

September 2019



Welcome to our new season of meetings

7pm start doors open from 6.30pm

At Hook Memorial Hall, Hook

www.hookgardening.club

Wow I can't believe we are celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2020 and we have booked Chris Beardshaw TV celebrity Gardener, author & garden designer to come to Hook and give a Talk – The English Garden. Plans have been underway for several months and we have booked Hook School Hall as the venue for the special ticketed event which will take place on Thursday 30th April 7pm start with the doors open from 6pm for pre-talk drinks from the Jug and Bottle - Bubwith who will be selling an array of delightful alcoholic and soft drinks for your to enjoy during the evening. 100 Tickets are available priced at £15 each and can be purchased by contacting Justine on 07743460357 or Karen 07878630583 or at any of our Hook Gardening club meetings.

Parking is available on the school playground please do not park down Garth Lane as its residential parking only.

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A Pop-up bar will be hosted by Jug & Bottle Bubwith selling a selection of Alcoholic & soft drinks

The Fantastic Gardeners Raffle with 1st Prize Gardeners Hamper worth £200, 2nd Prize Gardening Hamper worth £100 and 3rd Prize £50 Garden Centre Voucher.

We will be selling books of raffle tickets in advance of the event at our Garden club meetings and fundraising events or direct from Justine and Karen.



Bubwith

www.jugandbottle.co.uk



Earlier this year we joined the **RHS affiliated society scheme** allowing us to receive discounts on trips to RHS gardens so watch this space and who knows where we will run a day trip to in 2020. We visited RHS Harlow Carr Garden at Harrogate this year with a guided tour with Paul Cook RHS Harlow Carr Curator.



Looking back at our Fundraising events starting with our Festive Afternoon Tea last December which was very well supported. We also attended Goole Hobbies Exhibition in March with our fundraising / Publicity stand, Fundraising cake stall at Henleys Nurseries in April, We had our fundraising / Publicity stand at the NGS Rosemary Cottage Open garden event at the end of May and again at the Hook Celebration Fun Day at Heppys at the end of June.

The **Fundraising Seasonal preserves** and ongoing and very popular selling at our meetings, fundraising events and outside 163 High Street Hook with the kind donations of fruit & sugar. If you have any fruit (frozen or fresh) or a bag or two of sugar that you would like to donate, please contact Justine as they will be gratefully accepted. Our ongoing fundraising is so important so we can continue to book Horticultural Speakers and help cover all our annual costs that occur running a successful gardening club.



For those of you that are new to the club just a bit of background information for you to how the club started. I Founded Hook Gardening Club in 2010. **We receive no grants or funding** so the publicity and fundraising events are invaluable and would just like to say a BIG Thank you to everyone that supports us. All I wanted to do was offer a service to the community and every meeting pays for itself. We meet the last Friday of the month (exc June, July Aug & Dec) we are a lovely friendly club we don't charge an Annual Membership (like some clubs!) just pay as you visit £3 per person, inc free refreshments, plant / seed swap, gardening book lending library, monthly raffle and our fundraising table of goodies. *(If you've got any plants, seeds, bulbs you'd like to share (or just have surplus of) please bring them along to our meetings and you can swap them for something someone else has brought. If you haven't brought anything but get tempted with something you can take your pick prices start from £1 a pot (everyone loves a bargain!) and my rule 'There's always room for another plant!')*





You don't have to live in Hook to come to our meetings and frequently have visitors from a 20 miles radius of Hook. Why not bring a friend? and on their 1st visit they'll receive a free strip of raffle tickets (just mention you are a new visitor when you pay on the door).

New Gardeners Always Welcome

We receive throughout the year company support from several Horticultural companies who generously donate us a raffle prize in exchange for some free publicity on our website Thank you page <https://hookgardening.club/thank-you/> and on our social media. You'll Find us on very active on:



Facebook – Hook Gardening Club East Yorkshire Twitter @Hookgclub and Instagram @Hookgardeningclubeastyorkshire

We are fortunate to have an **annual sponsor** who donates us a seasonal shrub for our raffle.

