

CrossTalk

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, June 2011

The Tale of Peter Rabbit is one of the world's best-loved children's books and has remained in print since it was first published in 1902. It's author, Beatrix Potter, was born into a rich family in 1866, in London. Her father trained as a barrister and later became a politician; her mother was the daughter of a cotton merchant. Both parents were artistic and interested in nature, spending their holidays in the south of England, the Lake District and Scotland. It was here that the young Beatrix developed her own love of the countryside and began to paint and draw. Although she studied art with a teacher for some time she preferred to explore her own style, particularly in watercolours.

According to one biographer, Potter's attitude to nature was, at first, unhealthy – even neurotic. She was prone to taking animals from the wild and causing their death from neglect. Some were boiled and their skeletons reconstructed. The need to control nature compensated for the powerlessness she felt at home where her parents were determined that she should remain a permanent resident and housekeeper, never to marry.

In 1905 she became secretly engaged to her publisher, Norman Warne. Her parents opposed the match, particularly so given Warne's social status (though a publisher, he was technically a 'tradesman'). Relations between daughter and parents broke down. Shortly after the engagement Warne died.

Beatrix Potter

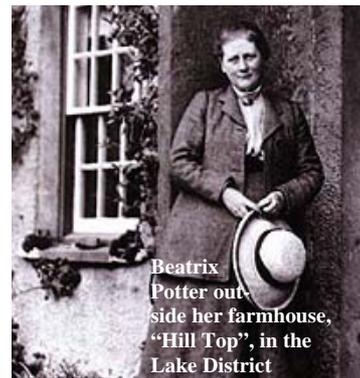
Looking for a new start, Beatrix moved to the Lake District, purchasing a small farm. She loved her life on the farm and later acquired more land in the area, a venture



Peter Rabbit

through which she met William Heelis whom she went on to marry in 1913 (at the age of 47). Her feelings for nature changed after her marriage and she could admire nature without the need to control or destroy. She became active in the preservation of the Lake District and the practice of fell (hill) farming and when she died in 1943 she left almost all her land and property

(16 km² containing 15 farms) to the National Trust (a charity that works for the protection of the natural environment).



Beatrix Potter outside her farmhouse, "Hill Top", in the Lake District

Article by Jonathan

Net News

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NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Check out Beatrix Potter's home in the Lake District:
<http://www.visitcumbria.com/amb/hill-top.htm>

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: I have noticed that many of you seem to be busier than usual these days. Perhaps I'm wrong, but is it so? Or is it just the wet weather effecting everyone? Well, next month we will have another "end-of-term-party and performance night". As usual, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there, in spite of your "busy" schedules!

Junko Says: Recently I learnt that you can apply for a "second working holiday visa" to Australia. As you know, most working holiday visas are for only one year and are issued only once. So, this is like getting something of a bonus from Australia. If you work for 3 months in certain areas of the country, you become eligible for a second year. For more details, just come and see me in the office.



Jonathan Says: My wife and I recently rescued two kittens who were being attacked by a crow. I thought I disliked cats but have grown attached to Tom Kitten and Moppet (named after the brother and sister in Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Tom Kitten*). Trouble is, it turns out Tom is a girl and Moppet a boy...

Greg Says: At the end of this month I'll be heading to the USA with my daughter Joy. She is playing in three tournaments... two being World Golf Championships in San Diego as well as the World Junior Golf Masters in Las Vegas. The thought of going to Las Vegas without going to one of its elaborate casinos seems weird but I'll do my utmost to resist the temptations daily... maybe!!!



Arno Dit: Ahhhh l'ete japonais me manquait. Cette chaleur, cette humidite terrassante, et ces moustiques affames, c'est infernal. Cependant au Japon, les nombreuses festivites rendent l'ete plus agreable. Profitons en !

NOTICE BOARD

Don't forget...



The End-Of-Term Party and Performance Night

Will be next month on...

Saturday, 30th starting at 8:00pm



Miho and Akane's Adventures Overseas - a serial by S(A)3 students - Episode 4
...So...is it OK for me to stay with you? By the way, I bought a souvenir for you. This is a cake from Tokyo. I got it at the airport. I know you like it very much. I may have to stay some time. I hope it's OK."

Miho was blind to Akane's puzzled expression. Akane was thinking, well actually I've been feeling a bit lonely lately; my best friend is in trouble and I have to help her.

'OK, I'll let you live with me if you help out with the housework', Akane replied.

At night, in Akane's apartment, the two girls changed into casual clothes and talked for hours. Miho told Akane more about Tom. 'Tom really likes soccer. Did you know I love soccer too? We're really well-suited. And he likes beer, just like me'.

Miho only thought she was happy, Akane felt, and started to worry about her future..

Tomorrow was Monday. Akane had to go to the office. Miho said, "Don't worry about me. Tomorrow I can go around Sydney alone. Before I go I'd like to use your computer to buy two tickets for a soccer game'.

'Tickets?' Akane asked.

"Yes. I had a bright idea. You and I will go to see the soccer game and search for Tom as we're enjoying the game. That way, we can kill two birds with one stone'.

Akane wasn't interested in soccer and wondered if she could pick Tom out in a crowd. But she decided to help. Miho showed Akane a picture of Tom on her phone. He had brown, naturally curly hair, and blue eyes. He was tall - about 180cm - and slim. He looked very kind. Akane thought he was Miho's type.to be continued

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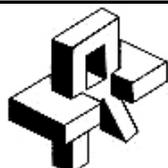
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