



Adult Learning Within Reach

Member Lecture – 9 September 2021

Enquire within: a lighthearted look at Victorian life
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Useful links and further reading

Some of the manuals referred to, can be accessed free of charge online:

[Enquire Within About Everything](#) – 1856 edition (incomplete)

[Enquire Within About Everything](#) – 1894 edition

[The Household Oracle](#) – 1897 edition

Reprints and compilations based on Enquire Within are also available in hard copy:-

[The Pocket Enquire Within: a guide to the niceties and necessities of Victorian domestic life](#) – George Armstrong, from the 1856 edition (Kindle edition, Cornerstone Digital, 2011)

[Enquire within upon Everything 1890: a comprehensive guide to the necessities of domestic life in Victorian Britain](#) – (Shire Publications, 2003)

[Enquire Within Upon Everything: the book that inspired the internet](#) – Robert Kemp (Arcturus, 2020)

Other books

[The Diary of a Nobody](#) – Weedon and George Grossmith, first published in book form in 1892 and available free online. A fictitious and very entertaining record of 15 months in the domestic and social life of Charles Pooter, his family, friends and acquaintances.

[The Victorian House: domestic life from childbirth to deathbed](#) – Judith Flinders (Harper Perennial, 2013). A 'room by room' analysis of Victorian domestic life, drawing on diaries, letters, advice books, magazines and paintings.

Other links

[Breach of Promise](#) – a useful website recommended through the lecture chat

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Forthcoming WEA courses by Cynthia

Online lecture series - 10 lectures – Tuesdays at 10.30 – 11.30 am – starting 14th September
with:-

Rural life in the 'age of great cities' – 14 Sep 2021

Also

The General Strike 1926 – 9 Oct 2021