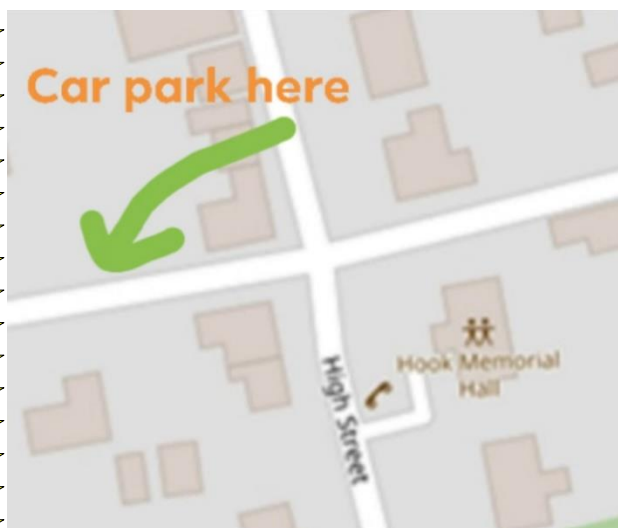


Henleys Nurseries – Market Weighton

www.henleysnurseries.co.uk (Only a 20 minute drive from Hook)

They are a proper plant nursery (no gifts, no café) just lots of lovely hardy, great quality plants, trees, shrubs and perennials, they also sell compost and other gardening sundries at great prices with very knowledgeable nursery staff who are more than happy to help you. Don't forget to mention you've been sent by Hook Gardening Club.

I'm already looking ahead and will starting shortly to book **Horticultural speakers for 2021** so if anyone has any suggestions what they'd like to know more about e.g. fuchsias, garden design, seasonal plants, climbers... to name a few please come and see me at the end of the meeting and I can start looking!



Reminder - Due to the limited parking we have outside Hook Memorial Hall please park considerately and do not block the crossroads, residential driveways and refrain from parking down Water Lane. There is additional parking outside Hook Play Park (less than a 5 minute walk from the Memorial Hall) Alternatively Heppys Pub allow us to use they car park down Church lane just before the cross roads (if you are coming down Westfield banks) **Look for the 'Sotheron Arms sign'** and car park is immediately before sign through metal gate. #keepingvillagershappy

News from Pricklington Palace Hedgehog Rescue Howden

I enjoyed being asked to come to the gardening club to share my knowledge of hedgehogs with so many enthusiastic people. Thank you to all who attended. The survival of this unique but endangered small mammal really is in our hands and it is by making small changes that we really can succeed. A shallow bowl of water, a few cat biscuits and a hole in our garden fences and walls are the three most important things we can do. Perhaps we can all make it our mission to make our street or village hedgehog friendly.

It has been a busy time of late with spring babies who have been orphaned, or nests disturbed and some truly harrowing injuries to deal with. Death is an inevitable part of rescuing and 14 years as a nurse prepared me well for that. I do not get attached to the hedgehogs in my care but I very much care about their survival and will always do my very best to achieve a positive outcome. Sometimes that means 3 hourly feeds through the night which leave s me a little depleted but when the day comes when I can sleep right through it is really appreciated. I absolutely LOVE releasing rehabilitated hedgehogs back into the wild. Occasionally that is not possible and the talk at the gardening club led me to a lovely lady who has taken a female amputee into her glorious enclosed garden where she can be as close as wild as possible while still benefitting from some easy food and a caring eye. A chance meeting with a wonderful outcome.

I have to say that running the rescue has brought me into contact with some truly lovely and generous people without whom I could not continue to run.

Happy gardening everyone (without those weed killers) and let the hedgehogs help you to reduce unwanted pests. They truly are a gardener's friend.

Gill Dixon runs Pricklington Palace Hedgehog rescue here in Howden.

Purely voluntarily and single handily.

Please visit www.facebook.com/pricklingtonpalace/ to support her work.

Donations via www.paypal.me/Dixon1829

We collect donations of meaty cat food, kitten biscuits, shredded paper at our meetings and pass them on so if you would like to help Gill #savingourhedgehogs next time you are supermarket shopping pop a little something in your trolley for our spiky friends.

Thank you for reading....

May the Club continue to 'Grow & I am very proud of what I have achieved'

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