

## Victorian Puzzles and Riddles - August 2020

This is a special month at the museum. On the 1st we were able to re-open for the first time since March. So, these puzzles are now not just available on the website but also in the Victorian Kitchen in the museum itself.

Come in and talk to Mrs Bird about the puzzles, see the book - over 100 years old - that they are taken from and learn a lot more about the Victorian Age.

Mrs Bird and all the other museum staff are all ready to keep you and your family safe during your visit. There are some amazing things to see and the staff have lots of stories to tell about the artefacts.

In the meantime check out these puzzles and have a go at them. They are for all the family but they originally came from a weekly magazine for young people.

Why don't you also have a look at all the ones published during lock down. Be warned, some are easier than others! And when you're battling with a knotty problem, trying to resist the siren call of Mr Google, just remember your Victorian ancestors didn't have

this resource at their fingertips. Answers will be published on a separate page so have a go at them before taking a crafty peek!

Also now the school holidays are here check out the other section of the website, you'll find recipes there, all tried and tested, which can be made at home. Before lockdown, each month a new recipe was available for visitors to taste. Watch out for when this Taste of History will start again.

Now get your Puzzle head on and see how well you do with these.

### **Buried Trees**

1. Mabel, make haste.
2. I will own I was wrong in that affair.
3. This map, Leo, belongs to my aunt.
4. I shall pin each ribbon together.

### **Buried Birds**

1. Those oleographs cost Richard no end of money
2. They claimed over five pounds for damages
3. What sad havoc, Rowland. Do try and straighten up a bit.
4. I wish you would ring; do venture to try once more.

## **Hidden Word**

A hidden word of six letters can be found below - **clue** - **you need to select the correct letter each time to reveal the word you're looking for. Additional clue - everyone has one!**

In a month a first you'll see

My second in a mouse

My third is in a great tree

My fourth in a house

My fifth in every home abounds

My sixth in Royal crowns

## **Square Word**

If you're new to this website, the March set of puzzles explains how these work. They were a real favourite of the Victorian.

My first keeps a loved one safe all day

My second a lonely tree, stands tall along the way

My third too numerous to count, these busy creepies scurry all about

My fourth is not many, much nor more, of this there is no doubt

**Riddle - think very literally when trying to solve this! There is a clue in the riddle itself.**

I'm form without substance

A vapour at most

Cut off my head

And you leave me a host