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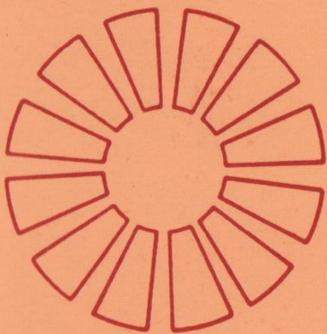
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IN THE MAKING is a directory of Collectives, Co-operatives, Communities and Communes in Britain and Eire. These ventures are increasing not only in number but in spheres of interest, from a tipi manufacturer and radio collective to a canal boat co-op and a federation of communes.

We think that co-operation is better than competition, but working and living equally isn't always easy, especially if some of the people involved have backgrounds of traditional lifestyles. In The Making contains numerous projects which have overcome and are in the process of tackling these problems, as well as many which are trouble free.

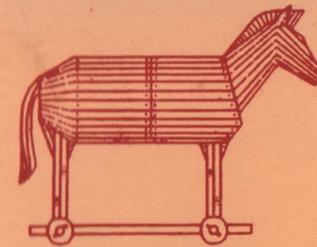
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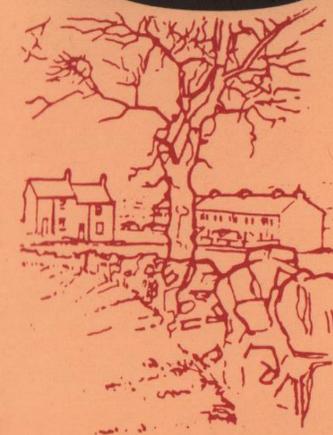


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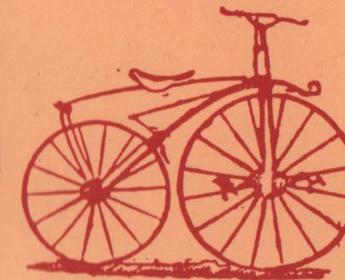
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# WHAT IS ITM?

ITM is produced by a voluntary collective of about six people, plus help from lots of others, and is now in its eighth year of publication. Our aim is to reflect the ethos, birth and growth of collective, co-operative, community and communal groups all over the U.K. and Eire, and to support the principles of 'people taking control of their own lives' with equality of decision-making and income. The word 'radical' appears on the cover for the first time to signify that we believe that the true spirit and principles of co-operation should not be confused with, or diluted by, unemployment, politics, religion or trade unionism, and that one group should not seek to control another.

1980 was an interesting year for the new ITM Collective, after ITM was passed onto us from Milton Keynes. The initial group of three was too few, so we decided to have a series of meetings through the winter to try and encourage new people to join. Carol from Dublin, Steve from Old Hall and Martin from the Sands of Time came along, plus lots of offers of help for paste-up etc. Doug, 'the financial paranoid', spent a long time punching calculator keys, trying to arrive at future projections and optimised production techniques (cos our finances were a bit low), and we travelled to many exhibitions, fairs and festivals, selling ITM and telling people, some of whom had forgotten, that ITM was still alive. Last Autumn we produced a supplement, which was mailed out to subscribers only and we were offered a small office over Sunpower Books, in London, to produce this issue from.



We mailed out to more than 550 groups at the beginning of 1981 for project entries and decided to treat them on a 'first come first served' basis, rather than spend time and money 'chasing up' selected entries. We only include groups who wish to be included, and who respond to the mail out. Doubtful entries are judged by consensus. Late entr-

ies will be carried over to the supplement. All of which ensures that ITM appears early in the year, with a minimum of bias (we hope).

ITM Collective.

## Working on ITM

Feeling excited - realising how easy it is - feeling nervous - getting into it - being puzzled at others problems, not being able to dismiss them but forced to face up to them. Learning to take criticism of my work (hard one this one). Being amazed at how people differ in their reactions. Learning how responsibility is a 'head thing' that you can't give to somebody. Realising I could do it - so wanting to become more involved with publicising it and telling people about everyone being equal and how good it is. Getting pissed off that others don't seem to operate honestly, why don't they?

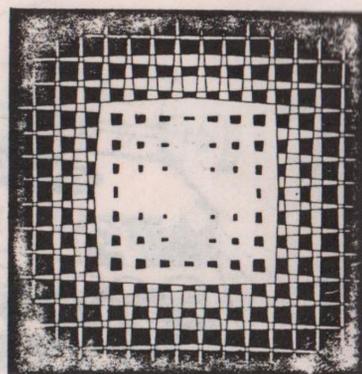
Carol Fox.



## What is inside?

There are some changes in the layout of No.8 compared with No.7. All non hierarchical projects are arranged alphabetically under their regional heading (map on page 4). New projects, born within the last eighteen months, have the symbol ● above their address. Established projects have the symbol ■. Projects in previous issues of ITM are given a ▲ symbol. This new layout, together with an activity index at the end of the book, should allow the reader to trace a project quickly, from just a name, a location, or the group's activity.

As in previous issues INFORMATION PROJECTS, ARTICLES, OBITUARIES and the BOOK AND PERIODICAL sections are arranged in much the same way. There is very little response to requests for entries for the CONTACTS section, so this will be dropped, but we have encouraged groups to mention their need for contacts. Alternative technology projects are incorporated into the main sections, as in previous years. It is our hope that, finances allowing, ITM will eventually have two full issues a year, instead of one issue plus supplement. There are certainly more than enough things happening around the country to fill them.



## How can you contribute?

We have two kinds of project entries: non hierarchical groups of three or more people, and groups or individuals with a traditionally structured organisation who can serve as information sources

If you are trying to set up a project - or are changing the scope of an existing project - your entry can be up to 300 words long. Established or very well known groups need only two or three sentences of description, unless changes have taken place or will do so in the near future. All entries are enhanced by a small line drawing (logo) in black, on white. Photographs will not reproduce well.

The basic information required is:

- 1) What you are doing and your aims.
- 2) How many people involved.
- 3) The date you started.
- 4) Legal framework, if any, i.e. co-op, trust, charity, company, society, partnership, and date registered.
- 5) What degree of contact you want with other groups and individuals and if you need more workers/members.



### OTHER INFORMATION

If you know of any other projects who might be interested in an ITM entry, please send us their name and address, or ask them to write to us.

People who can write about their experiences in co-operative/collective/communal ventures are asked to send in ARTICLES of around 1000 words in length. We can also publicise EVENTS.

## Apology

In ITM 7 two addresses were interchanged on page 29. We received the following complaint from Geo South of EDINBURGH CYCLE HIRE AND RECYCLES:

"We keep getting letters from folk all over Europe - even U.S.A. - and are getting fed up with corresponding with them. We've even had people turning up at the shops equipped with spades and wellie boots! They are most annoyed when we say that we don't even know where DRUMEEN ISLANDS are!".  
Sorry Geo, it happened during the paste-up and we will try to do better this time.



# PROJECT ENTRIES



## VISITING PROJECTS

Many, but not all, projects in ITM like to see serious visitors. None like people who arrive on their doorstep and expect to be shown around.

WRITE OR PHONE FIRST. VISIT ONLY IF THE PROJECT SAYS "YES".

Groups in this directory are split into the regional headings shown on the map. The dots on the map give the distribution of projects in the ITM Master List.

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# SOUTH



## DISTRIBUTION

182 Upper St., London N1.

A Distribution is a collective, co-operative scheme which distributes the publications of its members on an energy and cost sharing basis. There are currently four alternative publishing groups and ten periodicals in the scheme, which began in September 1980. Shops wishing to receive a catalogue, or publications wishing to join the scheme, should contact us at our address below.

●▲  
A DISTRIBUTION 182 Upper St. London N1.

## April Gay

April is a housing co-op for lesbians and gay men in the London Borough of Hackney, formed in April 1980. We negotiate with the Council, via Hackney Community Housing (a federation of Housing co-ops) for short life property.

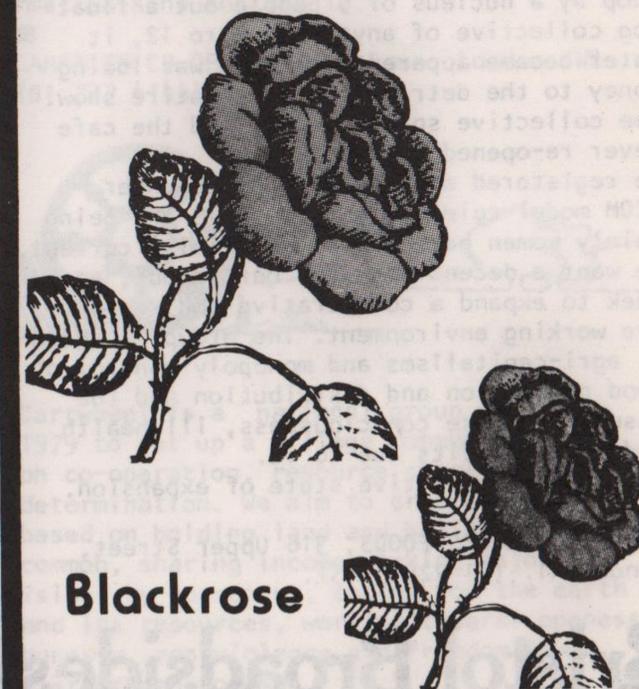
We have restricted our membership to 25 women and 25 men, as we felt that a group of over 50 would be unworkable. But hopefully other lesbians and gay men are organizing housing co-ops; Hackney is not the only authority in the country with empty property. We are registered as a Friendly Society. Co-ops members pay £3 per week to cover rates and the repairs we do. We have six houses at present, housing 33 of our members: this rapid growth has been possible through the already existing structure of H.C.H. Lesbians and gay men face the special housing problem of being thrown out of our homes by parents or landlords because of our sexuality; or simply of feeling isolated/invisible living in a predominantly heterosexual society. The co-op aims to create a supportive community: together we are strong. We plan to start a gay/women's centre when all the membership is housed.

●  
APRIL GAY HOUSING CO-OP c/o 2a Allen Rd., London N.16

## Arkwrights

A workshop registered as a co-op in 1979 with the help of an MSC grant, we produce clothes, knitware, fabrics, furnishings and shoes. A nearby shop in Coldharbour Lane is also run by the co-op and is our main retail location. The Co-op is design orientated in its approach, however, the emphasis is on good basic functional design and not exclusivity. There are 12 full time workers. All enquiries should be addressed to the secretary:

■▲  
ARKWRIGHTS, 1-3 Effra Road, London SW2.  
(01 274 0430).



## Blackrose

We are an NGA recognised worker's co-operative which has been in existence for three years. We have facilities for typesetting, design, camerawork, platemaking and printing, and we can advise on most aspects of printing. Our main area of work is with the trade union and labour movement, women's groups, black organisations and solidarity campaigns. We are also very interested in working with other co-operatives who need printing material.

■  
BLACKROSE PRESS, 30 Clerkenwell Close, London, EC1R 0AT. (01-251 3043).

## Blue Lotus

This was formed in December 1978 by members of the Friends of the Western Buddhist Order as a Right Livelihood Project. It now consists of two businesses: Friends Foods, a wholefoods business and Friends Gardening, with a new shop opening soon.

The Co-op now supports 11 people and each business has weekly meetings with general monthly meetings.

■ BLUE LOTUS CO-OPERATIVE, 34 Daventry St, London NW1. (01 258 3706)

## Bread and Roses

Opened in 1976 as a wholefood/cafe/book/shop by a nucleus of 5 people but a floating collective of anything up to 12, it later became apparent the cafe was losing money to the detriment of the entire show. The collective split in half and the cafe never re-opened.

We registered as a workers co-op under ICOM model rules in August, 1979 and being mainly women have a strong feminist current. We want a decent wage for our labour, and seek to expand a co-operative and supportive working environment. The group is against agri-capitalisms and monopoly control of food production and distribution and the resulting false consciousness, ill health and large profits due to it.

We are in a tentative state of expansion.

■ BREAD AND ROSES FOODS, 316 Upper Street, London N1. (01 226 9483).

## Bristol BroadSides

We are a publishing co-op producing booklets of the written and tape recorded experiences of local people, and of working class creative writing. We aim to build up a picture of local history from the point of view of the majority of people, whose lives are usually ignored by traditional historians and to encourage creative writing, particularly on the council estates.

We have one full-time worker who is responsible to the members and the co-op has about 15 members. We are a limited co-op registered as a Friendly Society.

We have produced 10 booklets and work very closely with the Workers Educational Assoc. We are connected with 2 writers workshops, The Hut Writers and the Knowle West Writers.

Most important we feel ourselves to be part of a national movement and we are members of the Federation of Worker Writers and Community Publishers.

■ BRISTOL BROADSIDES (CO-OP) LTD, 110 Cheltenham Road, Bristol BS6 5RW. (0272 40491)

## BRISTOL



## MUSICIANS

We are an organisation of musicians and other performers who want greater control over the production and organisation of our music. A primary aim is to support and present music that would otherwise have difficulty in being performed. The Co-op was formed in 1975 and since then its policy decisions and day to day running are agreed upon at monthly meetings. The policy directly reflects the musical interests and relative involvements of the active members. Posts for secretary, treasurer, publicity-coordinator are informally elected. Membership is open to anyone who thinks they can benefit from, or benefit others, by their involvement. Yearly membership costs £5 and associate membership, where one receives mailing only, costs £1.50.

A recent development is the active involvement of dancers in workshops and concerts, also a special women's workshop group.

■ BRISTOL MUSICIANS CO-OP, c/o Park Cottages, Barrow Gurney, Bristol. (027 583 3700).

## BUILDIT

Started in 1978 as a partnership, we became a registered building co-op in July 1980. We call ourselves 'a co-operative build and design service', which means we can do practically anything in a house from general building work and joinery to electrical/architectural advice. We are also keen to advise and give estimates for energy saving improvements. We started off with minimal capital of £700, but have now purchased a workshop with the help of a £10,000 loan from the Co-op Bank and further loans from members. At present there are 11 of us, including two women. Work to date has mostly been for private clients with several jobs for community groups, but as a number of us are involved with housing co-ops (where we live), we may be tendering for work here in the future. We have a deliberate policy of taking on unemployed people, and aim to build up a good resource of tools and equipment, which we feel is important. Our problems so far seem to be tied up with the inappropriate provision made for co-ops trading commercially. For instance the co-op bank doesn't seem geared to small businesses, let alone co-ops and it is much harder to obtain tax exemption certificates for co-ops than partnerships.

We believe very strongly in the co-operative ideal, decision making by consensus, skill sharing, non specialisation and demystifying the building process. We have a flexible approach to work so that people with kids etc can fit in.

■▲ BUILDIT, 149 Lower Cheltenham Place, Bristol BS6 5LB. (0272 555172).

## Calvert's North Star Press Ltd.

We are a common ownership worker's co-op registered under ICOM model rules, and have been established for over 3 years. There are 8 workers. We offer a comprehensive printing, typesetting, design etc. service to a wide range of charitable, socialist, community and co-operative organisations in London and the South-East.

■▲ CALVERT'S NORTH STAR PRESS LTD. 55 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AE. (01 278 7177)

## CAMPAIGN COFFEE



Campaign Co-op is a voluntary group - except for one full time worker - who promote instant coffee from Tanzania. This is a product which is processed in the country in which it is grown, in a factory owned by that country. This is not the case for most export commodities, (like coffee), which are almost entirely controlled by large landowners and multi-nationals. For more information send an SAE to:

■ CAMPAIGN CO-OP, 52 Acre Lane, London SW2 (01 737 4144).



Cartwheel is a national group formed in 1979 to set up a village community based on co-operation, resource sharing and self determination. We aim to create a community based on holding land and buildings in common, sharing income, taking major decisions by consensus, caring for the earth and its resources, working towards openness, honesty, non violence and freedom from stereotyped roles.

After our first fund raising venture (rolling a giant cartwheel 1000 miles round Britain last summer) we are at present forming a loose 'interim community' where Cartwheelers can begin to live and work together and start putting our ideas into practice, while a search for a final site for the Cartwheel village continues.

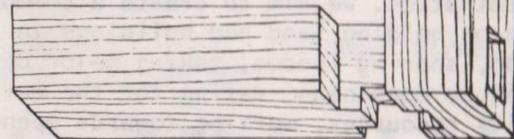
We have registered since 1979 as Open Sky Community Ltd, a workers co-op with ICOM model rules. At present 30 or 40 of us are actively involved and we publish a six-weekly newsletter see PERIODICALS section and have quarterley general meetings. If



you would like to know more please send a 19p stamp to:

■▲  
CARTWHEEL, 6 Crescent Road, Kingston Hill,  
Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

## ■ Lignum



We are a wood machining co-op, started in 1978 as a S.T.E.P. project funded by MSC. The project was refused further funding in its second year and at this stage we began trading as an independent co-operative, registered under ICOM model rules. We employ ten people full time and work with two handicapped trainees. We started our co-op with a very low level of capital, which was mostly pooled from worker's wages, and this has been a major source of problems. We are trying hard to improve productivity by buying better machinery and re-arranging our rather cramped facilities, and hope to make positive moves to design, market and produce things that people will find useful. If we succeed we hope possibly

to open further related workshops and work towards the development of a network of mutually supportive co-operative enterprises.

■▲  
CO-LIGNUM LTD, Atlas Street, St Philips,  
Bristol BS2 0TG. (0272 713679).

# Community

Our work involves selling wholefoods cheaply, on a cash and carry basis, to offer a real alternative to the commercial food industry and supermarkets.

We are a team of 14 people. Community started in a small way in 1971 and is now a limited company owned by the original founders, but all sharing in decision making and any profits.

■  
COMMUNITY FOODS LTD, Unit 1, Brunswick  
Industrial Park, Brunswick Park Road,  
New Southgate, London N11. (01-368 9211).

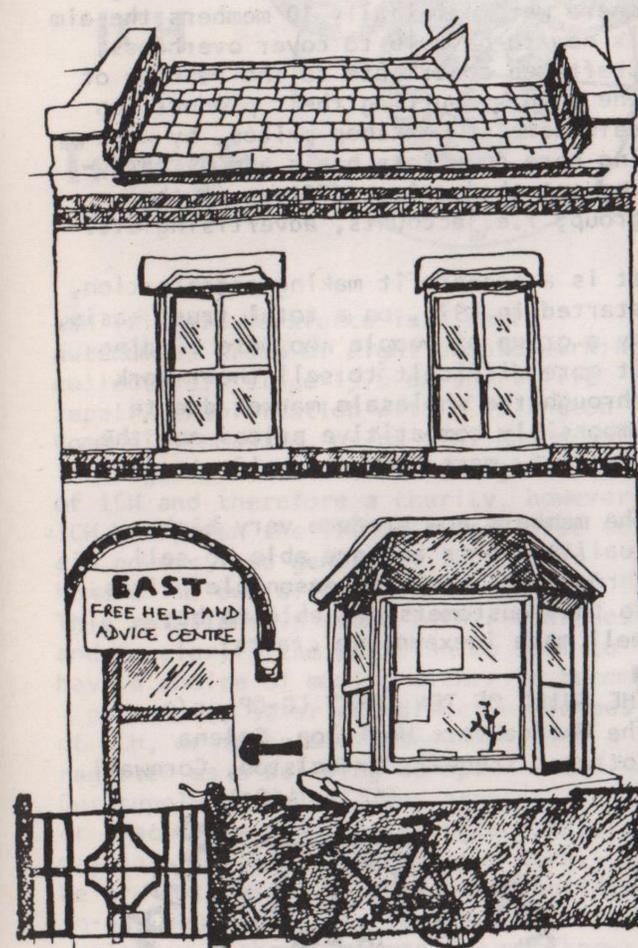
## East



### EAST ADVICE CENTRE

Is part of East Community Action Collective, which also has a printworkshop (see below) and childrens theatre company (Soapbox!) and is 10 years old. It seeks to improve people's lives in the local community and beyond by advising them on their rights and how to enforce them - especially in the areas of housing, all kinds of benefits, consumer disputes and straightforward legal problems. We try to advise anyone on anything and refer people on if necessary. We are small, with 1 permanent worker, and not well off, but with

self motivated workers we can expand our work and move it still more towards 'self help', maybe opening a day centre. We are open Monday to Fridays 1.30-5pm.



### EAST PRINT WORKSHOP

The workshop has been going for nearly two years and specialises in work for community groups and poor individuals. We can do screen printing, offset litho, duplicating and artwork. Help and advice can be given with artwork and design and we are very pleased if you can come and help with the printing.

We have no outside funding and operate on a voluntary basis with a very tight budget. We are growing rapidly and desperately need people to help run the workshop. If you are at all interested please contact us.

■  
EAST COMMUNITY ACTION, 17 Woodford Road,  
London, E7 (01 555 8932/ 534 0885).

## Enclave Ex

Born in April 1981, Enclave Ex is the youngest urban commune. Seven adults and four children are living in a large Victorian house in North London. Two more Enclave houses will come into being by the end of the year.

We regard our life-style as making home and nurturing values more central, giving us roots and continuity and enabling us eventually to integrate work and home. All the children are our children and we hope that a network of intimacy rather than a disjunctive, exclusive coupledness will arise among the adults. Such unity will give us, we hope, the strength and potency to exert more control over the shape of our lives. Politics: We are anarcho-syndicalists with the limitation that we can envisage a minimal role for National, European and UN government.

Structure: Because we value warmth and spontaneity, we do not ignore structure and form; we have a constitution registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies which provides us with rules for self-government within the Enclave and enables us to present one face, that of a limited company, in our external dealings. We have legal agreements between the enclave as a whole and each member which protects the interests of both the group and the individual.

Work: We each specialise for a period in one or more aspects of planning and administration while sharing the other work out in some equitable way. We expect that many enterprising activities will arise out of our living together as soon as we have become accustomed to our new way of life. Economics: We share running expenses which include mortgage repayments, rates, gas and electricity, telephone, etc., maintenance and food. Either on joining or over a period after joining, each member invests at least 5% of the value of the house, which we own jointly, in the Enclave. If a member leaves, his investment, which increases with any increase in the value of the house, is returned to him.

Play: All our work is fun so its all play. We welcome visitors provided they call us first and we are open to membership applications as we plan to continue growing for a while yet.

●▲  
ENCLAVE EX. 43 St George's Avenue, London,  
N7. (01-609 0148)

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Energy



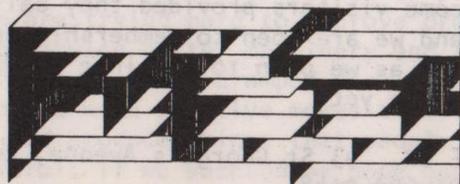
The period of research and development is almost complete. We now have satisfactory results from our prototype hot water system which combines solar panels and heatpumps. More work has to be done before we can make firm claims about payback periods but test data suggests hot water will be produced at about one third the cost of conventional electrical methods. Order book should be opening in May. Enquiries to:

EXETER ENERGY ENTERPRISE, The Secretary, The Old School House, Kentisbeare, Devon. (088 46 439).

Fed. Build. Coll's.

The Federation exists to promote the co-operative aims of building collectives. Conferences are rotated among members, and the organising group produces a newsletter before and after the event. Prospective members must be involved in some way with building (this does include specialists) and they must have a non-hierarchical group structure. Membership is £2 for individuals (more if you can afford it) and £5 for groups. Next conference near Brighton Aug 22nd - 23rd (see EVENTS section).

FEDERATION OF BUILDING COLLECTIVES, 149 Lower Cheltenham Place, Bristol BS4 2DE, Avon. (0272 555172).



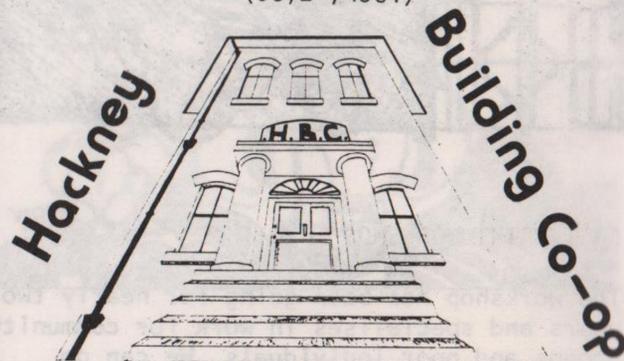
Guild of Ten

The Guild of Ten is a retail craft shop, run by a co-operating group of craftspeople from local workshops. Although there were originally 10 members the aim is now to have 16 to cover overheads. Craftsmen contribute to the running of the shop by putting their products on sale here at workshop prices, by working here on a rota basis and by carrying out the various offices of the group, i.e. accounts, advertising etc.

It is a non-profit making organisation, started in 1978, on a total trust basis, by a group of people who were finding it more difficult to sell their work through the wholesale market due to impossibly competitive prices and the imported, mass produced, gift trade.

The members now produce very high quality crafts and are able to sell through the shop at reasonable prices, so that customers are able to buy well made inexpensive crafts.

THE GUILD OF TEN CRAFT CO-OP, c/o The Woodcarvers Workshop, Salena Cottage, Trenear, Nr Helston, Cornwall. (0872 74681)

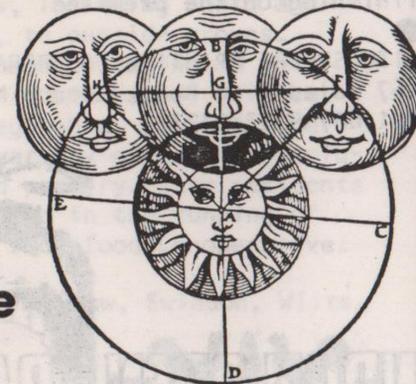


The co-op started in February of this year (1981), doing all types of general building work and mini-hag conversions, plus fine woodworking. We are a limited company and a registered co-op, under ICOM. As part of the Federation of Building Collectives we look for and offer support to other building collectives. At the same time we are looking for more women to join the co-op - and in particular a bricklayer and a sparks. There are 10 workers.

HACKNEY BUILDING CO-OP, 100 Greenwood Road, London E8 1NE. (01 254 0692).

ICH

Triangle



ICH Triangle Workforce is a semi-autonomous group of eight people working collectively since 1976 on short-life repair/rehabilitation within Islington Community Housing, using mini-Hag grants. The legal status is that Triangle is part of ICH and therefore a charity, however, ICH has given the Triangle Workforce certain powers, and generally left it to handle its own affairs.

This relationship seems rather confused and to clarify the position we seem to have a choice of moving either to become permanent, salaried, direct employees of ICH, or to become independent and register as a building co-op. Our supply of houses, and grants, is rather precarious and the Triangle Workforce may have to look elsewhere for work. We are interested to meet other building co-ops who would like to share their experiences with us, and anyone who knows of possible building work for us.

ICH TRIANGLE WORKFORCE, 25 Davenant Road, London N19 3NW. (01-263 4347).

Idiom

Idiom is the trading name of the teaching department of IC co-operative society. There are four members currently working in the school, which teaches English as a Foreign Language and also other subjects to 'O' Level for foreign students. Idiom has been operating for 3 years, two of these under co-operative management.

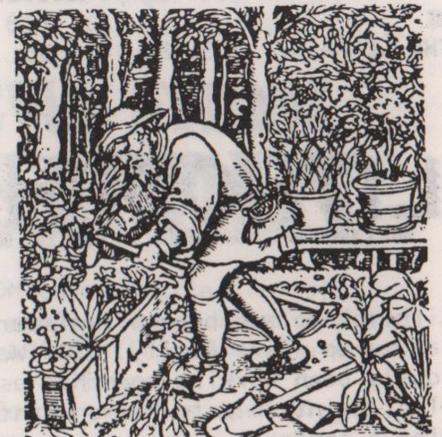
IDIOM 42 Longbrook Street, Exeter EX4 6AE. (0392 33739)



The Bus Company is an educational charity, set up in 1972 to explore the social and recreational needs of Islington and to help establish and support self help/non commercial/non party political groups in the area. The services are provided free, except for materials and include playbus, duplicating and screen printing, loan equipment such as projectors, video and sound recording facilities, discos, and sideshows. The Bus Company is run by a collective of seven people who share in the practical running and administration of the resource centre.

ISLINGTON BUS COMPANY, Palmer Place, London N7. (01 609 0226).

Keveral



The farm is a 33 acre, organic smallholding growing our own vegetables and most of the animal feed. A collective of 8 adults at full complement, plus a lot of children, the present group has been together since 1978. We prefer to work away from the farm as little as possible and are in the process of setting up a jigsaw workshop to supplement our, at present, fairly sparse income. We hope to start workcamps in 1981 lasting 2-7 days, for other people to come and learn and share skills, and also help out with big jobs on the farm. We share all work, decisions and income. Visitors are welcome, by prior arrangement.

KEVERAL FARM COMMUNITY, St Martin-by-Looe, Kernow. (Downderry 215).

## The Learners

We set out in 1978 to create a multi-adult family, the aims being more or less the usual ones that people have in living in families; i.e. companionship, love, need for security, sexuals needs, desire to bring up children, somewhere to live; as well as other aims more specifically communal; efficient use of work, time and economic resources (income-sharing, part-time work, car-sharing, shared child-care), mutual love and support, getting away from the couple-based nuclear family, jealousy and possessiveness. Escape from sex roles was very high on the list, as well as freedom from hierarchies and exploitative relationships generally

We want more people and more ideas- new energy of all kinds. We are still very embryonic. Our bias is feminist/anarchist pacifist. We don't smoke, do eat meat, do have a mortgage to pay and hence need to work, but part-time seems adequate. Very interested in meeting potential new members.

THE LEARNERS, 7 St Pauls Road, London N17.

