

**The Plotholder**  
**bi-monthly newsletter of**  
**Worthing Allotments and Gardens Association (WAGA)**  
*Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and the National Vegetable Society*  
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**The WAGA AGM is to be held on Thursday 12 November**

at 7:30 in the Gordon Room of the Town Hall (enter from Stoke Abbot Rd.). Agenda includes reports on the year's progress, including financial report, and future plans, followed by wine and cheese. If you wish to nominate anyone or volunteer for the committee please contact the secretary,

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*From Margot Hollingdale, membership secretary:*

Note that in order to attend the AGM and to use the site shops, you need to **renew your subscription by October 31<sup>st</sup>**, when Membership runs out. So if you are going down to a store before winter sets in, please take your card and £3 along to be credited for 2016. Those new members who have joined recently should already have '2016' on their card. Alternatively, please send your card and cheque to 14 Burlington Road, BN12 6DB. If you send £6 you'll be credit until 2017, and so on.

If any of your information has changed please let the storekeeper know so that changes can be passed on to me, especially addresses or e-mail addresses. In particular, if you presently receive the newsletter in print but can now receive the full colour version by email (as a pdf) please let us have your email address.

One of the benefits of being a paid up member is the use of our **Reduced Price Entry Cards** for any **RHS garden** (<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/whats-on-at-rhs-gardens>). We have two cards, each allowing a member and one adult guest to gain entry at a 30 % reduction. If you wish to use them, contact Rik Pease. They run until February next year but we can renew if they prove popular.

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### **Can you help in the shop at Humber?**

We need more people to help out in the **Humber Avenue** shop so Peter can have a break. You could offer just a few hours now and then, or to train up as assistant manager, but in either case, if you can help, please contact [Janetrobins05@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Janetrobins05@yahoo.co.uk), telephone

266522 or 07954146457. Or pop in and discuss it with Peter during opening hours.

**Happy**



**to help**

People new to allotmenting sometimes need **helpful advice**. We don't have all the answers but most of us know something that could be useful, or know who else to ask. If you are willing to be consulted from time to time, just the odd question from a confused newbie, then you can get a sign like this from the shop any West Tarring or Chesswood and stick in on your shed. It's an experimental scheme and is only for occasional questions - **not** helping with the digging - but please let us know if you can help

get the campaign started

### **Autumn bounty - to seed or not to seed?**

This is an ideal time to dig out weeds and prepare the soil for next year. Digging is so much easier after autumn rain than after March winds and a few hours now saves much effort later. On the other hand, there is also something to be said for allowing at least some crops to run their full course. Apart from the number of free plants for next year, the bees and a few small birds will be very grateful for flowers and seeds to keep them going as the weather turns.

*From Jack Powis, Show Secretary,*

On Saturday, 22nd August, we held **our 38th Annual Horticultural Show, known as The Great Village Show**, for the fifth time at Oak Grove College. For gardeners this has been another difficult year with a cold windy spring and low rainfall, but



amazingly the number of entries was one of the highest on record with lots of new members and children taking part. It was well attended and one old member said "I've been to every one and this was definitely the best". The hall looked sensational, with so much glorious fruit, vegetables, flowers and cookery on display. Outside, in the gardens, there were stalls selling all manner of things including allotment produce, homemade cakes, plants and crafts. Our shop had their "Sale of the Season" and the second hand tool stall did a roaring trade. Beekeepers John and Sarah Scrace were there, explaining the wonderful

world of bees and selling glorious honey produced on the Allotment Site. People sat around enjoying tea and cake and soaking up the sun shine and the warm friendly atmosphere or walking around the College's award winning gardens. This is a lovely place to spend an afternoon and the weather was wonderful. The event has developed into a friendly occasion as well as a chance to show off the results of year's hard work.

There were exhibits of a very high standard and it was very pleasing to see newcomers taking part and picking up awards alongside the experienced showmen and women.

Peter Webb had a good afternoon, winning Best Exhibit of Vegetables, Most Points in the Flower Section, Collection of Vegetables, Master Gardener and the Banksian Medal. Peter Green won Best Exhibit of Fruit; Bob Bingham scored the most points in the Vegetable Section while Heather Broad won Best Exhibit in the Flower Section and Best Exhibit in Show for her glorious bowl of mixed flowers. Brenda Cox took the Rose Trophy and the Floral Art Cup, Celia Powis won the Cookery Cup and husband Jack shared The Wine Cup in a dead heat with Mick Russell. Janet Robins won The Best Allotment award, Best Front Garden went to Peter Mazillious. In the novice section new boy Geoff Ford won Most Points and Collection of Vegetables while Pearl Morgan's runner beans were Best Exhibit.

Dave Cooper took first prize in the craft class with his amazing shepherd's crook and the public voted Jeff Jones' and Jack Powis' photos their choice. In the children's section we had a large display of lovely entries and Siana Boyd won Best Exhibit for her wonderful miniature garden and the most points trophy went to Dulcie Duguid.

