember the Store is closed during August, so please don't miss the deadline.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rowse Honey and Fugro for their very generous sponsorship of the show. Hopefully there will be other sponsors and we will thank them in the next newsletter.



See you on Show Day if not before. If you can bring us a **cake** to sell with the teas, that would be much appreciated as well. Please get in touch if you would like to help in any way on the day.

*Sandra Halstead & Toni Littledale*  
Show Secretary & Deputy

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