



# Open Gardens Manuden 2018 Sunday 8th July

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Yes it's nearly here dear reader! Just over a month to go and we are finalising the last minute details. There is still time for you waverers who are undecided whether to open your garden to say YES!! It such a lovely afternoon and provides so much pleasure to so many people please decide to join in! After months of reminders and encouragement it doesn't matter if your patch is large small or in between. The money raised will go to village organisations. It doesn't have to be special but you will be for agreeing to share it for just one afternoon! Top tips for June to help you get ready are prune flowering shrubs after they have flowered such as Weigela Philadelphus and early flowering Spirea and Clematis. Sow some quick growing annuals for last minute summer flowers. You can protect new seeds with plastic milk bottles with their bottoms cut off to act as a cheap cloche. Particularly if we have a few storms. Plant out Dahlias and feed and weed your lawns use a liquid feed if dry weather rather than granules.

If you would like any more information on opening your garden then do please contact me.

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