FRIENDS OF GORSE HALL

IN HONOUR OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF BEATRIX POTTER’S BIRTH

 Tameside, Greater Manchester Celebrate with events at

GORSE HALL Where Helen Leech Beatrix’s mother was born.

On the 28th July at 12 o’clock a nature trail walk on the site with stories relating to the families of Beatrix.

**Stalybridge Unitarian church** Beatrix opened the Baazar at Hob Hill in 1912, will be open on the 28th and 29th July, with an exhibition. Refreshments available.

**Dukinfield Old Chapel** Where Leech family members are buried. Open 29th 1.30-4pm, 30th 11.30-4pm, 31st July at 2pm service when Ann Peart’s sermon will be about ‘Beatrix Potter’s Manchester connections.’ There will be an exhibition and ‘well dressing’, refreshments available.

Hyde Chapel Gee Cross where Helen and Rupert Potter were married in 1863 and where members of the Potters, Leech’s and Ashton families are buried. Open 28th and 29th July 1-4pm daily. Refreshments available.

**Flowery Field church** Built by Thomas Ashton Beatrix’s ancestor, for his workers. (date to be confirmed)

**St. Michael of All Angels church** A grave stone relating to generations of the Leech family.

**Cross St. Chapel Manchester** Where Beatrix Potter’s ancestors worshipped.

 A small exhibition on Beatrix Potter’s Manchester connections Friday- Sunday 29-31st July.

For more information go to;

[www.ukunitarians.org.uk/dukinfield](http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/dukinfield) SK16 4BT

[www.ukunitarians.org.uk/hydechapel](http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/hydechapel) SK14 5LJ

[www.ukunitarians.org.uk/stalybridge](http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/stalybridge) SK152HX

[www.cross-street-chapel.org.uk](http://www.cross-street-chapel.org.uk) M2 INL

 [www.floweryfieldchurchhyde.co.uk](http://www.floweryfieldchurchhyde.co.uk) SK14 4NP

 [www.tamesidehistoryforum.org.uk](http://www.tamesidehistoryforum.org.uk)

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THE Friends of Gorse Hall are a local volunteer community group working to promote the site of Gorse Hall, with the support of TMBC Greenspace.

We have regular workdays on site on Thursdays and projects involving other local groups, organisations and businesses throughout the year.

Gorse Hall has a wealth of history stories and legends, linked to the family of Beatrix Potter and to a mysterious murder which has never been solved.

We have recently been awarded funding from SITA TRUST for up to £20,203.00 ‘GORSE HALL’S ANNIVERSARY ACCESS IMPROVMENTS’ Celebrating 150 years since Beatrix Potter’s birth 28th July 1866.

The funding will be spent to improve access/paths, a new dipping platform, hedge laying, refurbishment and extending the Nature Trail.

 For further info on volunteering contact by email

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