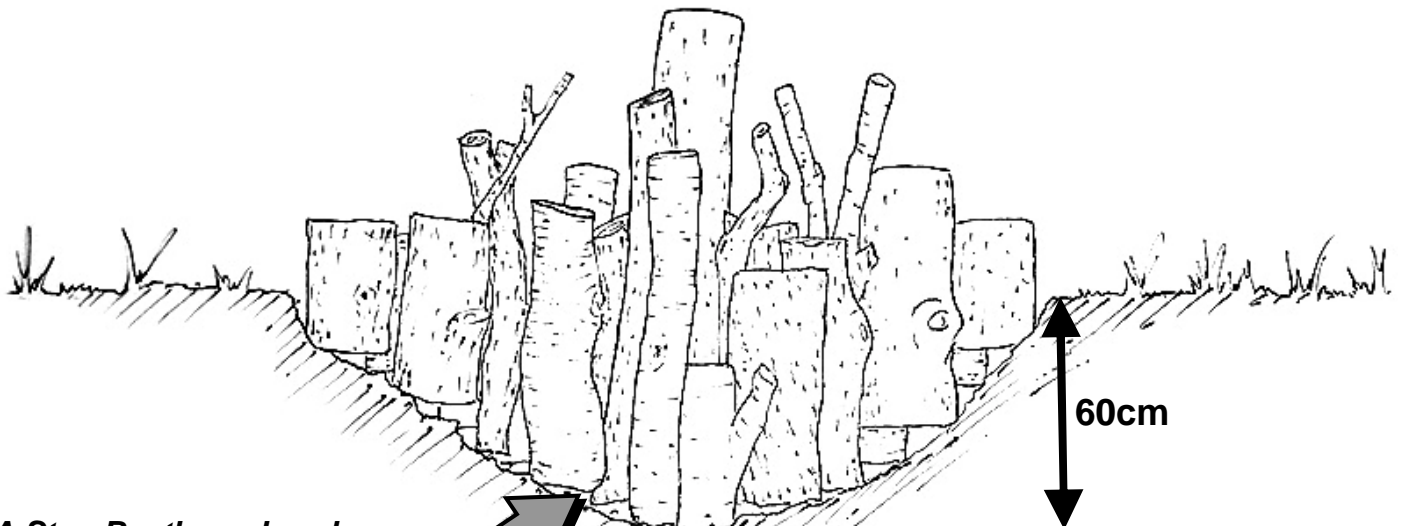
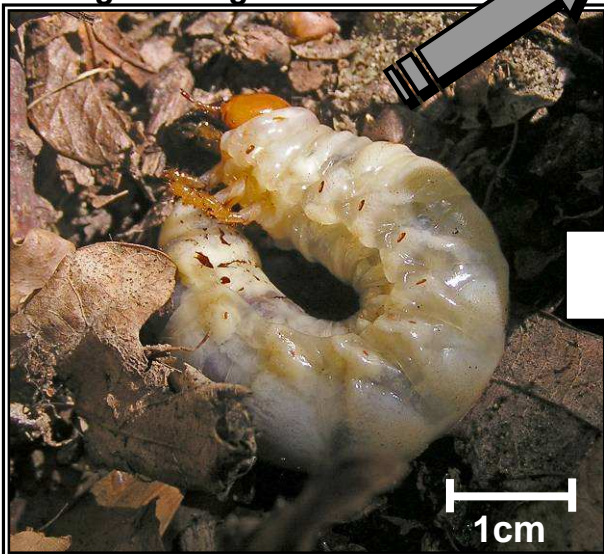


STAG BEETLE PYRAMID



A Stag Beetle grub or larva



A male Stag Beetle – the jaws are far too weak to hurt humans and are only used to fight other male Stag Beetles.



Stag Beetles are the largest beetles in the UK and are spend most of their lives - between 5 and 10 years – as grubs living on rotting wood underground. The female will burrow down and lay her eggs on rotting tree stumps or similar around 60cm deep. The grubs hatch and grow as they eat their way upwards through the wood. After pupating they emerge as adult beetles and live only for a few weeks, during which they mate and the females seek out new sites for egg-laying.

Burying old logs to create “artificial tree stumps” and leaving them to rot undisturbed for five or more years will provide the beetles with a ready-made home.

- ◆ Use only untreated wood
- ◆ Bury it at least 60cm (2 feet) deep
- ◆ Add some woodchip or sawdust that will rot quickly
- ◆ It doesn't have to be a pyramid – make whatever shape you like!

Many other insects & fungi will thrive in these pyramids.

