



Open Gardens Manuden 2016 Sunday 10th July

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It is finally here dear reader! Hopefully by the time you are reading this you will have noticed the signs around the village showing which gardens will be open on Sunday the 10th of July! If they are not up yet they will be appearing in the next couple of days! I do hope you have saved the day in your diary and are ready for the gentle stroll around the village on a beautiful Sunday afternoon! We are pleased that we have new gardens as well as old favourites opening this year. Tickets and programmes will be available on the day from the community centre, the school and in the gardens. As well as the teas being served at the community centre, there will be a plant stall and art on sale as well! Teas will also be available from The Bury opposite the school so you can have a drink on the way round. It only costs £5.00 per person to get in to all the gardens and accompanied children are free.

As usual here are a couple of top tips for your own gardens. Sow some seed for biennial plants now. These are seeds you sow this year for plants that flower next year. Some really easy ones are Sweet William, Foxgloves and Aquilegia (columbine or Granny's bonnet). Just a simple seed tray or even patch in your garden will do. Sow the seeds and remember to label and then when they are big enough move them to where you want them to flower. They grow this year get bigger through the winter and spring flower next year! Start looking at the catalogues for next year's spring bulbs! What could be better than sitting in your own garden dreaming of how lovely it will look next spring with a few more bulbs! If you order early then you will not be disappointed that the unusual coloured one you like won't be out of stock! If you forgot to feed your lawn in the spring you can apply a quick summer feed now to give it a boost!

So dear reader I hope to see you as you enjoy your afternoon walking round the village picking up ideas for your own garden or just enjoying the beauty on show and remember the quote from the cartoonist Lou Erickson "Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration!!

If you need any more information check the garden open day page or ring me on 812955.

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More details to follow – if you would like to open your garden next summer then please contact us on:-

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PS All my top tips are available on <http://www.manuden.org.uk/Manuden-Open-Gardens.asp>

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