

EDITORIAL

Hard on the heels of Circaea 5(1) comes the second part for 1987, wisely delayed to avoid the Christmas postal chaos. We hope now to produce both issues of volume 6 within 1988 assuming, of course, that you, the readership and authors of this organ, supply the copy. We should like to remind you of the idea floated in a previous editorial for an 'iconoclasm' issue, presenting papers which candidly dissect and reconsider received wisdom on some matter relevant to environmental archaeology. Everyone seems very ready to do this kind of thing in conversation - perhaps it's time to have some thoughts in print?

Whilst on the subject of copy - may we respectfully request that intending authors read and digest the 'Notes for contributors' on the inside back cover of each issue of Circaea? It makes the editorial and refereeing process so much easier if typescripts are double-spaced and have adequate margins; furthermore, we do ask for TWO copies! We will confess to being somewhat inconsistent in how we render references, but there is a basic house-style to which we should like authors to adhere. One last gripe: almost no-one bothers to produce a summary of their paper and the editors are fed up with having to write them themselves!

This issue includes a paper by Keith Barber (offered on Tuesday, received and pasted up on Friday!) replying to John Schofield's article in Circaea 5(1). We should state that Schofield's paper was refereed in the usual way, and was revised in the light of referees' comments, but that the main points that Dr Barber makes deal with matters that editors and referees must needs take on trust - in this case data gleaned from the work of others. We are grateful to Dr Barber for setting an excellent example by replying so promptly, rather than grouching over tea-break and doing nothing (like the rest of us!).

The Editors would like to thank Tracy Painter for inputting virtually all of this issue to the word-processor; sadly (for us), she has recently moved to Devon and we are extremely sorry to have lost such a fast and efficient copy-typist.