

John Ericson's Digital Presentations

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A Lecture or part of a Day of Special Interest

The story of Beatrix Potter

By any standard Helen Beatrix Potter born in 1866 was an amazing lady. She was born into a wealthy and privileged family in South Kensington. Her father was a solicitor but did not have to practise owing to his inherited wealth.

Like many girls of her class she never went to school but who famously said 'Thank goodness I was never sent to school; it would have rubbed off some of the originality.'

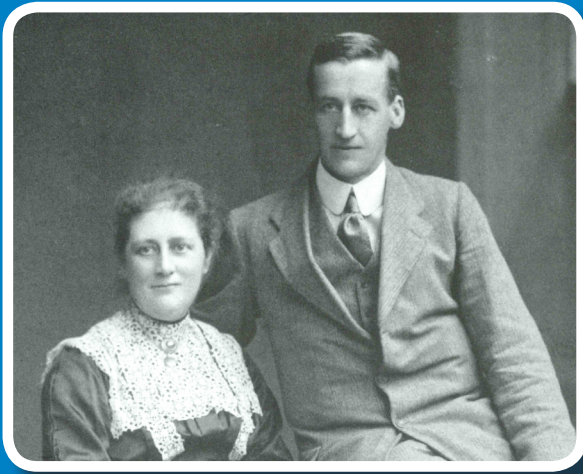


Fortunately for us she had a series of talented governesses who encouraged her love of natural science, and her innate artistic ability. Beatrix and her younger brother Bertram had a menagerie in their schoolroom including mice, rabbits, hedgehogs and even a bat!

But it was as a young adult that Beatrix first showed her talent as a Naturalist with her observations and paintings of insects, animals, flowers and most intriguingly of fungi!



Not only is she one of our best loved children's authors and illustrators but she was a respected naturalist, an entrepreneur, an astute business woman, a farmer and a breeder of prize winning sheep as well as a conservationist whose early support fostered the foundations of our much respected National Trust.



In addition to her art and stories for children, we will explore her personal life, first beset by the tragedy of losing her first fiancée Norman Warne but ending in fulfilment with her husband of thirty years, William Heelis.

So, if you enjoy a good story, and who does not? - then invite me to share with your members the extraordinary and fascinating tale of Beatrix Potter told with my customary enthusiasm, warmth and humour.

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