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Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

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History from Common Experience

National history has an important place in the common knowledge which the whole of society shares. But what's more important is the day to day history which we, our neighbours and our friends, relations and workmates have recorded from their experiences. This is genuine history which has not been modified for 'political' purposes by those who seek personal gain. This is history which promotes community solidarity.

A group of Sheffield people founded The Holberry Society in 1978 with an annual lecture, annual gatherings at the Grave of Samuel Holberry in the General Cemetery, a quarterly journal and a series of publication, exhibitions, community events, curriculum explorations and teacher groups in Sheffield and Rotherham. The Women's History group formed part of this. Cathy Burke (who devised the Radical Walk with John Baxter) and Bev Jackson both played a valuable part at that time with Paul Turner. John Baxter organised the South Yorkshire History Workshop events in 1978.

The society, including Sam Holmes, Bill Moore, John Baxter Tom Owen, Sue Owen, Nigel Clark, and Steve Bond spread its wings. Leading figures in the Sheffield Labour Movement such as George Caborn of the Engineering workers, Reg Munn of the Co-op Party, Vernon Thornes of the Trades Council, South Yorkshire County Councillors like John Cornwell and Bill Michie, and Enid Hattersley at Sheffield Council were highly supportive. David Blunkett showed genuine respect to all those working to these ends.

Principle 5 was pleased to be able to re-publish some of the writing from the Holberry Society archive under title 'Co-operators, Radicals, Workers: essays from the Holberry Society for the study of Sheffield Labour History. Vol 1' This is a 40 page pamphlet and is still available. You can pick up a copy at the resource centre, or order from steve@sheffield.coop The price is £5 per copy. It is also available to download from our website as a PDF.

You will notice that this pamphlet is Vol 1 and can therefore expect that a Vol 2 will be forthcoming. It is!. Look out for Vol 2 in the Autumn. It will carry the title 'The Battle of Walkley'. More about this in the next newsletter.

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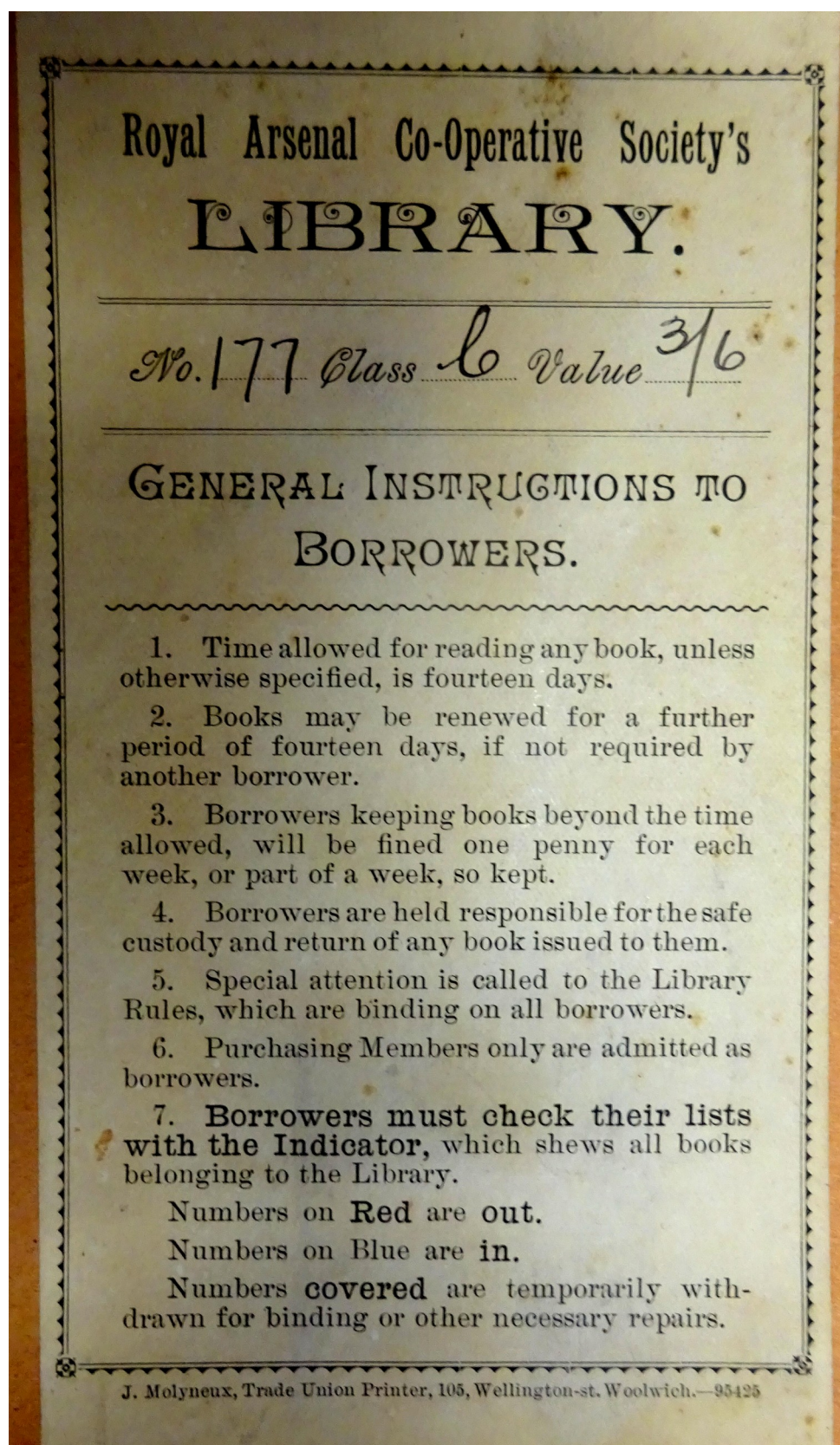
Co-operation Among Co-operatives