## LITHOSPHERE

467 Caledonian Road London N7 9BE Tel: 607-9362 or 9123

Lithosphere has been a registered industrial co-op since April, 1980. We had previously been working together as an in-plant print shop to War on Want and becoming a separate company has enabled us to work more flexibly in terms of what we print and who we can print for. This separation, in some respects forced by the Charity Commissioners, has many practical advantages. We still maintain a close working relationship with War on Want, however.

The former print shop had developed with the aims of providing a service to community groups and organisations and these aims have been carried forward by Lithosphere. By expanding our typesetting and artwork departments, we are now providing a fuller, more comprehensive service to groups and individuals seeking quality printed matter, and with eight workers we try to produce it as fast and as economically as possible. We can print

from A2 down to A7 and have folding and finishing on the premises.

● LITHOSPHERE PRINTING CO-OPERATIVE LTD,  
467 Caledonian Road, London N7.  
(01 607 9362/9123).

## LONDON OPEN



We have been in existence since September 1980 and have two aims:

1. We are campaigning for free access to the airwaves by the community rather than the current government/commercial monopoly situation. We believe that the technology and airspace are available for more stations, than currently exist.
2. The majority of people involved in the campaign are seeking to set up a co-operative London radio station (when legislation makes this possible). We expect to be registering as a co-op under ICOM model rules, and envisage our output as rock music-based but critical, intelligent and responsive to its listeners and subscribers. We need support for both these objectives.

Our station would encourage access and programming from community groups, although our prime emphasis would be on covering musical areas not catered for adequately by BBC/IBA. We are already holding regular workshops in programme production and other skills, and are interested in disseminating these techniques. We envisage the setting up of many such stations London and nation-wide.

About 100 people are involved already and we would appreciate support of any sort. We hold regular Tuesday night meetings.

● LONDON OPEN RADIO, 82A Pratt Street,  
London NW1 (01 388 7125)

## Lower Shaw

Lower Shaw Farm is the home of a small group of people who live and work together, organizing their programme of

residential courses as well as offering facilities, including board and accommodation, to outside groups.

The farm has been operating in this way for the past six years. It also has a large vegetable, fruit and herb garden and a variety of animals including goats and poultry. Farm residents are also involved in the running of Swindon Pulse Wholefood Co-operative.

■▲ LOWER SHAW FARM, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts.  
(0793 771080).

Meanwhile



Meanwhile Gardens Community Association was formed in 1976 with the aim of turning a 3½ acre derelict wasteland site into a park for the local community. Originally a temporary scheme, the area has now been designated permanent open space. Early landscaping was achieved through a JCP and a cycle track, small amphitheatre, play area and walled garden were built. After a period of decline, the project was regenerated in 1978 with the formation of a new team of workers and Urban Aid funding. The team have attempted to work on a non-hierarchical basis and as collectively as possible. There are now 8 full time paid workers and some sessional youth workers (part time).

Community participation is encouraged in the building and landscaping (which currently includes renovation of a derelict factory and creation of a brick playhut), planting, maintenance and the boat club on an adjacent canal. Quite a few community fairs and festivals take place here.

This year will see work expand on the finer aspects of the park; flower beds, sculptures, pathways etc and we are keen to have help from the local area.

■ MEANWHILE GARDENS, Site Office, Elkstone Road, London W 10. (01 960 4600).

## Monkton Wyld

A small, rural, co-educational boarding school, run by a co-operative of 8 teachers, we have about 50 pupils. We cover the usual school curriculum but believe this to be only one part of our enterprise, with social development and emotional growth also receiving proper attention. The emphasis is on how to learn in a non-coercive, non-hierarchical but supportive manner.

We began in 1940, but only became a co-op in the mid-60's (by then we were already a registered Charity and a limited company)

We do what we can to avoid being elitist, by accepting up to half of our pupils on grants from Education Authorities.

We welcome (responsible) contact with other groups, and occasionally need more members with teaching skills or skills to pass on.

■ MONKTON WYLD SCHOOL, Near Charmouth, Dorset. DT6 6DQ. (Charmouth 0297 60342).

## NEWS FROM NEASDEN

We are an ICOM co-op started in 1975. We produce a publication 3 times a year listing new radical titles which are paid for by their publishers. There are 7 formal members including 2 active workers.

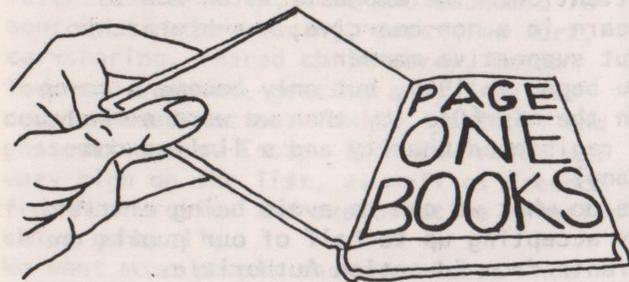
■▲ NEWS FROM NEASDEN, 12 Fleet Road, London NW3



Richard Nixon was educated at Whittier College.

## Page One

Page One is a collective of 7 people who run The Whole Thing at Stratford E15. The building is financed by its bookshop, cafe and wholefoods. We try to make available books that are not available locally. In the cafe our food is cheap to encourage the use of the building as a meeting place and centre for local groups.



Above the shop are meeting rooms, our office and darkroom for the newly formed Newham Photo Co-op. The meeting rooms are used by Newham Community Housing and its associated Co-ops, plus Claimants Union, Newham Anti-Nuclear Group, Newham Youth Movement (for a black study group), Newham Arts Council Drama Group etc. We also use the largest room for music, poetry and film.

Page One has published four local books, and is now planning a Community Arts magazine.

Our philosophy is to help bring about a Co-operative and Creative Society.

■▲  
PAGE ONE BOOKS, 53 West Ham Lane, Stratford London E15. (01 534 6539)

## Patchwork

We are a registered Housing Association, Charity and Industrial and Provident Society, dealing mainly with short life houses in and around London. We also have a few permanent properties, one being a farm in Cornwall, (see Keveral). Patchwork houses people who want to live communally, though some of our houses are much more communal than others. It also attempts to provide housing for people with special needs e.g ex offenders, drug addicts etc, who are integrated through our houses. There are 14 workers on an equal pay structure.

■  
PATCHWORK COMMUNITY LTD, 44 Islington Park Street, London N1. (01 359 1545).

## Proper Job

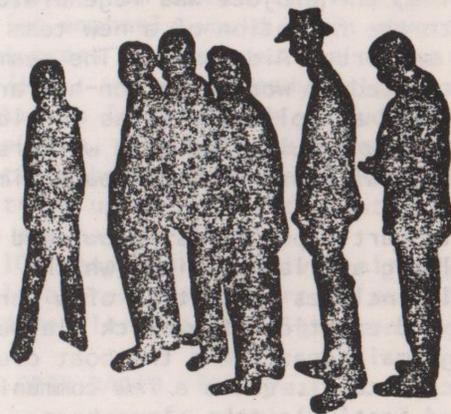
After two years of functioning informally we registered as a co-op in May 1980. Our activities mainly include painting and decorating, carpentry, a wholefood co-op, sign writing, photography, owning a disco and running dances for local needs. We cater for fairs and functions, and are presently engaged in setting up a wholefood restaurant 'Rainbow', to provide good food at reasonable prices for the local community. There will be a creche for workers children, a coffee area and gallery to display local arts and crafts, a venue for meetings, information centre etc.

We have 25 members at present, some people work full time but the restaurant will be staffed by part-time workers. See you there soon.

■  
PROPER JOB CO-OP, c/o Rainbow, 11 Market Street, Liskeard, Cornwall.

## PTAS

PTAS is a group of 5 clinical psychologists who are trying to apply their knowledge and professional skills in projects which are of direct relevance to members of the community. This includes a range of activities which broaden the application of social sciences to areas which are not served by public institutions, and also supplement nationally available services in a manner which demystifies expert knowledge and which avoids the harmful effects of labelling people in socially undesirable ways.



We charge moderately for our services and are seeking subsidies from charitable and other bodies in order to offer free or low cost help. We are in the process of registering as a co-operative.

●  
PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY ASSESSMENT SERVICES, 22 Grove Park, London S.E.5. (01 733 8979)

## Pure Land

This was formed in May 1978 by members of the Friends of the Western Buddhist Order, to enable those of us living in East London to practise Right Livelihood. 6 businesses are now involved: Windhorse Photosetters, Windhorse Press, Friends Foods wholefood shop, Cherry Orchard Vegetarian Restaurant and Friends Building and Service and Friends Trading. The co-op now supports 38 people. We have weekly meetings in each of the businesses with general meetings once a month.



■▲  
PURE LAND CO-OP, 51 Roman Road London E2. (01 980 1960).

## Recommended Records

We are a specialist record shop/distributor/label/mail order service. Our aim is to make available records which we consider to be at the more 'progressive' end of the rock spectrum, although our catalogue includes music that, whatever else it may be, is not rock. Most of our records we import (mainly from the USA or Europe) and then re-export to most parts of the world. Our name reflects our attitude. We recommend records which we consider ought to be available, for musical reasons. We try to stay clear of fashions and other such corrupting influences, in favour of consolidation and consistency.

We've been going since 1978 and there are now five of us in all; three full time, two part time. We are a partnership of 3, but no distinction is made between partners



and other workers. We all have the same status and are paid equally. Eventually we intend to change to a co-op when we find enough time to pursue investigations. We are hoping to expand eventually into opening a proper shop, and perhaps setting up such things as an alternative gig network.

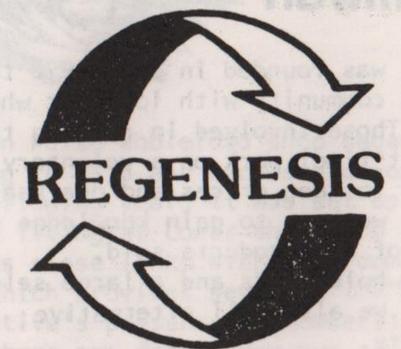
The music industry is certainly one of the more distasteful manifestations of capitalist greed. We try to restore a little sanity, and smash the bizness as we go. Write for a free catalogue to:

■  
RECOMMENDED RECORDS, 583 Wandsworth Road, London SW8. (01-720 0171).

## Regenesis

We are a workers co-op registered under ICOM, marketing recycled paper and products. We offer envelopes, writing pads, duplicating and printing paper, cards and toilet rolls. We started as a FOE group and registered in 1979. We have one full-timer, with some help, though always hoping to expand.

■  
REGENESIS. Tress House, 3-7 Stamford St, London, SE1. (01 633 9557)

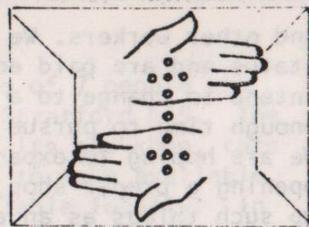


## Rye Express

We are a non-profit making left press in South London. We offer a complete service and have 3 full-time workers. We are currently a limited company with the workers as directors, but we plan to officially become a co-operative very soon. We have been operating as one since we started in 1975. It is a Union shop.

■  
RYE EXPRESS, 8 Hatcham Park Road, London SE 14. (01 732 5356)

## The Seed Bank



The Seed Bank is a store and access resource for the seed of wild plant species. It is run collectively by three people with occasional help from lots of others. No-one is paid any wages. We believe there should be a seed bank for everyone, not just specialists. A kind of 'gene pool', which we can all use. We started with this aim and now also run a seed exchange network with over 300 groups and individuals involved. Anyone can become a member of the exchange. There is a newsletter with updating seed listings and an information book. Recently we have just started a 'Seed Search System' for members and hope to register as a charity, maybe this year. From February, 1981 membership is 75p a year, £1.50 if you can afford it.

●▲  
THE SEED BANK AND EXCHANGE, 44 Albion Road, Sutton, Surrey.

## Shamwari

Shamwari was founded in July 1978 to provide the community with low cost whole foods. Those involved in running the shop (all part-time) work on a voluntary basis in order to keep prices and overheads down. This way we hope to gain knowledge related to uses of the products sold. We sell whole foods and a large selection of herbs. We also sell alternative literature.

We are registered under ICOM model rules and about 15 people are involved.

■▲  
SHAMWARI WHOLEFOODS. 13 The Arcade, Wimbledon, London SW 19.

## SisterWrite

We are a woman's collective, legally formed as a co-operative, set up in 1978, to provide women's and feminist books. We stock a large number of US books and operate a mail-order service for those who

cannot come to the shop. We have a catalogue, available from us - 50p plus 25p postage.



There are facilities at the shop for women to have coffee and also a reading room.

■▲  
SISTERWRITE. 190 Upper Street, London N1, (01 226 9782)

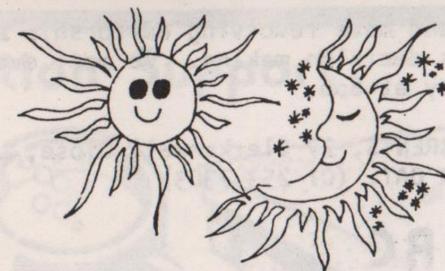
## Somewhere



Somewhere housing Co-op at present lives in two houses, one flat and one caravan. There are 11 adult members and four children. Our aim is to grow to 25 or 30 members living in four or five houses as close together as possible. Each member has an equal say in the running of co-op affairs and at meetings the jobs of secretary, treasurer etc are rotated. We are registered under the I & PS Acts and with the Housing Corporation. Both houses are lived in communally, linked by facilities such as the sharing of tools, transport, food growing, bulk buying, child-care, maintenance, making music, skills etc.

We have taken part in the formation of a Bristol and Area Federation of Housing Co-ops and as a co-op are interested to meet people who may wish to live co-operatively, so enabling the co-op to grow in numbers and experience. You can contact us at:

■▲  
SOMEWHERE HOUSING CO-OP, 124 Coronation Road, Bristol 3. (Bristol 664147).



## Southampton Co-op

Southampton Community Co-op has been set up recently to sell fruit and vegetables. As well as retailing produce bought from the wholesalers we hope to market locally grown, and particularly organic produce.

We are an ICOM co-operative with seven founder members. Having little money ourselves we have been able to raise much of the fairly modest sum we need to start trading by means of interest free loans from sympathetic people. As soon as we find a shop we hope to be in business. We were registered in February, 1981.

We would particularly like to hear from anyone in reach of Southampton who could supply their crops to us. Also from anyone hereabouts who wants to promote or set up co-ops. Thanks are due to Durham Community Co-op for giving inspiration. We hope to be an inspiration to others in the bland south to take the co-operative road.

●  
SOUTHAMPTON COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE LTD.  
195A Derby Rd., Southampton SO2 0DZ

spare Rib

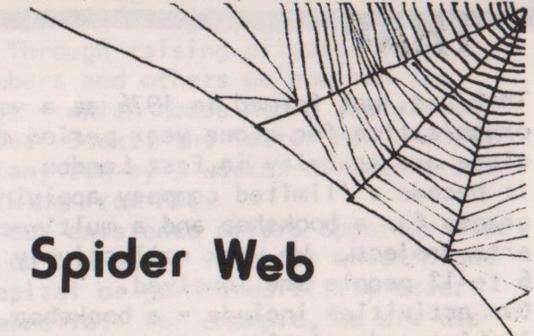
27 CLERKENWELL CLOSE  
LONDON EC1R 0AT  
TELEPHONE 01 253 9792/3

Spare Rib is the only magazine on the newsstands which truly reflects the growing movement for women's freedom. Every month we report on what women can do and are doing to change their lives. In articles that break new ground, we challenge the male 'experts' and ask women to write about what they think. Spare Rib is written by a collective of women for women, and includes regular features on every aspect of living which affects women as well as fiction and news.

■▲  
SPARE RIB. 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1

(01 253 9792/3)

## Spider Web



Started in 1978, we are a company limited by shares moving towards some form of co-operative framework, and investigating methods of conversion to an Industrial and Provident Society. At the moment there are 9 of us and we have A2 and A4 presses plus process camera and collating, stapling and folding machines. We will be moving soon to our new address below.

■  
SPIDER WEB OFFSET, 14-16 Sussex Way, London N7. (01 794 6575).



## Swindon Pulse

Swindon Pulse Wholefood shop began trading in 1976 and became a co-op the following year. It was set up by people living at Lower Shaw Farm and retains close links with that community which provides seven of the Co-operative's present ten members; the others are drawn from our customers. We sell wholefoods, including local and organically grown produce where available; herbs and spices; books on food, herbs, health etc; recipe sheets; goats milk; and other lines. We issue a free monthly price list and newsletter in which we advertise groups with which we are involved such as the National Childbirth Trust and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. We decide policy at monthly meetings and share responsibility as fairly as possible.

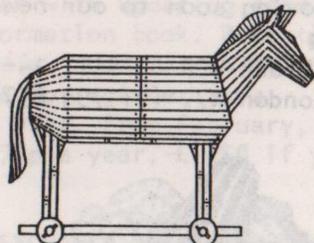
■▲  
SWINDON PULSE WHOLEFOOD CO-OPERATIVE,  
105 Curtis Street, Swindon, Wilts.

**THAP**

THAP Ltd. was formed in 1976 as a voluntary organisation for a one year period to stimulate art activity in East London. In 1977 it became a limited company applying for grants for a bookshop and a multi-media arts project. We work collectively and 6 to 12 people are involved.

Our activities include - a bookshop, publishing and printing, a street theatre and a community workshop. All our facilities are available and used by local people. We also have equipment and a meeting room. We welcome all enquiries.

■ TOWER HAMLETS ARTS PROJECT LTD. 178 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ. (01 247 0216)

**Trojan Press**

We are a workers co-op with three full-time and a number of part-timers, which started trading in summer '79 and registered as a co-op in Dec '79. Our aim is to create new jobs, particularly for young people, while at the same time promoting a practical alternative to private enterprise. We offer a community printing service to local groups mainly in East London. Nationally we are used by most community bookshops who take badges from our range of over 200 designs, and we also do badges to groups own specifications. We have recently begun exporting our badges and expect to extend this very soon. We would be willing to help other groups in the badge field.

Send 10p and sae for catalogue.

■▲ TROJAN PRESS, 85 Dalston Lane, London E8. (01-249 8191)

**Undies**

We are a group of people putting together a bi-monthly magazine concerned with radical alternatives and community technology. We have been going since 1972 and Undercurrents is a company limited by guarantee. We are a floating collective of about 12



people and have revolving editorship and consensus decision making. We meet every Wednesday at 8pm.

■▲ UNDERCURRENTS, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0AT. (01 253 7303)

**WRRC**

We are a feminist library and resource centre which is open to all women but only members can borrow books for home reading. We keep information on all kinds of research on issues of concern to women and have brought out several pamphlets.

We are a charity and a collective with 10-12 regular including 3 paid workers. We started in 1975 and have over 1,000 members.

Membership £7 a year (earning under £6000) (£12 for institutions and high earners) Poor people pay what they can afford.

■ WOMEN'S RESEARCH AND RESOURCES CENTRE. 190 Upper Street, London N1. (01 359 5773)

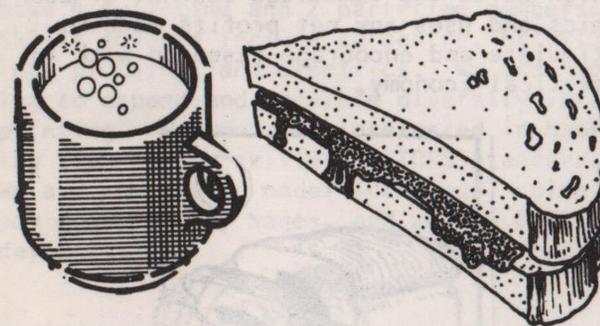
**Word and Action**

Word and Action was formed in December 1972 as a community service. Its concern has been to develop new attitudes towards the language-arts, through performances, courses, workshops, publications and others services.

We believe all people are naturally poetic and dramatic and we exist as an enabling force towards a continual demonstration of this belief.

At the moment there are 4 members though we hope to become 5 very soon.

■▲ WORD AND ACTION (DORSET) LTD. 23 Beaucroft Lane, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset. (Wimbourne 883197)

**Action Support**

Over the past year a group of us involved with Uhuru, in Oxford, have been providing food at anti-nuclear events. Expanding the support we can offer, we recently acquired the 'Munchies and Slurpies' food caravan. Besides taking it to a range of local events, we want to make it a mobile resource for the anti-nuclear movement. We aim to act as a support group, serving food at direct actions, demonstrations etc.

Present plans include a tour in summer 1981 of all the nuclear sites in Britain (and any nearby communities), taking in as many anti-nuclear events as possible hopefully initiating a few on the way. In addition to an exhibition, leaflets, theatre and music we expect to have a duplicator, examples of AT such as a wind generator and solar water heater for the caravan, films and perhaps a marquee, inflatables and clowns.

First, however we need the money to purchase and equip a van, as we need permanent transport to make the most of the caravan's potential. Food sales will be enough to cover running costs, but now we'd be very grateful for any donation - surplus money will be put back into the anti-nuclear movement. And does anyone know of a cheap, reliable van. (cheques should be payable to Action Support).

Many groups could be involved in and benefit from this scheme, we would like suggestions and names and skills of people prepared to be involved in our visit to your area. We look forward to hearing from you.

● ACTION SUPPORT, c/o 35 Cowley Road, Oxford. (0865 48249).

**ACE**

We started in 1975 as a members' co-op aiming to promote practical collectives and other projects which allow people to take more control over aspects of their

lives. Through raising private loans, from members and others we now own two buildings - which house Acorn wholefoods and Oakleaf Books, the latter now a separate company run by 3 worker-directors but with backing from ACE.

We feel our existence offers opportunities for new co-operative ventures which might raise capital or gain credibility under ACE's umbrella. For example, we are discussing the possibilities of having a community cafe/bakery and catering collective with members of the Greentown Group, and would like to become involved with promoting more 'industrial' co-ops in our area.



■▲ ALTERNATIVE CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES LTD 84 Church Street, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

(0908 314 977)

**Bija**

We are a design and print workshop offering a full range of facilities to community and voluntary groups.

In the long term we would like to see our endeavours go beyond print alone, maybe joining with others in establishing a bookshop/cafe or shop which would act as a meeting place and information centre.



■ BIJA PRESS, Piccadilly Mill, Lower Street, Stroud, Glos. (Stroud 79414).

**Bramble**

Registered in 1978, using ICOM model rules we have a large warehouse, operated as a cash and carry and run an Essex and Suffolk delivery service supplying to wholefood shops and market traders. There are five



full time members working an alternating 3 or 4 day week. We feel that man is not a work unit and allow time, within employment, for individuals to develop their characters and skills. To this end there is a large workshop and tools for members and we are in the process of creating a reference library.

■ BRAMBLE WHOLEFOODS LTD, 180a South Street, Braintree, Essex. (Braintree 42337).

## Cambridge Free Press

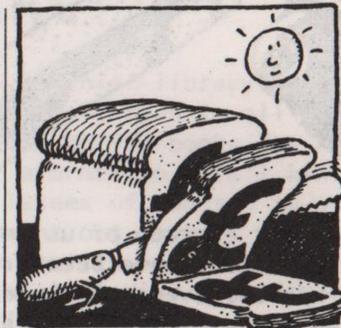


We were formed as a non-profit making printing collective in 1979. We are now a co-operative registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts. We provide cheap offset litho printing and advise on publicity for left wing and community groups and charities. At the moment we have 3 full time workers - we hope to expand to 4 in 1981.

●▲ CAMBRIDGE FREE PRESS, The Bath House, Gwydir Street, Cambridge. (0223 312800).

## Cambridge Pol. Ec. Society

We are a non-profit making co-operative which edits the Cambridge Journal of Economics and uses any net profits made to stimulate and encourage research work in Political Economy.



Members may be elected to the Society after working for one year as apprentices on the Journal. There are 16 at present. Two people are employed on a part-time basis. The Society started in 1976 and the Journal, which is published quarterly, first appeared in 1977.

We are a member of ICOM and registered as a friendly society in 1976. Most of our members are Cambridge economists with associate editors in many countries.

We attempt to maintain contacts with other groups in England working in this area of Political Economy but we would like to hear from those involved in the co-op movement generally.

■ CAMBRIDGE POLITICAL ECONOMY SOCIETY LTD, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics and Politics, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CR3 9DD. (0223 358944)

## Commonwealth Coatings

We manufacture and sell High Performance Coatings into specialised areas of application. We wish to promote the idea of self-help and common ownership when ever possible. We started in Jan. '79 and there are 8 people involved. We are a limited company based and registered under ICOM model rules.

■▲ COMMON WEALTH COATINGS & CHEMICALS LTD; 33 Alma St, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 4DH. (Wellingborough 227342)

## Coventry Builders

We have been operating since late '78. We have 4 full-time and 2 part-time members. Skills covered include carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, and electrics. We are hoping to expand and possible diversify into printing. We would be interested in hearing from anyone skilled to TOPS standard. We are registered under ICOM model rules, pay gross parity wages, and work a four day week.



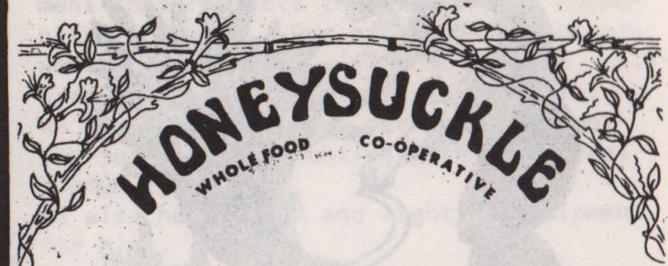
■ COVENTRY BUILDERS CO-OPERATIVE LTD  
15 Westminster Road, Coventry CV1 3GA.  
(Coventry 22023)

## FAIR GROUND Housing Cooperative



After a three year gestation period (and it was a very painful one) Fair Ground will at last become a reality this year with the first groups joining the now existing Co-op in August 1981. Its nature is fairly revolutionary and it could have a very large effect on the communes movement over the next few years. It is the first real scheme which will not only bring existing communes together but also help people struggling to set up co-ops to achieve their aim by helping them with the worst stumbling block, money. (See ARTICLES section).

■▲ FAIR GROUND Wheatstone, Leintwardine by Craven Arms Salop (Leintwardine 662)



We are a registered, small scale workers' co-op. Each worker receives only a nominal wage, and the co-operative is an economic unit in its own right - none of the workers own any part of it.

We are a wholefood shop, not a health food shop and use low cost packaging and aim to keep things cheap by buying in bulk. There is a wide range of books on cookery, herbs, organic gardening, brewing and wine making. We have ingredients and equipment for beer and wine making

■▲ HONEYSUCKLE WHOLEFOODS, 53 Church Street, Oswestry, Salop. (Oswestry 3125).

## MID WAVENEY SMALL-HOLDERS & FRIENDS

The group was started around 7 months ago by people in the Harleston/Halesworth area, working smallholdings or operating small one man businesses - potters, weavers, leatherworkers, etc.

We were looking to find a way of providing mutual help and co-operation particularly in these times of economic hardship.

It was felt that many people working long hours often needed to meet others of like mind to share both practical skills and exchange/barter surplus produce, equipment, etc., as well as ideas and philosophies about the way the world was going and why they are doing what they are doing.

The first exploratory meeting met with a huge response. Instead of the expected 10 - 20 families, well over a hundred people came, some from as far away as Norwich and Wymondham.

We now hold monthly market/meetings at local smallholdings, attended by around 100 people.

At these markets we have been able not just to buy and sell but to meet socially and swap experiences and expertise.

It soon became clear that not just those with land were interested, people with small



gardens, people keeping a backyard goat and people just wanting to know how to begin doing these things - all who share the general philosophy of mutual help are welcome. Gradually the group is working out ways in which functioning together can be of real practical help.

The group produces a comprehensive directory of members detailing their interests and skills and ways in which they are willing to help others, as well as a monthly newsletter 'BROADCAST'.

As much as providing mutual help the group is gradually becoming a company of friends providing much needed contacts between people normally very much isolated. It provides too a chance to explore together the general philosophy of self help and co-operation in a world torn by division everywhere.

● **MID WAVENEY SMALLHOLDERS & FRIENDS**, c/o James Fearnley, The Homestead, Metfield, near Harveston, Norfolk. (Fressingfield 479).

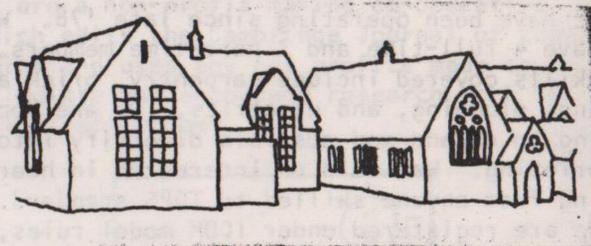


## Mushroom

Mushroom is now in its ninth year as Nottingham's alternative bookshop. We are a partnership, run collectively by four people.

● **MUSHROOM**. 10 Heathcote Street, Nottingham. (0602 582506)

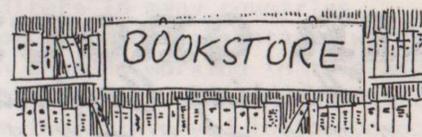
## New Bradwell Workspace



New Bradwell Workspace is a small, light industrial workshops complex, based in a disused school in Milton Keynes, currently comprising 12 self contained workshops. The complex as a whole, is organised by New Bradwell Workspace Ltd, a registered co-op, and decisions regarding the management of the building and installation of communal facilities are taken by members (the occupiers) at monthly general meetings. We have been operating since September, 1979 and have used surplus funds to extensively renovate the building, with the help of a local YOP scheme.

