



ABERGAVENTNY FAIRTRADE NEWSLETTER

Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 27th Feb to 12th March Celebrating 10 years!

We are excited to announce 10 years of Abergavenny Fairtrade Town. Come and join us at our [CELEBRATION TEA PARTY!](#)

The party is on Sat 4th March at the Abergavenny Community Centre, Park Street between 3 and 5pm. The event is a bring-and-share high tea so please bring along a small portion of sandwiches, finger food and cakes to share (but please no nuts due to allergies). We will be using some of the many delicious Fairtrade ingredients that are widely available, so why don't you have a go too? Feel free to get in touch for ideas and take a look at the Fairtrade directory for stockists of items. You can find a hard copy of the directory in many [shops](#) in town, download it from our [website](#) or take a look on our [Facebook](#) page. Mary Morgan (contact details to right) has a great selection of Fairtrade recipes she's happy to share.

Parking for the Community Centre is on Merthyr Road but is limited. Please walk if you can!

This event is one of many being held by the Forum to mark **Fairtrade Fortnight** Feb 27th - Mar 12th. The theme this year is 'put Fairtrade in your break, take exploitation out'. Use any of the usual channels to keep up to date with what's happening: Facebook, Twitter, or just ask a member!

For other events keep reading.

Calling on local businesses! Will you be doing anything to mark Fairtrade Fortnight? Can we support you with ideas or resources? From displaying a poster to including Fairtrade ingredients in your cakes, every action helps to spread the Fairtrade message. Do let us know your plans. We will share what you're doing in our next newsletter which will include a full programme of Fairtrade Fortnight activities in Abergavenny.

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We still have mugs for sale-
they cost just £3!
Contact Julie Long 01873
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Website:

<http://monmouthshirefairtrade.org.uk/abergavenny/>

Facebook:

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**FAIRTRADE FORUM
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership fees are due 1st March. Thanks to all who pay by standing order or who regularly subscribe.

If you are interested in joining, the suggested amount is £5 or £10 for a couple. Please contact Mary Morgan to join and so support the Fair Trade Forum in Abergavenny, raise local awareness and achieve more for Fair Trade producers.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues 28 th Feb	10-12	Coffee morning	Methodist Church Hall
Tues 28 th Feb	12.30- 2pm	SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Lunch & FT Stall	Methodist Church Hall
Thurs 2 nd March	10.30am -12 noon	Coffee Morning and FT Stall	Christchurch Community Hall, North Street
Fri 3 rd March	2-4pm	Women's World Day of Prayer FT Stall	Methodist Church, Castle Street
Sat 4 th March	3-5pm	Celebratory Tea party	Abergavenny Community Centre
Sat 12 th March	10-12 noon	FT Coffee morning	Library

IT'S TIME TO PUT FAIRTRADE IN YOUR BREAK

Abergavenny Fairtrade Forum 2006 - 2017

The Abergavenny Fairtrade Forum was set up in 2006 with the aim of gaining Fairtrade Town Status with the Fairtrade Foundation for Abergavenny. The Town Council passed a resolution of support in its meeting on 17th May 2006 which was essential to making the application. Volunteers worked hard on promoting and encouraging local businesses and organisations to buy and serve Fairtrade products throughout 2006 and in March 2007 received the certificate from the Fairtrade Foundation. Since then every 2 years the Forum has had to renew the status by demonstrating an expansion of numbers and range of products available.

Can you help get as many people as possible involved with Fairtrade Fortnight?



Highlights of 2016

Fairtrade at the Eisteddfod

As Wales is the World's first Fairtrade nation the four Monmouthshire Fairtrade towns were keen to have a presence at the National Eisteddfod of 2016 which was held in Abergavenny. For two days Fairtrade supporters from Monmouth, Abergavenny, Chepstow and Usk staffed a stand in the Monmouthshire County Council Pavilion. Our visitors sampled Fairtrade chocolate, fished for fairly traded bananas and helped produce flags to decorate the stand. Some of our more courageous supporters dressed up as a banana and several hundred bananas were distributed as prizes.

Phil Negus



Certificate Presentation for Local Business

The Abergavenny Fairtrade Forum has been presenting certificates to traders, businesses, churches, community organisations, playgroups, schools and workplaces since 2006 so it is good to celebrate the most recent addition to this long tradition. Mockingbird is situated in Frogmore Street and is a cavern of beautiful items from scarves to toys and games and even small items of furniture. If you haven't already visited do call in because you will be surprised at the range and quality of the stock. Ria O'Reilly, the owner, is committed to sourcing fairly traded and ethically produced stock for her shop. Ria imports fairtrade furniture from India, beautiful fabric from Nepal and toys from Sri Lanka. So make Mockingbird top of your list when looking for interesting presents or special treats for yourself or a friend.

Katrina Gass