[Central England Co-op](#) has shops in Yorkshire and two near Sheffield in Mosborough and Eckington. You can find [Revolver](#) Coffee and Tea on the shelves in some of these shops. This has enabled Principle 5 to provide Revolver tea, coffee and peppermint tea for visitors to the resource centre.



Co-operative Society Libraries

Many of the books in the Principle 5 Library come from the libraries of various co-operative societies. It's interesting to see the library rules which are usually pasted to the inside cover of the books. The rules of the Principle 5 Library seem pretty lax in comparison. But I always chase books up when they have been out for a while.



THE PETERBOROUGH and DISTRICT
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY Ltd.

Educational Department.

RULES
OF THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1.—The Library is open to all Student Members, and to Employees of the Society, free of charge. Members' Tickets are accepted as proof of identity.

2.—Books are issued every Tuesday, from 6-15 p.m. to 7 p.m., and are returnable on a Tuesday. The time allowed for the use of this book is 14 days, i.e., it should be returned on the second Tuesday following the day of issue. The date of issue is entered on the "Date borrowed" page.

3.—A book may be renewed, if no request has been made for it by another borrower, but to secure renewal it must be produced to the Librarian, in order that same may be properly entered.

4.—Borrowers detaining a book beyond the specified time will be charged 2d. per week or portion thereof.

5.—A borrower who loses a book or damages same will be required to pay such sum towards its replacement as may be fixed by the Educational Committee.

6.—Use a bookmark and treat this volume carefully.

7.—The Librarian has the consent of the Educational Committee to use his discretion with reference to the issue of further books when the member has unduly delayed the return of any book.

Librarian, Dec., 1928.