● **NEW BRADWELL WORKSPACE LTD**, Jim Fredericks-son, St James Street, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

## Oakleaf



We are a radical and community bookshop, run co-operatively by 3 full-time paid workers. Oakleaf is a limited company with the majority of the shares held by a local members' co-op (ACE). Each worker is automatically a director of the company and holds one share apiece.

The past year has seen our attempt to survive in a second shop in a glossy local shopping centre fail, mainly because of high rates. We have, however, been building up our distribution service for local publications from small presses and have produced a catalogue of community information titles for libraries. The coming year will see the publication of our first book, adding publishing to our other work. Called, D for Doris, V for Victory, its note of personal optimism is one that we hope to keep throughout the year.

● **OAKLEAF BOOKS** (and Root and Branch Distribution). 109 Church Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Bucks. (0908 314366).



## Padmaloka

We are a successful business, manufacturing a wide range of quality candles, containing no animal products. Registered in January 1979, under ICOM model rules, the founder members, all practising Buddhists, chose the co-operative structure as the most suitable for the achievement of our aims which are 1) opportunity to work in a livelihood based on ethical principals - without harming life 2) opportunity to further personal development, by being creative, deepening communication with one another and taking responsibility for and in association with others 3) profits should be used for the establishment of social conditions under which others may grow and develop 4) individuals involved receive full financial support. At present there are 5 workers. We are happy to receive visitors, please write first.

● **PADMALOKA CO-OPERATIVE** (a F.W.B.O. Co-op), Lesingham House, Surlingham, Norwich. (050 88 310).

## Perspectives



We were founded as the Key Perspectives Theatre Company in 1973. Though working collectively from the start it was not until 1979 that we became a registered co-op. 8 workers are involved and we strive to maintain equal numbers of both sexes.

We are a Theatre-in-Education and Community Theatre Company and we view theatre as a medium of communication and entertainment that reflects the life of the community it serves. Our audiences are people who do not normally visit the theatre, children and senior citizens, for example. We devise 5 new shows per year and tour the surrounding counties with our annual community show. We also have sound and lighting equipment for hire.

● **PERSPECTIVES THEATRE COMPANY**, The Old School, Oxney Road, Peterborough. PE1 5NB. (0733 40126).



## Philippines Arrow



We are a co-operative of producers in the Philippines, making baskets, furnishings, homewares, lighting, and which has its own marketing operation in the UK. The purpose of the project is to establish a secure market for products, and a direct link with retail outlets, thereby enabling higher incomes to reach the member producers and more stable and certain employment opportunities in some very poor localities.

Philippines Arrow UK started in 1979 and is an integrated part of the Philippines workers' co-operative. It appears at all the main trade buyers' fairs and has established markets to retailers in most parts of the UK, but still needs more sales. At its Oxfordshire base it operates a joint retail shop at One Village, Marlborough Courtyard, Oxford Street, Woodstock.

● **PHILIPPINES ARROW**, Charlbury, Oxford OX7 3SQ. (0993 812866).



## Pietals

Pietals is a co-operatively managed small-holding producing most of the food needed for the people living and working here. It was started 5 years ago to provide a chance for people to come and learn about running a smallholding and to get some experience of the wide variety of skills involved. Pietals is different from most other learning situations in that there is no formal structure with experts instructing unskilled people. Hopefully people learn from having to take responsibility for the work themselves.

Together with a wholefood shop in Aylesbury, we form part of the 'Tipi Co-op'. There are usually 4-6 people here, staying for one to two years.

If you are interested in visiting or joining us please write or 'phone for more details.

■ **PIETALS.** Springhill Farm, Dinton, Aylesbury Bucks. (Ayls. 748010)

## PERG

Was founded in 1976 as a non profit making company, limited by guarantee. There are 3 full time members with the help of others part time. It is organised as a co-operative with associates in many parts of the world enabling them to call upon a considerable range of expertise and research facilities. Their aim has been the provision of scientific expertise for initiatives concerned with our environment. They have done considerable research into the use of nuclear

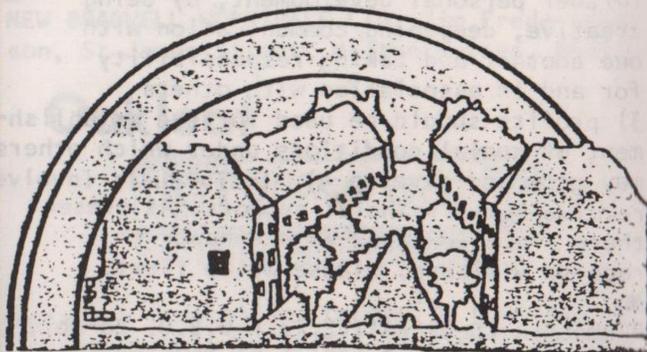
energy and, work closely with Greenpeace on the related hazards to the marine environment. The group publish reports on a wide variety of research into the social and ecological effects of society on the environment.

Annual report £1.50p

■▲ **POLITICAL ECOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP LTD;**  
34 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1HZ.  
(0865 725354)

## Rainbow

We are a group of about 60 people who lease a street of 24 rehabilitated Victorian terraced houses from the Milton Keynes Development Corporation. We also rent about 2 acres of land where we keep chickens, ducks and grow vegetables. We share a community house which contains various facilities eg a workshop. We are a registered housing co-op.



■▲ **RAINBOW HOUSING CO-OP LTD,** 9 Spencer Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK13 ODW. (0908 313933).

## Redfield

Although a housing Co-op set up in Jan. '78 our principal developments consist of an organic small-holding, facilities for small groups to meet simply and cheaply, and a sound studio with basic but professional facilities, operative from summer 1981, called Red Tapes Ltd.

We are at present 40 persons including children. All enquiries should be made by letter to the secretary. No therapy groups should apply.

■▲ **REDFIELD.** Winslow, Bucks.

## Stour Valley Coll.

The collective emerged out of the East Bergholt Moon Fair, last summer. The local people who set up the fair felt that they has welded themselves into a group which



possessed quite an amount of energy and skills, and they wanted to continue on other projects. We have a newsletter and directory of skills, and our immediate aim is to set up a centre in Colchester which will provide resources for groups in the North East Essex area, act as a general meeting place, with cafe attached, for alternative (and other) folk and offer an information service covering groups, projects and activities.

We also aim to foster and support initiatives with advice, resources and where possible finances. These may be money-making projects - small co-operative businesses - craft industries and the like, or they may be community or social projects. Because we are going to be dealing with money we are setting ourselves up as a co-op, under the I and PS Acts, which will provide financial protection for members. So far we have raised money by putting on a multimedia event in Colchester, which raised £450, and feel that this sort of expertise could be used to raise further money when we need it. We are interested in the idea of forming an alliance with other alternative groups in East Anglia.

● **STOUR VALLEY COLLECTIVE,** contact address 45 John Street, Brightlingsea, Essex.



The wholefood shop was taken over in July 1978 by FOE (Bedford), and established as a separate co-op in 1979.

There are 25 members and we now have one part-time paid worker and many volunteers. We also provide environmental information, particularly about the activities of local groups. New helpers are always needed.

■▲ **SUNFLOWER.** 103 Castle Road, Bedford.

## TWP

We promote and sell books and pamphlets of every kind from and about the Third World. We are non-profit making, grant-aided, and run as a staff co-operative by fulltime, part time and voluntary workers. We aim to stimulate action and discussion on development issues by making Third World literature as widely available as possible. We welcome any outside interest and support.



■ **THIRD WORLD PUBLICATIONS LTD.** 151 Stratford Road, Birmingham B11 1RD. (021 773 6572)

## Uhuru

The Uhuru Collective runs a wholefood shop, a vegetarian community cafe' and is starting a 'Resources Centre' above the cafe'.

We work collectively, sharing decisions and jobs so that each member is able to do most things.

As a group we are trying to change things in the world that we don't like... patriarchy, capitalism, racism, professionalism, consumerism, power and authority and regard the shop not only as an outlet for wholefoods but also as a means to do politically important things: eg. making posters, wall displays and

designs to print on the biodegradable cellophane packing bags (recent designs are about rape, social security "scroungers", nuclear power and collectives). The cafe' is a good place to find out information on radical and alternative projects in Oxford. It had been closed for much of the past year as we rebuilt the kitchen - doing most of the work ourselves (due to lack of finances), and learning many useful skills in the process.

Above the cafe' are several rooms that we are hoping to develop as a resources centre. We have silk screen and duplicating facilities, a Women's Centre and anti-nuclear groups are already using some of the space. Other plans include a periodicals' library, information service and legal advice. We hope other people will come forward not only to use our facilities but also to contribute towards the development of the centre.

■▲  
UHURU, 35 Cowley Road, Oxford.  
(0865 48249).

## Wheatstone

We started this commune in 1975 with the intention of including a community welfare project, to work with young offenders and deprived children, but, due to lack of money, this has not been realis-

ed. There are 10 permanent adults and 7 children sharing a large house with stables, workshops and a cottage.

The community is organised as a non equity sharing housing and working cooperative, with decisions taken by the permanent residents rather than the members. We have 7 acres of land which supports animals and vegetables, providing us with most of our food. However, due to large loan repayments, some of us have to do paid work outside.

The policy, within the group, includes the same basic rights for children and adults. Everyone shares work and income and no one is forced to act against their basic desires or convictions. We include the children in this in order to allow them to develop as natural and unfrightened people, unhindered by the conditioning and inhibitions which fetter most adults. If we can manage to create a caring, loving environment, allowing access to information and learning but without compulsion; if we can allow the kids to be, rather than trying to mould them according to our prejudices or those of the system, then perhaps they can be real people. For the adults we would like as much as possible of this development too.

We welcome people to visit us but, please write rather than phone, and enclose an sae.

■  
WHEATSTONE COMMUNITY PROJECT, Leintwardine by Craven Arms, Salop.  
(Leintwardine 662)

appropriate to create a series of interlocking co-op structures. We have set up the Black Valley Land Fund to raise money to buy land, which will be cared for co-operatively by members of the community and have nearly completed the purchase of our first small parcel of land with money raised among ourselves and our friends. Soon we will be issuing Black Valley Land Bonds and appealing for funds to set up a political Ecology Study Centre. We have a fledgling manufacturing industry making tipis in an old barn on treddle sewing machines. Our village store has now become a workers

## WALES



### Black Valley

#### Tipis

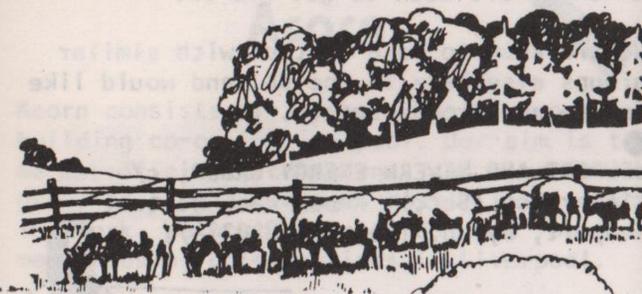
A handful of people, living in tipis found a home in this isolated valley during the winter of 1976/77. Today there are over 60 adults and 30 children living in 27 tipis, 3 more in the making. As our population has grown it seemed ap-

## wales

co-op. All children are educated entirely within the community and work has now started on a school building.

Anyone who reads this is welcome to visit, equipped to be self reliant.

■▲  
BLACK VALLEY TIPIS. (Maggie Lomas),  
Marchoglwyn Fawr, Llanfynydd, Dyfed.



### Glaneirw

Glaneirw House is a large mansion and cottage and various outbuildings set in 44 acres of land. We are a craft and agriculturally orientated community. Since its inception in November, 1975, the community has maintained a reasonable self sufficiency programme for some 20 residents. As well as farming and a successful pottery, we also have a boat and fish in Cardigan Bay, marketing the fish in the locality. The community is not motivated by any specific political or religious belief system and is trying to seek a meaningful existence within the framework of common ownership. We are open to visitors, do write first.

■  
GLANEIRW HOUSE COMMUNITY, Blaenporth,  
Near Cardigan, Dyfed. (Aberporth 810 548).

### Llwyn Arfon

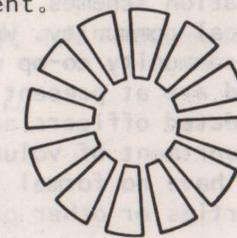
We are a group of people, at present 5 adults and 2 children, living on a small organic farm. Our aims are to use the land as ecologically as we can working hopefully in harmony with animals and plants. We also feel strongly the power and the need of functioning as a group and many friends living near us are also linked to the farm. We have run a variety of courses on such things as Shiatsu, Rebirthing, Sacred Dance, and we plan to hold more. We look on these events as important for making new contacts as well as for providing an

opportunity for the group to grow. We also hold working week-ends with friends and WWOOF.

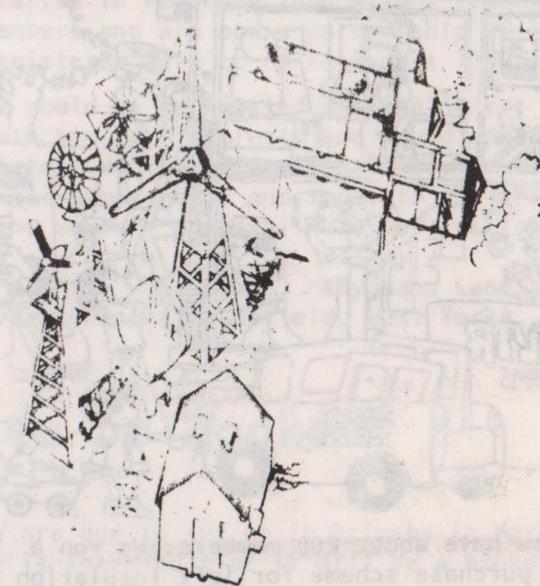
We are looking for more people to live here, preferably on a long term basis.

■  
LLWYN ARFAN FARM  
Hollybush, Blackwood, Gwent.

### NCAT (The Quarry)



Started in 1975 as a working, open demonstration of alternative technology, the Quarry now has 20 fulltime staff and receives 60,000 visitors a year. The working exhibits include wind, solar and hydro-electric power, organic gardening, a small holding, energy conservation, and we also have a bookshop and wholefood restaurant on the site. Most of the staff live as a community at the Quarry.

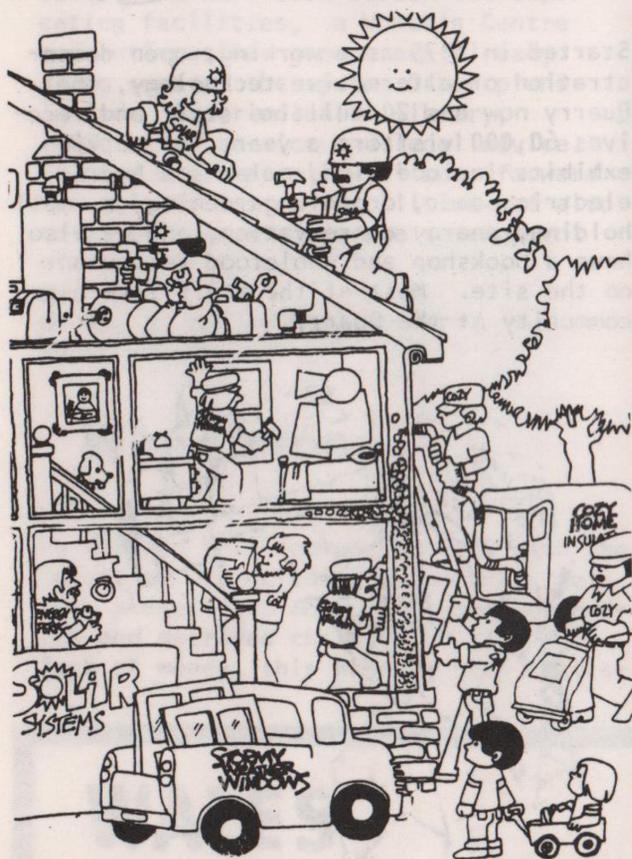


Our wholefood shop and restaurant in Machynlleth is a recent development, and will offer hostel type accommodation as well. We run a variety of weekend residential courses from October to May on a wide range of AT topics from windpower to beekeeping. We're a registered charity but not reg. co-op, although we operate on a co-operative basis. Salaries are need based and independent of position or responsibility.

■▲  
NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY,  
The Quarry, Machynlleth, Powys, Wales.  
(Machynlleth 2400)

## NNEG

NNEG, the first Community Energy Group in the UK, was formed in March 1980. We aim to encourage a more efficient and sensible use of energy resources and to promote energy saving and small-scale power generation schemes for the benefit of the local community. We hope to evolve in to a community co-op when the time is right and are at present an informal group with elected officers and committee with an assortment of volunteer working parties. We have no formal links with political parties or other organisations.



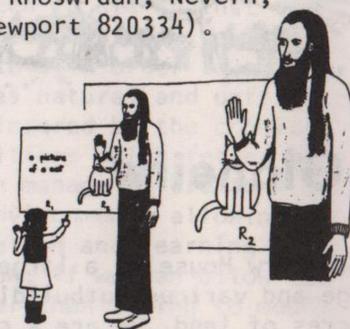
We now have about 200 members. We run a bulk purchase scheme for loft insulation materials. We have pressed the County Council for draught proofing the local school, and we are paying ourselves for energy conservation measures in the local community hall. We have our own library with many items on energy and AT matters, we have produced an audio visual programme on natural energy which is available for loan or hire, we produce an intermittent newsletter and we organise a programme of film shows, talks and workshops during the winter months. As a group we are now getting involved in practical AT projects which will benefit the community, we also encour-

age members to embark on their own schemes, using natural energy. Membership costs £1 a year. We organised a successful 'Energy Show' last year and have made some headway with local groups and official bodies. We are campaigning hard to influence local and national thinking on energy matters, especially in the area of nuclear power, which we are keen to get rid of.

We are keen to make contact with similar groups elsewhere in the UK, and would like to see new groups set up.

● NEWPORT AND NEVERN ENERGY GROUP, c/o Ian Richardson (Sec.), Rhoswrddan, Neveyn, Newport, Dyfed. (Newport 820334).

## Teachers



We are a community of individuals who have chosen to live together with the basic aim of acquiring and spreading education and encouraging increased social responsibility. We are a non-religious, non-political and non-marriage based group; trying to improve the world through rational pragmatism. We work exceedingly hard towards our aims. We are an educational charity. Our main source of support is a computer software business.

We have been living in community for over 6 years. It is our intention to grow and form many groups. We intend to build school and community buildings on farms and open the schools for all who are prepared to learn. We will also run wild-life parks; the farms and parks will be run on an ecological basis. We also have a printing and publishing department, which has produced several books.

We live according to a code, which is based on experience and open to negotiation and adjustment in the light of experience. It is possible to view the code in reduction as a twofold injunction.

1. Individuals are expected to work
2. Individuals are enjoined to live in peace and co-operation.

For further information, sent 30p to:

■▲ THE TEACHERS. 18 Garth Road, Bangor.

## NORTH



## Acorn

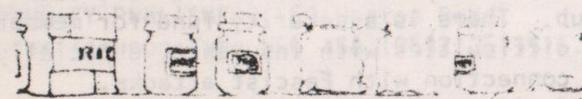
Acorn consists of 7 people setting up a building co-op in Liverpool. Our aim is to be an efficient, competent, non hierarchical group of people, engaged mostly in renovation work. We would like to do work for the many housing co-operatives in Liverpool.

The initiative for our formation came from within the group. We all have good working backgrounds in renovation and general building work, and are at present registering with ICOM model rules.

As a group we do not believe in differentials and take the same hourly rate. As people's needs differ, however, we work a flexible week, given a maximum and minimum number of hours. We are involved with the Federation of Building Collectives and are interested in skill sharing.

● ACORN BUILDING CO-OP, 40 Uilet Road, Liverpool 17. (051 734 4390).

## Alligator



A retail wholefood outlet, ten years old, a stable partnership of four, sharing tasks and responsibilities, helped by paid casual workers, when necessary. We expect to remain a partnership, for financial reasons, whilst intending to set up an agreement whereby past partners have a

share in the business they have helped to build up. We aim to avoid exploitation at all levels and are notorious for our opposition to irrelevant packaging; over 90% of our goods are sold in recycled containers.

■ ALLIGATOR (Natural Foods), 104 Fishergate, York. (0904 54525)



## Chamomile

We are a shop selling wholefoods, herbs and organically grown vegetables. We started in February 1980 with 2 founder members and are now a partnership of 4, registered as a co-op in August 1980.

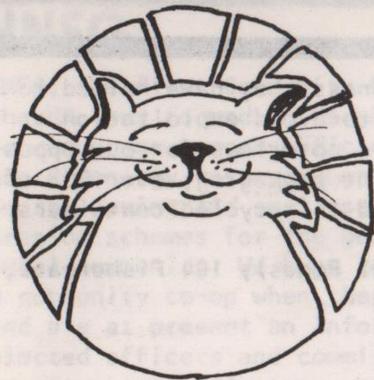
We would be interested meeting others with similar interests and would appreciate additional/occasional help from those sympathetic and local to the area. Some members are available to give talks.

● CHAMOMILE WHOLEFOODS, Manygates Lane, (Busy Corner), Wakefield, West Yorks.

## Co-op Books

We are due to set up in Grimsby in March 81. It is intended that it will be a bookshop and community resource centre, and the badge/printing activities might subsidise the bookshop until such time as this becomes self sufficient (estimated by end 81). Current assets are £700, + A4 offset litho, 2 badge machines, photocopier and duplicator. Other workers are required, and either a period of unpaid work, or some capital commitment would be asked for to ensure that a more or less equal stake was being put into the enterprise.

● CO-OP BOOKS (GRIMSBY)  
c/o 57 Balls Pond Road, London N1.



## Dancing Cat

Began in 1979, aiming to provide a good wholefood shop and to support its members. We have moved from doing small stalls, to a room in a community centre, to a shop on a main street. We became a registered co-operative in January 1980 using the ICOM Model Rules.

We now have 3 full-time working members who are paid, and a fluctuating number of part-timers. We would like to have more full-time members.

Having attained our main aims, we are now able to pursue others -eg: "educating" people about wholefoods, food politics and workers' control.

Dancing Cat is a member of the "Federation of Northern Wholefood Collectives" and has recently resigned from ICOM.

● DANCING CAT TRADING CO-OPERATIVE LTD. (formerly Liverpool Wholefood Collective) 107 Lodge Lane, Liverpool 8 (051 - 733 5205)



## Down to Earth

We are a wholefood collective based in Hunter's Bar in Sheffield. We are members of ICOM and registered as a co-op. We have recently expanded to 7 paid full-time workers and have opened a second shop. ★ Our aims are, apart from providing a wide range of wholefoods and associated goods as cheaply as possible, to promote an awareness of food issues and to act as a focal point in the local community for the

publicising of the campaigns around local issues. We also assist and promote the growth of new workers' co-ops in the area.

■▲ DOWN TO EARTH LTD. 406 Sharrowvale Road, Sheffield 11. (Sheff. 685220)

★ UNITY WHOLEFOODS. 66 Crookes, Sheffield 10

# FRB



Consists of over 50 bookshops, plus distributors and other groups including some publishers. All members are independent of each other and FRB. The FRB was established in Sept. 1980 out of what was previously the Federation of Alternative Booksellers. The change is intended to be a broadening out to all booksellers of the left, although principles of collective working we still hold important.

The Federation has no legal framework at present but hopes to establish a Trading Body to benefit its members and raise funds. The aims of the Federation are to promote the distribution of a wide range of literature committed to radical social change. Trade information on problems and experiences individuals have met is shared, and a bookshop's handbook is being published. FRB also represents the interests of members to publishers, distributors and the press, it hopes to establish a left book club. There is a security fund for members in difficulties with insurance, especially in connection with Fascist attacks.

In a wider political area, the FRB wishes to have closer contact with other organisations, and has recently been supporting a trade union dispute with a publishing house.

FRB members support a co-ordinating group working one day a week, that collates information and pursues some issues from conference. Regular conferences are the main vehicle for the working of the Federation, and there are also working parties on specific issues. With increased finance there is a great deal more that could be achieved.

■▲ FEDERATION OF RADICAL BOOKSELLERS, c/o 73 Walmgate, York YO1 2T2. (0904-37355).

## Fed. Worker Writers

Formed in 1976, we are a national organization existing to develop, encourage and publish working class writing. Over the last ten years, worker writer and local community publishing groups have been formed throughout the country and there are now 24. We are a voluntary, democratic and loosely non-hierarchical, socialist/working class group, and a book on our work is to be published by the Minority Publications Group in the Autumn.



At Tyneside we are developing an information and resource centre for the use of federated members and allied community collectives. Membership is open to groups whose aims embrace those of the Federation, subject to approval by member groups. We would love to help/advise people setting up either a workshop or community publishing project. Send large SAE for details.

■▲ THE FEDERATION OF WORKER WRITERS AND COMMUNITY PUBLISHERS, 69 Heaton Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE6 1SA (0632 761351).

## Freeboard-CCC

Freeboard/CCC is the first living and working co-op of the canals. Its members live on boats or near canals and intend to earn their living by carrying goods on the canals, boatbuilding and related activities. The group wishes to demonstrate by its activities the potential of water transport for energy saving and its social and environmental benefits. Many people are helping the co-op in various ways and a regular newsletter is distributed to supporters. We have taken delivery of the steel hull of our new boat 'Co-operation'. The cabin



will be built by members and volunteers at Runcorn. Training is available to members or prospective members in the skills of boatbuilding and we hope that more activities will develop in the next few months. So, if you're into what we're doing, want to learn boatbuilding, steer boats, do your bit to defeat the Juggernauts or what ever, get in touch with us.

■▲ CO-OPERATIVE CANAL CARRIERS. 15 Greenheys Road, Liverpool 8.



We are a screenprinting collective sharing a building in Marsden with weaving, pottery dressmaking and the Colne Valley News. Two of us, Selina and Portia, work four days a week and others including Peter, Rosie, Julien, Kevin, and Eleanor work regularly/occasionally.

We began in the Winter 79/80. Some of us had experience with screenprinting before but we have all taught each other much more since then. We started with £100 loan loaned from ourselves and £150 from Suma plus a lot of hard work making our equipment. Biodegradable plastic bags were our first venture, printed with various designs including wholefood and anti-nuke designs. These bags got us going initially but have proved to be too expensive against Tesco's etc. Now we only print for private orders of 1,000 or more.

Grasshopper is aiming to provide community access to screenprinting facilities.

There are lower printing rates for community groups and help is accepted in lieu of payment. The workshop is open to others by arrangement and at minimal cost. As a collective we work together by making decisions with whoever is at present working with Portia and Selina. We would like more regular workers. Any offers? We hope to register as a workers co-operative as soon as possible. Our financial situation is slowly improving so we are also hopeful that we can pay one of us fairly soon.

GRASSHOPPER PRINTING COLLECTIVE. 23 Peel St. Marsden, Huddersfield. HD7 6BW. (0484 843879)

## Grassroots

We are 8 people, soon to be 9, running a large radical bookshop. We started in '71 and registered as a co-op in '76. We are members of the Federation of Radical Booksellers and also have a community information project that supplies pamphlets on rights etc. to libraries.

GRASS ROOTS BOOKS. 1 Newton Street, Manchester M1. (061 236 3112)



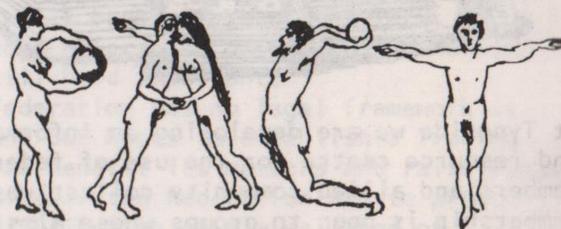
A co-op registered in July 1978, we have nothing to do with the Hebdon Water, or Water Milling; collectivism is something we aspire to. It was originally established to water mill flour on the Hebdon Water river near Hebdon Bridge. When that project fell through two of us established a wholefood packaging and processing collective at Suma Wholefoods premises in Leeds. Originally it was intended to go into bottling using 2nd hand fruitjuice and honey jars and by charging a deposit creating a closed loop, and to use the cash flow that generated to finance a miso making plant. For reasons of expediency we have

in fact bought a bagging machine which will pack nuts, beans and pulses and flakes in sizes ranging from 100g up to 1.5kg. We took delivery of this machine in December 1980 and one month later we are still sorting out teething problems but by April 1981 we expect to need another one or two workers to make us a rather more genuine collective.

Meanwhile we have made one trial batch of miso which we are having analysed for possible nasty toxins before proceeding to larger scale experiments. We are also collecting fruit juice and honey jars against the day we start bottling which will probably be early next year. So far we have about 5000 bottles and jars - we need about 80,000: appeal poster available on request.

HEBDON WATER MILLING COLLECTIVE LTD, 46 The Calls, Leeds 2. (0532 448001).

## IMPACT THEATRE



We are a touring company based in Leeds. We aim to produce exciting and radical theatre for both adults and children and to experiment with our own devised shows as well as scripted plays. Our work is marked by the strength of its visual and musical as well as verbal imagery. We also do work shops and residency projects. We consist of 8 members but this number fluctuates when we involve other people on particular productions. We started in July 1978 and registered as a co-op in Jan 1979. We don't need more members as present.

