

Joseph Hooker appointed Director at Kew

Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker born-at-bred in Halesworth 1817. He had a passion for plants at the age of seven. Having been a surgeon for a while, he was appointed the post of assistant imanager in 1855. However he was director of the Royal Botanical Kew Gardens - which is in Surrey - and has a massive glass house.

Despite his father dead, that didn't stop him from achieving his dreams. While he was travelling in India, he was imprisoned by the Rajah of Sikkim. Despite being imprisoned, he still collected around 7,000 plants including twenty-five new species of rhododendron. Although his father dead, that didn't stop him from going on many pioneering voyages. "I am a worker at Kew said, "He is the best worker at Kew we have ever got." Charles Darwin his idol said, "He is very energetic and is always ready for an adventure. "It was very eye-opening in India." said Joseph.

He could have been very rich but he decided to give his money to the poor