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time taken is well worth the results because although you may think you know your collections, a fresh examination from a slightly different viewpoint is quite interesting and sometimes enlightening. Who would have thought that at Bolton there are 13 White-toothed Shrews from St. Mary, Scillies, 10 of which were killed by the same cat between 1963 and 1972!

E. Geoffrey Hancock,  
Bolton Museum and Art Gallery.

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## REVIEWS

### The identification of remains in Owl Pellets by D. W. Yalden Occasional Publication of the Mammal Society

This little booklet deals admirably with the problems met by the biologist in identifying bones dissected from owl pellets, and includes a key to the identification of skulls, and notes on limb bones and other miscellaneous features often encountered. A must for ornithologists, mammalogists and museums educational staff. Price is 25p plus postage with reductions (10-15 copies 15p; over 50 copies 10p) for bulk orders. Available from Mrs. Norma Chapman, Publications Sales Agent, Larkmead, Barton Mills, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 6AA. The first title in the series - 'Otter Spraint analysis' was published last year and is available from the same address at 60p plus postage.

### Manchester University Museum Computer-aided Cataloguing Project. A Report by Charles Pettitt.

In November 1977 Manchester Museum began a project to document the Spence shell collection and produce a catalogue. This was carried out using the powerful computing facilities available to the Museum at the University of Manchester Regional Computing Centre, and Charles Pettitt's report outlines the methods and procedures involved. The report is accompanied by a number of examples of print out of various indexes produced using this technique. Copies of the report are available free of charge from Charles Pettitt at Manchester Museum (n.b. Essential reading for all members intending to attend the one day seminar in Manchester!)