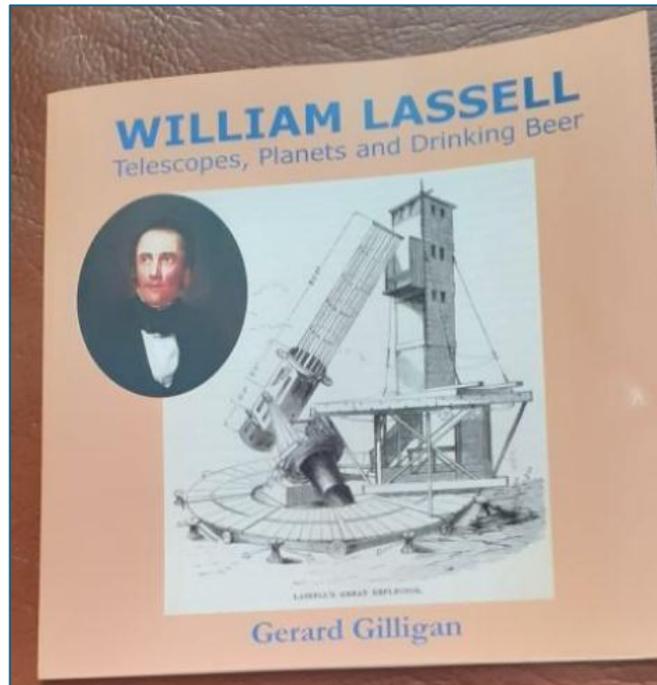


# William Lassell, Telescopes, Planets and Drinking Beer

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***"Lassell made his fortune as a Liverpool brewer. This enabled him to pursue his passion for astronomy, particularly his keen interest in the outer planets. Described as one of the first "Grand Amateurs" of the Victorian age, William Lassell's list of achievements is truly impressive. He built a 24-inch reflector telescope using his own workshops, discovered Triton, the largest moon of Neptune, co-discovered Hyperion, a moon of Saturn, and went on to discover Ariel and Umbriel, two new moons of the gas giant Uranus"***