IMPACT THEATRE CO-OPERATIVE: 20 Hyde Park Terrace, Leeds LS6 1BJ. (0532 756484/780954)



Interplay is a touring theatre company working in Leeds and Yorkshire, and operates as a co-op, within a trust, which has charitable status. We have been established for ten years and specialise in work with mentally handicapped adults and children. Members include five actors and an administrator.

INTERPLAY COMMUNITY THEATRE, 76 Hall Lane, Armley, Leeds 12. (Leeds 638556).



## Leeds Free School

We are a free school and our work is chiefly with children. The free school endeavours to drag classes from isolation into the living environment and also remove the idea that education stops at 16 or that you can only get it inside the four walls of the classroom. Currently we are involved with the setting up of a much needed adventure playground in the Woodlands area of Leeds.

We are a registered charity, choosing this format as being the most flexible way to get on with our work within the confines of the law.

A varying number of people are involved, at the moment between 10-15 people, not all necessarily full timers, but ready to be involved and definitely supportive. This situation will probably change in the next few months as the playground takes off.

LEEDS FREE SCHOOL, c/o Elaine Hodgson, 8 Blandford Gdns, Leeds 2.

## LAMP

Lamp is a co-operative (registered under the Registry of Friendly Societies), non-profit distributing, community bookshop which opened on the 29-2-80, with the help of funds from the Arts Council and NW Arts. At any given time there are approximately ten to fifteen people involved in the project, including three full time workers (one whose salary is paid by NW Arts, and two STEP workers).

The project consists of the bookshop itself together with rooms available (and used) for meetings/exhibitions, a bookstall service for conferences, schools etc: - and a book ordering service for customers. All profits from the shop are ploughed back into the project and are being used to develop a 'community outreach' programme - which currently includes: work with a local writers' circle, the setting up of a radio users course, and organising various workshops and exhibitions (often co-sponsored with other groups).

We would be interested in meeting other groups and individuals from nearby towns (ie north and west of Manchester) who are interested in community/Arts projects.

LEIGH ALTERNATIVE MEDIA PROJECT  
22 Church Street, Leigh, Greater Manchester (Leigh 606667)

## LOP

We produce a weekly newspaper of 12 pages plus a pull-out 'What's On' Guide. (Price 15p) We are a registered co-op and the paper is put together by paid and unpaid workers. We try to present an alternative socialist view of Leeds and provide support for those trying to gain greater control over their own lives.

LEEDS ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATIONS LTD. 29 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds. (0532 39500)

## Lifespan



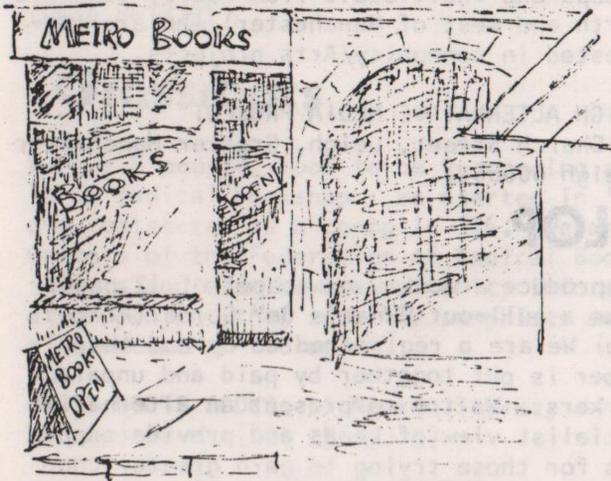
Now in its seventh year, 15 of us are maintaining and improving our 19 cottages while keeping gardens, animals and a printing business on the go. We are intending to complete work on a 'visitor centre' during 1981. In the meantime we welcome visitors and prospective members.

LIFESPAN COMMUNITY, Townhead, Dunford Bridge, Sheffield, S. Yorks. (Barnsley 762359).

### Metro Books

We are a community bookshop, established in order to make available as wide a range of books as possible (with obvious exceptions) including books which are not normally available because they are not profitable to sell, or simply because commercial/capitalist bookshops don't want to sell them.

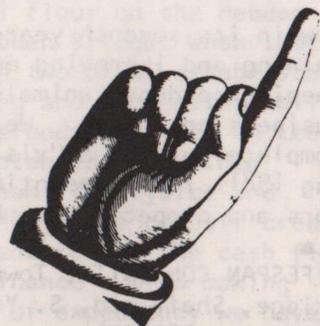
There are seven founder members of the co-operative which was registered in May '79. The shop opened in Nov. '79 but it wasn't until March '80 that a full-time worker started and we began to get organised.



The other founder members, and several volunteers, work in and for the shop whenever they can.

The only way we could afford to stock the shop was to apply for a grant to the Arts Council which after a lot of hard work on our part, granted us £8,500, yes £8,500! Metro Books is a member of the Federation of Radical Booksellers and as such we co-operate as much as possible with other shops.

■▲ METRO BOOKS CO-OPERATIVE (BURY) LTD, 159 The Rock, Bury BL9 0ND. (061 761 7584).



We are a womens' co-op and community press since September 1976. We employ four people and aim to encourage and advise people who have no experience of printing before. We do a lot of work for womens' groups and community organizations.

■▲ MOSS SIDE COMMUNITY PRESS, 21a Princess Road, Manchester 14. (061 226 7115).



Northumbrian Energy Workshop is the trading company and working co-operative registered under the ICO Act set up by members of New Age Access in 1979. NEW now employs 7 people and is already outgrowing its current premises after only a year.

Work covers the supply and installation of wind machines from 200 Watts, to 10KW, the manufacture of components (towers, masts, anemometers, turnable bearings etc) Intermediate technology design (the building of a peanut roaster for Durham Wholefoods co-op), research and development on windpower, and also a quality graphic design and artwork service. NEW is now marketing its first own-name product the WINDLOGGER, a low power data recorder developed especially for windspeed recording and turbine site assessments.

NEW aims to make wind power more available and develop our experience in these and possible other renewable energy systems.

■▲ NORTHUMBRIAN ENERGY WORKSHOP. Tanners Yard, Gilesgate, Hexham, Northumberland. (0434 604809)

### Open Road

We are a community press registered through ICOM since June 1979, and run by a collective of 6 workers. We can print anything from leaflets and posters to small booklets and pamphlets. Although we encourage people to do their own design and layout we also do limited design work ourselves.



We are totally independent of financial support and manage to pay our workers a small wage. Our main aim is to serve the printing needs of local and other radical and community groups.

■▲ OPEN ROAD PRINTING CO-OP. The Basement, 57 Micklegate, York. (0904 37806)



Otley Woodwind Ltd. is a co-operative set up in July 1980. We have three full-time workshop staff and other co-op members who act in a consultative capacity.

We provide a fast, efficient, high quality repair and conversion service for woodwind instruments. Our comprehensive facilities mean that no job is too complex or esoteric to undertake.

Our future plan is to manufacture high quality woodwind instruments for both professional and student players.

● OTLEY WOODWIND LIMITED. Ackroyd Mills, Ilkey Road, Otley, W. Yorkshire. (0943 461883)

### Peaceworks

Started in Nov. 1976, registered as a co-op with ACE rules in April 1980, we sell food, wholefoods, vegetables and books etc. For some we are a social meeting point and info place, for others a place for groups to get together, such as Rock against Thatcher, anti-nuke, and so on.

We provide human contact in a town where high speed sales are encouraged, where being successful is wonderful, where people are only robots with money in their pockets and the aim is to get that money.

Most importantly we are a corner shop for a working class area of town, we're a mixture of men and women working together and enjoying ourselves. We'd like more contact and offer beds to visitors and work for those who want it.

■ PEACEWORKS, 58 Wakefield Road, Aspley, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. (0484-23915).

### Scottish

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### Northern



See SCOTLAND.

■▲ Northern Office: 4th Floor, 18 Granby Row, Manchester M1 3GE. (061 228 3903)

### Shanti Third World Centre

A development education centre, started up in 1974. We became a limited company in 1980. We have 2 full-time and 2 part-time workers though we expect to be expanding soon. Volunteers are always welcome.

We run a Third World craft and book shop and a library-resource centre. The organising of campaigns and education work is the other part of our activities. We are closely linked with War on Want. We are founder members of the National Assoc. of Development Education Centres.

We are in touch with many development groups and international campaigns and would like to hear from any we have missed. Please note our new address.

■▲ SHANTI THIRD WORLD CENTRE. 300/302 Oxford Road, Manchester 13 9QQ.

## Skin and Bones

We are a community based theatre and arts company working on Tyneside, started as a part time venture 9 years ago, moving to fulltime operation in 1978. At present we are funded by urban aid, through MSC and a few independent trusts. The ten workers operate as a co-operative, registered in 1979. Our theatre is thoughts about how an egalitarian, co-operative and creative society can be constructed out of the shambles that exists. Please submit scripts, request work on an issue, criticise, offer help or drop in for a talk.

■▲ SKIN AND BONES THEATRE COLLECTIVE, The Warehouse, Bells Court, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 1. (0632 23276).



## Stacksteads

We are a group of people living together aiming to involve the whole community in creating better housing, new uses for existing resources, jobs in co-operative enterprises and alternative transport systems.

We have been going for 3½ years and are actively involved in several local campaigns. Our central theme is 'Stackstead as a nucleus for co-operative villages'. We plan to start a new community newspaper and we need committed people who, with skills and resource exchange, will set up a litho press with us.

■▲ STACKSTEADS COMMUNITY, 308 Newchurch Rd, Bacup, Lancs. (Bacup 6057)



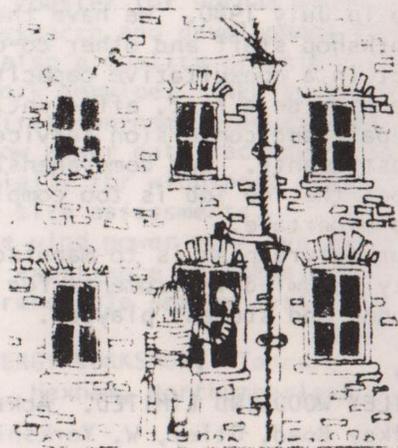
natural food wholesalers

We are a wholefood wholesaler, started on a very small scale in 1975, and registered as a co-op in 1977. We moved to our present warehouse at the end of 1977 and we have grown from 7 founder members to 13 full-time and one part-time workers. At present there are more men than women but we intend to balance this.

The 3 main areas of our business: office-work, warehousing and trucking are rotated as much as possible, but each of us is particularly responsible for a specific job. Our aims are to promote wholefoods and collective work, and to help other co-ops set up.

We are involved with other co-op warehouses and it is important for us to show that co-ops can be strong and competitive.

■▲ SUMA FOODS, 44 the Calls, Leeds, LS2 7EY. (0532 42560).



## T & C

We are setting up a group based on communal living and collective working. We share values which could be labelled libertarian, especially an anti-authoritarian approach to young people, anti-consumerism, grassroots politics and anti-sexism. We want to avoid the group being dominated by men.

We have set up a housing co-op and have bought a house. We would would like to

form a workers' co-op to enable us to work together to get the money we need. We are looking for more people, particularly women and children. Write for more details and a bit about yourself to:

■▲ T&C WORK AND LIVING COLLECTIVE, 2 Mentor Street, Manchester 13.

## Terrace Project



We started 2 years ago and now have a wholefood/bookshop, art gallery, boutique, photographer, cafe, and leather/glass workshop, using 4, terraced, victorian shops. In the winter we run courses on hypnotism, tarot and wholefood cookery and, in the summer, the space outside is used for street theatre and exhibitions. We welcome people to come to talk, browse and inspire us.

■ THE TERRACE PROJECT, Museum Terrace, Scarborough, N Yorkshire. (0723 60054)

## The Warehouse

"The Warehouse" is the informal name of a building housing a number of separate groups. Lancaster Community Project Ltd., a workers' co-op registered under the I & PS Acts is the umbrella group which leases the building from the City Council. All the people in LCP are also in one of the following groups: SINGLE STEP is a radical bookshop which can trace its origins back as far as 1974, but really got going when they rented shop premises in Oct. 1975. They have acquired a reputation for a wide selection of Science Fiction and are currently pursuing



an Arts Council grant to enable them to broaden their range of modern literature. COMMUNITY SUPPLIES began in early 1975 as an informal consumer food co-op, but changed to a *defacto* workers' co-op upon moving into the same premises as Single Step. It now functions as a rather unusual wholefood shop in which most items are bagged as desired by the customers. Current trends are to stock more of the "delicatessen" and "hardware" type lines. The two shops moved into the ground floor of the Warehouse in Oct 1977. In Easter the following year, the basement was occupied by:

PLAYSPACE, a children's area, operating a playgroup and a young adolescents' "club". It spun-off a playground for the school holidays to the east of the town centre (Scotch Quarry Adventure Playground); funded for the first two years by MSC. When this money stopped, its activities contracted and now consists mainly of a parent-and-toddler group. Inevitably inadequate support from both the State and the trading groups in the Warehouse mean



they are permanently short of both labour and money. An information and advice office was opened shortly after the shops moved in and closed finally about two years later. It failed to attract sufficient workers. PENNY STREET CAFE was begun at the beginning of 1980 on the top floor, closed again and reopened in October and now appears to be making a go of it. It was started up by foodshop workers, though it is now organisationally, though not formally, separate. It serves vegetarian wholefood snacks and runs a restaurant on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Ultimately, the intention is for the top floor also to be a performance area. Much building work remains to be done before this can be achieved and the people involved in the Warehouse are mostly too busy doing what they already do. A theatre group QUAYSIDE THEATRE has recently become attached to the Warehouse - they are not

co-operative but a core group of administrators and directors who provide an outlet for unemployed actors. It is too early to tell the direction this collaboration will go in.

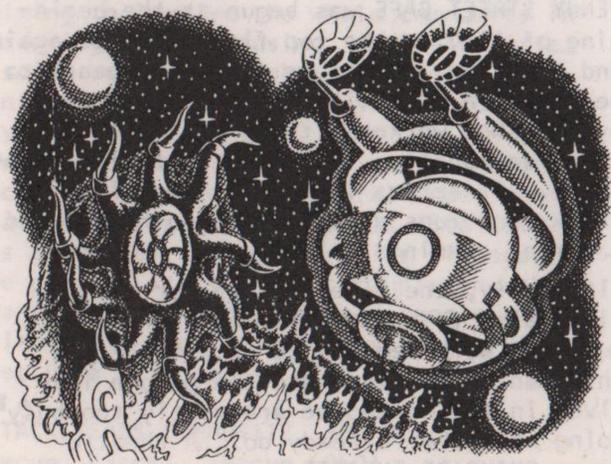
■▲  
LANCASTER COMMUNITY PROJECT, The Warehouse, 78A Penny Street, Lancaster LA1 1XN. (0524 65388)



## Wharf St Cafe

The cafe has been going for almost 3 years during which time membership has been changing quickly due to lack of money for wages. We have a stable paid workforce of 5 full-timers with some casual paid help. (Volunteers always welcome) We are a registered co-op and a member of ICOM. We provide a good selection of wholefood vegetarian meals at reasonable prices in a friendly informal atmosphere. We also have a free notice-board, picture-hanging space and a small room for hire. In summer the yard is decked with flowers and people can eat outside. We are the only vegetarian Wholefood Cafe in Leeds.

■▲  
WHARF STREET VEGETARIAN WHOLEFOOD CAFE, 17-19 Wharf Street Leeds 2 (Leeds 449588)



## York Community

We have eight workers and sell new and second hand books. A percentage of profits from these goes to local action groups. We recently produced booklists in order to increase peoples' access to books. We make and distribute badges from a shed in the back yard. Please send large SAE with enquiries.

■▲  
YORK COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP, 73 Walmgate, York. (York 37355)

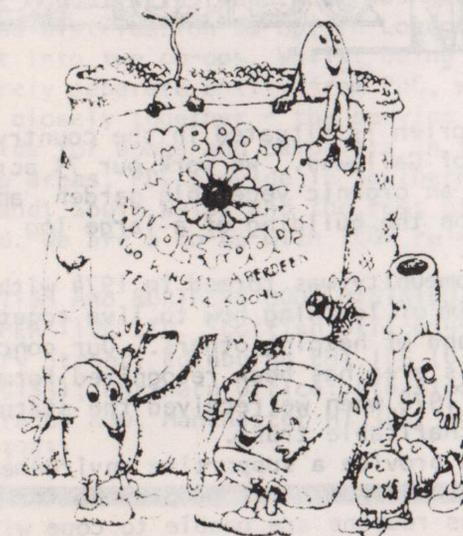


York Cycleworks started in May, 1980, and became an ICOM registered co-op soon afterwards. We employ 5 people, 3 women and 2 men who work a two-four day week. We aim to provide a good support service for people who use a bike as a means of transport, or who want to take up cycling. We repair, hire and sell bikes, and sell spares and a range of cycling literature. We recently started a women's cycle maintenance class which is proving very popular. We welcome visitors who are interested in starting similar ventures elsewhere in Britain.

●▲  
YORK CYCLEWORKS, 16 Lawrence Street, York. YO1 3BN. (0904 26664).

## Ambrosia

Ambrosia registered as a co-op in 1979 and at present there are 4 full-time members, 3 women and 1 man. From time to time we have people to help on a voluntary basis. We aim to provide wholefood and a wide range of herbs as cheaply as possible and make people aware that their quality of life can be improved by eating more natural food and that it is not an expensive lifestyle. We also hope to encourage a political awareness around food and profit. We hope to act as an



information centre, with space for adverts about events, political, cultural and to do with growth that take place in Aberdeen. As workers we aim to make our work situation as pleasant to work in as possible. Since last summer we started a 4 day week. We try to work in a non-sexist and collective way, sharing all the work and rotating the ordering and accounts. We are open to people working here on a voluntary basis. We will also be needing new members this summer from May onwards if anyone is interested. Most people commit themselves to work here for at least a year and then move on!

■  
AMBROSIA, 160 Kings Street, Aberdeen. (Aberdeen 50096).

## Chieftain

Set up in 1970 as a manufacturing company, producing heating equipment for the domestic market. At present we are buying back shares, originally gifted in a lump sum by small shareholders, so that we will become a co-operatively owned company. A new factory is planned and the capital raised will finance a new venture, the production of a range of heat pumps. This will supplement the many heating appliances we make already. See ITM No.7

■▲  
CHIEFTAIN INDUSTRIES LTD, Grange Road, Houstoun Estate, Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland. EH54 5DD. (Livingston 32223).

## Co-Chomunn



We are a multi-functional Community Co-op whose main objectives and function are to provide services and employment for the community.

We have 288 shareholders holding 429 £25 shares. We registered in July 1979.

■▲  
CO-CHOMUNN NA HEARADH LTD, An Clachan, Leverburgh, Isle of Harris. (085 982 370)

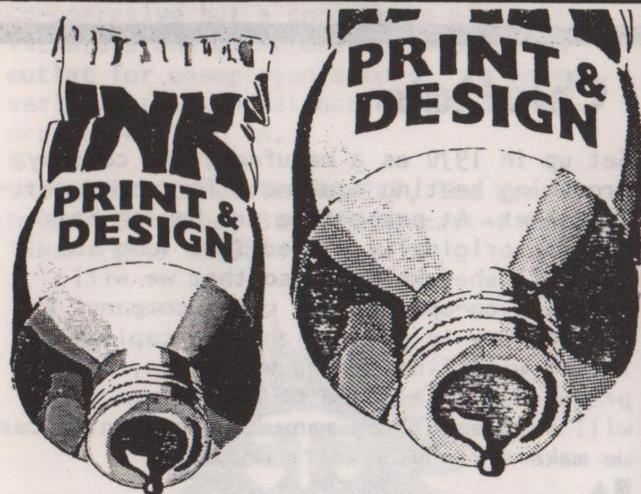
## Dunedin

The school was founded in 1975 and since 1978 has been managed by a non-profit making co-operative of teachers and other staff. It is a small independent fee-paying school, registered with the Scottish Education Department.

We cater for children from 5 to 18. There is a small nucleus of full-time teachers, supplemented by part-time specialist subject teachers.

The school operates an open-door policy and staff are available at all times to discuss problems or to report on progress. The co-operation and help of parents are warmly welcomed.

■  
DUNEDIN SCHOOL CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED, Miller Hall, 5 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh. (031 664 1328)



We are a printing co-op in Glasgow in its third year. We have 3 printers and one designer and we produce and design books, newsletters, and general printing. We also do silk screen posters. We aim to create an environment where the needs of the individual come first and to produce ethically sound publications. We give priority to non exploitative groups and businesses. We are a Friends of the Western Buddhist Order Co-op.

■ INK PRINT AND DESIGN, 21 Hope Street, Glasgow. G2 6AB. (041 6193).

## Laurieston

WOW

We are an 8-year old commune of twenty-odd folk living in a big mad house, and more people in cottages and caravans in the grounds. All together we act as a housing co-op and are registering as such. A few acres of land and a stable block have allowed us to develop a large garden, a dairy centred small-holding and a well kitted-out metal workshop for stovebuilding and other fun.

We produce a lot of what we consume, cook and heat almost entirely with wood, and use the 60-roomed house for the conferences events and happenings we or others set up during the busy summer, which bring in most of our money income.

The commune is income-sharing and we have meetings, emotional trauma, wet cold winters, woolly vests and banana bread sometimes. Also we are working on a new 'Legal Frameworks' handbook, a new hydro-power system and have a group looking after Finn in the baby cottage on a rota basis.

Our latest hope is to get hold of more land to expand living possibilities and home

production and for conservation reasons. 111 acres, mostly woodland, is available, and we are trying to raise £5,000 more to put in a bid - gifts or low-interest loans towards this are what we are after. Any offers?

■▲ LAURIESTON HALL. Castle Douglas Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. (06445 275).



Lothlorien is situated in the countryside of Galloway. We work our 73 acre farm, an organic vegetable garden, and also on the building of a large log house.

The community was formed in 1974 with the aim of learning how to live together more and of helping others. Our concern in this area has been recognized formally since 1978 when we received the status of a charitable trust.

We now provide a supportive environment for a small number of people who for various reasons are unable to cope with the stresses of ordinary life. They come to join us and - by living and working together many find the resources within themselves to begin their growth towards wholeness.

We welcome visitors and are particularly in need of people with skills in building and farming and who would be interested in staying for long periods. We are anxious to finish slating the roof on our 100' two storey log cabin and so we are having a roofing week in June. The planning authorities are hustling us to put in a septic tank and plumbing so we will also need people with plumbing skills when we can find the money. We are also having a garden week.

Please write first if you are interested in visiting.

■ LOTHLORIEN COMMUNITY Corsock, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, DG7 3DR (Corsock 064 440 644)

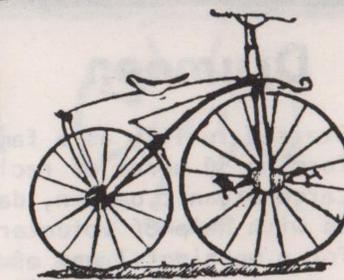
## Scottish and Northern



We are a representation and distribution service to the book trade for radical publishers in Scotland, the North, North Wales, the Midlands, Northern Ireland and Eire. We have two warehouses, one in Edinburgh, one in Manchester and at least 7 workers in total. We have been operating since August 1979, when what was Publications Distribution Co-op, in London split into two co-ops. Whilst being an entirely separate entity from PDC, we work closely together - the service we provide for books and pamphlets in the above areas, PDC provide in Southern England, South Wales and the rest of the world. We are a co-op with ICOM rules.

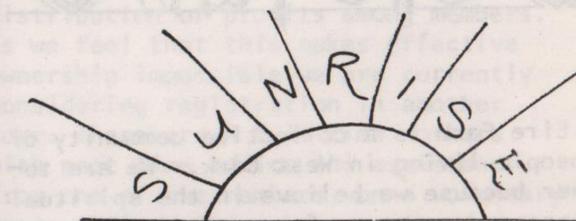
■▲ SCOTTISH AND NORTHERN BOOK DISTRIBUTION CO-OPERATIVE LTD. Scottish Office: 45/47 Niddry Street, Edinburgh EH1 1LG (031 557 0133); Northern Office: 4th Floor, 18 Granby Row, Manchester M1 3GE. (061 228 3903).

## RECYCLES



Recycles Ltd. is a co-operative of 7 people engaged in selling, hiring, and repairing bicycles. We began in 1977. We would be interested in contact, information exchange with other co-ops in similar business.

■▲ RECYCLES. 3 West Crosscauseway Edinburgh. (031 667 2556)



We are a Workers' Co-Operative registered with ICOM. We are a wholefood shop employing four part-time workers, and run by a committee of nine. We opened in November 1979.

■▲ SUNRISE. 19 Glasgow St. Dumfries. (Dumfries 3761)

## IRELAND



## Atlantis

A well established farming community in Donegal based at a large house on the mainland and several cottages on an offshore island, aiming towards self sufficiency. Believe that the real responsibility is to oneself. "Living communally we want every-

thing clear and in the open, so we spend a lot of our time together loving, hating, crying, laughing, caring and generally keeping the energy level as high as possible! Disgusted and alarmed at the way in which civilisation is going. "Yes Atlantis is one of those crazy, end of the world communities, that is training people to survive, practically and personally, by developing each human being to the limit, psychologically, physically and psychically!" Atlantis is always changing. We are not set in our ways. We are really interested in new people and new ideas. We want to learn from you and share what we know with you.

■ ATLANTIS. Burtonport, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, EIRE. (Burtonport 30)

## Drumeen

Started in 1976 as a family partnership farming 50 acres of reclaimed land. Large organic garden, dairy and pigs farmed with help of voluntary workers. Looking for a meaningful way of using a farm environment to be supportive to a group or groups of needful people.

Charlotte Colchester, Drumeen Islands, Urlingford, Co Kilkenny, Eire.

## Eire Farm

The Eire Farm is a collective community of 29 people living in West Cork. We are together because we believe in the spiritual essence and oneness of humanity and share a vision of the world in which there is really enough to go around.

The Eire farm is one of nine associated communities. The first community, The Farm, was founded in Tennessee USA, nine years ago, and has 1600 members living on 1700 acres. Out of the experiences of building this community we have published books on Spiritual Midwifery, Natural Birth Control, Vegetarian Cooking, CB Radio and Community Living.

There are six families with fourteen children and five single folks living in the community. Children are raised by their parents, although everyone is responsible for their well being. We try to raise our children to be our friends, not our underlings and we take responsibility for their education. We believe in the sacredness of childbirth and having our babies at home.

We try to be as self-sufficient as possible and support ourselves by farming and building. Our two acre garden is planted in vegetables, fruit and potatoes. We are vegetarian and base our diet on the soybean from which we can make milk, cheese, and ice-cream. Through our company, Natural Energy Works, we are promoting alternative energy technologies in Ireland, since renewable energy resources are a necessary and viable alternative in these days of dependence on oil and nuclear power. We are non-violent.

We have been together for one year now and we welcome all people interested in living a community life such as ours to come and visit, all we ask is that one writes to us first.

EIRE FARM Timolengue Bandon Co. Cork.

## GOOD VIBRATIONS

The Good Vibrations Musicians collective was started in 1978, and reformed and registered as a co-op in 1981. Everyone concerned in the formation of the co-op have been involved in the rise of the rock scene in Northern Ireland over the past few years. Through our experiences we have had a radical change in our ideas, which has brought us closer together. Some of our aims are that:

a) The groups and people who run the co-op and its various projects are linked by common interests and a concern for the relationship between them and their fellow workers. The sharing of a vision of the future in creating a better and healthier musical environment in Ireland and the rest of the world.



b) A concern over the way the music industry has controlled and destroyed individuals. The co-op is a self help programme to ensure the music industry does not control our music, our culture and our lifestyle. Not only is our aim to provide a more personalised service than a record company would normally give, but an understanding of the relationship between groups and people that the product is intended for.



c) While the co-op is in its formative stages, the people involved would work on a voluntary basis (the groups receiving what little they earn at gigs). Everyone involved would have an equal say and share in the running of the co-op. The artists would have complete control over their product at every stage. While the co-op is not motivated by money or greed the eventual aim must be that everyone gets an equal wage. At the moment we all feel that it's going to take 3 months to get our plans of the ground. We hope to get our own offices, telephones and equipment to run an efficient organisation, and run our own agency for the promotion of bands and obtaining gigs. We will be producing a monthly newsletter.

GOOD VIBRATIONS MUSICIANS CO-OPERATIVE, 102 Great Victoria St, Belfast, BT2 7BE (Belfast 29152, 29152, 681680).

## Neighbourhood O.W.

NOW, began in 1978, is a Belfast-based arts collective. Our interests include mural painting, video, soccer, printing, dance and inflatables. Our year-round programme has provided a wide range of opportunities for people to stretch and exercise their creative muscle. We run free sessions in voluntary clubs and centres that often have the fewest facilities and resources. We've been able to work in any area of the city acting in support of local initiatives, functioning as a resource of skills and ideas and equipment. We attract mainly young people but we would like to work with people of all ages.

We are a limited company, recognised as a charity, with help from the Arts Council and other similar bodies. Enquiries are always welcome.

NEIGHBOURHOOD OPEN WORKSHOPS, 2-4 University Road, Belfast (42910)

## Newry and Mourne

We are a registered self-help industrial group formed in 1975 to try to fight unemployment in the area, and act as an umbrella body to four companies employing 160 people. A further 50 work on the group's industrial estate.

NEWRY AND MOURNE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD, W.I.N. Industrial Estate, Newry, BT35 6PH. (Newry 5436).

