



Introducing Hook Gardening Club Justine Dixon

Hook Gardening Club



Hook Gardening Club
Festive Fundraising Stall
Saturday 2nd December 10am - Noon
Next to 163 High St Hook

Fresh cemetery wreaths,
scented candles, homemade preserves,
bowls of indoor hyacinths,
stocking fillers & cake stall

Bring bags & cash & festive cheer

Cake stall proceeds donated to
St Mary's Church Hook
Restoration Fund

HOOK GARDENING CLUB
MEETS HERE LAST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
JANUARY - MAY & SEPTEMBER - NOV
MEETING STARTS 7PM
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM
NO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
JUST PAY ON THE DOOR
£4 PER PERSON
WWW.HOOKGARDENING.CLUB
EVERYONE WELCOME



£580 donated at Hook spring fundraiser

Villagers in Hook have helped to raise over £580 for two local causes after hosting a spring fundraising event. Organised by Hook Gardening Club founder, Justine Dixon, the spring plant and cake sale was held on Saturday, February 24 in aid of the gardening club and St Mary's Church restoration fund. The cake stall raised £250 for the church, whilst £339 was raised for Hook Gardening Club funds from the sale of seeds, pots of spring bulbs, donated jigsaws and homemade preserves. Justine said: "We really appreciate everyone's ongoing support, especially those that volunteered, baked and sent donations."

(29-02-110 SU)

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Plant-a-long session at gardening club meeting

Hook Gardening Club hosted a spring bulb plant-a-long at its September meeting.

Thirty visitors enjoyed listening and learning about spring bulb planting, during the latest club meeting on Wednesday, September 27.

The evening featured a talk from Louise Allday from Mires beck Nursery who shared her tips on planting bulbs as well as using perennials, ornamental grasses and herbs throughout the year in pots, before people had the chance to plant up their own pot to take home.

A spokesperson for the group said: "Lots of lovely plants from Mires Beck Nursery went to new homes. Thank you to Louise Allday with her fabulous Horticultural knowledge. See you all next month!"

Speaker Louise Allday - from Mires beck Nursery engaging with visitors. (05-10-118 SU)



Thursday, June 15th, 2023

Gardening Club grows coffers by £262 with spring fundraisers



Hook Gardening Club has raised a total of £262 for its activities during its spring fundraising.

The group has been hard at work in recent months raising cash for their cause, managing to raise £212 from the sale of vegetable and tumbling tomato baskets, as well as a further £50 from the sale of plants donated by a Hook villager.

A spokesperson for Hook Gardening Club said: "Hook Gardening Club would like to thank everyone that supported our late spring fundraising veg stall."

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Hook Gardening Club Plant & Seed Swap



Bring a plant – House plant, something you've dug up from your garden or something you've grown from seed or maybe a rooted cutting that you want to share with others, even seeds you've saved the seed from your garden or free seeds from a gardening magazine and you can swap it for something else free of charge.





If you haven't brought anything... Don't despair you can buy something from the plant / seed swap table for a minimum donation of **£1 per item.**









**HOOK
GARDENING
CLUB**

**FUNDRAISING ANNUAL
SPRING BULB &
CAKE STALL**

**Saturday 24th February
10am - Noon**

Next to 163 High Street, Hook
Please bring bags & cash
**Cake stall proceeds are being donated to
St. Mary's Church Hook Restoration Fund**

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Justine's Garden

Justine Dixon, Founder of Hook Gardening Club, shares her June gardening tips.



I get asked often "I bet your garden is all finished".
My reply is that gardens are never finished - they are constantly growing, evolving, especially with our climate change wet winters etc. Plants die, others thrive... I'm always thinking about what I want my garden to give me.

outside in a sheltered spot behind my potting shed. Then, this spring, they were potted into individual pots to grow on another year and will be planted somewhere less wet next spring.
#watchthisspace #newraisedbed maybe?

I had lavender growing beneath my weeping cherry tree very happily for almost 10 years, but with the last couple of wet winters, lavender doesn't like wet roots. This spring it barely had any new growth on it so I've dug it out and will have to think what I can plant in its place - #thinkingcapon.

Jobs to do in your garden...
Mow lawns and edge borders. Remember to leave a wild corner.
Feed hanging baskets and tomatoes.
Harvest veg and reseed.

In spring 2023, whilst rummaging through my seed box, I came across a packet of lavender seeds so I'm always up for a challenge decided to sow them knowing they won't first for the first time until summer 2025) they germinated and overwintered

Make sure bird baths and bowls of water are kept topped up for our feathered and spiky garden visitors.
Deadhead roses.
Prune lilacs if you have any that need a trim as they flower on old wood so any new growth won't

flower for a couple of years. #alwaysthinkingahead

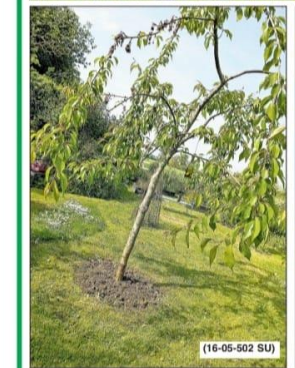
**Enjoy your gardens &
Happy Gardening
Justine**



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Hook Gardening Club

- We don't 'do' other people's gardens
- We aren't a gardening business
- You don't have to live in Hook to come to our meetings.
- We aren't a club just for 'older people'
- We support local and national gardening companies and they support us.
- We support our local village businesses and hold our meetings in Hook Village.
- We don't charge ANY annual membership fee. Just pay as you visit £4pp on the door just pick and choose the talks you want to attend.
- We run fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for club funds.
- We book Horticultural speakers that you the visitors can choose the talk topics that you want to learn more about.
- We are very friendly & welcoming and everyone always enjoys our gardening evenings.
- We meet the Last Wednesday of the month 8 meetings a year Jan - May & September - November.
We meet at The Stables, 6:30pm for 7pm
- Every Month we have a Fab raffle, seasonal plant /seed swap & fundraising table.
- Drinks are available to buy from the bar before and after the talk.
Full details can be found on our website www.hookgardening.club

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!! WHY NOT JOIN US??



Hook Gardening Club

1. www.wherecanwego.com for finding interesting things to go and do with the group. Don't expect people to find you. You have to keep telling community what you are doing.
2. Write a gardening column in local paper each month to attract interest
3. £1600 a year running cost and fundraising is very important in order to cover costs of speakers and their costs, visits, marketing materials etc
4. Build relationships with your local garden centres to get prizes for raffles etc but always offer something in return. Offer to go in and offer advice
5. Attract younger members with arranging meetings in appealing places like the pub! We have saved hire costs and refreshments costs by holding meetings in their local pub. It also supports other businesses in the community.
6. Use social media regularly especially Facebook, local papers and keep communication going via word of mouth to cover a wider demographic
7. Always hold an annual fundraiser and make sure you announce what they raised as soon as it's over. We also hold a raffle every meeting and usually make £100 each time.
8. Show your appreciation for your volunteers all the time.
9. Don't have to have committee meetings. People don't always want these or get put off coming along. You can have informal chats to get things done.
10. We no longer do coach trips to gardens to save costs. Everyone arranges to meet there and arrives by their own method of transport.
11. We book speakers 18 months in advance. Have already booked 2026 speakers. Do expect to pay them a good rate – this is their livelihood!