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Worker co-op launches fruit tree nursery and heritage orchard in Sheffield

Sheffield Fruit Trees is crowdfunding to support the venture, with match funding pledged by the Forestry Commission

Worker co-op [Sheffield Fruit Trees](#) is fundraising to expand its work of filling the South Yorkshire city with fruit trees.

The co-op runs a fruit tree nursery which supplies allotments, councils and commercial gardens with trees, as well as donating trees to community groups and organisations.

It says it wants “Sheffield of the future to have fruit trees in every park and on every street corner”, and is now embarking on a project to further that vision.

Read full article in Co-op News

<https://www.thenews.coop/167317/sector/worker-coops/worker-co-op-launches-fruit-tree-nursery-and-heritage-orchard-in-sheffield/>

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There is a co-operative alternative to TWITTER

[Social.coop](#) is a cooperative corner of the [fediverse](#). We primarily operate a [Mastodon](#) social-media server. Our members fund our operations and decide how to set our community policies, steward our data, and manage our shared technologies. Members also provide the labour to run [Social.coop](#) at all levels.

If you are interested in joining Social.coop, visit our [registration form](#).

Social.coop was founded in 2017 in the wake of the [BuyTwitter](#) campaign. Since then, we have worked toward the goal of placing ever more of our online social lives under good cooperative governance. To get a sense of how we operate, or to start your own fediverse cooperative, see our guide on "[How to Make the Fediverse Your Own.](#)"

New to using the fediverse? Check out the [Social.coop guide to Mastodon.](#)

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Fairtrade Fortnight presentation and script

27 February - 12 March 2023

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Principle 5 Study Group

The Principle 5 AGM took the decision to have a study Group. The resources for the syllabus are

available on the [Study](#) page of the website. It was agreed that we would use the [Parameters Document](#) to form a structure for the Group.

After further discussions, it was felt that co-operative 'rebirth' and education would be appropriate themes to start with.

The resource centre would be ideal for small groups because all the reference materials would be on hand. No more than six people could comfortably be accommodated. If more people wanted to take part, we could consider using meeting facilities at Aizlewood's Mill. This might mean that a collection would have to be taken to cover room costs.

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Principle 5 Library

This is the first of a new feature in the newsletter, where we look at three books in the library.

The February 2023 edition looks at:

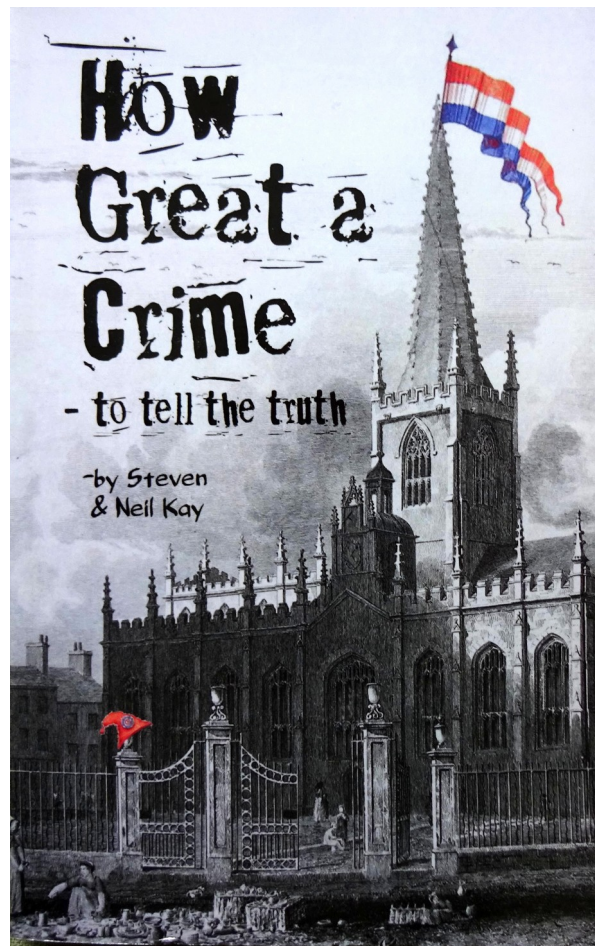
[How Great a Crime to Tell The Truth](#)

[Harold Wilson: the winner](#)

[Co-op: a novel about living together](#)

reviews these and all our other books can be read on the 'Books' page:

