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This is to update you with the latest news from the Open Gardens. First of all thank you to all of you who have said how useful the tips are! More follow dear reader so keep reading! I am pleased to say that we will have some new gardens that will be open this year, as well as some much loved old favourites! Dear reader there is still time for you to agree to open your garden. It does not have to be grand or large, it can be like mine, very modest and the the only criteria for opening a garden is for you to love it!

We also hope to have the Bee keepers back again which proved very popular last time. So here are the promised tips to help you in your garden!

April is when the garden really starts to wake up and begin to run away from you! Start weeding if you haven't already! Start feeding plants! This is not complicated and after all the rain we have had over the winter, the easiest way to feed is buy some slow release food. Growmore or Top Rose are good choices. You then walk round chucking ( a gardening technical term) handfuls around the base of shrubs and roses! It is best to read the instructions as to the amounts to feed the plants but anything is better than nothing. You can buy boxes of these products in Wilkinson's Sainsbury etc as well as garden centers and believe me the own brand products seem just as good! Don't go too mad and get them on the leaves!

Feeding grass to revive your lawns can start now as well. Do be more careful when applying food to lawns as you can end up with stripy lawns with brown patches rather than the verdant green pictures on the box!

Start sowing a few seeds! Look for annuals in aforementioned shops. Buy easy sow packets. These are usually marketed as such, cost about a pound or under and do what they say! Sprinkle in gaps and see what happens. Mark where you have sown them with an old flower pot or some have labels attached to the seed packet. If the instructions are complicated put them back! (top tip) It really is an easy way to add colour to your garden. If you would like to enter your garden then do please get in touch either via the Garden open day web site or ring me.

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More details to follow – if you would like to open your garden next summer then please  
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