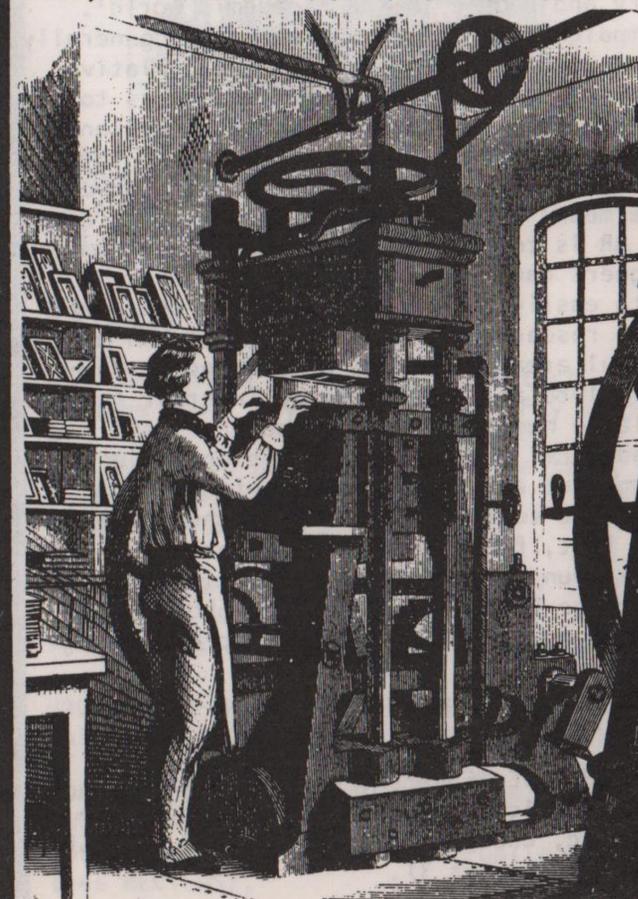
## Whiterock



Whiterock pictures was established as a co-operative enterprise, becoming a registered company in 1973. Our major work is block mounting prints and photographs for the trade and as a service to the local community.

Started in an area of very high unemployment we registered with the object of 'trading for the benefit of the local community', our articles preventing the distribution of profits among members. As we feel that this makes effective ownership impossible we are currently considering registration in another form. There are 4 full time workers with part time advice and assistance from one of the members, on a voluntary basis. All decisions are arrived at by consensus of the group and there is no outside control or involvement.

WHITEROCK PICTURES LTD. 707 Springfield Road, Belfast BT12 7QX. (0232 27716).



**ACM**

We aim to encourage people to join, or build, communities, internationally. With this in mind we publish a newsletter, a directory of communes, and hold an annual meeting. Also there are local secretaries who host informal meetings at frequent intervals. We also have a library, which is accessible by appointment, and we publish a book list.

The organisation has NO aim other than the fostering of communities, and does NOT, on any account, take up any particular stance.

Membership and newsletter £5.64p ( see PERIODICALS section ).

■▲  
ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITIES MOVEMENT, c/o The Teachers, 18 Garth Road, Bangor, N Wales.

**Alternative Research**

The scheme attempts to promote co-operation and contact between people working in pressure groups, pressing for change in our society and people in the 'academic world'. Campaigning and alternative groups generally have to argue from a position of relative weakness. They haven't got the access to research data, research that is conventionally the monopoly of powerful, vested interest. Research is also expensive and beyond the means of most groups. The ultimate aim of AR is to produce a means by which campaigners can obtain appropriate research data easily and cheaply, and, at the same time researchers can find topical and meaningful areas of study. AR started in January 1980 and has attracted interest from a large number of both campaigners and academics. A bulletin describing projects suggested and research work offered is provided to all those on the schemes mailing list, free, four times a year. AR is run by myself on a sparetime basis from the Energy Workshop and I hope to find funding for a full-time co-ordinator sometime in the future.

●  
ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH, Energy Workshop, Dept Physical Sciences, Sunderland Polytechnic, Chester Road, Sunderland SR1 3SD. (0783 76191 ext 3).

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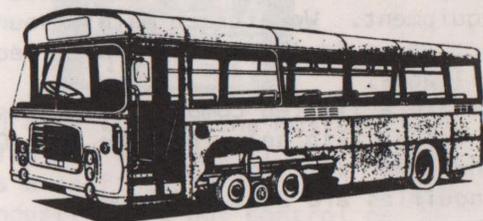
Formed in 1976 when a group of disillusioned student midwives met to offer support and encouragement to each other during training, our overall aim is to restore the role of the midwife for the benefit of the childbearing woman and her baby. Other objectives are: to explore alternative patterns of care; to share ideas, skills and information; to encourage evaluation of development in our field; to re-establish the confidence of the midwife in her skills; to encourage midwives in their support of a woman's active participation in child-birth.

The name radical may alienate many, but we believe that 'radical' expresses in its original sense the essence of our group, i.e. relating to roots and origins. National meetings are held every six weeks and there is a newsletter. Membership £3 per year.

■  
ASSOCIATION OF RADICAL MIDWIVES, Pippa Mackeith, 8 Mount Hooton Terrace, Forest Road East, Nottingham.

**CAITS**

Caits is run jointly by the Lucas Aerospace Combine shop stewards committee and the North East London Polytechnic. The centre was set up in 1978 and is involved with a number of major research projects, as well as an 'alternative corporate plan' strategy.



■▲  
CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS, North East London Polytechnic, Long Bridge Road, Dagenham, Essex. RM8 WAS. (01 590 7722 X2007/8).

**Commonweal**

A library of selected books and journals on non violence and social change. The collection was founded by David Hoggett in 1965 and since 1975 has been housed in the Library of the University of Bradford, in association with the School of Peace Studies. A public library, it is therefore not necessary to be a member of Bradford

University in order to borrow books. We receive books donated by publishers and authors and will consider the receipt of personal papers and small libraries. We are hoping to build up a sound archive of the peace movement of the past.

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THE COMMONWEAL COLLECTION, c/o J. B. Priestley Library, University of Bradford, Bradford, West Yorkshire. BD7 1DP. (Bradford 33466 ext 8-477).

**Commonwork**

Commonwork runs non-commercial projects on a partnership basis with the workers and runs the Commonwork Centre, available for workshops and seminars, for use by small groups on a low price basis. A programme can be sent to those interested.

At present Paul Chaplin (ex CRU), is collaborating with us through Spectrum Education Service to produce a series of training packs for people involved in co-ops, community projects etc., which will include videotapes. We are interested in producing other materials, including manuals and audio cassettes. Work on the methane digester and related projects is continuing and we now have links with both a handmade tile-works and a wholefoods warehouse. We are also helping to set up the Dunamis Project at St James Church, Picadilly, which seeks to widen and deepen awareness of moral and political issues involved in national and international 'security'.

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COMMONWORK, c/o Jenifer Wates, Bore Place, Bough Beech, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 7AR. (Weald 255).

**Concord**

Is an educational film library, specialising in films about contemporary problems. We are registered as an Educational Charity, and we handle films of over 200 other charities and bodies. Our aim is to make people more aware of the problems of our times, in the hope that this might be a beginning of positive attitudes and efforts to change things for the better. It was started in 1959, in a very small way, and grew slowly as the demand for films grew. full catalogue £2.50.

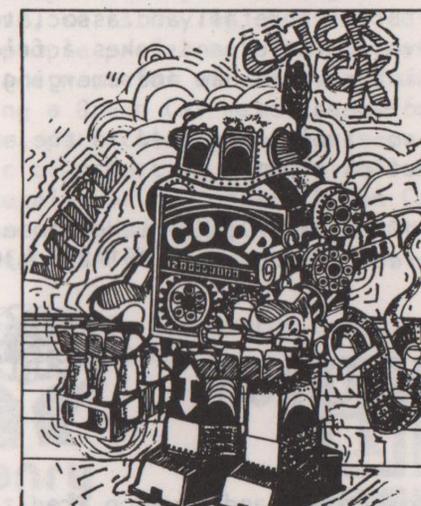
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CONCORD FILMS COUNCIL LTD., 201 Felix-towe rd, Ipswich Suffolk IP3 9BJ

**National CDA**

The CDA was established by Act of Parliament with all-party support in September 1978.

Its main functions are: to represent and promote the interests of the whole of the co-operative sector in Britain; to give advice on the co-operative form of enterprise to identify, appraise and promote projects to be carried out on a co-operative basis and to provide a forum for debate within the co-operative movement.

From the outset, the CDA made its main, though by no means its exclusive, priority the promotion and development of industrial and service co-operatives.



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CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
20 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ.  
(01 211 3000/4633)

**Local CDA's**

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CDA (Devon and Cornwall) 11a Western College Road, Plymouth, Devon. (Ply 60536).

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CDA (Northern Region) 37 Woodbine Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (Newcastle 859517).

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SCOTTISH CO-OPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 100 Morrison St. Glasgow. (041-429 1488). Newsletter 'SCDC News'.

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HACKNEY CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENTS, 16 Dalston Lane, London E8. (01-254 3743).

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CDA LAMBETH, 460 Wandsworth Road, London SW8. (01-720 1466). Grouping of existing working co-ops in Lambeth. Publications (see REVIEWS).

## CSU

The Co-operative Services Unit is the name adopted by the Co-op Housing Agency when it was absorbed into the Housing Corporation. A Directory of Housing Co-ops is planned later in the year.

CO-OPERATIVE SERVICES UNIT, 149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0BN. (01 387 9466).



The Co-operative Union is the national federation of British retail and associated co-operative societies and takes a friendly practical interest in new and emerging forms of co-operation. There are no strings attached to the advice and information given.

CO-OPERATIVE UNION LTD, Holyoake House, Hanover Street, Manchester (061 832 4300).

## Credit Union



We exist to promote and develop Credit Unions. This movement's unique financial service is based in the principles of mutuality, democratic ownership and control by members. We provide support services to bring new credit unions into existence. We want to create a public awareness of a local co-operative banking service that is under the ownership and control of the users.

Credit Unions operate under the Credit Union Act 1979 (model rules available on request). There are 62 credit unions, all separate and independent, with 11,400 members, handling around a million pounds of loan capital in the UK. Interest rates are never more than 1% month (by law) in the declining balance. Why not form a Credit Union for your co-operatives and their families.

THE CREDIT UNION LEAGUE OF GREAT BRITAIN, Ecumenical Centre, Firbeck, Town Centre, Skelmersdale, Lancashire WN8 6PN. (Skelmersdale (STD 0695) 31444).

## Diggers

Contact network throughout Albion (Britain and Ireland), applying 'The Earth as common treasury of all', as expressed by Winstanley in the Albion of 1649. Aim to bring politics to grass roots and away from executive centralization which causes class division and corruption in society.

DIGGERS OF ALBION, c/o Dave Stringer, PO Box 2, Fowey, Cornwall PL23 1YY.

## Education Otherwise

Education Otherwise is a group which offers a mutual support, advice and information network for families whose children are being educated out of school, and for those who are contemplating such a step. It was formed in 1977 and now has (Feb 1981) about 500 members, throughout the UK, of which about 120 are practising education out of school. Most of these work from their homes, using the resources of the local community often with help from neighbours and sometimes from specialist tutors; in a few cases several families have joined forces to form groups. Our membership is not limited to families with children; we welcome anyone who agrees with our aims and wishes to support us. The name is derived from Section 36 of the 1944 Education Act which says:

'It shall be the duty of the parent of every child of compulsory school age to cause him to receive efficient, full time education suitable to his age, ability and aptitude, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise'.

EDUCATION OTHERWISE, 18 Eynham Road, London W12.

## Fantasy Factory

We're not a collective but we do consider ourselves an alternative organisation (incidentally we don't equate collectivism with progress although in many cases this turns out to be the case). We're a reg. charity and a non-profit distributing company. OK? (company Ltd by guarantee). Fantasy Factory remains unique in London,



in its broadly-based common-carrier approach to the public access video concept. Our policy is to continue opening up access to television production and distribution at all levels, including the facilitation and encouragement of others carrying out related work.

FANTASY FACTORY VIDEO LTD, 42 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8NW. (01-405 6862).

## FWS

A coordinating committee for organisations concerned with health and welfare at rock festivals. We started in 1972, on the initiative of Release, and it is a registered charity, with trustees nominated by Civil Aid, NCVO, Festival Aid, Release, Samaritans, St John Ambulance and Source. FWS has a large collection of resource material, on festivals, which is open to anyone interested. We welcome contact from organisers, of coming events, and organisations/individuals interested in the welfare services at festivals.

Annual report and "Healthy Festival Sites" available from FWS.

FESTIVAL WELFARE SERVICES, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU. (01-636-4066)

## Future Studies

The Centre provides a contact point for an international network of people who wish to undertake objective and impartial research into alternative options. There is a LIBRARY. This contains the widest possible selection of up to date information, publications and contact addresses. It also helps readers maintain contact with new and existing movements. We see the FSC as a network and the library a form of readers co-op, and need a regular input of material for review and display from readers and groups. There is a NEWSLETTER. The main function of this is to co-ordinate research and enable readers

to keep in touch with one another and make contact with others who have complimentary interests. It also presents some of the mass of research in appropriate technology, peace studies etc being carried out at the moment.

The Centre particularly values its independence from political and religious philosophies and commercial interest. At present we are looking for people to come and join us and help here. Please write.

FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE, 15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR. (0532 459865).

## Green Cars

We offer advice to those wishing to own a car co-operatively. Running a car is expensive, so is buying even an old one! Some people prefer not to own cars because they are wasteful of energy and materials. Sharing a Green Car may be a useful alternative, particularly for journeys where public transport is not available. For details of how other 'Green Car' schemes have worked, what to do about insurance etc. send SAE to address below.

STEVE COUSINS, 11, Church Green Road, Bletchley, MK3 6BJ.

## Henry Doubleday



HDRA is the largest body of organic gardeners in Britain with more than 6500 members. There is a trial patch at Bocking, where research and experimentation into organic horticulture is carried out and a library. At the moment the most important work being done is the highlighting of the destructive effects E.E.C. legislation is having on traditional vegetable varieties. HDRA operates a vegetable seed lending library for members and has helped facilitate the first-vegetable gene bank at Wellesbourne, opened last October. A quarterly newsletter is available to members, there is also a catalogue listing organic products/books and slide shows available. Membership is £6 a year, £3.50 for OAP's.

HENRY DOUBLEDAY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, Convent Lane, Bocking, Braintree, Essex. (0376 24083).



## HIBD

See article on Community Co-ops.

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT BOARD,  
Bridge House, Bank Street, Inverness  
IV1 1QR, Scotland. (0463 34171)

## ICOF

Industrial Common Ownership Finance Ltd is a revolving fund which makes loans to enterprises which are members of the Industrial Common Ownership Movement. It has 9 Trustees including representatives of the Trade Union and Co-operative Movements.

INDUSTRIAL COMMON OWNERSHIP FINANCE LTD,  
4 St Giles Street, Northampton. NN1 1AA.  
(0604 37563)



ITDG seeks to facilitate and widen the choice of technologies to enable people to choose the products and processes most appropriate to their needs. We gather and disseminate information, undertake research and development in areas where we know there are 'technology gaps' and encourage the development of appropriate technology organisations. In Britain the group programme covers three main areas.

- 1) helping in the creation of a favourable environment for small enterprises, through a major expansion of Local Enterprise Trusts (LETS), independent, non-profit associations, promoting the setting up of small businesses at a local level.
- 2) providing support for widespread adoption of energy and material efficient systems through local energy groups.
- 3) fostering development and innovation of appropriate processes and products for small enterprises.

At present we are looking for £1 million in cash or kind in order to establish a 'Schumacher Centre' a focal point and centre for our work.

INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP,  
9 King Street, London WC2E 8HN.  
(01 836 9434/39, 836 6379).

## JOL

Job Ownership Ltd is a non-profit making company controlled by its members. The aim of JOL is to promote the theory and practice of highly successful industrial co-operatives at Mondragon in the Basque provinces of Spain.

JOL is active in trying to effect changes in company law which will recognise the 'Job Ownership Company' structure and in tax law which will facilitate the setting up of worker owned enterprises.

JOL's staff will advise and assist potential worker owners in both starting from scratch or converting from a conventional company to a worker owned company. JOL prepares feasibility studies and will, if required, 'midwife' a business through its early phases and continue in a fraternal advisory relation thereafter. JOL's consultancy fees are modest.

JOB OWNERSHIP LTD, 42/44 Hanway Street,  
London W1P 9DE. (01-637 0780).

## MOLA

The project has made little progress, but at present we are holding meetings with the intention of setting up a local group of Ecological Life Style Ltd. The 'Transit Community' will probably take the form of a wholefood guesthouse, run on co-operative lines. Then E.L.S. might possibly be able to help us acquire the land needed for a permanent community.

MALVERN AND DISTRICT ORGANIC LIVING ASSOC.  
c/o Dennis Nightingale-Smith, St Mary's  
Villa, Hanley Swan, Worcester, WR8 0EA.

## MAPW

The main objectives of the Medical Assoc. for Prevention of War are: to unite doctors in efforts to prevent war, to oppose the use of medical science for any purpose other than prevention and relief of suffering and to urge that resources at present used in war preparation be used to fight against disease and malnutrition. Membership or associate membership is open to those engaged in all fields of the medical profession.

MAPW, 238 Camden Road, London NW1 9HE.



## NUSS

Most schools do not even pretend to give us a say in how they are run. Some schools have school councils but these are useless because they have no power. To change schools we have to organise ourselves independently of teachers and parents and rely on campaigning and militant action to force changes.

In the long term we want schools to be run by democratically elected committees of students, all school staff and parents. Petty rules, uniform, detentions and corporal punishment all exist to make us "fit in our place" and not fight back - we object to these things because we have no say in whether or not they exist and we will organise campaigns against them until they are scrapped.

Publication BLOT 10p, or 5p for school students available from:

NATIONAL UNION OF SCHOOL STUDENTS,  
3 Endsleigh Street, London, WC1.  
(01-387 1277)

## New Villages

The New Villages Association was formed as a positive response to the problems facing the world today. We intend to establish self-sufficient New Villages to provide the basis for a sustainable and more hopeful society.

Annual Membership £5.

NEW VILLAGES ASSOCIATION FERC, Cleeve  
Prior, Eversham, Worcs.

## NWERAC

We aim to reduce unemployment and depopulation, by helping to set up worker and community co-ops and providing research into ways that the establishment can give greater assistance to them. We also support local groups, in providing self help, by ways of market research, legal assistance, information and contacts.

We started in 1979 and now employ 5 people; two field workers, a lawyer, a researcher and secretary. At present we are seeking

charitable status and welcome contact from similar groups and people in our area.

NORTH WALES EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE AND ADVICE CENTRE, Llawr 1 a 2 Floor, Bradford House, Stryd Dinbych, Llanrwst, Gwynedd, Gogledd, Cymru LL26 0LL (Llanrwst 641280).

## Regen. Tech.

"Regenerative Technology" was registered as a business name in 1977. Our objective is to investigate the following technologies:- Provide inventions and equipment capable of replacing the destructive trends currently threatening people everywhere; provide methods and equipment which are cheap enough to be accessible to everyone and suitable for small scale manufacture; and provide innovations and equipment so that poor people can help themselves out of their poverty and therefore suitable for people lacking remunerative work.

With research continuing RT now offers a service by supplying further information and/or sources of information about matters dealing with the real needs of people.

REGENERATIVE TECHNOLOGY, 22 Greywethers Avenue, Swindon SN3 10F.

## RRG

The group was formed in 1977 with the aim of stimulating and supporting a movement to the countryside, especially for people who wish to live and work, co-operatively, in sustainable rural communities. We have a general interest in the problems and opportunities of rural life and believe that its present serious decline can only be reversed by a 'healthy' input of people from urban areas. Our main activity is to provide information: we will answer queries by letter (enclose SAE). We also publish the Rural Resettlement Handbook and at present we are compiling the third edition which we expect to appear at the end of this year. See BOOKS section.

We are a group of between 12 and 20 people, some of whom (but not all) work in the countryside. The group is not limited to experts or to countrydwellers - anyone may join who shares our interests and is willing to put some work towards them.

RURAL RESETTLEMENT GROUP, 5 Crown Street, Oxford.

**SENSE**



We are a skills exchange network to help people learn practical skills suitable for a more self reliant, sustainable way of life. We produce lists of names and addresses of people willing to teach, an occasional newsletter listing courses around the country. We also have organisations and groups requiring help. though this can be a little one sided sometimes if not enough people offer skills. There is a small charge made for all our range of lists. Please send an SAE to find out more.

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**SKILLS EXCHANGE NETWORK FOR A STABLE ECONOMY**, 1 Merstow Cottages, Merstow Place, Ecesham, Worcs WR11 4AY.

**SERA**

Sera is a network organisation of radicals attempting to draw together the threads of a decentralist ecological socialism for the 80's.

We are involved in a wide range of campaigns on energy, transport, the collapsing infrastructure (ie.sewers falling in etc.) local socialism, new forms of co-operation plus municipal enterprise that is accountable to the people, against lead in petrol etc.

In our view an ecologically sustainable society would have to be an egalitarian co-operative society.

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**SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES ASSOC.**, 9 Poland Street, London W1. (01 439 3749)

**SSHC**

The S.S.H.C. was founded in Durham in June 1974, where its headquarters have remained. It is a national and voluntary organization.

Our sole aim is to support, advise and assist individual women who want a home confinement but meet with hostility, resistance and refusal of service when they try to make arrangements for medical attention for their pregnancy and delivery.

Our method is to work from each individual case, working out a procedure which will enable the woman to avoid arguments and confrontations by going straight to the people whose statutory duty it is



to get medical attention to her. We have no officers or subscriptions. We operate a wide national network of agents (who monitor the local situation, identifying areas of active hostility to home confinement).

We have produced a few leaflets to help women to follow procedures to secure medical attention and we have also secured statements from the D.H.S.S. to the effect that they do not approve of the methods used to force women into hospital against their will.

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**SOCIETY TO SUPPORT HOME CONFINEMENT**  
 H.Q 17 Laburnum Avenue, Durham.  
 (Durham 613 25).

**Well Hall**

After four years promoting the ideas of a sustainable lifestyle, Country College has moved to Well Hall. We now have courses in all kinds of environmental subjects and a one year residential course in either biological agriculture and horticulture or appropriate technology for rural areas. There are also one day events. Send SAE for further details.

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**WELL HALL COUNTRY COLLEGE**, c/o Anthony Wigns, Well, Alford, Lincolnshire.  
 (05212 6521)

**WWOOF**

Working Weekends on Organic Farms is an exchange: in return for working on organic farms, members receive meals, somewhere to sleep and, if necessary, transport to and from the local station.

Details of places in the UK needing help each weekend are listed in the newsletter, which is sent to members every two months.

SAE with all enquiries. See periodicals.

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**WWOOF**, 19 Bradford Rd., Lewes, Sussex.

**ACTION RESOURCE CENTRE**, 4 Cromwell Place, London SW7. Gone away.

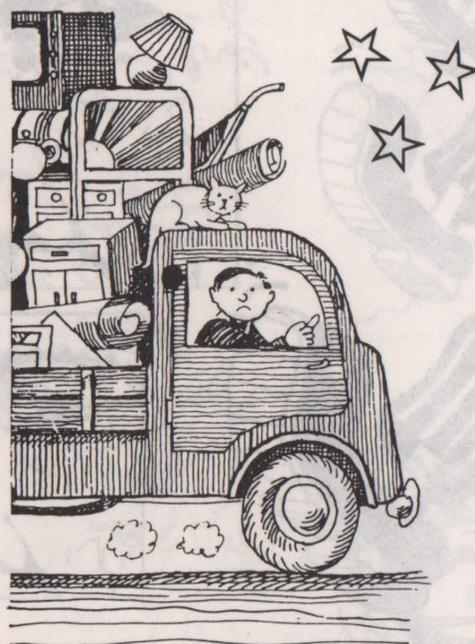
**ANDERSTOWN CO-OP**, 5 Anderstown Road, Belfast, N. Ireland. Gone away.

**BEAVER CARPENTRY CO-OP**, 7 Upper Cheltenham Place, Bristol BS6. Amalgamated with **BUILDIT** at 149 Lower Cheltenham Place.

**BRISTOL CO-OP FORUM**, 18 Bishop Road, Bishopston, Bristol 7, Avon. Dead. Address now used by **PIE IN THE SKY**, itinerant whole-food caterers.

**CAMPAIGN BOOKS**, West Library, Bridgeman Road, Islington, London N1. Gone away.

**COMBINE**, 7 Leicester Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Gone away.



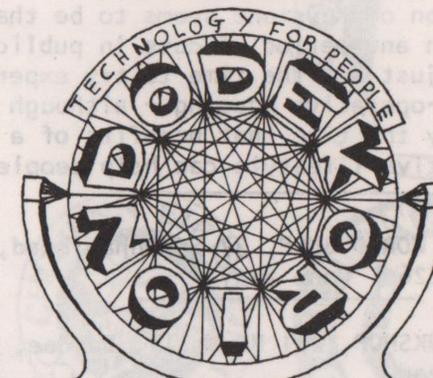
**CO-OPERATIVE JOB AGENCY**, Crouch End, London N8.

Our co-op job agency (low commission, mainly clerical, part-time/temp.) never got off the ground. We were thinking mainly in terms of jobs with charities. A postal survey of a small sample showed that the majority would not use outside paid helpers in times of staff shortage, instead relying on volunteers or just

'making do'; the few charities that were interested could only be very vague about their need for agency help - probably only a few weeks in the year. On the basis of the survey we decided to call it a day.

**CRAFT TAILORING CO-OP**, 1 Clayton Street, Birkenhead, Merseyside. Gone away.

**CRUMPSALL BUILDING CO-OP**, 14 Seymore Road, Crumpsall, Manchester 8. Dead.



"If I'd known I would have been a blacksmith."  
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**DODEKORION**, 57 St Denys Road, Portswood, Southampton.

Unfortunately Dodekorion is no longer in existence, as both the community and the business have collapsed, and all that remains is a large amount of headed notepaper! We wish you all the best of luck, and trust that some new co-ops are springing up around the country.

**EVERYDAY PRINTERS AND DESIGNERS**, 58 Bridge Street, Cardiff, Wales. Gone away.

**EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**, Moor Cote, Elingstring, Ripon, Yorks.

Thanks for the opportunity of inclusion in your directory. However, our group has now split up and we are in the process of cancelling our registration as a Society.

**GOVAN GRAIN STORE**, 830 Govan Road, Glasgow, Strathclyde. Gone away.

**GROVE BUILDERS CO-OP**, 1a St Charles Place, London W 10. Dead.

INDIVIDUALS LTD, 56 High Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Gone away.

KEYSTONE HOUSING CO-OP, 9 Colne, Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes.

In November 1980, after a year of meetings, discussions, and visits to sites, Keystone was dissolved. Suddenly the Milton Keynes Development Corporation cancelled a visit to sites, and the opening of formal negotiations. They seemed worried by the 'cuts' and afraid of losing control over housing as the supply shrank.

The lesson of Keystone seems to be that a recession and period of cuts in public housing is just not the time to try experiments of co-operative housing - although it's precisely the time that benefits of a more co-operative lifestyle can help people.

LEWISHAM WORLD SHOP, 37 Sydenham Road, London SE26. Gone away.

LOGOS BOOKSHOP, 251 Hawkhill, Dundee, Tayside. Dead.

MOBILITY ENGINEERING, Unit 49-51 Crowther Estate, Washington New Town, Tyne and Wear. Not known.

NEWHAM ALTERNATIVES PROJECT, 56 Dames Road, Forest Gate, London E7.

The future of this project is not too optimistic. For the past four years we have operated on Home Office Grant-in-Aid, but this was cut completely as from 31st December 1980. At present we are operating as volunteer staff, as a new application based on different (on paper!) proposals is considered by the Home Office, and while our Management Committee(sic!) explore further avenues for funding.

PHOENIX RECYCLING CO-OP, 10 Granville Park, London SE13.

Most of Phoenix's paper recovery operations will have ceased by the end of January 1981, due to the current desperate state of the waste paper salvaging trade. There is a possibility of continuing only on an extremely limited basis.

SELF HELP HOUSING RESOURCE LIBRARY, 2 - 6 Eden Grove, London N7.

Now that funding has been discontinued, the worker at SHHRL will be acting on a voluntary basis, and it seems likely that the project will fold in the Autumn.

RAFT CO-OP, 86d Telephone Place, Lillie Road, London SW6. Gone away.

SHEFFIELD COMMUNITY PRINTSHOP, 21 Brunswick Street, Sheffield, S. Yorks. Gone away.

TELEGRAPH TEXTILES, 8 Hatcham Park Road, London, SE14.

Liquidated September 1980. Production was not fast enough to bring in enough to cover overheads and wages. Lewisham Council will try to keep the workshops in use.



TUGBOAT FURNITURE CO-OP, 2a Cambridge Street, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Bucks. Dead.

