

## **Take home a year of Co-operative News!**

When Principle 5 was given a collection of Co-operative News editions, it got an unexpected extra surprise: 31 duplicates. Co-operative News is the essential record of our movement produced by the Co-operative Press since 1871. It provides an independent voice, not afraid to criticise when necessary.

The Co-operative Group agreed to donate their surplus annual volumes last year, to save them from disposal and retain them within the co-op movement. Each one is a large hardback book containing the newspapers from January to December, a fascinating insight into the news, views and graphic artwork of that year.

The National Co-operative Archives in Manchester holds a complete set of Co-operative News from 1871 to the present. Principle 5 probably holds most, but not all of Co-operative News from 1871 to the present.

138 editions of Co-op News have been indexed so far and are available on the digital online index of the newspaper, this is a large ongoing project, an essential tool for future historians of the co-operative movement.

In addition to the editions, held and available to read in Principle 5's archive, there are 31 volumes which are simply duplicates of certain years. They range from 1929 to 1977, spanning the war and post-war period and the height of the co-operative retail stores expansion.

The Principle 5 committee has decided that these can be made available for members to borrow, for study or discussion, (or simply to show off to friends!) Would you like to take home for a month one of these historic Co-operative News volumes? Why not see if the year of your birth is available, for example?

If you are interested please enquire through [Steve Thompson](#) about the borrowing arrangements, and the years' editions which we have available.