

Hook Gardening Club 2022 roundup, what have we been doing I hear you say????

The year started with the ongoing cancellation of Hook Gardening club launch I knew people were eager to get back to normality but better to be safe than sorry I haven't been sat idle. New horticultural speakers were sourced and booked for 2023.....something to look forward to. On speaking to villagers and visitors I decided to change the location of the new venue for our meetings Hook Gardening club meetings needed to stay within the village for those that walk to the meetings and we are now meeting ***Last Wednesday of the month at The Stables Function room at (Heppy's aka Sotheron Arms High Street Hook)***. Parking is available opposite the venue & roadside too. As the evenings get lighter there is a car park down Church Lane (if you are coming from Westfield banks before you reach the cross roads just before the Sotheron arms sign on the left). Usual start time 7pm start doors open 6.30pm so you can buy a drink from the bar, peruse the fundraising stall, plant/seed swap table, gardening book lending library and buy raffle tickets & grab a seat. Entry has increased to £4 pp (due to increased costs) but still a bargain for a lovely evening out. I'm sure there will be lots of catching up to do with your green fingered friends. We have lots of lovely raffle prizes donated this year from horticultural companies so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets at our meetings £1 a strip. #gratefulforcompanysupport they all get a mention on our social media as a Thank you. For those of you that use social media you can find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and on our website www.hookgardening.club

Fundraising

Our fundraising has continued throughout 2022 just because we haven't had any meetings we still have annual costs to cover Website hosting, Public liability Insurance, RHS membership to name a few (It's like owning a car just because you don't drive it every day you still have to pay out annually for insurance, tax, servicing & fuel)

We held our annual Spring Bulb & Cake stall at the end of February (at the side of my cottage 163 High Street Hook) We donated the Cake stall Proceeds to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund). End of May was my NGS open garden event and for those of you that came it was a lovely day and we had a fundraising stall. Our final fundraising events were at The Stables Christmas fair and my Christmas fundraising stall at the side of my cottage annually on 1st Saturday in December.

St Mary's Church, Hook

We maintain the St Mary's Church Garden and planter in their Contemplation garden and peace garden next to Hook Cemetery (next to Hook Gala field on Church Lane). Weeding, tidying, planting perennials & spring bulbs with our lovely village volunteers if you haven't visited please do. Stunning snowdrops, followed by daffodils and then lovely flowering perennials throughout the summer and into the autumn. We receive donations of bulbs and plants throughout the year and plant more every year.

2024 - 2025 Horticultural Speakers

As you may or not know Horticultural speakers can be booked up 2+ yrs in advance so I am always on the lookout for suggestions on what you the visitors would like to learn more about? There will be a suggestions sheet at our meetings with a list of talk topics just tick the ones you'd like to hear more about and I will do my best to source someone for 2024-2025.

Summer Trip

Watch this space I am looking into organising a trip but need to get coach prices, entrance fees etc... and see what sort of total prices we are looking at with the increased fuel costs etc... I'll let you know as soon as I know.

Thank you for your support & looking forward to seeing 'old and new' faces at our meetings. Justine xx