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Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre
September 2024

Independent Media

Two books have been donated to the Principle 5 Library by Principle 5 member Naomi Lopez who attended the Media North event at the South Yorkshire Festival, Wortley Hall. This annual Festival is always worth visiting, it's a gathering of of the Co-operative - Trade Union - Labour Movement and a great day out for families and has something for everyone.

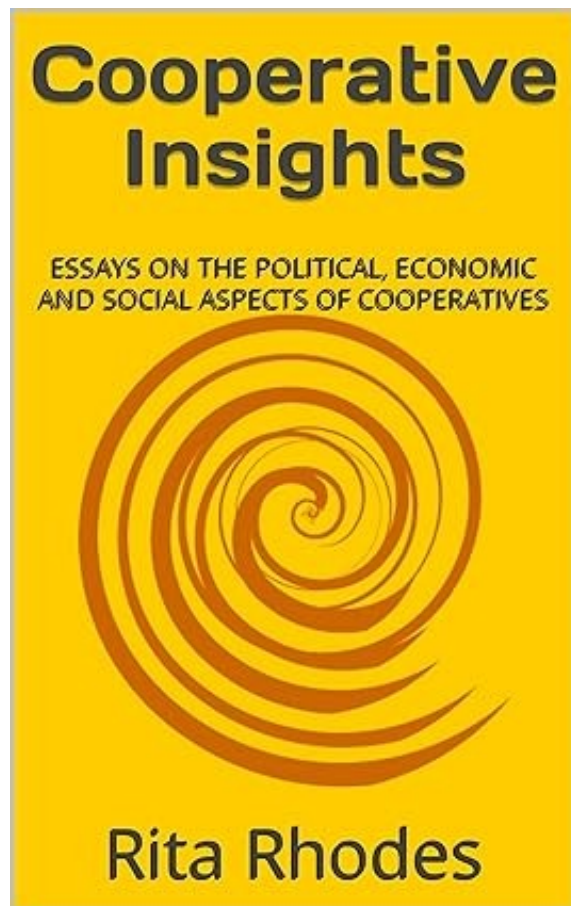
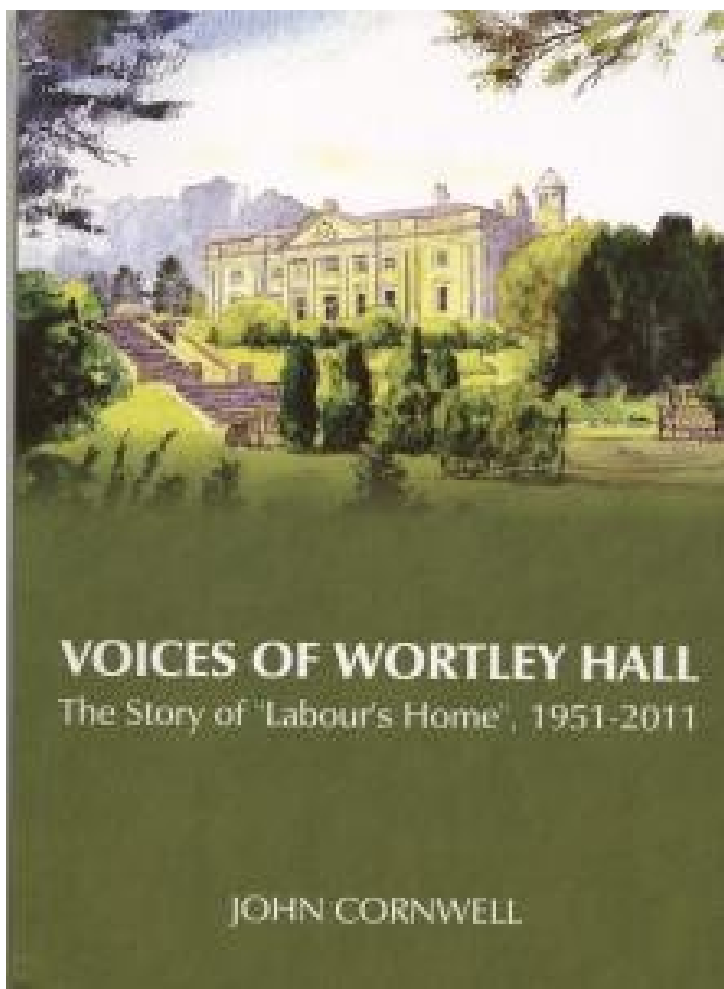
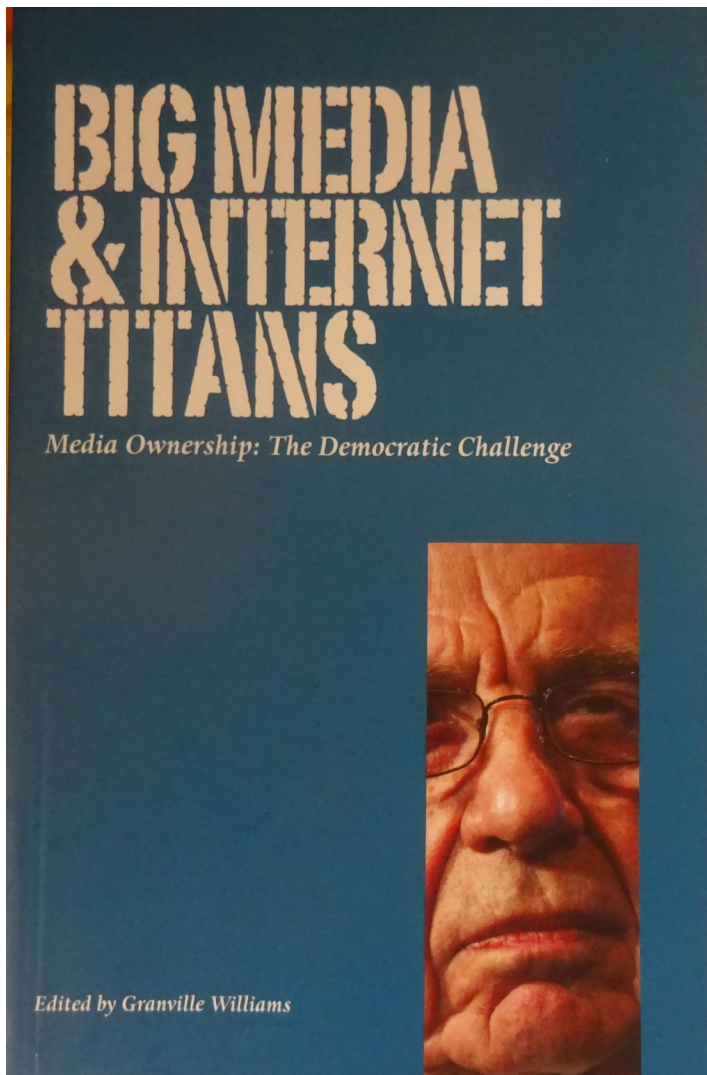
In the afternoon there was a presentation by Media North *The Campaign for Press & Broadcasting Freedom (North)* which was very well attended. Nick Jones was on top form speaking on 'The Art of Class War: News Cartoonists and the 1984-85 Miners' Strike'.

