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## EDITORIAL

Many thanks to our contributors. Yet again they have provided a varied and interesting Newsletter. Richard Brinklow of Dundee Museum has written a marvellous Featured Institution section and at last we are able to include a D.W. mammoth paper on the survey of species recording schemes. In addition there is a good selection of letters on varying topics. Penny Wheatcroft's is very interesting and is a valid question when applied to many of the fumigants, preservatives and repellants that we use daily! There are many rumours in our profession, but few scientifically proven facts. Mysterious rumours follow around substances such as naphthalene, paradichlorobenzene and propylene phenoxetol; yet many of us take these chemicals for granted and no-one appears to have researched them fully.

Notes for Diploma Students appears to be superfluous so it has been abandoned.

The Lost and Found section seems to be surprisingly thin of late, but I suppose that everyone is too busy doing collections research. Hopefully this will result in a bigger response at a later date.

Now is the time to put pen to paper for the February issue. What about that article you've been going to write for ages? Why not now, while you remember? More discussions too. (I would imagine that some comment will be forthcoming concerning Brian Abel Seddon's contribution).

Meanwhile a merry xmas to you all.

Steve  
&  
Derek

### Competition of the Month

This issue's competition should stretch the imagination a bit. Do you ever wonder what anonymous people on photographs are thinking or saying? Well look closely at the guy in the photo of Barrack St. Museum, Dundee, on p.359, OR look at the couple on the front cover of the Stoke issue. What are they saying? Send your captions to us by the next copy date and we will print the best, and try to find a bit of something for the winner.