

# Principle FIVE

# P5

**July/August 2022**

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There was no July edition of the newsletter, but we're back again with news that The UK Society for Co-operative Studies has released the special edition of the Journal to the general public. You will recall that members of P5 were able to access the Journal on publication. I am happy to share the link with you, please pass it on, there is some very interesting material to read, all around the subject of co-operative journalism. It not only includes material about our friends at Co-operative News (est. 1871) but an article by our own Dr. Chris Olewicz about the

[inter-war years of the Sheffield Co-operator.](#)

Any feedback would be welcomed.

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[https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/The\\_Sheffield\\_Co-operator\\_2022.pdf](https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/The_Sheffield_Co-operator_2022.pdf)

Copies of [The Future of Co-operation](#) are also available @ £2 each.

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## **Worker Co-operatives**

22 years ago the Industrial Common Ownership Movement merged with the Co-operative Union to form Co-operatives UK. This was seen as a significant step in bringing consumer and productive co-ops together. This year the Worker Co-op Council resolved to form a completely new and independent 'federation of worker co-operatives, individual co-operators and supporters of industrial democracy'

Rebecca Harvey writing in Co-op News on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 says:

“In 1971, the Industrial Common Ownership Movement (ICOM) was set up as a national umbrella and lobbying organisation for workers’ co-operatives in the UK. It merged with the Co-operative Union in 2001 to form Co-operatives UK, with a Worker Co-op Council elected to “shape strategic priorities” for worker co-ops and employee-owned business members.

But all this is about to change, with a new organisation being planned to support the UK worker co-op movement. Early this year, the Worker Co-op Council resolved to form a completely new and independent “federation of worker co-operatives, individual co-operators and supporters of industrial democracy”.

Read more at:

<https://www.thenews.coop/162850/sector/worker-coops/new-federation-planned-for-worker-co-ops-in-the-uk/>

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## **Cost of Living Crisis**

One of Regather's core beliefs is that everyone should have access to good food. Farmers should be paid properly for what they do, and all workers should be paid properly.

And real wealth building in the local community.

You can read what Regather has to say **HERE**



## **Sheffield Co-operative History**

### **S & E Co-operative Society Central Comrades Circle**

The youth wing of the S&E Co-operative Society, known as the Circlites published a monthly journal, 'The Circle Review'. There were 22 editions in all, number one was Friday 6th June 1924 and the last came out on Friday 5th March 1926.

Like co-operators everywhere they were focussed on working towards the co-operative commonwealth and world socialism. They were very much in tune with the Sheffield Branch of the ILP Guild of Youth who were always given space in the The Circle Review. The Circlites were represented on the S&E Co-op Society Education Committee. Education was always considered central to the purposes of the co-operative movement. Co-operation if it is to mean anything is a way of life with all the relationships, work, trade, culture, education, play, physical activity, sport, and all the social activities that go together to make community.

Of course, in all groups of people there will sometimes be disagreements and upset. Strong words were voiced in edition one by the editor, the ramblers section refused to give proper recognition to the core 'circle' thus threatening a damaging split.

An enduring problem, it seems, was that there was a reluctance amongst the members to contribute material for the journal, and so most of the work was left to a few stalwarts. That aside, The Circle Review was consistently positive, inspiring, informative and interesting.

If you would like to find out more about the Circlites contact  
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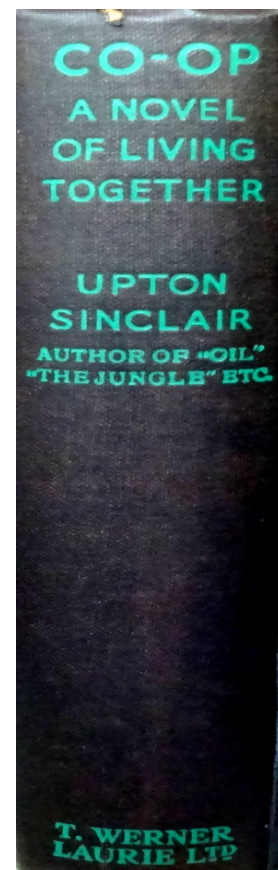
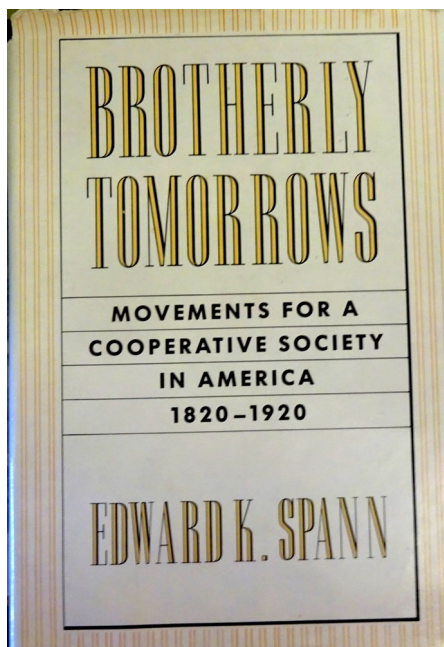
A talk given to  
Sheffield Community Heritage Forum

in 2013 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
founding of the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