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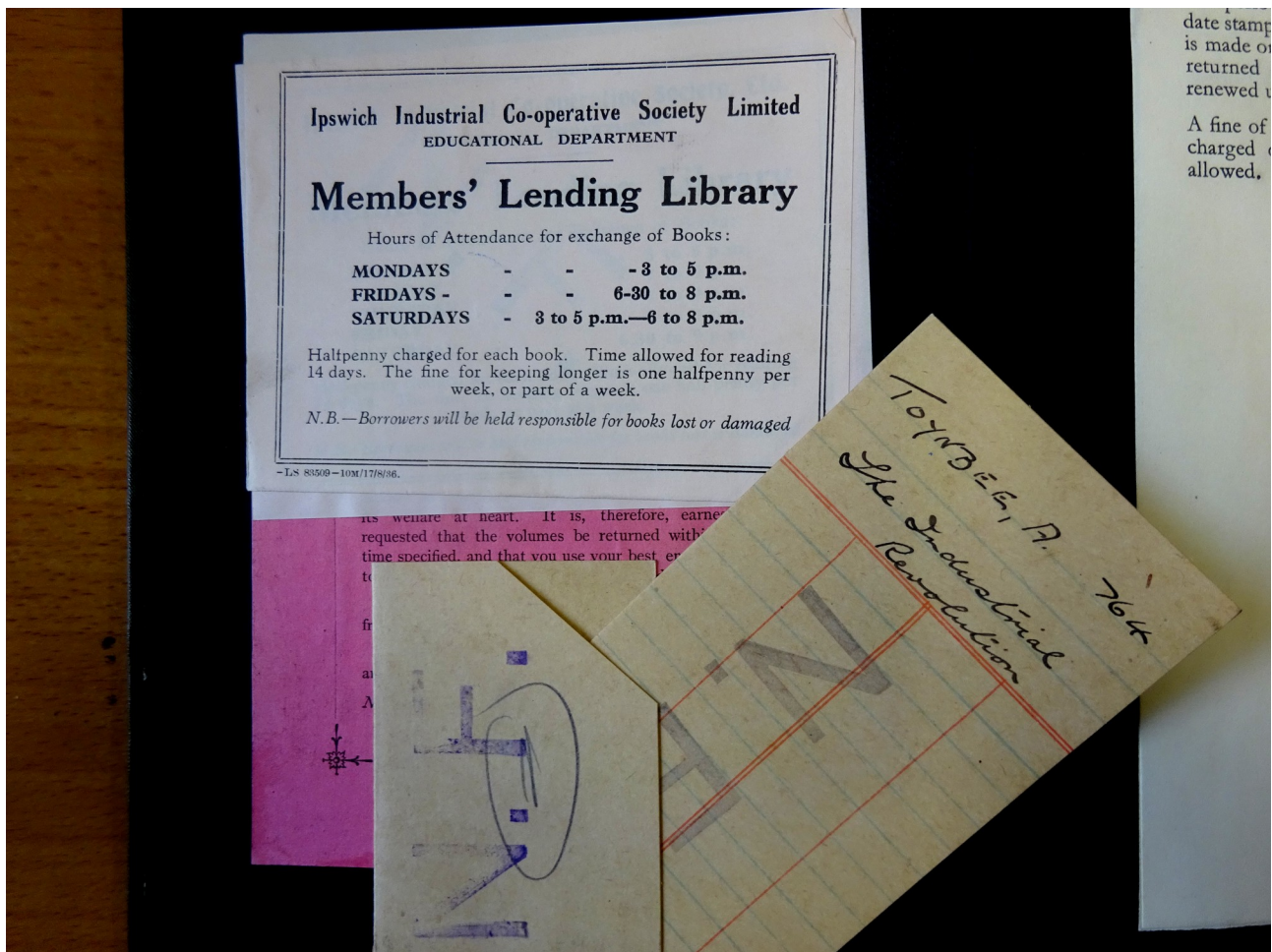
J.C.S. Members' Library

The period allowed for reading is 14 days from the date stamped below. For this period a charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is made on works of fiction only. All books must be returned at the end of 14 days, but they can be renewed unless required by another reader.

A fine of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each week or part of a week is charged on all books retained beyond the time allowed.

