

## CURATOR'S REPORT 2020

This has been an unusual year in that there is little progress to report. It has been constrained by the need to cancel events and to limit access to our building, which I have been unable to visit myself since February. Consequently, I have been reliant on Ian Sims, Jon Cole and Martin Albertini for their regular inspections of the building and for keeping me informed. Ian and Jon are particularly to be thanked for having completed a thorough inspection of all cabinet drawers, which led to the discovery of localised infestations of *Anthrenus*, and for the action they have taken to eliminate this problem. As it was recognised that the fabric of some cabinets was conducive to these beetles gaining access, they have also carried out preventative insecticidal treatment of cabinet interiors following removal of drawers. A further inspection of the collections in the Spring will be necessary to ensure that these actions have been successful.

I am grateful to Peter Hodge for a donation early in the year of some beetles to fill gaps in the collection, and for his kind offer to provide further additions when access for this is restored.

There is no immediate prospect of a return to regular access to the collections by members, but we hope that this can begin again during the course of 2021.

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