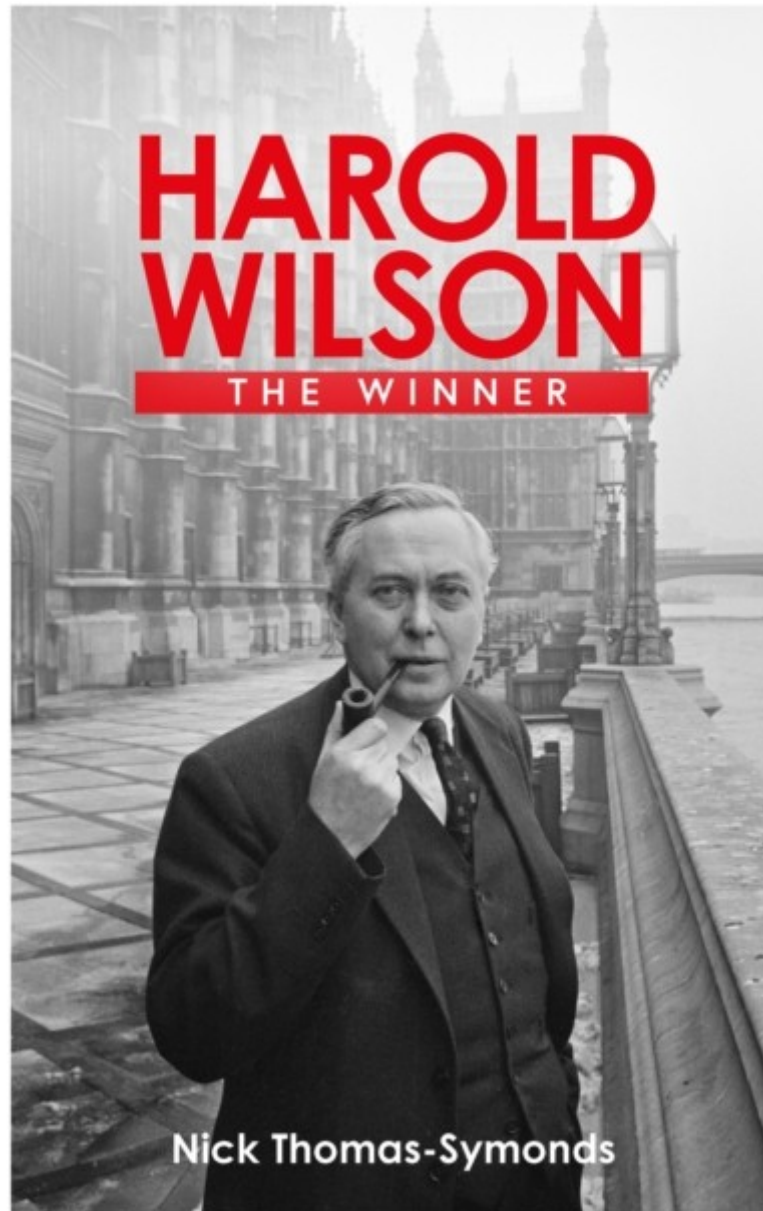
<https://www.principle5.coop/books>



Joseph and Winifred Gales were publishers of the late 18th Century Sheffield Register. They reported with courage and integrity, and rather than pandering to the big ego's and private interests of the Sheffield elite, they reported with concern for the rights of the disempowered of Sheffield. The result was that they had to flee the country.

The author asks the question 'is it a crime to tell the truth?' That question is still relevant. Think of the journalists of today who have courage and integrity, like Carole Cadwalladr.

The Sheffield Register was succeeded by 'The Iris' published by another man of integrity, James Montgomery. His honest and fearless reporting resulted in him serving two terms in York prison.



Now is the time to re-visit the achievements of Harold Wilson in the context of the political circumstances of the times. This is an excellent biography written by a member of the current Labour shadow cabinet. Published in 2022.

In an intriguing paradox, Wilson, influenced by the distinctively democratic faith of his Yorkshire boyhood, united a fractured Labour Party, ushering in the cultural and social changes of the 'swinging sixties'. His was the government to decriminalise homosexuality, legalise abortion and abolish capital punishment. With a brilliant mind, sure-footed political moves and a feel for public opinion, he was a survivor who over and over again emerged from desperate crises – even, perhaps, conspiracies – to lead his party to victory. (from review page).



Co-op : A Novel Of Living Together.
By Upton Sinclair

I recommend this novel, written in 1936 and set in the depression years of the USA - 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936. It makes valuable reading for anyone who has socialist aspirations/hopes/vision.

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Members are always welcome to visit the resource centre.

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