

# TAMWORTH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

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## INTERIM REPORT

Half-Year Ended July, 1984



Registered Office:  
**5, Colehill, Tamworth**



## Officers of the Society

Chairman: Mrs K M JOHNSON

Secretary and Executive Officer: Mr G W WAGSTAFFE, ACSA

Assistant Secretary: Mr A GLOVER, CSD

Auditors: APPLEBY, ENGLISH AND PARTNERS,  
Lancashire House, 47 Peter Street, Manchester, M2 3WS

Arbitrators: J BAILEY, Esq, JP, Sir R SOUTHERN, CBE and Mr D MACDONALD, FCCA

## General Committee's Attendances, Half-Year ended July, 1984

NAME	Appointment Expires	Possible	ACTUAL		APOLOGIES			Society's Business
			General	Sub	Ill	Holidays	Work	
Mrs G C ALLEN .....	March, 1985	16	10	3	—	3	—	—
Mr F A WOOD .....	March, 1985	16	10	3	—	3	—	—
Mr F R WOOD .....	March, 1985	16	11	2	—	3	—	—
Mr A E SMITH .....	March, 1986	12	12	—	—	—	—	—
Mrs E M COOPER .....	March, 1986	12	12	—	—	—	—	—
Mrs A M POULTEN .....	March, 1986	12	12	—	—	—	—	—
Mr W B ATKINS, JP .....	March, 1987	16	12	2	—	—	2	—
Mrs H M FOWLER .....	March, 1987	16	11	4	—	1	—	—
Mrs K M JOHNSON .....	March, 1987	16	11	4	—	1	—	—

## Member Relations Committee's Attendances

NAME	Appointment Expires	Possible	Actual	APOLOGIES		
				Ill	Holidays	Not Possible
Mr G CLARK .....	March, 1985	6	—	—	—	6
Mr D HODGKINSON .....	March, 1985	6	2	4	—	—
Mr G JOHNSON .....	March, 1985	6	2	—	—	4
Mr J D WOOD .....	March, 1985	6	5	—	—	—
Mrs E M COOPER .....	March, 1985	6	5	—	—	—
Mrs A M POULTEN .....	March, 1985	6	4	—	—	1
Mrs H M FOWLER .....	March, 1986	6	6	—	—	—
Mr F R WOOD .....	March, 1986	6	2	—	—	4
Mr G COTTERILL .....	March, 1986	6	5	1	—	—
Mrs K JOHNSON .....	March, 1986	6	5	—	—	—

## Nominations for General Committee

**Nomination: Papers for Candidates for the General Committee** may be obtained at the Office. All nominations, together with the names of the Proposer and Seconder, with Share Numbers and Addresses of such Members, shall be received by the Secretary not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st January, 1985.

NOTE—Any member nominating a candidate without his knowledge or consent is liable to a fine.

No person is eligible to be nominated until he has been a Member of the Society 3 years, have no less than one paid-up Share, and whose purchases are less than £300 during the 12 months prior to nomination.

No person shall nominate more than one candidate.

No member of the Committee, or Member who is himself a candidate or an employee, shall be allowed to nominate any Member for this Committee.

New candidates must be under the age of 60 years but retiring candidates are eligible for re-election until attaining the age of 70 years.

# THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING

will be held in the

CAFETERIA, CENTRAL PREMISES, CHURCH STREET, TAMWORTH

ON THURSDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1984

Members will be admitted to the Business Meeting of the Society only upon production of their Pass Cards at the door, in conformity with Rule 25

Chair to be taken at 7.15 p.m.

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last Half-Yearly Meeting.
2. The Report of the Committee of Management.
3. Elections:
  - (a) Delegate to the CWS Meeting.
  - (b) Scrutineer—Mr T Lea retires, but is eligible for re-election.
  - (c) Auditors.
4. Report of the CWS Annual General Meeting.
5. Any other business (in conformity with rule).

If any Member has a complaint relative to the working of the Society, it is requested that such complaint be put in writing addressed to the Secretary, as provided by Rule 34. Otherwise it may not be possible to deal with the matter satisfactorily at this Meeting.

## Committee's Report

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Fellow Members,

We have pleasure in presenting this Interim Report for the current financial period covering the first 21 weeks to the 23rd June, 1984.

### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has increased by 408 over last year and now stands at 34,542.

### CAPITAL

The total capital subscribed by members has remained fairly static and amounted to £1,210,749 at the above date.

### INVESTMENTS

Once again a new all time record has been achieved with investments totalling £2,413,307, almost double our capital liability. We have every confidence in reaching 2½ million pounds by the year end.

### RESERVES

An increase in reserves of £311,824 or 21.47% over last year brings the reserves to £1,764,000 and excludes the difference between the book and market value of our fixed assets, which would more than treble that figure. Our immediate target is to see the reserves at two million pounds and again this should be attainable in the current year.

### TRADE

From the statistical details reproduced on the back page of this report you will see that total annual sales (gross) were £9,607,416 an increase of £530,309 or 5.84%. Amington Branch is currently in the lead with 23.25% helping the whole of the Grocery Department to show increases well above the inflation rate and consequently higher volume.

Work continues on improving the layout and decor in the main departmental store. The top floor is now finished, having been completely carpeted and re-designed to display a first class selection of furniture and bedding in room settings.

Road works, pedestrianisation schemes, closed car parks, and the like continue to pose problems for our trading managers and it seems a long time since the town was orderly and stable, quite apart from high unemployment, increased crime, open vandalism and a plague of litter bugs.

