

Famous Botanist Brings Bounty

Joseph Hooker - who was born and bred in Halesworth - has travelled the world and visited many different countries to ~~discover~~ discover new plants which enabled him to become director of Kew Gardens.

Having his father Director before him ~~gave~~ gave Hooker a love and interest at the age of seven. He began his career as a surgeon, but while he was a surgeon, he went on a expedition in Antarctic.

A few years after returning from the expedition in Antarctic, he used this time to study new plants. He gained a government grant to travel to India, he was the first western to set foot in the Northern areas. While in India, he was imprisoned by Rajah of Sikkim. Also he brought back an abundance of new and wonderful species of plants.

In 1855 Joseph Hooker followed in his father's footsteps; he became

Director of Kew Gardens. However he continues^{ed}
his job and still goes on his expeditions. If you
find the time to visit Kew Gardens. Please do