During the year I have been saying that this show has something for everyone and encouraging new people to have a go and I am so pleased that over three quarters of the entrants won a first prize and hardly anyone won no prize at all. So for the rest of you there is always next year!

Finally I must mention the ugliest exhibit in the show. It was mine but it was the heaviest truss of tomatoes and so won first prize, much to the consternation of several observers!  
*(Judging excluded heavy woodlice - Ed)*

There were more than ever this year to share the work and make it easier for everyone.

There are lots of **colour photos on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1618918831709175.1073741832.1482530235348036&type=3>

The lasting memory of the afternoon was the very friendly atmosphere everywhere, with so many happy people enjoying themselves.

Congratulations to you all, well done, and of course many thanks to the amazing team of helpers that make whole thing possible.

### **class winners**

**fruit** - B. Cox, 3. S. Mantell, 4. P. Green, 5. R. Scott, 6. P. Webb.

**vegetables** - 10. J. Scrace, 11. D. Cooper, 12. G. Rolph, 13. R Bingham, 14. J. Robins, 15. P. Webb, 16. P. Webb, 18. R. Bingham, 19. J Scrace, 20. D. Cooper, 21. R. Bingham, 22. R. Bingham, 23. R. Bingham, 24. P.

Hannam, 25. P. Hannam, 26. P. Morgan, 27. P. Webb, 28. R. Bingham, 29. J. Powis, 30. C. Mulholland, 31. P. Webb, 32. J. Scrace, 33. D. Turner, 34. R. Bingham, 35. R. Bingham, 36. R. Taylor, 37. R. Bingham, 38. R. Bingham, 39. P. Webb.



### **flowers**

40. P. Mulholland, 41. P. Mulholland, 42. C. Powis, 43. C. Powis, 46. B. Cox, 51. T. Payne, 52. P. Webb, 53. P. Webb, 54. J. Robins, 55. P. Webb, 56. H Broad, 57. P. Webb, 58. P. Webb, 60. T. Payne, 63. H. Broad, 64. H. Broad, 65. H. Broad, 66. T. Ford, 67. T. Ford, 68. S. Scrace.

### **floral arrangement**

70. V. Daly, 71. M. Hollingdale, 72. M. Hollingdale, 73. C. Powis.

**photographs** - 74. J. Jones, 75. J. Powis.

**craft** 76. D. Cooper.

### **cookery**

80. S. Hill, 81. M. Spencer, 82. S. Hill, 83. S. Hill, 84. S. Hill, 85. J. Powis, 86. C. Powis,

87. J. Robins, 88. C. Powis, 89. H. Cutler.

### **novices**

90. G. Bernstein, 91. J. Carver, 92. J. Daly, 93. G. Ford, 94. P. Morgan, 95. J. Kara, 96. G. Ford, 97. H. Cutler, 98. G. Ford, 99. T. Ford.

### **collection of vegetables**

100. P. Webb, 101. P. Webb.

### **wine**

105. M. Russell, 106. J. Powis, 107. M. Russell, 108. J. Powis.

### **children**

110. S. Boyd, C. Taylor, 111. D. Duguid, S. Duguid, 112. S. Boyd, A. Terrill; 113. D. Duguid, C. Taylor, 114. S Boyd, C. Taylor.



### Shop news - *from Janet Robins*

Pre-ordered **garlic** will be in shops now, so come along and collect your order. If you forgot to order there will be a small quantity of both Solent Wight @ £1.50 per bulb and Elephant @ 0.75p per clove, for sale on a first come first served basis.

You can order your **seed potatoes** for next year now. The order form is on the back page. All varieties of potatoes will come in nets of 2.5 kg ( 20 - 24 tubers) and will cost £3, the same price as last year. If you wish to pre-order, take your form, along with your payment, to your nearest WAGA shop.

Don't forget that Kings Seeds recommend planting **sweet pea** seeds in October. Place 3-4 seeds in a pot and leave outside over winter. If the weather is severely cold, place these into a cold frame. Plant out in growing position in March. I grew mine this way last year and they were brilliant! We sell Sweet Pea seeds at all of the WAGA shops, prices from just £1.

**Chesswood shop** has had a lot of improvements made this year and if you haven't yet paid it a visit why not pop in this weekend? You will be made very welcome by Rik, Lorraine and their team. They now have a much wider range of general stock, including netting, windbreak and Enviromesh.



### Social events

The BBQ at Chesswood went well, this time with no rain, and one member commented that in 25 years that was the first social event on site he had been to. Thanks for Shirley Heavens for

bringing delicious jam and crumpets, to Tom and DJ for the free range organic eggs and to Rik for lugging his BBQ all the way to the site on foot. All we need now is a few volunteers to build the permanent BBQ and there can be many more. Names to Gloria, Bill or Rik if you are interested. Bricklayers, foundation diggers, hod carriers? Every little helps.

