

Famous Botanist Brings Bounty

Joseph Hooker - who was born - and bred in Haleworth - has travelled the world; visiting lots of different countries. From June this year, he will direct and manage the much-loved Kew Gardens here in England.

Joseph Hooker himself quoted, "It's an honor and a pleasure to be working at Kew."

In 1847 he went to India and the Himalays. He discovered 1000 plant species including twenty-five new species of Rhododendron for Kew. While he was on his expeditions, he was caught by the Raig of Sikkim and sent to prison. Four years later he became Director of Kew Gardens - a position he still holds with pride.

Having written a book in 1833, he has inspired many people to be a botanist. He is still enjoying his job and is still ambitious, getting lots of flowers of flowers for Kew. If you could find the time to visit Kew Gardens and possibly meet Joseph Hooker please do.