Books recently added to the Principle 5 Library:

Big Media and the Internet Titans **Media North**

Shafted: The media, The Miners' Strike and the Aftermath **Media North**

Cooperative Insights. With thanks to the author for donating this book. The Library now has the complete collection of Rita Rhodes' published books.



Of course, there are independent journals which do not rely upon commercial advertising. A Principle 5 director, John Carlisle writes for Yorkshire Bylines. You can see his page at:

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/author/johncarlisle/>



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The Journal of Co-operative Studies is a very useful source for those who want to think more deeply about the implications of co-operation in Society.

UK Society for Co-operative Studies

website is well worth visiting.

Principle 5 is a member.

Principle 5 director, Chris Olewicz has written a thought provoking paper for the Journal. He draws attention to the recently formed workers.coop a “new and independent federation of worker co-operatives, co-operators, and supporters of industrial democracy” and puts this into the context of the developing story of the co-operative movement and its aspiration to transform society and create a co-operative commonwealth. This is a contribution to the Special issue: Robert Owen and co-operation. It has the rather long title:

Sidney Pollard’s Nineteenth-Century
Co-operation Revisited: Periodisation,
Utopianism, and Realism in the
British Co-operative Movement

and can be downloaded at:

https://hubble-live-assets.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/uk-society-for-co-operative-studies/file_asset/file/1548/2023_JCS_Vol_56_No_3_Olewicz_Web.pdf

or for the full version:

https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Olewicz_author-accepted-version-18-01-241.pdf

Another thought provoking paper published in the Journal in August 2008 and written by Cliff Mills is:

Do Large Membership-Based Businesses have a
Future in the Twenty First Century?
Some reflections on UK retail co-operative societies

and can be downloaded at:

https://hubble-live-assets.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/uk-society-for-co-operative-studies/file_asset/file/572/s3-Mills-123.pdf

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For a trip down memory lane for those of you of a certain age, here's an illustrated view of Workers' Co-operatives 1970s-1990s:

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Worker-Co-ops-Learning-Resource.pdf>

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It's always a good idea to see the latest in Co-op News. This looks like an exciting plan:

'Crazily ambitious' plan to make Middleton a co-op town'

Co-op News
September 3, 2024
Alice Toomer-McAlpine

A town in Rochdale, the borough that gave birth to the co-operative movement, is embarking on a "crazily ambitious" community-led mission to become Greater Manchester's first co-op town.

Middleton Co-operating aims to make a positive difference to the things that have the biggest impact on people's day-to-day lives, through co-operation, for the benefit of everyone in its M24 postcode.

"There's quite an identity crisis in Middleton," says Kallum Nolan, Middleton Co-operating founder and lifelong Middletonian.....

Principle 5 Research Groups

Members are welcome to take part in the ongoing research work, either actively or just to be kept copied in with progress by email.

If you are interested contact steve@sheffield.coop

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Members are always welcome to visit the resource centre.

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