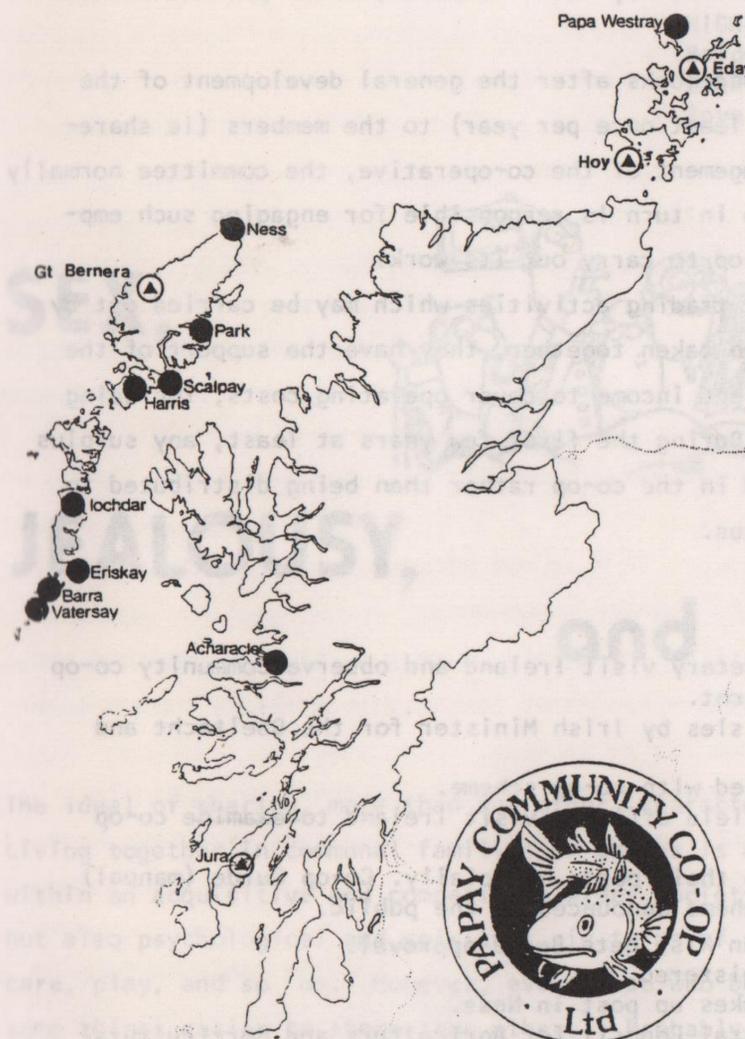
TAMESIDE WORKER'S CO-OP, 154 Long Lane, Charlesworth, via Hyde, Cheshire.

Co-op now defunct. Will write later.

## COMMUNITY CO-OPS in the Highlands and Islands.

Co-operative formed ●

Committee formed ▲



It was against a background of decline in remoter parts of the Highlands and Islands - in spite of many years of effort by a variety of agencies to attract outside development - that HIDB conceived its experimental community co-operative scheme. After an information period, the scheme was launched, initially in the Western Isles, in November 1977. The concept is that of community self help but backed up by a package of financial and practical assistance from the HIDB.

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE?

A community co-operative is a multi-functional business run for local benefit and directly owned and controlled by the community in which it operates. Some of its activities may be social in character, but it must make a profit overall. HIDB-sponsored community co-ops are registered, using special model rules, as Friendly Societies under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts.

Representatives of a substantial proportion of the households in the community would normally subscribe to shares in the co-operative. As well as receiving any dividend, bonus or other benefit which membership of the co-op may confer, shareholders are entitled as of right to elect a management committee (ie board of directors). In this, and other features they are of course similar to other co-ops. Unlike a normal limited company, where a shareholder's voting power is in proportion to his level of shareholding, voting in a co-op is on the basis of one man one vote. In this way local democracy takes precedence over powerful financial interests.

The management committee sets policies and looks after the general development of the business. It must report regularly (at least once per year) to the members (ie shareholders). To handle the day to day management of the co-operative, the committee normally appoints a paid professional manager who in turn is responsible for engaging such employees as are required to enable the co-op to carry out its work.

There is almost no limit to the range of trading activities which may be carried out by a community co-operative so long as, when taken together, they have the support of the community and are likely to earn sufficient income to cover operating costs, including the wages and expenses of the manager. During the first few years at least, any surplus (ie profit) would usually be re-invested in the co-op rather than being distributed to members in the form of a dividend or bonus.

## CHRONOLOGY OF SCHEME

November 1976	HIDB Chairman and Secretary visit Ireland and observe community co-op activity in the Gaeltacht.
April 1977	Visit to the Western Isles by Irish Minister for the Gaeltacht and officials.
August 1977	HIDB approval to proceed with co-op scheme.
September 1977	HIDB staff including field officers visit Ireland to examine co-op structures.
November 1977	Field officers take up their posts officially. Co-op Guide (manual) published and co-op scheme announced to the public.
May 1978	First co-op (Co Chomunn Nis) gets Board approval.
June 1978	Co Chomunn Nis Ltd registered.
December 1978	First co-op manager takes up post in Ness.
January 1979	Joint HIDB/CCAHC (Central Council for Agriculture and Horticultural Co-operation) Seminar/Workshop for co-op committees held in Stornoway. Model rules registered.
May 1979	First co-op outwith the Western Isles (Papay Community Co-operative Ltd., Orkney) registered.
June 1979	
September 1979	Third field officer, with responsibility for assisting co-ops outwith the Western Isles takes up office.
October 1979	First Seminar/Workshop for four Western Isles co-op managers held in Stornoway.
March 1980	Community co-op Assembly in lochdar.
October 1980	Community co-op Assembly in Ness.

## COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVES DIRECTORY.

BARRA COMMUNITY CO-OP, Co-op office, Castlebay, Isle of Barra.

CO-CHOMUNN AN IOCHDAIR, Talla an lochdair, Lochboisdale, South Uist. (08704 262).

CO-CHOMUNN BHATARSAIDH, The Community Hall, Watersay, Castlebay, Isle of Barra.

CO-CHOMUNN EIRISGEIDH, The Community Hall, Eriskay, Isle of South Uist. (08786 236)

CO-CHOMUNN NA HEARADH, An Clachan, Leverburgh, Isle of Harris. (0859 82370).

CO-CHOMUNN NA PAIRC, Tigh Sgoile, Ker-shader, Isle of Lewis. (085188 236).

CO-CHOMUNN NIS, 44 Habost, Fort of Ness, Isle of Lewis. (085181 585).

CO-CHOMUNN SCALPAIDH, Scalpay, Isle of Harris.

PAPAY COMMUNITY CO-OP, Beltane House, Isle of Papa Westray, Orkney. (08574 267)

TEACHD AR TIR, Cnoc Breac Folk Museum, Mingarry, Acharacle, Argyll.

(Co Chomunn is the Gaelic word for Community Co-op)

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Bridge House, Bank Street, Inverness IV1 1QR, Scotland. (0463 34171).

# SEX,

# JEALOUSY,

# and

# COMMUNES.



The ideal of sharing, more than any other, characterizes socialistic modes of living. Living together in communal families or groups is one way to practice a sharing lifestyle within an acquisitive and competitive wider society. The benefits are not only economic but also psychological and spiritual, in terms of shared warmth, love, trust, support, care, play, and so on. However, even those who believe firmly in an ethic of sharing find some things easier to share than others. Probably among the things most people find hardest of all to share, no matter how sincere their socialism may be, are children, space and lovers.

While it would be interesting to discuss all three and see if they are related, for reasons of space we must restrict ourselves to a discussion of sharing lovers and the problem of sexual jealousy. (Our experience of this is heterosexual only.)

First, at the risk of stating the obvious, let us be perfectly clear what we mean by sexual jealousy. We refer to a feeling of (often acute) tightness, discomfort or distress,

felt as a result of seeing one's partner (or believing them to be) involved in a sexual situation with someone else. I think we need to distinguish it from the hurt one feels at being excluded (one need not be excluded - jealousy still occurs in group-sex situations) and from simple envy (I wish she was kissing me instead of him, etc.) which is much less painful and destructive. No doubt jealousy can be mixed up with many other things but it seems to be a very powerful entity in its own right as well.

Secondly, sexual jealousy is not universal, though it may be very nearly so, and I do not have in mind those individuals who have used some therapeutic technique to overcome it. Some lucky people, both women and men, are 'born free', mysteriously, without any obvious reason. I am one of these, but it is a neutral fact about me for which I can claim no credit; it is not something I have achieved.

I think the test of non-jealousy is when one can delight in a partner's sexual experiences with someone else, just as one might be pleased about her having a good time in some other way. I find it sad that sex is so seldom celebrated as something joyous in this way, but treated as a 'problem', or as something better left unmentioned.

This article is mainly concerned with getting rid of jealousy within a close, sharing group who live together. This makes it easier in some ways and harder in others. The good points are that everything is out in the open and there are no 'hidden goings-on', and also that co-lovers are (hopefully) friends of one another and willing to offer help and support in dealing with any bad feelings. This is a great head-start in conquering the problem. The main disadvantage is that the situation is ever present - at any moment you may find me with my arms around 'your' lover etc., which may be a source of continuous stress.

Addressing myself to non-jealous partners in such circumstances, this is what I think we can do to help:

1. Remember that other people get jealous. As I am not part of that scene I find it very easy to simply forget all about it until somebody 'explodes'.
2. Make a clear interim contract and stick to it. This is very difficult and means that one can not be spontaneous, but carrying the burden of jealousy is probably even nastier so it is the least we can do.
3. Give encouragement and appreciation whenever your partner behaves in a non-jealous way. This may seem like a tacit acknowledgment that jealousy is 'natural' or that they have rights over you which they are setting aside, but try to regard it as encouraging someone to recover from some nasty and painful neurosis.
4. Never make comparisons between different lovers. This is allowing one's self to be sucked in to the competitive culture all around which is feeding jealousy at its roots.
5. Keep the general level of communication as high as possible. Deal with problems as they come up, don't let them fester, and above all remember to share good feelings. If you are getting double or triple portions of love you have something to feel good about, and something to thank people for.

David (of the Learners)

I entered into my relationship with David knowing that it was to be a multiple relationship and choosing to try to eliminate sexual jealousy in myself. I might add that I only feel sexual jealousy strongly and others such as financial jealousy only mildly. My rea-

sons for embarking on this project were and are both personal and political. I see the sharing ethic as desirable and on a World wide level would work towards World Peace and the elimination of poverty and starvation. My Feminism prompts me to treat other women as allies instead of competitors for 'my man'. My personal reason is that I would like to offer David the freedom that he offers me.

I have had 3 years experience of living in an open relationship and feel that I am half way towards my aim of feeling good about David's other lovers.

We have tried to analyse the background of people who feel jealous and those who don't but have come up with no common pattern. I have come to the conclusion that trying to analyse the roots of my jealousy is unnecessary and unhelpful. I do however realise that it is bound up with self-image, trust and attitudes to sex.

I have made mistakes in my past which I'd like to share with others embarking on such a journey. At first I tried to push myself too far, too fast, so would now advise anyone to embark on a specific event only when they feel ready for it. I found and still find it difficult to own up to my jealousy when I am experiencing it as I am ashamed of the hate and nastiness within me, especially as in my case David is never that way. So I'd advise anyone to own up to their feelings - they come out in the end usually. I previously tried to hide my jealousy thus sending out false messages and getting into traumatic situations. I now aim to express my needs assertively instead of bottling up my feelings and then exploding.

As David mentioned we have devised a certain agreement or unwritten and flexible contract which I see as an interim measure. It includes such points as:

1. David will come back to me at a previously arranged time so that I am not kept anxious or waiting. This would be for a shortish period at first - maybe one night and build up as things progressed.
2. I should always be kept fully informed.
3. I prefer friendship and communication directly with the other woman and not through David which means wires do not get crossed.
4. We only all sleep together when everyone is 100% happy about such a situation.

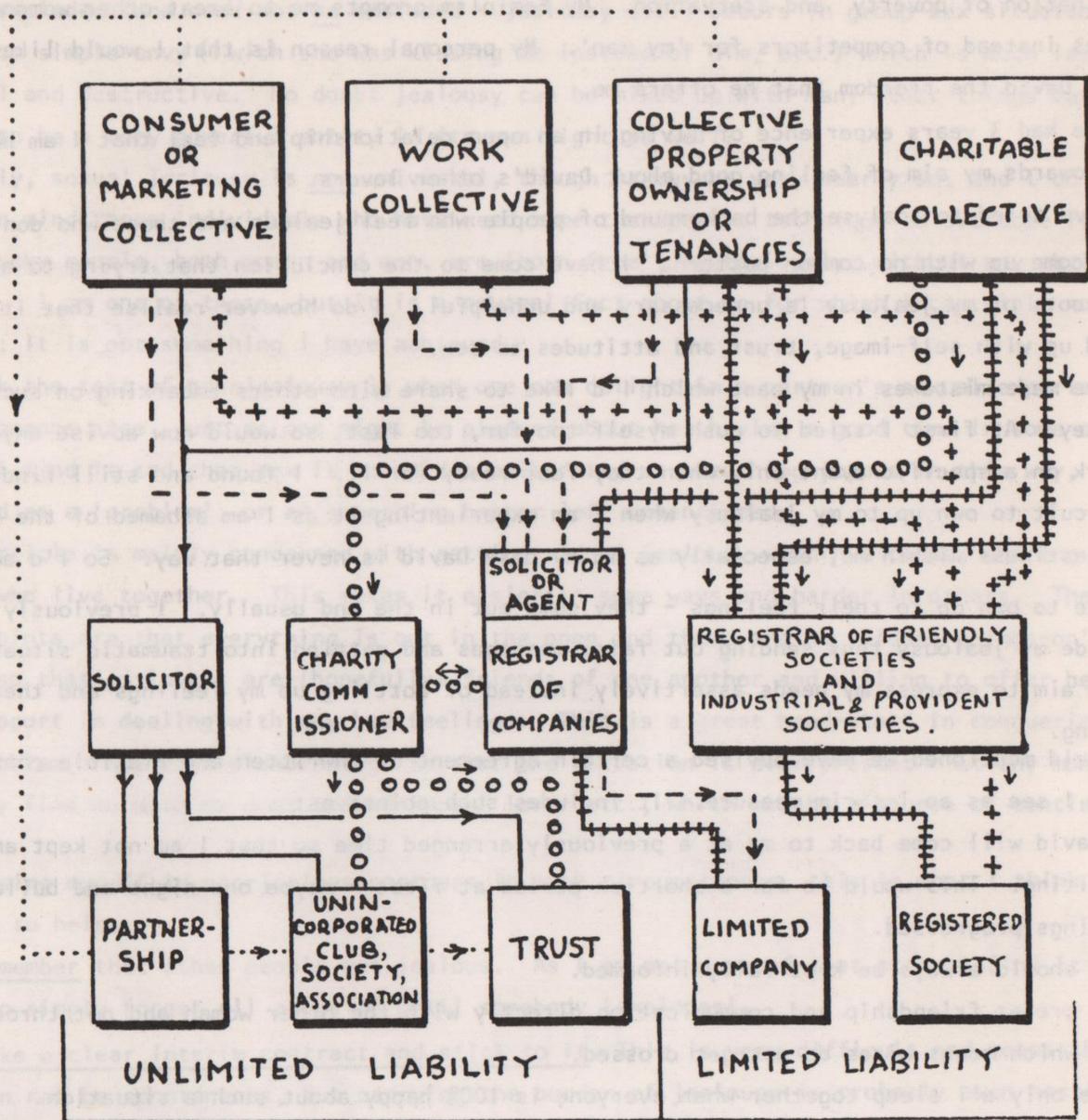
I would recommend the section on jealousy in the book 'Getting Clear - Body Work for Women' by Anne Kent Rush, though she makes some assumptions that do not apply to us.

Finally I would advise a monogamous period at the beginning of a new relationship (though of course, that's not possible in some circumstances) for getting to know each other and building up security.

So Good Luck to you all.

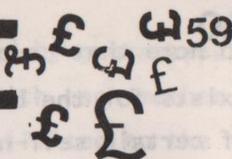
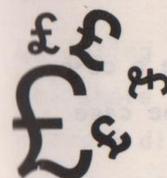


- Jean (of the Learners)



KEY TO PATHWAYS.

- ..... VERBAL AGREEMENT OR SIMPLE RULES.
- CONTRACT.
- ++++ CO-OPERATIVE RULES.
- COULD BE CO-OPERATIVE 'ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION'.
- oooo CHARITABLE CONSTITUTION.
- ++++++ COULD BE A CHARITABLE CONSTITUTION.



A legal framework establishes the internal relationship between members of a group, and the external relationship between the group and the outside world. A loose Collective may operate purely on a day to day basis of friendly verbal agreements, which is fine where there is a high level of commitment and trust, but can it rely on the outside world to honour agreements? Can it rely on people? If your answer is no, then your cosy Collective is forced to seek a set of rules and a framework to hang them on.



If a loose Collective does nothing to formalise its rules, its relationship with the outside world will be automatically deemed to be a Partnership, with every partner totally liable for every collective decision and debt. If they refine their internal rules and draw up a contract between members, they will then shift towards something resembling an unincorporated association, club, or society. Unincorporated means that the group entity is the sum of its members and has no separate legal personality. To have some protection against the outside world, and inspire confidence when borrowing money, the Collective needs to become incorporated, registered, and have limited liability, thus creating a 'Thing', a separate entity which can be sued independently. The trouble with this 'Thing' is that it can cause ideological stress by dictating internal rules, and have an insatiable appetite for legal fees and taxes. The trick in finding a legal framework is to get the internal part of your rules accepted - especially if you are a radical or idealistic group - and to choose an inexpensive path.

The diagram opposite shows some possible paths to be taken by Collectives in their search for a legal framework. Pioneer groups hack their own paths, expending time and money to get to their goal. Organisations invest time and money to make new rules into a saleable commodity. If a group similar in aims and structure to yours has already made a path (model rules) you could follow their example and end up where they are quite quickly. Looking at the diagram, the four main categories of Collective are in the top boxes, and are linked by various paths or rules, via the legal bodies in the centre boxes, to the final frameworks in the lower boxes. If you are pioneering a new set of rules, you may get stuck in the centre boxes for quite some time, or you may not be allowed through at all; i.e. a Work Collective routing through the Charity Commissioner. It is interesting

to note that co-operative paths do not run with charitable paths, this is because a co-op exists for the benefit of its members, which is not a charitable aim except in the case of certain self-help groups with disadvantaged members.

#### REGISTERED SOCIETY.

The legal framework most favoured by the co-operative movement in the U.K. is registration with the Registrar of Friendly Societies under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts. Friendly Societies are an out-moded framework typified by the Working Men's Club; it is I & PS registration that is of interest here.

You do not need the services of a solicitor when submitting model rules to the Registrar of FS, but if you are using your own rules you will almost certainly have to pay a solicitor to draw up the rules and make any changes deemed necessary by the Registrar. Model rules are quicker and cheaper to use, but if they are protected by copyright you will have to pay a fee to the agent who owns the copyright, and the agent may insist on submitting the rules for you. A Registered Society must have a minimum of seven members, but some of them can be 'sleepers' who only wake up to vote at meetings. There is an initial registration fee for a Society, and annual accounts must be audited. Members enjoy limited liability. A Charity registered I & PS acts does not need to register with the Charity Commissioner.

#### REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES.

17 North Audley Street, London W1Y 2AP. (01-629 7001).  
19 Heriot Row, Edinburgh EH3 6HT. (031-556 4371).  
43/47 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4RJ. (0232-34121).



BASIC CHARGES: Friendly Societies £130 own rules + solicitor's fees at about £40 per hour.  
I & PS £179 own rules + solicitor's fees.  
Model rules £84 + agent's fees.  
Annual auditing fees of, say, £100, depending on complexity of accounts.

#### SOME MODEL RULES AND AGENT'S FEES.

Consumer or Marketing Co-op: ACE, 84 Church Street, Wolverton, Bucks. (0908-314977).  
Nominal charge to cover postage and printing.  
Workers' Co-op: ICOM, Beechwood College, Elmete Lane, Leeds LS2 2LQ. (0532-651 235).  
Total package for existing member (including registration) £84.  
Total package for new member £129.  
Society for the Benefit of the Community (charitable): FOE, 54/57 Allison Street, Birmingham 5. (021-632 6909). Nominal charge.  
Neighbourhood Co-op to include part-time, voluntary workers, and participation of members of local community: CDA, 20 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ. (01-211 4633).  
Total package including registration £89. (other frameworks contemplated).  
Housing Co-op not registered with Housing Corporation: PIC, printed in the publication 'Alternative England and Wales' with useful notes. No charge.  
Housing Association having charitable status, or a housing co-op:  
NFHA, 30/32 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HE. (01-240 2771).  
SFHA, 56 Hanover Street, Edinburgh EH2 2DX. (031-226 6810).  
NIFHA, 123 York Street, Belfast BT15 1AB. (0232-30447).  
Total package £226.  
Housing Co-op without Committee: HE0, 157 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8UU. (01-633 9377).  
Total package £130.

#### REGISTERED COMPANY.

There are indications that a move from registration as a Society to registration as a Company may be a future trend for U.K. co-operatives, because it is easier to modify the rules (articles of association) to suit the needs of the Collective. There are two kinds of Company; the capitalistic kind where a hierarchy of shareholders control the Company

by voting in proportion to the number of shares held, and a Company limited by guarantee. The share limited Company can be modified to work on co-operative lines, with each member being a director and holding equal value shares. A member's liability is limited to the amount paid for shares. Care must be taken to ensure that the Company limited by shares has protection against 'takeover bids' written into its rules, and that decision-making accords with co-operative principles.

A Company limited by guarantee has no share capital, instead, each member guarantees to pay, say, the sum of £1 if the Company folds; this is an inherently co-operative framework, with the disadvantage that money cannot be raised by selling shares. With the modern tendency to raise capital by borrowing, the disadvantage is slight, and applies anyway to a registered Society.

Companies must have a minimum of two members. An annual charge of £20 is levied by the Registrar of Companies when audited accounts are submitted, and access to the Registrar must always be via a solicitor or agent. A charitable Company in England or Wales must also register with the Charity Commissioner.

#### REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

Companies Registration Office, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff CF 43 UZ.  
(0222-388 588).

Companies House, 55 City Road, London, EC1. (01-253 9393).

102 George Street, Edinburgh. (031-225 5774).

For free advice on registering a Company, look up your local SMALL FIRMS INFORMATION SERVICE in the phone book (some are Freephone).

BASIC CHARGES: New Company £50 + solicitor's or agent's fees.  
Change of name £40.  
Annual charge £20 + auditor's fees.

#### SOME MODEL RULES AND AGENT'S FEES.

Co-operative Company based on 'Mondragon' principles, limited by shares: JOL, 42 Hanway Street, London W1P 9DE. (01-637 0780). Sliding scale based on means, £50 upwards.  
Company limited by guarantee, not charitable: ICOM (see above, same fee as their Society).

#### CHARITY.

This section cover charities which are not registered Societies or limited Companies, and which do not have limited liability. The Charity could be an unregistered Society, Association, or a Trust. In the case of a Collective which exists for the benefit of others, and takes no wages, it is possible to draw up a simple set of rules (constitution) and register it with the Charity Commissioner at no cost at all, and the annual accounts need not be audited. This deceptively simple process seldom works in practice, and it assumes that the constitution is perfect. If the CC objects to clauses in your constitution you could run up a sizable bill in solicitor's fees to put the constitution right. Also, we have been told that, because of the large number of registrations in recent years, the CC is challenging clauses in model constitutions which were previously accepted.

The four main charitable aims are; the relief of poverty, the advancement of education, the advancement of religion, and 'other purposes beneficial to the community'. Charities in Scotland and Northern Ireland do not need to register with the CC. Charities enjoy property rates relief of 50% or more and exemption from some taxes, but the Inland Revenue may challenge the tax status of a registered Charity.



A Trust is a time honoured way of getting something from somebody (a donation in cash or kind) and passing it on via the Collective (Trustees) to somebody else who could be the community at large, or a section of it (beneficiaries). A Trust is a simple and inexpensive framework that might be easy to register with the CC. Trustees are allowed to draw legitimate out-of-pocket expenses, and there can be remunerated worker-trustees (if they have special skills and are fewer in number than a majority of the quorum). Trustees do not normally enjoy limited liability unless they are conforming exactly to the terms of the Trust with the full approval of the CC. A Trust must have a minimum of two trustees.

#### CHARITY COMMISSIONER.

14 Ryder Street, St James's, London SW1Y 6AH. (01-214 6000).  
Graeme House, Derby Square, Liverpool L2 7SB. (051-227 3191).

Charities in Scotland and N. Ireland should contact:

Scottish Council for Social Service, 18/19 Claremont Crescent, Edinburgh EH7 4QD. (031-556 3882).  
Charities Branch, Northern Ireland Department of Finance, Stormont, Belfast. (021-236 1264).

Copies of model constitutions and Trust deeds can be consulted at:

CC, St Alban's House, 55/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. (01-214 6000) or  
CC Liverpool (see above).

#### INLAND REVENUE

There are many offices all over the country, look in your phone book. For tax exemption for Charities in England and Wales, and N. Ireland try:

Charities Division, Magdalen House, Stanley Precinct, Bootle, Lancs L69 9BB. (051-922 8711).

Claims Branch, Trinity Park House, South Trinity Road, Edinburgh EH5 3SD. (031-552 6255).

#### A FEW CAUTIONARY WORDS.

Always check in advance with organisations what their scale of charges are, and look for hidden extras. Allow for V.A.T., rule revisions, and printing costs. Spend as much time as possible with the Inland Revenue to discover what tax penalties might be imposed in the future, if you change your structure, sell property, or if members leave. Look at recent changes in the law to see how they might affect your financing or structure (the 'Cuts' and the 'Right to Buy' with Housing Co-ops are obvious examples). Watch out for the pioneering of new rules. Speak to hardened framewokers. When contacting Government funded agencies, find out what political or other 'strings' might be attached to their model rules or offers of finance.

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Doug Bollen.

# FAIR GROUND

## Housing Cooperative



## The First Maxi Co-op

Fair Ground is a secondary housing co-operative providing a range of services to its member co-ops, including advice on legal and financial problems, support for major maintenance or construction projects, and acting as a pressure group to represent the interests of communes. It is also an alternative financial institution in which people can safely invest their savings where they will be used to finance co-operatively owned property. In fact it is a federation of independent communes.

As Fair Ground we want to share our houses and land. When we commonly own our property we share equally the power and responsibility that ownership entails. We want to put control in the hands of the users. As members of Fair Ground we will have that control over our land and houses which is often given to non-accountable bodies such as banks, building societies or the State. Member co-ops will be encouraged and helped to become loving custodians of the houses and land with the security of knowing that their property will always be co-operatively used.

Properties of member groups will belong to Fair Ground. Leases between Fair Ground and the member groups will regulate the legal aspects of that relationship, leaving the management of its own property as far as possible in the hands of the member co-op. In Fair Ground groups will have to forgo any right to the equity, the gain or loss in value after all debts have been paid for their property, either when individuals leave or if the group folds. It is Fair Ground that stands to gain or lose in these circumstances.

The size of the contribution (rent) payable by each group to Fair Ground for their property will be determined by negotiation at a meeting of all the groups concerned. General meetings are held every three months to discuss for example, new groups wishing to join, policy for accepting loans, how to repay someone who wishes to return to a conventional lifestyle etc. This general meeting is the decision making body of Fair Ground and on voting taken by mandated delegates each commune has one vote. In practice we invariably work by consensus, just as our member groups do in managing their own affairs, since to co-operate effectively we need to listen to each other and to reach decisions that have the support of all our members.

Most existing loans on member group's property will be transferred to Fair Ground. Members of existing groups will have the advantage of having lent to a secondary housing co-op and

if they leave their group they can choose to withdraw their money or leave it where it is until its needed. If they move to another group within Fair Ground there should be no need to move any money since it should all belong to Fair Ground at least as a loan. We also expect to raise loans from people, outside the member groups. A number of people have indicated their intention to provide capital in this way. As things stand the main concept of loans involves loan stock at an interest rate agreed between the lender and Fair Ground. The loan stock certificate is like a glorified receipt defining the terms of the loan and it can be bought and sold. Regardless of the length of the loan we would expect to repay a lender within three months of being asked to do so. We will be open to gifts and to loans that are intended to be left in for long periods. In the case of a lot of money being withdrawn we will always be able to fall back on borrowing from conventional financial sources using the deeds of the properties as security. In general we would rather borrow from people who want to put their money into a set-up where it will support communal housing as an alternative to the narrower outlook of conventional building societies. We hope to borrow at lower or non-existent interest rates. There will have to be tax paid on interest before it is handed over to lenders.

Thus, Fair Ground is intended as a support structure for members and as a method of actively assisting other existing or potential communal co-ops to achieve their aims. This support and assistance may be financial, social or cultural. Right now we can provide information and encouragement for groups moving towards common ownership. We will shortly be in a position to help under capitalised groups, groups who need help with providing the capital with which to set themselves up, and those communities who are in crisis because of the 'rich member leaving with all their cash' syndrome. To this end we are also raising capital from those who, whether they are members or not, feel they can invest in our project in preference to the more conventional forms of investment.

But we must not become over concerned with finance to the exclusion of the social and cultural aspects of Fair Ground; for in the long run it is on our inter-relationships at a personal level that our success will largely be based. We want to pay close attention to the process by which we attain our aims. We intend to encourage a deep conception of active democracy with the emphasis on the autonomy of individual groups. We see the influence we may bring to bear on each other, both as individuals and as groups, not as interference but as potentially loving and active support. While skilful and decisive action will be necessary if we are to grow, we aim to take such action in an open and sensitive way.

For further information about Fair Ground please write to Gina or Mac, Fair Ground, Wheatstone, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Salop. (enclosing a s.a.e.)



# BEWARE THOSE GIFT HORSES!



*I've just come from the Manpower Services Commission.*

1981 should be renamed the year of the bandwagon. So far this year, we have seen the introduction of Neighbourhood Service Co-operatives, Community Business Ventures, Training Co-operatives, and the Community Enterprise Programme.

What are these extraordinary new schemes? Do they have anything to offer or are they just short-term palliatives? Who are the promoters of these ideas and what are their motives?

