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It's Fairtrade Fortnight!



Monday 27th February – Sunday 12th March

More information

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Principle 5 resource centre always has Fairtrade refreshments available for visitors, library users and researchers.

Members are always specially welcome.
Let me know when you would like to come to the Centre, and I'll get the kettle on.

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The Co-op Village
South Yorkshire Festival
Wortley Hall

There used to be a 'Co-op Village' at the South Yorkshire Festival each year. This was a tradition, Wortley Hall being a place for trade unions and the labour and co-operative movement (Wortley Hall is a co-op). The co-op village was an area where all the co-op organisations and businesses put up stalls. Most of the other stalls are trade unions and socialist organisations.

The co-op village came to an end after a dispute in the funeral department of the Co-operative Group. The Co-op Group de-recognised the GMB and Wortley Hall distanced itself from anything associated with the co-op. That's when the 'Co-op Village' came to an end at The South Yorkshire Festival. It was sad and caused a lot of upset amongst long standing co-operators and supporters of Wortley Hall. That's the background.

But what about a return to the Co-op Village?

The South Yorkshire Festival is no longer held on International Co-operatives Day (first Saturday in July) It's now in August.

Of course, the Co-operative Movement is a very different place now. Before, the Co-operatives were mainly Retail Co-op Societies like, Sheffield Co-op, The Co-op Group, United Co-operatives, and the Guilds.

But there is a Co-operative Movement to celebrate in South Yorkshire, you only have to see sheffield.coop to see that.

This year the SY Festival will be held on Sunday 6th August and the theme will be the 75th Birthday of the NHS.

Further details to follow in the next newsletter.

Principle 5 is a member of Wortley Hall.

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WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, S35 7DB

<https://wortleyhall.org.uk/hall-gardens/>

On the subject of Wortley Hall, we have a book in the library
by a local author, John Cornwell:

[Voices of Wortley Hall - the story of Labour's Home 1951 -
2011](#)

and of special interest a book by Nye Bevan

[In Place of Fear](#)

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Co-operative News index

The Co-op News Collection in the Resource Centre is available for researchers. See the catalogue; <https://www.principle5.coop/archives>

The electronic index is searchable and covers editions over the last two decades.

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

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