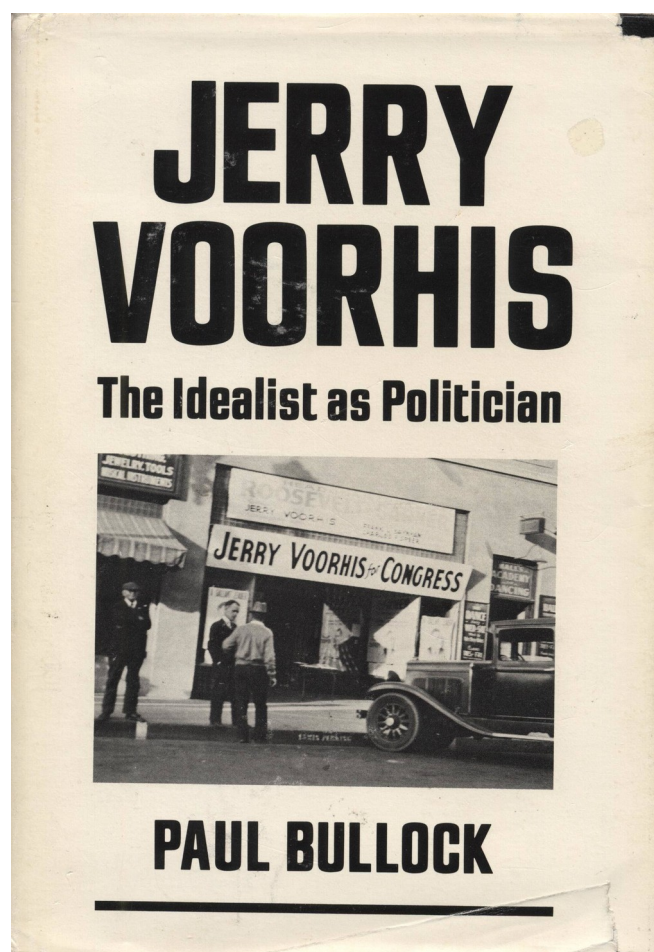
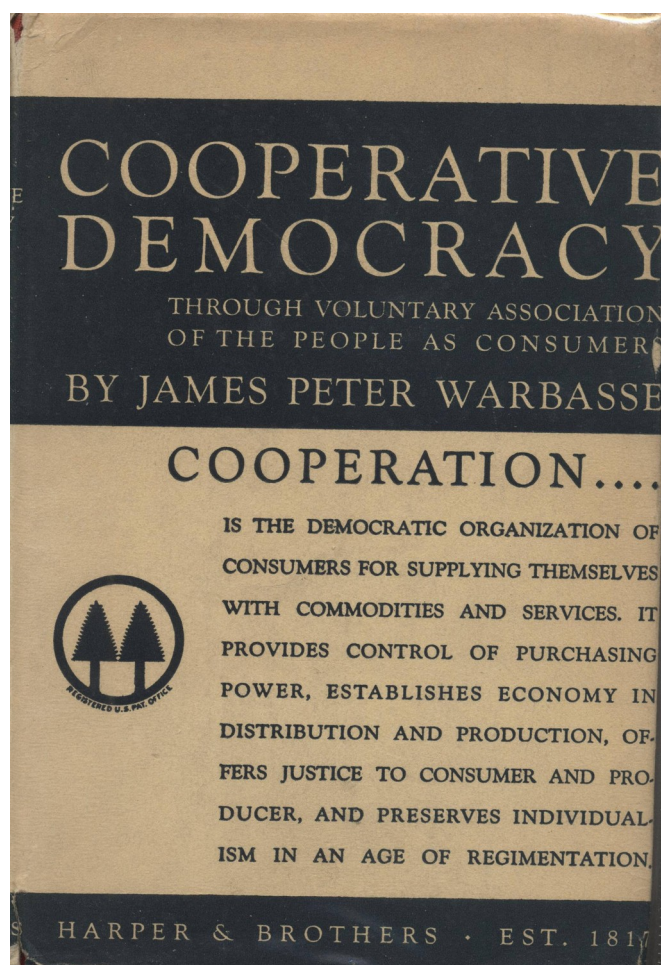
### CWS 150 Years

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