Urban Programme and the CDPs were the forerunners of Governmental 'experiments' into social reconstruction only to be succeeded by the Inner City Partnership programme (now on its last dying legs). The irony of these programmes was that they represented a minute proportion of the money being sucked out of the inner cities into the Regional Development areas and the South East.

As the recession really started to bite in 1975, the Job Creation Programme was launched. It offered to far sighted voluntary organisations the means to improve services to their local community, enhance the environment and the chance to experience the problems and opportunities of the business world. For those who ventured to produce goods or services for sale on the open market, the lessons were hard. A few regarded the programme as a means to experiment with alternative forms of business organisation, such as co-operatives; others attempted to provide basic skill training in areas where apprenticeships had either been lost altogether or were rapidly disappearing. This experimentation was only possible because the expansion of the Manpower Services Commission had been so rapid that most of the Civil Servants thrust into its employ had little idea of what day of the week it was.

This glorious hey day was, however, marred by the obvious drawbacks of the programme; the 52 week rule, lack of capital for equipment, materials and overheads, insufficient flexibility in management structure and general shortsightedness. Many people contributed to the Review of Special Programmes and lobbied hard, hoping to see realistic schemes emerge which would be geared to the needs of the unemployed and their communities. Here was the chance to provide a sheltered environment for embryonic small firms and co-operatives. The review was published and they were bitterly disappointed. Administrative and bureaucratic control were tightened, allowances for overheads were reduced and the programme split into two. The Youth Opportunities Programme was to offer 'training opportunities' for 16 - 19 year olds on a pitifully, insultingly low 'training allowance'.

The Special Temporary Employment Programme, for over 19s was to offer 'real work' for a 'real wage' again insufficient to attract skilled supervisors to run the projects.

May 1981 will see the introduction by the MSC of the Community Enterprise Programme immortalised in its documentation by the words "Look around you, you will see jobs which need to be done. Look again and you will see the people to do them". CEP is, not surprisingly, the STEP programme renamed with only minor changes. Schemes will be approved for 2 years instead of 1 and the age limit will be dropped to 16. Little else has changed. The Manpower Services Commission is still the same monolithic demigod bulging with ill programmed automatons who too frequently announce "I am sorry. I am new to this post. I will have to consult my boss", meaning, "Buzz off! The answer is no! If you insist on hearing it formally, it will take three months to tell you just to muck up your project". Nothing new there.

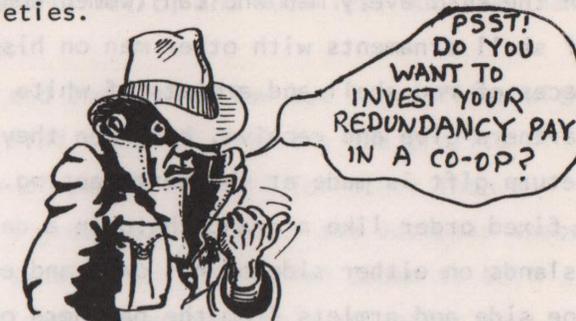
What of the Neighbourhood Service Co-operatives? Recently invented by the struggling National Co-operative Development Agency, the cynic would suggest that idea is nothing but a dangerous publicity ploy.

The CDA argue in their new pack that Neighbourhood Service Co-ops are "Specially tailored to suit the needs of a co-operative employing a small number of people to provide services in a limited area". However, if you look more closely, the model seems to be 'specifically tailored' to court disaster. Essentially, the CDA have widened the concept of membership (with the approval of the Registrar!) into 3 categories; full-time employees, part-time employees and 'occasional' employees. The latter category is the problematic one. Model rule 4c states that occasional employees are persons who reside in the specified neighbourhood and "may from time to time give help or advice to the society which could only normally be obtained from a professional or from an institution or other body". (Whatever that means). It appears, therefore, that membership through 'occasional employee' status is open to almost anyone and any number of people residing in the specified area who offers any sort of 'advice' or 'help' whatever.

Since the model rules have been accepted under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts the minimum membership is 7. It is quite possible, therefore, that a co-op employing only a small number of people could be controlled almost entirely by "occasional employee" members, particularly if they dominate the management committee (minimum 3). This potential seems to be a fundamental confusion of the aims of a co-operative to serve a particular interest group, be they the providers or recipients of a service. (Setting aside the almost defunct Co-operative Productive Federation rules which allowed for outside shareholders) any such basic confusion is liable to lead to conflict of interest and an enterprise which is not a true co-operative at all. Even the CDA acknowledge that there could be problems, particularly in relation to management, decision making, control and accountability. (Page 19) "The mix of full time, part time and occasional members could well heighten these problems.....and groups wishing to register should consider how they could be overcome".

A community wishing to establish a co-operative would be well advised to steer clear of this model and instead adopt the new Industrial Common Ownership Movement model rules for a Company Limited by Guarantee. Registered under the Companies Acts, the model provid-

es for a minimum membership of 2. Local support could be harnessed through an advisory committee whose role would diminish or dissolve with the passage of time as the co-op increases its number of employees or gains confidence in its own abilities. If the recipients of the service (rather than employees) wish to control the enterprise they could use the model of the traditional retail societies.



The CDA, as a helping agency, has been singularly arrogant in claiming to speak for the whole of the co-operative movement, it has claimed as its own many of the hard won successes of grassroots organisations and co-operators, opting for flirtations with politicians, local authorities and the national press. If they had only sought the advice and help of co-ops themselves, the CDA could have provided a real service to the movement. The Neighbourhood Service Co-operative Model rules are a product of these trends. Beware those gift horses!

Peter Blackfern.

## THE KULA EXCHANGES OF THE TROBRIANDERS

The *Kula* is a system of gift-exchanges, found in the Trobriand Islands and other parts of Melanesia, that has often been used to demonstrate particular economic theories but few of them as original as that of Marcel Mauss, a nephew of Emile Durkheim who published a short but brilliant book in 1925 called *Essai sur le Don; Forme Archaique de l'exchange* (The Gift).

The basic theme of Mauss' work was that one belongs to others and not to oneself, and that this attachment to others is expressed by subordinating one's own ambitions to the common interest. Mauss tried to show the fundamental significance of institutions such as the *kula*, which at first sight seem confusing or even meaningless, partly in order to help us understand our own institutions and, he hoped, improve them. He points out that we miss something by substituting a rational economic system for a system in which the exchange of goods and services was not a mechanical but a moral transaction, bringing about and maintaining human, personal relationships between individuals and groups. He saw us as taking our own social conventions too much for granted, and tried to make people see how recent many of them are and how ephemeral they will always prove to be.

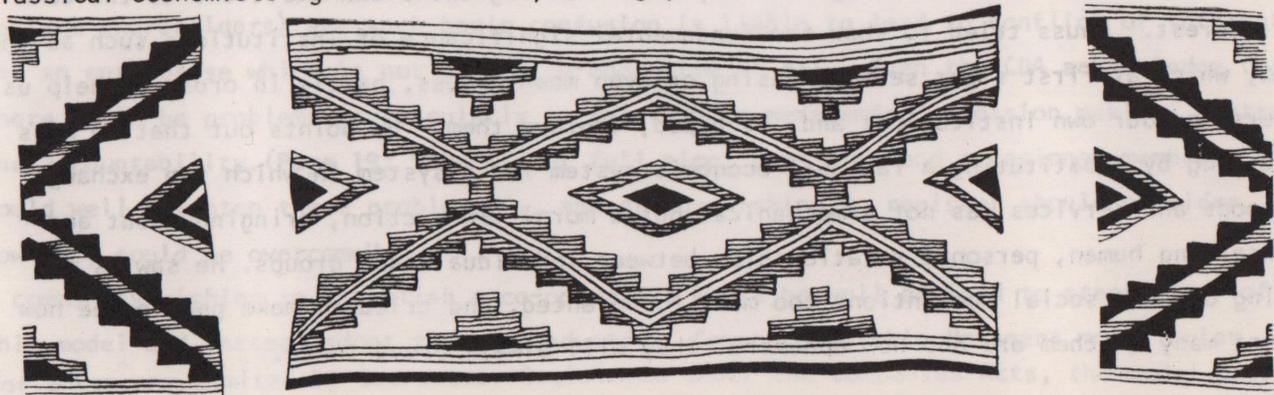
The act of presentation, the gift, was seen by him as a 'wise precept' running through human evolution, and argued that we could do worse than adopt it as a principle for action. "We should come out of ourselves and regard the duty of giving as a liberty, for in it there lies no risk".

In the *kula* every man who can (women don't take part) forms partnerships for the exchange of shell ornaments with other men on his own and on other islands. The exchange of necklaces of red shell and armbands of white shell is not a single transaction in which both partners give and receive, but when they meet, the one whose turn it is makes a gift; the return gift is made at the next meeting. Exchanges are made in all directions, but in a fixed order like a grand chain in a dance. Each man's overseas partners are in the islands on either side of his own, and each man receives necklaces from the partners on one side and armbands from the partners on the other. These valuables are used solely for the purposes of the *kula* exchange: the most highly prized are named, and some are so valued that the history of who has had them, and their whereabouts at any given time, is known. No-one can keep a *kula* object for long, because after a short period during which it is worn at ceremonials it must pass on to one of his partners. The *kula* partner on another island becomes an ally who can be called on for protection, so the *kula* exchange acts as a means of establishing peaceful contact between peoples who without it would take enmity for granted.

From his studies Mauss drew the conclusion that society must take a new direction, based on moral transformation, because, he said, "Social insurance, solicitude in mutuality or co-operation, are better than the mere personal security guaranteed by the daily wage handed out by management, and better even than the uncertainty of capitalist savings".

People have only recently been turned into economic animals by Western society, Mauss said, because beforehand the motivation for all our actions was quite different, as "It is not long now since we became machines - calculating machines". Within the societies he described he saw the individuals, even the more influential, as less serious, avaricious, and selfish than us. He concluded that there was no middle path - only complete trust or mistrust. In giving everything away from hospitality to property, he said, people learn to renounce what was theirs and create bonds to give and repay.

Mauss repeatedly pointed out how the economy of gift exchange failed to conform to the principles of utilitarian economics. Various economic activities, such as the market, are closely linked up with ritual and myth; they have a ceremonial character which the classical economists ignored when they (wrongly) deduced that the barter or *permutatio*



of useful articles was the origin of the division of labour. Contrary to this view Mauss said that there are other factors apart from utility which makes goods circulate in what he called "these multifarious and fairly enlightened societies". In view of the complex relationships woven between clans, tribes, and age groups, they are in a state of 'perpetual economic effervescence' which is not all materialistic, and much less mundane than our methods of buying, selling and hiring services.

Mauss thought that the whole field of industrial and commercial law was in conflict with morality. He wanted to see that changed, and to find a way of limiting the profits of speculators and producers which ignored the needs of people to work for other than a merely financial motive. He wanted to return to a group morality, to see economic theory and practice rise to the 'social' level, as some syndicalist groups had shown to be possible in his day, and as his reading of the evidence from neolithic and other societies also proved was the older economic system.

It was only after the relatively recent victory of rationalism and mercantilism that the notions of profit and the individual gained any meaning, and became raised to the level of principles that we must follow. "The best economic procedure", Mauss wrote, "is not to be found in the calculation of individual needs...the mere pursuit of individual ends is harmful to the ends and peace of the whole society, to the rhythm of its work and pleasures".

Nick Hanna

## THE NEED FOR THE LIBERATION OF LEARNING



One does not have to look very far to see that the human condition leaves much to be desired. Close to home there are thousands of people homeless whilst homes lie empty and construction workers are unemployed; our expenditure on our capacity to annihilate each other exceeds our expenditure on healing services; for centuries military methods

have been used in an attempt to solve the essentially political problems across the Irish sea; we are poisoning our planet and exhausting its resources; thousands of people starve to death every day whilst the E.E.C. has problems of food "mountains". The list may be endless.

It is apparent that the manner in which we approach these problems is ineffective, and thus a change in which we perceive them may provide answers. A change in the way we educate each other may lead to a change in perception. At present establishment education is little more than a systematic exposure to the dominant culture at a given point in space and time. It perpetuates the social and political values which have failed time and time again to get rid of inequities. Whereas changes in our concepts of education and learning may not be enough, they must be essential to any meaningful change.

There are three major objections to current educational practice:-

(1) What is taught This is self explanatory. As an example children are taught to bow to such organised mysticism as the authoritarian State, the nuclear family, and the church and its equivalents.

(2) The way teaching occurs. In the classroom there is generally a one-way flow of information. Acceptance of authority figures (teachers, textbooks, politicians, the media) is encouraged because pupils are rarely required to critically examine what they are taught. The norm is accept, file and regurgitate - children become depositaries in which unrelated bits of knowledge are stored. A one-way information flow acts in the interests of elites, which maintain their position by non-communication of certain forms of knowledge and by relying on people not to question and evaluate information to which they are exposed. By controlling the way information is transferred, what information is transferred, and how this information is received, ruling elites can effectively influence the way society develops. Another effect of the dominant teaching method is shown in a pupil's self-awareness - that discovering knowledge is none of their business, that the pupil's own judgement is subservient to the voice of authority, that the pupil's own ideas are inconsequential. In addition, the emphasis on 'right' and 'wrong' answers leads to the legitimising of only certain forms of knowledge.

(3) Schools. The existence of schools is antithetical to any concept of liberated learning, since it develops the idea that 'learning' is separate from the rest of life. No matter what is taught or how it is taught, if learning takes place in schools it cannot be liberatory, whether the school be so-called 'public' or so-called 'free'. In considering de-schooling, we should consider how assisted learning can occur. These can be split into three different paradigms:-

(a) The instructional paradigm. This is the programmed learning stereotype employing operant conditioning, where the subject matter is emphasised as the object of learning. Little scope is given to the pupil for criticism or following his/her own interests. The motivation for learning is feedback reinforcement. It is the dominant paradigm under which learning occurs in establishment education.

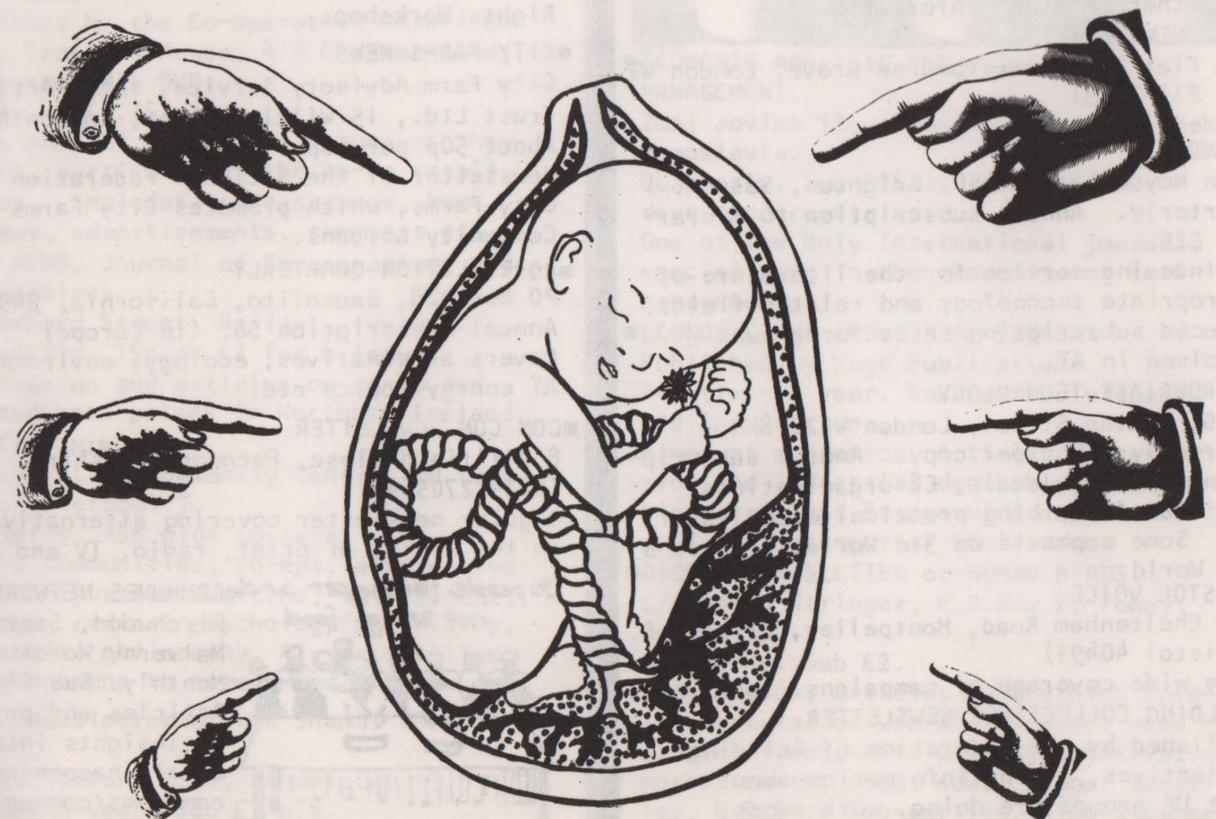
(b) The revelatory paradigm. Here key concepts are gradually revealed to the pupil as he/she attempts to discover them. This is the paradigm under which 'progressive' and 'free' education operate. What the pupil learns is limited by what the teacher permits.

(c) The conjectural paradigm. This assumes that knowledge is created through experience and evolves as a socio-psychological process. The "teacher" assists the learning process by questioning and testing the pupil's conjectures so that the pupil develops knowledge for him/herself in his/her own way. What the pupil learns are (1) what questions to ask, (2) how to ask them, (3) how to evaluate the answers, and (4) how to tell which "facts" so learned are relevant and which are not. This requires a high degree of sensitivity and personal involvement between "teacher" and "pupil", which cannot be obtained through a classroom situation.

I contend then, that the conjectural paradigm is the only one under which learning is liberated. Only here can the needs of each learner be met. Only here does the distinction between teacher and pupil become so blurred that such distinctions are irrelevant, that the "teacher" willingly learns from the "pupil" as well as *vice versa*.

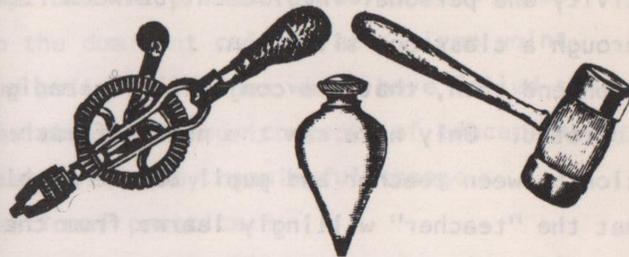
For people in isolated nuclear family type groups it is extremely difficult to adopt these ideas. However, in a communal situation things are much easier, but not easy, as we have so much "learning" to shed before we can begin to liberate the learning process. The advantages of community in this realm are similar to the advantages of community in many other realms - that is you're not on your own, there is the support of other committed people. These people are often trying to develop alternatives to the social and political mess which threatens all of us. Isn't it time we all tried to get to the grass roots of the problem by making an attempt at the liberation of learning.

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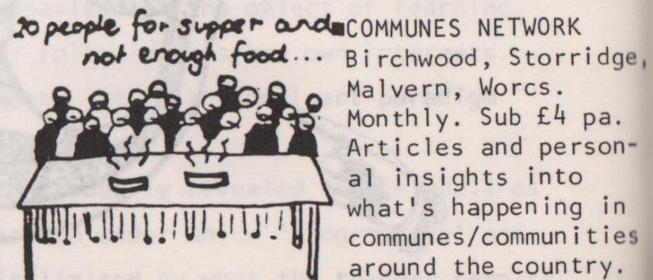


- **ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER**  
C/o The Teachers, 18 Garth Road, Bangor, North Wales.  
Irregular. Sub £5.64 pa.  
Newsletter concerning alternative communities in this country.
- **ALTERNATIVE MEDIA**  
Alternative Press Syndicate, PO Box 775, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10159.  
Quarterly. Annual sub £7.50 (Overseas)  
The magazine of APS, a non-profit association of alternative papers reporting on the radical press in the States. Also publish the Alternative Press Directory.
- **ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY**  
1079 Central Avenue, Milaca USA.  
Bi-monthly. \$1.60 per copy.  
A good review of AT projects ideas and news in the USA with the emphasis on technology.
- **A S NEIL TRUST NEWSLETTER**  
C/o M Wilding, 37 Portland Rise, London N4 or B White, 26 Clifton Gardens, London W9.  
Occasional newsletter on activities of A S Neil Trust concerning deschooling, free schools, childrens rights etc.
- **ASSOCIATION OF RADICAL MIDWIVES NEWSLETTER**  
Billie Hunter, 45-47 Brunel Road, Rotherhithe, London SE16.  
Quarterly. Sub £3 individuals, £5 overseas  
Articles on home birth, radical midwifery and other relevant information.
- **ATIG NEWSLETTER**  
C/o Flat 12, 72 Westbourne Grove, London W2.  
(01 211 7283)  
Folded.
- **ATINDEX**  
John Noyce PO Box 450, Brighton, Sussex.  
Quarterly. Annual subscription to libraries £25.  
An indexing service for the literature of appropriate technology and related fields. Reduced subscription rates for groups involved in AT.
- **APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY**  
ITDG, 9 King Street, London WC2E 8HN.  
Quarterly. 95p per copy. Annual subscription £4. individuals, £8 organisations.  
Articles describing practical examples of AT. Some emphasis on 3rd World, towards a 4th World.
- **BRISTOL VOICE**  
110 Cheltenham Road, Montpellier, Bristol 6.  
(Bristol 40491)  
City wide coverage of campaigns, local news.
- **BUILDING COLLECTIVES NEWSLETTER**  
Published by the Federation of Building Collectives, giving information about what UK groups are doing, work-swops, and conferences. Next newsletter and

conference are in the hands of Merlin Co-op, Broyle Farm, Ringmer, Lewes, Susses.  
See Project entry for Federation of Building Collectives.  
Annual sub £2 individuals, £5 groups.



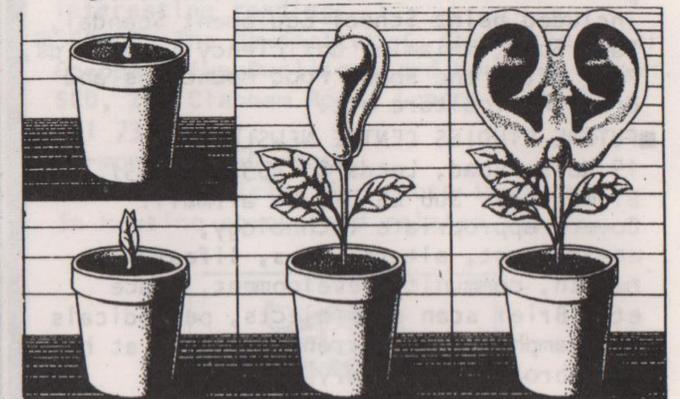
- **CARTWHEEL NEWS**  
C/o Crescent Road Community, 6 Crescent Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey.  
6-weekly. Suggested sub £3 pa.  
Information on Cartwheel's progress in forming a large rural community, and related topics.
- **CDA, 20 Albert Embankment, London SE1.**  
Free.  
Includes articles on the activities of the national CDA and on other co-ops.
- **CHILDRENS BOOK BULLETIN**  
4 Aldebert Terrace, London SW8.  
Bi-monthly. 60p per copy. Annual subscription £1.80.  
Reviews and information on non-sexist children's books. Published by Children's Rights Workshop.
- **CITY FARMS NEWS**  
City Farm Advisory Service, Inter-Action Trust Ltd., 15 Wilkin Street, London NW5.  
About 50p per copy.  
Newsletter of the National Federation of City Farms, which promotes City Farms and Community Gardens.
- **CO-EVOLUTION QUARTERLY**  
PO Box 428, Sausalito, California, 94965.  
Annual subscription \$6. (In Europe)  
Covers alternatives, ecology, environment, AT energy topics etc.
- **COM COM NEWSLETTER**  
8 Millfield Close, Farndon, Cheshire.  
(0829 270554).  
Regular newsletter covering alternatives in the fields of print, radio, TV and video.



- **COMMUNES NETWORK**  
Birchwood, Storrige, Malvern, Worcs.  
Monthly. Sub £4 pa.  
Articles and personal insights into what's happening in communes/communities around the country.

- **COMMUNITIES, Journal of Co-operative Living.**  
Twin Oakes Community, Route 4, Louisa, Virginia 23093 USA.  
5 issues a year. \$3 each. \$9 annual subscription (overseas).  
Articles, news and information about the co-op/community scene in North America.
- **COMMUNITY ACTION.**  
PO Box 665, London SW1X 8DZ.  
Bi-monthly. £2.40 pa for individuals, £6 for libraries and organisations.  
Left wing look at whats happening in local communities/community work all over the country, some good investigative reporting.
- **CO-OP DEVELOPMENT NEWS**  
C/o Alan Taylor, 43 Nansen Road, London SW11  
Quarterly.  
Newsletter for people and organisations involved in local work to develop workers' co-ops. News and views on co-op development work. Write to above address for more details.
- **CO-OPERATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY**  
Co-operative Education Service, Stanford Hall, East Leake, Loughborough, Leics.  
Reviews of various social issues, government institutions etc.
- **CO-OP NEWS**  
Published by the Co-operative Retail Society, Progress House, 418 Chester Road, Manchester M16 9HP.  
Weekly. £7.35 pa.  
Gives news of events and issues as they effect, particularly, the co-op retail sector. Includes trade surveys, book reviews, advertisements, comments etc.
- **COPE NEWS, Journal of Co-operatives and Alternatives.**  
22 Lombard Street, Belfast, Ireland.  
Bi-monthly. 15p or £2 for 6 issues.  
Information and articles on co-op and related enterprises in Northern Ireland.
- **CREATIVE MIND**  
c/o Lark Lane Community Centre, 80 Lark Lane, Liverpool 7.  
Quarterly. 45p plus postage.  
Covers communities; co-ops, alternative and non-invasive medicine, environment, ecology, radical psychology/psychiatry, festivals, philosophy, AT, arts, films and phenomena to name a few.
- **DRUM, Newsletter of the Shanti Third World Centre.**  
300/302 Oxford Road, Manchester 13.  
9 times a year. Sub £1 p.a.  
News and articles about Third World rip-

- offs. Third World Action group produces the newsletter.
- **ECO DEVELOPMENT NEWS**  
CIRED, 54 Boulevard Raspail, 75270 Paris.  
Quarterly. Free  
Fairly comprehensive review of international studies, field projects, conferences, books etc. Concerned with the development of the environment, energy, agriculture, health, science etc.
- **THE ECOLOGIST, Journal of the Post Industrial Age.**  
Worthy Vale Manor Farm, Camelford, Cornwall. PL32 9TT.  
Bi-monthly. Sub £11 individuals, £16 Institutions.  
Contains topical articles and reports on the major environmental problems facing the world today with appraisals of the changes required for a stable future.



- **ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND WORKERS' MANAGEMENT.**  
Zmaj Jovina 12, 11000, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.  
Quarterly. Sub £16 individuals in developed countries.  
One of the only international journals specialising in the economics of self management.
- **ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY**  
Published by Sage Publications  
4-5 times a year. Sub £10 individuals, £20 institutions.  
Aimed at academics. Articles on participation and industrial democracy, looking at historical and Europe-wide experience as well as contemporary UK issues.
- **DIGGERS NEWSLETTER or HUMAN BIRDS.**  
C/o David Stringer, P.O.Box 2, Fowey, Cornwall.  
Quarterly. Sub £2.  
Information, articles on anything Cornish, natural or useful. Includes news on growing trees, wild plants, conservation, mother earth, local news. Digger activities, E.E.C to Eco-parties. Always packed full of items but often quite difficult

■ EDUCATION OTHERWISE NEWSLETTER

Quarterly. Sub £5 p.a.  
News about EO, articles on deschooling, alternative education, info on events; and meetings. Sub also makes you a member of the organisation. See projects section.

■ EMPLOYMENT UNIT NEWSLETTER

NCVO, 26 Bedford Sq, London WC1.  
(01 636 4066).  
Monthly. Free.

News, reports, events, briefings, surveys, notes on current developments in community and voluntary work and related topics.

■ FOOD AND POLITICS

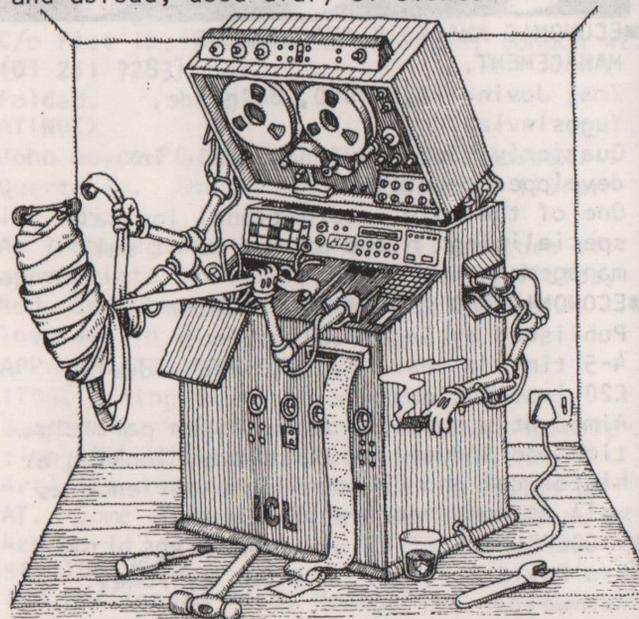
London Agri-capital Group, c/p BSSRS,  
9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG. (01 437 2728).