The **annual Dinner** will be held next year on Saturday 6th February, at the Indoor Bowls Club, please put this date in your diary. More information in the next plot holder and the web site. Tony 872909

Hosted by the RHS at the Lindley Hall in London, the [John MacLeod Annual Lecture](https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/articles/john-macleod-annual-lecture) is a prestigious event highlighting important and inspiring topics on horticultural science. Opens 3.30pm (lecture starts 4.15pm) on , Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015. More details on: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/articles/john-macleod-annual-lecture>. Entry free to Affiliated Societies, but places must be booked in advance by emailing [scienceadmin@rhs.org.uk](mailto:scienceadmin@rhs.org.uk)



### **Sussex Manures - Delivered Manure**

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**Ten x 60 litre sacks**, £65.00 (local 10 mile delivery from Findon West Sussex) additional bags £5.50 each.

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**Builders bags** are great value - Each bag contains at least eighteen 60 litre sacks worth of Puckamuck. Call for multiple order discount. Local delivery £65.00 (up to 35 miles from Findon). Minimum of 2 bags over 10 miles.

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## **Seed Potatoes available in the shops Spring 2016**

*This year, in addition to the pre-ordered potato varieties, we would have a selection of other varieties in the shops which could be bought by members on a 'first come, first served basis.'*

### **Varities for pre-order.**

#### **Earlies**

*Arran Pilot: One of the most popular varieties. Very variable in size and shape. Good yield and flavour, but needs reasonable soil conditions. Good for boiling. Good resistance to scab.*

*Foremost: Very good cooking qualities and a gardener's favourite for flavour. Good for boiling. Resistant to scab.*

*Winston: Dominates the white show bench class. Good flavour. Large uniform tubers, ideal for baking. Resistance to blight and scab.*

*Colleen. ORGANIC potato. Oval tubers with light yellow flesh. Good resistance to late blight on tubers. Susceptible to late blight on foliage and Blackleg.*

#### **Second Early**

*Marfona: High yielding, suits a good range of soils. Large tubers and stores well. Good for baking, boiling and general purpose.*

#### **Maincrop**

*Desiree: Excellent red type, strong flavour, waxy potato. Good for exhibition. Very drought resistant. Heavy cropper. Good for general purpose.*

*Picasso: High yielding, very attractive red-eye variety. Good keeping qualities with a mild taste. Good for general purpose.*

*Sarpo Mara: Huge yields of tasty, floury tubers. A real all-rounder for cooking. Blight and scab resistant.*

#### **Salad**

Charlotte: *Reliable, high yielding, waxy salad variety with good flavour. Easy to grow. Good for boiling and salad.*

### Additional varieties to be sold in shops:

#### Earlies

Casablanca: *This has white skin with creamy flesh, and provides a high number of tubers. Good resistance to scab. Good for boiling and steaming.*

Rocket: *This is possibly the earliest early with a very mild flavour. Produces huge amounts of uniform, attractive, white tubers. Has double eelworm resistance, should not be left in ground. Good for boiling.*

#### Second Early

Kestrel: *Excellent flavour and disease resistance. The best performing second early and good for exhibition. Good for chips and roasting.*

#### Maincrop

Stemster: *A lovely red skinned potato, reintroduced this year by Kings. Produces high yields, has good drought resistance and stores well. A good all rounder in the kitchen.*

#### Maincrop/salad

Nicola: *Long, yellow, waxy, well flavoured potato. Ideal for salads. Good resistance to scab and eelworm.*

#### Salad

Anya: *A modern bred variety of an old fashioned salad type, with pink skin and white flesh. Long and knobbly. Good resistance to scab.*

**For Pre-Order, take the form on the next page, with a cheque payable to WAGA or cash, to your nearest WAGA shop.**



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## Seed Potato Orders 2015/2016



Name:

Contact Number:

Membership Number:

	Nets required			Nets required
<b>Earlies</b>			<b>Maincrop</b>	
<i>Arron Pilot</i>			<i>Desiree</i>	
<i>Foremost*</i>			<i>Picasso</i>	
<i>Winston*</i>			<i>Sarpo Mira</i>	
Colleen (organic)				
<b>Second Early</b>			<b>Salad</b>	
<i>Marfona</i>			<i>Charlotte*</i>	

**All nets are approx. 2.5 kg = 20-24 tubers and cost £3 per net, to be paid with order, cheque payable to WAGA.**

**\*RHS Award of Merit**

Total nets required ..... @£3 = **TOTAL £**

I wish to collect my order from Chesswood/Humber/WT (please circle). I enclose a cheque payable to WAGA

**Closing date for orders: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015.** Delivery to stores will be mid to late January 2016.