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Editorial

Welcome to issue 10 of our newsletter.

Apologies for the delay in editing and producing this issue. On returning for the Christmas break we discovered a major infestation of *Stegobium paniceum* (biscuit beetle) within the natural history stores here at Liverpool. An intensive 4 week programme of searching, cleaning, packing and freezing (and continued monitoring!) followed involving many staff. Other items of work had to be put on hold until the safety of the collections was established. The source then located, I was able to turn my attention back to the newsletter. Strangely I heard my own editorial voice inside my head, "You know a write-up should really be done on this episode...." Possibly for a Pests (*no. 3 'Ten Agents'*) additional piece... watch this space!

Please continue to let us know what's going on out there; what projects you're involved with, reviews of any courses you have recently attended.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue.

Donna Young (nee Hughes)

Note:

The article 'The Perfect Relationship' by Paul brown (*pp. 47-49 Issue 9*) was based on notes used for his presentation given our meeting in Liverpool in May 1998. Paul will be submitting for publication a more detailed and accurate account of the relationship between Balmforth and the Natural History Museum. This will appear in a future edition.

Any articles for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to Donna at: The Botany Department, Liverpool Museum, William Brown St, Liverpool, L3 8EN. e.mail: donna@nmgmnhc.demon.co.uk
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