Quarterly. 40p plus postage.

New publication. Left wing look at the political food situation. First issues included Heinz School Equipment Scandal, Fast Food, Thiamine deficiency in US kids, Food After the Bomb, Food Mountains and Urban Agriculture etc.

■ FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE NEWSLETTER.

15 Kelso Road, Leeds 2 (0532 459865).  
Bi-monthly. Sub £5 UK, £6 airmail.  
Covers appropriate technology, environment, alternatives, lifestyles, health, community development, peace etc. Brief scan of projects, periodicals and pamphlets of current interest at home and abroad, Good diary of events.



■ GREENTOWN NEWS

c/o Greentown Group, 109 Church Street,  
Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Bucks.  
Newsletter of the Greentown Group, trying to set up a community village somewhere around Milton Keynes. Send an SAE for further details.

■ ICOM NEWSLETTER

Industrial Common Ownership Movement Ltd,  
Beechwood, Elmete Lane, Leeds LS2 8LQ.  
Available free to members of ICOM. Keeps people up to date with ICOM's latest activities. Includes listings of new co-ops and conferences being organised. At present ICOM is about to move but all mail will be redirected.

■ INSTITUTE OF WORKERS' CONTROL BULLETIN.

IWC, Bertrand Russel House, Gamble Street,  
Nottingham MG7 4ET.  
Monthly. Sub £1.50 pa.

General focus on labour and TU movement. Recently did a 2 page insert of co-ops in each issue.

■ INTERNATIONAL TIMES

BCM IT, London WC1V 6XX.  
Irregular. Sub £2.50 6 issues.  
Alternative lifestyle comment and info.

■ INTERNATIONAL COMMUNES NETWORK

c/o Linda Mallet, Laurieston see below.  
Last issue (Oct '80) produced by a Danish Group, but there are still a few copies available. Send an SAE and donation if you want to know more..

■ INDIGESTION

c/o Uhuru, 35 Cowley Road, Oxford.  
Occasional. 20p & p&p.  
Articles and news about food. Food rip-offs and exploitation. Last issue contained an expose of the honey industry, domination of UK food system by multi-nationals, Nestles and third world baby food and a plea for a politically aware wholefood movement.

■ LAURIESTON HALL PEOPLES NEWSLETTER

Laurieston Hall, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland.  
Quarterly or thereabouts.  
Gives news about the Laurieston Community and describes their oncoming events.

■ LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION

6 Beaconsfield Road, Leicester.  
Occasional.  
Magazine for the 'liberation of learning'.

■ LIBRARIANS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

PO Box 450, Brighton, Sussex.  
Occasional  
Magazine for radical librarians, aiming to get more alternative/radical literature on to library shelves.

■ LINK UP

72 Hamilton Road, Manchester 13.  
Monthly. 6p or 6X17½p stamps for six issues.  
Yes, it's still going. Duplicated sheets including leaflets from a wide range of groups, plus a listing of



communal living places, job vacancies, appeals for help, new or proposed groups, claimants news, events, new publications, films, theatre shows and other resources. Covers Greater Manchester and the North of England.

■ MAGGIES FARM

P.O.Box 29, Bellingham, NSW 54, Australia.  
Australian alternative newspaper, at one time put together on the floor of a grass hut. Good fun. Write to above for subscription details etc.

■ NATTA

Annual subscription £1 individuals, £10 for groups and organizations.  
Regular circulation of information on AT.

■ PEACE NEWS

8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham  
Fortnightly. 25pence. Sub £9.50.  
Magazine of non-violent revolution, run collectively. Articles on peace, anti-nuke, Third World. Community and co-op stuff also covered occasionally.

■ PEOPLES NEWS SERVICE

Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London E2.  
(01 739 3630).  
Fortnightly. Sub £6 a year. £4.50 non wage earners.

Left wing news service aiming to provide information which is not available in the conventional press.

■ PRACTICAL SELF SUFFICIENCY

Broad Leys Publishing Company, Widdington,  
Saffron Walden, Essex. CB11 3PS.  
(0799 40922).

Bi-monthly. Sub £4.50 Europe, £6.50 airmail  
Articles on various aspects of self sufficiency. Good small ads section.

■ RADICAL BOOKSELLER

c/o Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road,  
London N4  
10 times a year. Sub £10 Individuals, £15 Institutions.  
Magazine for the radical booktrade/bookshops with a regular 'new books of the month' listing.

■ RAIN, Journal of Appropriate Technology.

2270 NW Irving, Portaand, Oregon 97210  
(503 227 5110).  
Monthly. Sub \$17.50 overseas.

North American magazine and national information access, making connections for people seeking more simple and satisfying lifestyles, working to make their communities and regions economically self-reliant, building a society that is durable, just and ecologically sound.

■ RESURGENCE.

Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon.  
Bi-monthly. 80p. Sub £6 individuals, £7.50 Institutions, £8 overseas.  
Magazine concerned with small nations, small communities, decentralisation, ethnic cultures, community technology, self sufficiency and back to the land.

■ SCIENCE FOR THE PEOPLE

c/o BSSRS, 9 Poland Street,  
London W1.  
Quarterly. Sub £3 p.a.  
Covers issues related to science and technology and their impact on society.

■ SCIENCE FOR THE PEOPLE

897 Main Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. USA.  
Bi-monthly. Sub \$20 ocerseas.  
A progressive view of science and technology covering a very wide range of issues  
Interesting reading.

■ SCO-OP, The Newsletter of the Society for Co-operative Dwellings and Housing Co-ops.  
SCD, 209 Clapham Road, London SW2 0HH.  
(01 737 2077).

Bi-monthly. 50 pence.  
News and articles for those involved in housing co-ops and related fields.



■ SELF HELP HOUSING RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

North London Polytechnic, 2-16 Eden Grove,  
London N7. (01 607 2789 ext 2065).  
Quarterly.  
It is unlikely that this publication will be continuing in the near future as further funding for the project has stopped.

■ SERA NEWS

9 Poland Street, London W1.  
Quarterly.  
Bulletin of the Socialist Environment Resources Association.

■ SHARE NEWS, Newsletter of Share Community  
170 Kingston Road, Merton Park, London SW19 3NX. (01 542 6241).

Occasional. Sub £5.  
Includes copy of 'Spotlight' mag and info about their self help project for the disabled, and the self help clearing house.

■ **STUDENT COMMUNITY ACTION**, National Newsletter of the SCA Network.  
Published by SCA National Office, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London E2.  
(01 739 4568)

■ **THE SOCIETY FOR CO-OPERATIVE STUDIES BULLETIN**.  
Stanford Hall, Loughborough, Leicestershire Occasional. Available free to members of the Society. 75p a copy to others.  
A vehicle for expressing views concerning the Co-operative Movement, although mainly concerned with Co-operative Retail Societies.



■ **SOIL ASSOCIATION REVIEW**.  
Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk.  
Quarterly.  
Articles, news and events concerned with organic farming and gardening.

■ **SPARE RIB**  
27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0AT.  
Monthly. 40p. Sub £6.50 individuals, £10 Institutions.  
A magazine written by women for women. Deals with feminism, the womens movement. Information on womens groups, centres.



■ **TRANET**.  
Transnational Network for Appropriate, Alternative Technologies, P.O.Box 567, Rangeley, Maine 04970, USA.  
Quarterly. Sub \$15 individuals.  
Scans and reports on books, papers, groups, from around the world working in the field of appropriate technology with short paragraph write-ups on each.

■ **TURNING POINT NEWSLETTER**.  
Spring Cottage, 9 New Road, Ironbridge. Salop TF8 7AU.  
3 or 4 times a year. Sub £1 p.a.  
International network, listing people and projects concerned with alternatives.

■ **TRANS GROUPS NEWS**  
188 Old Street, London EC1V 9BP.  
(01 250 1219)/ 251 3738).  
Bi-monthly. Sub £2 p.a. £2.50 overseas.  
Information and communication concerning the world network of 'new age' services, consciousness, therapy, growth.

■ **UNDERCURRENTS**, The Magazine of Radical Alternatives and Community Technology.  
27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0AT.  
Bi-monthly. 70p. Sub £4.20 p.a.  
Articles, news, information on AT, alternative lifestyles, big brother, food, health, media. May/June(1981) issue is on co-ops/collectives, focusing on women's co-ops.

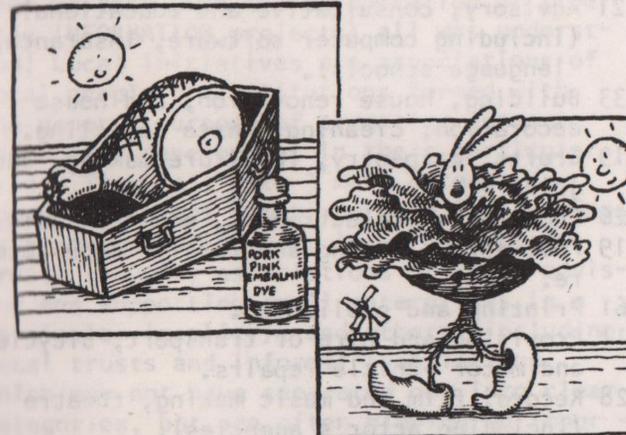
■ **VOLE**  
20 Fitzroy Square, London W1 (01 486 7718).  
Subscriptions to: SIP 104 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent.  
Wildlife magazine, covering flora, fauna conservation and threats to the environment like pollution.

■ **VOLUNTARY ACTION**  
NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU.  
Quarterly. 75p. Sub £3 individuals.  
Magazine of the National Council for voluntary organisations. Last issue covered alternatives to unemployment, getting grants, women and work and out of control an article about how the interests of communities often conflict with the state and commercial interests

■ **WALL STREET JOURNAL**, Newsheet of the Federation of Working Communities.  
C/o Jane Armstrong, 155 Roseberry Avenue, London EC1.  
Monthly. Sub £3.50 p.a.  
The contents of this newsheet are provided by individual communities, each offering copy for that months issue.



■ **WHOLEFOOD**  
12 Coton Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23.  
(021 382 4393).  
Bi-monthly. 35p. Sub £4 individuals, £3 hard-up, £6 airmail worldwide.  
Dandelion Wholefoods have just taken



over as editors of this mag which contains articles, news and details of events and courses concerned with the wholefood movement. The latest issue includes "Sponges a Case for Conservation", "Ancients Cereals Research Project" and "Transnationals and Development".

■ **WOMENS RESOURCE AND RESEARCH NEWSLETTER** WRRR, 190 Upper Street, London N1.  
Quarterly. Free to members see projects. Reports on Women's Movement as a whole Lists new developments, books etc.

■ **WWOOF**  
Working Weekends on Organic Farms.  
19 Bradford Road, Lewes, Sussex.  
Bi-monthly. Sub £4.  
Lists organic farms and work needed doing on them and when for WWOOF members to go to. Good small ads section. Includes some news and events that are relevant.

## REVIEWS

Remember to send us any books that your group has produced which may be relevant, for review in the ITM Supplement, due out in the Autumn or better still act as a writers and readers co-op and send in a book review yourself.

● **SETTING UP A HOUSING CO-OP**, produced by Kilburn Housing Co-op and Cyron Housing Co-op. Price £1.25 inc. p&p from 1A Beethoven Street, London W10. 38 A4 pages plus pull-out diagrams. January 1981.

"We have produced this booklet, partly as information to new members joining our co-operatives, and partly to pass on the information and experience we have had as a result of 3 years work to other co-operatives, some of whom may be setting up, some of whom may be well established, in the hope that they will find it useful.

We should also make it clear that the booklet has been written from the experience of two primary predominantly single-person co-ops".

Contents: General aspects of Housing Co-operatives, Internal Structure of the Co-operative, Setting up the Co-operative, House Purchase, Allowances, Renovation and Conversion, Management and Maintenance, Useful Addresses, Bibliography, Diagram to show Local Council Structure, Diagram to show procedures in setting up a Co-op.

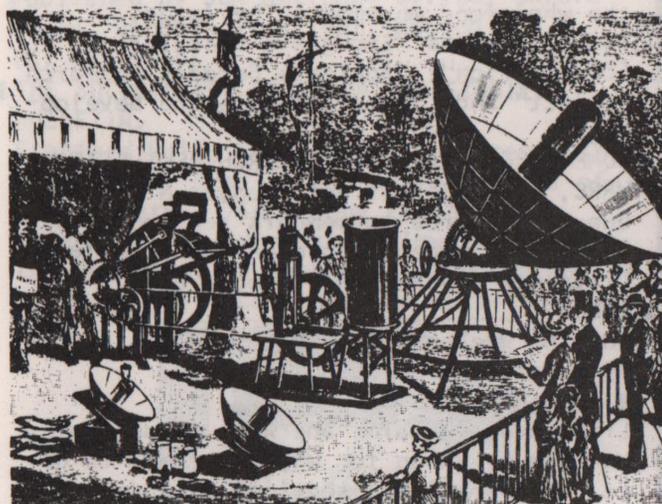
This excellent guide to the subject is based on real, direct experience. Inevitably it has a London bias (55% of all Housing Co-ops are London based) but most of the information given would apply anywhere in the country.

● **COMMUNITY MEDIA**. 1980. Heinz Nigg and Graham Wade. PDC Distributed. £3.95. ISBN 3 85862 010 6.



Detailed account of community communication, video, local TV, film and photography in geographical communities and communities of interest in the UK. West London Media Workshop, Channel 40, Liberation Films, The Basement Project and Blackfriars and the WELD photography project are some of the topics covered.

- **ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY**, an answer to the energy crisis? NATTA, Faculty of Technology, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, Bucks. Price 80p. 22 pages. ISBN 0 907363 00 8. September 1980.



Contents: The Energy Crisis, the Energy Gap, Alternative Energy Options, Costs, Future Options, AT in the U.K., Summary, Book list, and What Can I Do?

This little book contains a surprising amount of hard information on the Energy Question.

- **STARTING A WORKERS CO-OPERATIVE**. Lambeth CDA, 460 Wandsworth Road, London SW8.

This useful information pack for novice co-operators covers types of co-op, how to register, sources of finance, check list for starting a co-op, list of advice giving bodies, and a reading list.

The pack was published in Feb. 1981.

- **STREET VIDEO**, an account of five video groups. Graham Wade. 1980. Single copies mail order from Blackthorn Books, 74 High Cross Street, Leicester. £1.80. & p&p. ISBN. 0533 21 896.

This book is about community video activity in the UK, using relatively low cost, portable video technology. Why and how do small groups, all over the country, mostly on a low income, use this medium to fight for a wide range of radical causes? As the power of communication becomes vested in fewer and fewer hands, so it becomes harder for ordinary people to communicate effectively, influence events and organise protest. Describes local video groups, how they operate and what they make films about and why? Sheffield Video Workshop, Manchester Film and Video Workshop and the Media Workshop, Belfast are just some of those mentioned. Good information and further reading section.

- **CO-OPS, A DIRECTORY OF INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE CO-OPERATIVES**. CDA, 20 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ. Price £5.40p

This directory was compiled in the spring and summer of 1980, and is expected to be updated this year. It contains the following numbers and categories of co-ops/collectives:

- 21 Advisory, consultative and educational, (including computer software, insurance, language schools).
- 33 Building, house renovation, and house decoration; cleaning; waste recycling.
- 19 Crafts, carpentry, furniture-making, and joinery.
- 26 Engineering, electronics, and chemicals.
- 19 Footwear, clothing and textile manufacture.
- 61 Printing and publishing.
- 11 Provision and hire of transport, bicycle and motor vehicle repairs.
- 28 Record, film and music making, theatre (including actor's agencies).
- 112 Retail, distributive, catering and food processing.

Each entry has brief details of name, address, telephone, activity, date started and registered, and number of workers. There is a useful geographical breakdown at the back of the directory, together with a list of organisations providing advice and assistance to co-operatives.

- **THE OTHER SECRET SERVICE**, Press Distributors and Press Censorship. The Minority Press Group, 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG. (01 437 8954). 60p & p&p. ISBN 0 906890 15 2.

This is the latest in a series of publications taking a critical look at the radical press in this country. The authors examine why and how the press in Britain is not free and compare it with the French system, which leaves conventional UK wholesalers in a politically and morally rather shaky position. Without freedom of distribution you have no freedom of the press and in Britain wholesalers can choose what publications will be available to readers and reject those they don't like. In France any publisher is guaranteed access to distribution and the ability to select particular retail outlets in turn, where by law the newspaper or magazine must be displayed. In France distribution is in the hands of publisher co-operatives where representatives from small and large publications alike and other members of the trade sit together and discuss what is best for all of them. As a result small and contentious papers are widely available.

- **LOCAL INITIATIVES IN GREAT BRITAIN**. Edited by Stan Windass. Published by The Foundation For Alternatives. The Rookery, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. £5 post paid. 1981. ISBN 0 9505 081 9 5.

What is a local initiative? Well it took me some time to puzzle the jargon and a little later when I discovered that the book has been written with the co-operation of ITDG (see INFORMATION projects) all was understood! Local initiatives are associations of local people or institutions formed with the general purpose of promoting economic and social development in their particular areas. They fall into 3 main categories; community co-ops (multi-purpose local co-ops or Friendly Societies); local enterprise trusts (usually associations or firms advising and supporting small enterprises in a particular locality); and others (including local trusts and informal associations which may not have separated out into clear categories, but are often playing an important pioneer role. The book describes in details 49 profiles, including such groups as Leeds Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, Bala Co-operative, Brentor Community Shop, various Gaelic Co-ops in the Highlands of Scotland, Stepney Green Furniture Co-op and some business development units like those at Runcorn, Teesside, Leeds and Bristol. The Local Initiatives movement is still in its infancy in this country, though its growth is a hopeful sign for the development of a more decentralised and responsible society. A good deal of research has gone into this book and I found the explanation at front interesting.

- **BIRTH CONTROL BY OBSERVING NATURAL CYCLES** Written, printed and published by Lifespan Community Collective Limited, Townhead, Dunford Bridge, Sheffield 30. Price 30p or 40p (inc. P&P) from Lifespan.

This is the first account of the female cycle that I have read once and then understood! Written collectively by the women of Lifespan, this booklet offers valuable information to women who are fed-up with the male medical profession deciding which method of contraception they should use - their attitude often being, 'never mind the discomforts as long as you don't get pregnant'. The booklet details how, by observing natural cycles such as temperature and mucous flow, women themselves can determine when they are most likely to conceive or not. For me the most exciting part was when, having begun to keep a record of my cycle I realized I could now understand what was happening to my body instead of being a

passive victim of my biology.

I feel this is how the book can help most women as it would take a lot of determination to use only this method of birth control. However, used in conjunction with a barrier method such as the diaphragm a woman could gradually gain more and more knowledge of her own cycle until she was only using her diaphragm during her fertile period.

The authors are hoping to do a follow-up to this with the collected experiences of women who follow their cycles and women who do so are welcome to write to Gilla Evans at Lifespan.

- **HOW TO SET UP A NEIGHBOURHOOD CO-OP**, CDA, 20 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TJ. 1981. 41 pages. Free. May cost £5 later in year.



This booklet is part of a pack containing the CDA's model rules, application forms for registration of a Society, a questionnaire, and a publications list.

Contents: what is a neighbourhood co-op, how to set up and run a neighbourhood co-op, how to register a neighbourhood co-op, explanatory notes about model rules, bibliography.

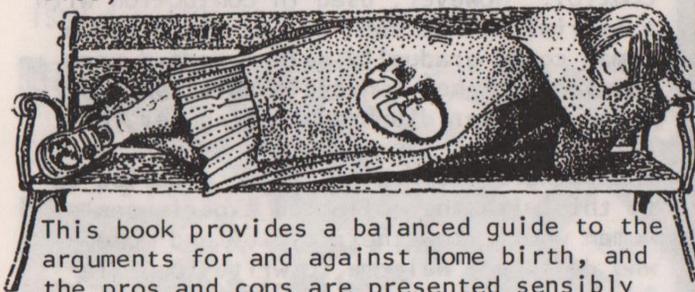
The Neighbourhood Co-op, under CDA rules, is characterised by a wide ranging membership which includes part-time workers and members of the local community - "a new way of bringing together paid and unpaid workers".

A good feature of the Neighbourhood Co-op rules is that non-discrimination on the grounds of race or sex is written in, which is by no means the case with some approved rules.

- **WINNERS ALL** or Co-operative Games for all Ages. Pax Christi, Blackfriars Hall, Southampton Road, London NW5. Price 80p including postage.

The games can be played with children or adult groups and need no prior skill or experience, and little equipment.

- THE HOME BIRTH HANDBOOK, by Vicki Juner and Marianne Monaco. Price £2.70 (inc p&p) from Marianne Monaco, Manor House, Theltham, Diss, Norfolk.



This book provides a balanced guide to the arguments for and against home birth, and the pros and cons are presented sensibly and fairly. It goes on to give detailed advice on how to achieve one under the NHS and how to prepare oneself and one's home for the event.

A list of chapter headings gives an idea of the book's scope: The Experience of Birth; Home Birth and the NHS; Home or Hospital? a comparison; Arranging a Home Birth; Domiciliary Maternity Care; Antenatal Care; Body and Mind, preparing for birth; Birth Props; Some Legal Aspects of Home Birth; Four Personal Birth Accounts; Contact List of Organisations and Groups; Glossary; Bibliography.

The right of parents to choose that their babies should be born at home is one of those freedoms that is being wittled away. In practice many women who would prefer a home birth find themselves forced to give in to pressure to conform to the current general policy of 100% hospital deliveries. This is an important book that will be of interest to all expectant mothers (and fathers) whether they are seriously considering home birth or not.

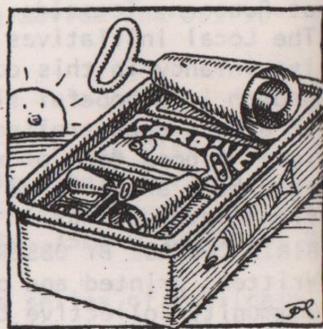
Dick Kitto

- RURAL RESETTLEMENT HANDBOOK. Available for £1.80 including postage from RRG, 5 Crown Street, Oxford.

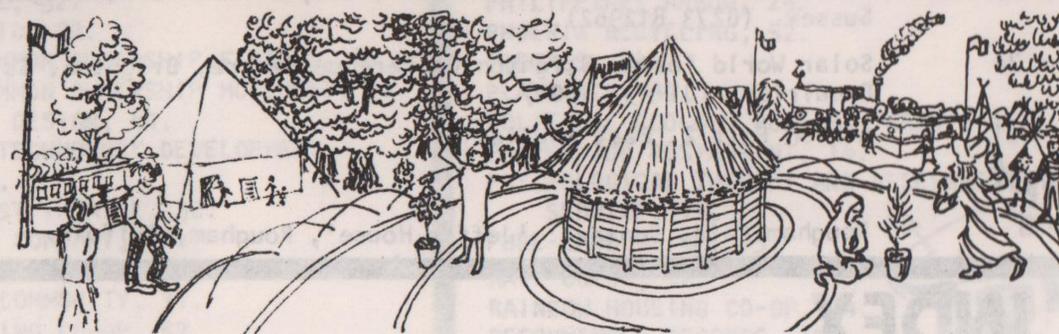
This is an essential reference book for anyone who lives in the countryside, is planning to move there, or spends a lot of time dreaming about it. It contains 220 pages under the following headings: Where are you going to move to? Assessing and working the land; other work in rural areas; Education and training; Planning permission and building regulations; Legal frameworks; Finance and taxation; Law and the countryside; Parish politics; Transport, energy, health care; Making local contacts; Government reports; 33 pages of personal experiences of rural resettlement; 31 pages of organisations connected with the countryside.

- SMALLTERNATIVES TOO, Easy Steps to Self Sufficiency and Home Economy or How to Beat the System. Patrick Howden. 1980. £1 plus postage (packaging is ideologically unsound) from Clovelly Hall, Mount Hawke, Truro TR4 8DH, Cornwall. Well I really liked this book, sent to us with just a stamp stuck on the cover and printed on recycled paper. Smallalternatives explains that people have become conditioned to be dependent on our greedy, wasteful, competitive and materialistic society. Why, for instance, would people eat tinned blackberries in the blackberry season, pay water rates when living near a stream or buy fuel when they can collect wood on country walks or from city skips. A goldmine of information with dozens of practical ways that we could all easily be more self sufficient and ingenious. Includes information on how to use, save and get the most out of clothes, insulation, food, energy, home appliances, water, entertainment, Christmas, banks, housing, electricity, fridges, gardening organically, transport etc.

- FOOD: NEED, GREED AND MYOPIA by Geoffrey Yates. Earthright Publications, 7 Blayney Row, Newburn, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8QD Price £1.60. ISBN 0 907367 00 3



"This booklet aims to give a short comprehensive picture of the world food problem. The social, ethical, economic, political, agricultural, dietary and ecological aspects of the matter are all mentioned". This is a good introduction to the so called world food problem and the politics and multinational policies behind it. It is clearly and simply written with some good diagrams, though I found the Section about the Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC a bit confusing. Also I don't think the way to change people's eating habits is to make veiled references to cannibalism which may tend, in fact, to alienate some potential supporters. For someone just getting into food and politics, the third world etc. this is a good starter but at £1.60 for 56 pages maybe a bit overpriced?



## april

16 - 23

Conference on 'Wider politics of co-operation and other alternative projects and institutions'. Laurieston Hall, Castle Douglas, Kirkcubrightshire, Scotland. (06445 275).

## may

2 - 3

Co-operative Villages conference. Botton Village, Danby, Whitby, Yorkshire, (Burgh-on-Bain 397).

21 - 26

Northern Fair, (Festival of Answers, Insights, and Revelations). Leeds Exhibition Centre, Queens Hall, Leeds. (0532 441660).

23 - 24

Women and Manual Trades National Conference. Queenswalk Community Centre, The Meadows, Nottingham. (With a social event Saturday evening plus disco and bands). Details: Judy Samuel (Nottingham 45361).

23 - 24

Albion Children's Fair, near Diss. Contact: 9 St Mary's Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

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London Co-ops Fate. Stalls, films, music, workshops, crèche, theatre, video, and fun in the evening. 2.00pm til late at Interaction, 15 Wilkin Street, London, NW5. Contact: Tam Dougan, Undercurrents, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1.

## june

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'Tomorrows Energy', an exhibition to show the potential for local energy supply and conservation in the Vale of Evesham. The Public Hall, Evesham. Details: 1 Merstow Cottages, Merstow Place, Evesham, Worcs.

12 - 22

Stonehenge Free Festival, near Amesbury, Wiltshire.

19 - 21

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament Festival. Worthy Farm, Pilton, near Glastonbury, Somerset.

20 - 28

Festival for Mind, Body, and Spirit. Olympia, London. (01-723 7256)

24 - 26 July.

Exhibition 'Communities of the Future'. ICA Galleries, Nash House, The Mall, London, WC1.

27 - 7 July.

Bristol Musicians Co-op Festival of Improvised Music. Contact: 1 Park Cottages, Barrow Gurney, Bristol. (027 583 3700).

## july

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Women's Day, Beechwood, followed by:

11 - 12

Co-ops Fair, Beechwood, Elmete Lane, Roundhay, Leeds 8. (0532 720205).

28 - 2 Aug.

Ecology Party Gathering. Worthy Farm, Pilton, near Glastonbury, Somerset. Enquiries: C. Crossingham, 11 Stanley Road, Bristol, Avon.

29 - 31

First Assembly of the Fourth World (for small Nations, small Communities, and a Human Scale). London. Other events planned during the year. Enquiries: 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8. (01-286 4366).

## aug

14 - 16

Rainbow Fair, Stour Valley, East Anglia.

15 - 22

Workshop on 'The Family and its Alternatives in the 80's'. Laurieston Hall, Castle Douglas, Kirkcubrightshire, Scotland. (06445 275).



- 17 - 21 Federation of Building Collectives practical workshop and skills sharing near Brighton, followed by:
- 22 - 23 FBC Conference. Enquiries: Merlin, Broyle Mill Farm, Ringmeer, Lewes, Sussex. (0273 812962).
- 23 - 28 Solar World Forum. Brighton Conference Centre, Brighton, Sussex. Enquiries: (01-493 6601).
- 29 - 31 Albion Fair 2, East Anglia.

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- 4 - 6 Rougham Fair. Contact: 'Jeff's House', Rougham, Suffolk.

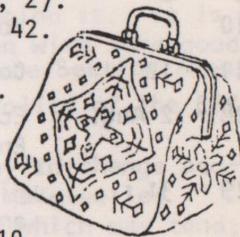


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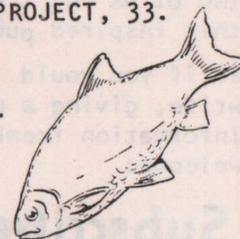
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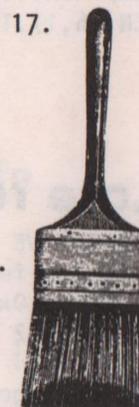
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## Late review

CO-OPERATIVE LITERATURE 1979, The Plunkett Foundation for Co-operative Studies, 31 St. Giles, Oxford OX1 3LF. (1981) ISBN 0 85042 035 0.

This 100 page book contains an exhaustive list of co-op literature, both national and international, for the year 1979. It is hoped to update it yearly. Each entry consists of a brief description of the book/article/paper, together with a key to the acquiring libraries. Researchers will find this useful.

## Disaster!



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The ITM Collective.

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## NOTES

ENQUIRIES welcomed, but everything we know is in this directory.

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