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Once again this is your monthly reminder about the Open Gardens Day in Manuden! Yes dear reader as I write it's now snowing again! It seems as though this winter is going on for ever, with Beasts from the East and mini Beasts it's as though we are in a Harry Potter story! I never thought as I wrote the last article that we would see yet more snow, but it's here with a vengeance! So now I have decided to change track and give you some top tips for hot weather hoping that by the time you read this we are experiencing an Easter heat wave! April is a good time to soak all your pots that have overwintered. Although it's been a wet cold winter the wind dries out the compost and a good soak sets them up for the new season! It will perk up the Pansies. Divide late flowering perennials such as Helenium and Rudbeckia if you haven't done this for a few years. It's the last chance and they'll soon settle down before flowering. If your Camelias have not flowered well give them a good feed with ericaceous food and mulch as they may have dry roots! Cut back Cotinus (Smoke bush) if you haven't done it yet. Easter is a popular time to rush out buying plants for the garden particularly if it's hot but don't forget we may still get hard frosts before the end of May!

If you wish to open your garden, small or large, then please do get in contact with us. It's not long now to go despite the snow!

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

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