CLAIMS:

1. A cartridge for a scent dispenser, the cartridge comprising: a
reservoir for containing a liquid; and
at least one porous member;
wherein the reservoir is disposed at a first end of the at least one porous member, wherein the reservoir is in fluid communication with the first end of the at least one porous member via a first passageway and wherein the reservoir is in fluid communication with a second end of the at least one porous member via a second passageway; and
wherein the first passageway is provided with a valve mechanism allowing the first passageway to be selectively opened or closed.

2. The cartridge of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the reservoir is formed from a flexible material.

3. The cartridge of any preceding claim comprising:
a rigid body, a recess being defined in the rigid body; and
a flexible membrane sealed to the rigid body, wherein at least a portion of the reservoir is formed by the recess and the flexible material.

4. The cartridge of any preceding claim when dependent either directly or indirectly on claim 1 wherein the first passageway and the second passageway are at least partially formed by channels in the rigid body.

5. The cartridge of any preceding claim when dependent either directly or indirectly on claim 1 wherein the second passageway is provided with a valve mechanism allowing the second passageway to be selectively opened or closed.

6. The cartridge of any preceding claim when dependent either directly or indirectly on either claim 1 wherein one or more walls partially divide the reservoir into a first portion and a second portion adjacent to the second passageway.

7. The cartridge of claim 9 wherein the second portion of the reservoir comprises: a generally linear channel of generally uniform width, the first portion being connected to the second portion only at one end of said generally linear channel; or

a generally annular channel of generally uniform width, the first portion being connected to the second portion only at one circumferential position on said generally annular channel and the second passageway being connected to a different position on the generally annular channel.

8. The cartridge of any preceding claim further comprising a liquid to be dispensed.

9. The cartridge of any preceding claim further comprising:

a sealing mechanism for preventing the liquid from flowing through the at least one porous member; and

a seal breaking actuator operable to break said sealing mechanism.

10. The cartridge of claim 9 wherein the liquid is disposed in a sealed capsule and wherein the cartridge further comprises a piercing member movable between a first, storage position and second, actuated position in which it extends into

and ruptures the sealed capsule and optionally wherein the reservoir defines a chamber

for receipt of the sealed capsule, the chamber having an opening to allow the piercing member to move into the chamber and to allow the liquid to flow out of the chamber.

11. The cartridge of claim 9 further comprising a storage reservoir, wherein the liquid is disposed in the storage reservoir and wherein the sealing mechanism comprises a valve operable to isolate the storage reservoir from the at least one porous member.

12. The cartridge of claim 9 wherein the sealing mechanism comprises one or more valves operable to isolate the reservoir from the at least one porous member.

13. The cartridge of any preceding claim comprising one or more valves arranged so as to allow the reservoir to be isolated from the at least one porous member.

14. The cartridge of claim 12 or claim 13 further comprising a biasing member arranged to bias a valve member of the or each valve towards a closed configuration in which the reservoir is isolated from the at least one porous member.

15. The cartridge of claim 14 when dependent either directly or indirectly on claim 4, the cartridge further comprising a rigid plate connected to the rigid body so as to form a two-part housing for the valve member and the biasing member.

16. The cartridge of any one of claims 12 to 15 wherein the or each valve member defines an engagement feature which, in use, can be acted on by an actuator of a scent dispenser.

17. The cartridge of any one of claims 12 to 16 when dependent either directly or indirectly on claim 4, wherein a groove is defined on the rigid body for receipt of an actuator of a scent dispenser for acting on the valve member.

18. The cartridge of any preceding claim wherein the at least one porous member is formed from polypropylene.