In all the circumstances we consider the Society to be doing reasonably well, but we are hopefully here to serve the people of Tamworth even better and to this end we constantly pledge ourselves.

## Committee's Report continued

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### GENERAL

The Co-operative Movement is still confronted with many problems not least the one of implementing the decision of Congress to reduce the number of Societies to about 25 large regional units prior to the ultimate aim (at least in some peoples' eyes) of a National Society. Strangely enough, the disparity between one Society and another seems to get wider and this applies both in economic and personal terms. Unfortunately, for some Societies, they do not have a neighbour on their doorstep which is progressive and economically viable and this situation is bound to exaggerate personal differences. Yet the need for closer co-operation grows ever more essential and we shall continue to keep ourselves fully informed of developments ready to play a constructive role in the preservation and advancement of Co-operation.

### STAFF

Whilst thanking all members of the staff for their work during the last six months, we again remind them of the need for that degree of trading loyalty which protects their own jobs and those of their colleagues. Special thanks and congratulations go to those members of staff who have retired recently, namely:-

MR G F WHITE, Dairy.  
MR J BUCKLEY, Traffic Manager.  
MR G BAXTER, Storeman.  
Mrs E BLAKEMAN, Assistant, Grocery.  
Mrs M FODEN, Cafeteria.

### OBITUARY

Mr H YATES,	Age 73 years.	Retired Drapery Manager.
Miss F WELLS,	Age 80 years.	Retired Drapery Assistant.
Mr S CLARKE,	Age 67 years.	Retired Butchery Branch Manager.
Mr L BOND,	Age 71 years.	Retired Grocery Manager.
Mr W EVANS,	Age 74 years.	Retired Deliverer.

We remember these former co-operators with affection and gratitude as we convey our deepest sympathy to their relations and friends.

### INTERIM DIVIDEND

We are pleased to recommend that the increase in dividend announced last Half-Year be maintained, namely 2% in cash and 1% in bonus form to those members whose purchases exceed £100 in this trading period.

On behalf of the Committee,

K M JOHNSON (Mrs), *Chairman*

G W WAGSTAFFE, *Secretary and Executive Officer*

## Notices of Interest to Every Member

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### CHRISTMAS SAVING STAMP CLUB

Stamps may be purchased at any time in Departments or the Office. The amount saved can be spent in any Department of the Society. Interest is added at the rate of 5 per cent in addition to full dividend. Further particulars given on application. Interest is not added to Christmas Food Pack Club Contributions.

### CO-OPERATIVE TRAVEL SERVICE

Co-op Travel are members of the ABTA and can arrange holidays in any part of the world. The Travel Bureau is in Colehill, Tamworth.

### MEMBERS' ATTENTION

Members' attention is directed to Rule 20, whereby they may nominate the party to whom the money standing to their credit may be paid at their decease. If Members would attend to this rule the money could be transferred at their death free of expense and those entitled to receive the money saved a considerable amount of trouble.

A new law has raised to £1,500 the total amount which may be nominated, but this applies to nominations made on or after 8th September, 1975.

Nominations made before that date are still valid, but up to £100, £200 or £500 only. Members wishing to take advantage of the increased amount now allowed, must make a new nomination. Full information may be obtained from the Office.

### SHARES

Maximum holding may now be increased to £5,000.

### SMALL SAVINGS BANK

Deposits are received at any time during office hours. Sums from 1p to £10 may be deposited, but not more than £250 can be on deposit at one time.

### LOANS

Deposits received at any time during office hours.

### MEMBERS CHANGING THEIR ADDRESS

Members changing their address should inform the Registered Office immediately.

### CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE

We are in a position to effect Insurances of all kinds—Life, Holiday, Fire, Burglary, Motor, Live Stock and Accident. Co-operators should realise the necessity of some Insurance and apply at once to the Office for all information relating to the various branches of our Insurance business.

### WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals of Share Capital and Dividend can only be paid to the actual owner of the Shares, unless the person sent is provided with written authority and a Notice of Withdrawal Form duly signed by the owner of the Shares. The Share Pass Card must be produced whenever a contribution to or a withdrawal from Shares is made. Children should not be sent to the Office either to receive or to pay money.

### DIVIDEND SYSTEM

Members are reminded that they should save all their cash register/till receipts in order to claim dividend. Dividend is paid on most but not all purchases from the Society. Dividend wallets and cards are available from the office or shops for this purpose.

Notices are placed in the local press in August and February each year indicating when claims should be submitted. Please ask for details.

**HALF-YEARLY DIVIDEND WILL BE PAID IN THE CENTRAL PREMISES, CHURCH STREET, TAMWORTH, ON WEDNESDAY (9 a.m. - 12 noon) THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (9 a.m. - 12, 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.) 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th OCTOBER, 1984. MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR PASS CARDS FOR PRODUCTION AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT.**

**CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO WITHDRAW DIVIDEND**

# Late summer holidays, winter sun breaks and much, much more.

For the past eight years, Co-op Travel have been satisfying the holiday and travel needs of their customers in the Tamworth area.

For either business or pleasure, Co-op Travel could have the answer to your travel problems.

Be it a winter sun vacation or a last minute summer holiday, for all your travel requirements contact:-



# Travel

Colehill, Tamworth, Staffordshire.  
Tel: (0827) 61555/6.

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**STATISTICAL DETAILS**

**AT JULY 1984**

**Membership 34,542**

**Member's Capital £1,210,749**

**Investments £2,413,307**

**Reserves £1,764,000**

**Annual Sales £9,607,416**