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Aizlewood's Mill
Nursery Street
Sheffield S3 8GG



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Sheffield Radical Book Fair will not take place this year.

But there will be an anarchist book fair on:

26th October 2025
from 10:00am
at The Raccoon Studios
38 Haymarket,
Sheffield, S1 2AX

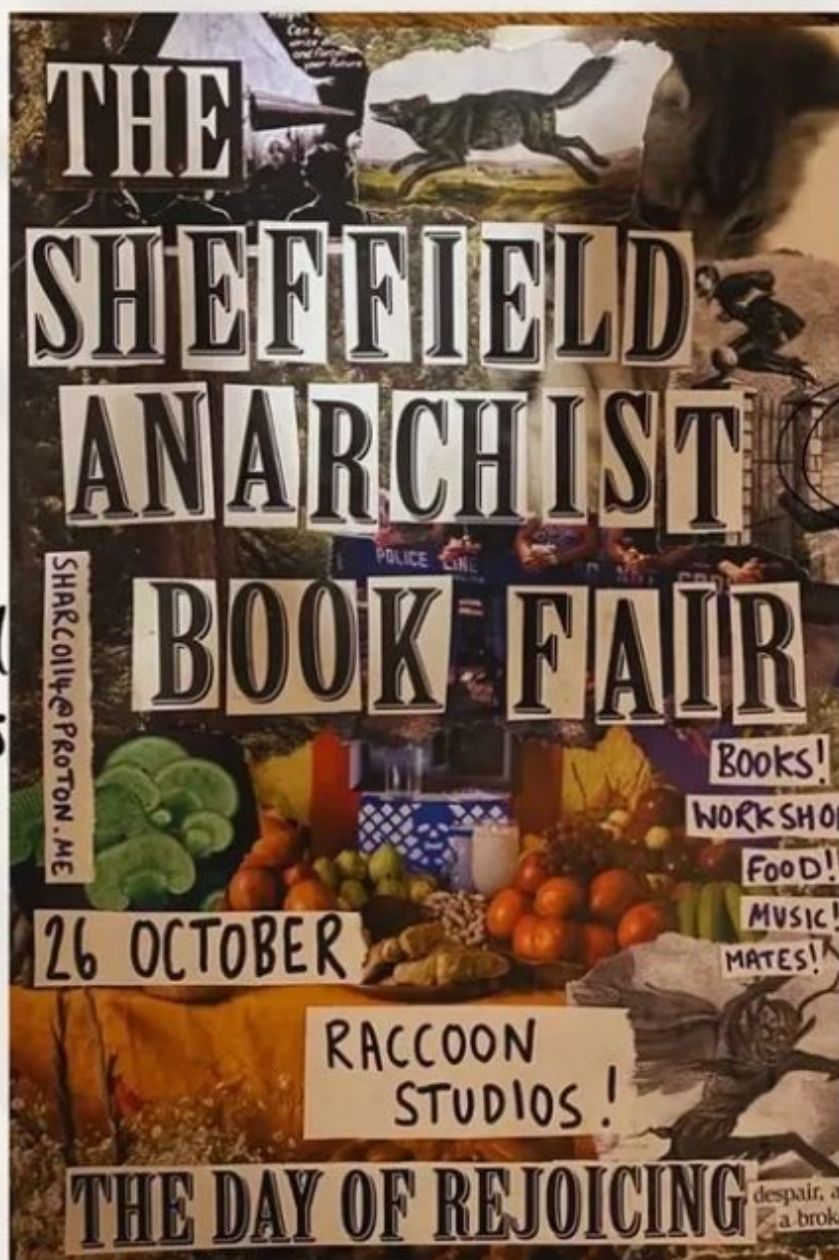
contact: sharc0114@proton.me



Books



Talks and
workshops



Zines

Food &
drink

Merch



From 10am on 26th October 2025.
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Members are always welcome to visit Principle 5
co-operative resource centre. We look forward to seeing you.

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