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Yes dear reader, the day is rapidly approaching and in my last reminder I mentioned how, if I wrote about heat waves, it may have the desired effect on the weather. I seem to be a couple of weeks out but it has definitely perked up with temperatures hitting 22 centigrade! With this in mind I remind you that the nights can still be chilly so don't plant out your bedding plants until mid May at the earliest. We have had a frost at the end of May before and as this winter has been so protracted and Spring so late "Caution" is the watch word. Other tips this month are spray Viburnums now with bug clear to prevent the Viburnum beetle making holes in the leaves and repeat after three weeks or so. Start spraying roses as well. Plant out Sweet peas perhaps up a wigwam of canes it's cheaper than buying an obelisk and once they are covering them everyone notices the flowers rather than the structure. Plant pot grown roses now. Sow seeds such as Cornflowers, Californian Poppies, Nigella and night scented stocks in gaps in your borders easy and inexpensive for lovely colourful display. **Arrange to enter your garden for the Open Gardens now!**

We are looking for some new gardens and it's such an easy thing to do! Your garden doesn't have to be big or spectacular or even well kept its just to show people what you like and share with others who like a stroll round a lovely village and who may not even have a garden of their own!

More details to follow – if you would like to open your garden this summer then please **contact** us on:- open-gardens@manuden.org.uk