

FAIRTRADE UPDATE



Well here we are, now into Autumn, and we hope that those of you who chose to try some of the **Clean & Fair** cleaning products we now regularly have in stock (which we focussed on in last month's *Update*) found that they 'did the job' well.

If so, the next item in this month's Update may well be of interest to you too, so read on!

New to Update Product Testing

Would you be interested in becoming a regular product tester of the items you buy from the monthly Fairtrade Stall Especially any new products we introduce to the Stall?

Your comments and assessments will remain anonymous, but we will be using them in *Update* to help others with their choices of products.

If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Jane Jacobson via the Parish Office.

To whet your appetite, this month, the product which has been reviewed for us is

GEOBAKES Double Chocolate Chip Giant Cookie : A chunky double chocolate oat cookie with Fairtrade dark chocolate chips.

Sold individually, 1 cookie (75g) per packet at **£1.10 each**.



Here is our independent Reviewer's assessment of the product:

Quality (1 = Poor/5= Excellent)

Score: 4/ Good

Comments : **Crunchy on the outside, chocolate flavour comes through once bitten.**

Value for money (1 = Poor/ 5 = Excellent)

Score : 4/ Good

Comments : **Cheaper than cost of similar individual cookies in high street coffee shops.**

Overall Assessment (1 = Would not buy it again/ 5 = Would recommend it to others)

Score : 4/ Good

Comments : **Would recommend it to others along with Traidcraft's 8 pack Double Chocolate Chunk Cookies (1.85 per 180g packet)**

Why not try one and find out for yourself or perhaps share it with a friend over a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee during your morning break at work.

And..... It's also worth pointing out that the Giant Cookie would make an ideal **stocking filler at Christma** for someone you know who loves chocolate..... just a thought!



What else is new?



This very well known high street food outlet, has also chosen to TAKE THE FAIRTRADE STEP in that it now sells the following Fairtrade products at very reasonable prices:

- * Bananas
- * Sugar
- * Tea (black, peppermint and green),
- * Coffee,
- * Hot chocolate,
- * Orange and Apple juices



Did you also know that *Greggs* have been working with Fairtrade farmers for more than 10 years, and in that time have invested more than £1 million into these farms and their communities. For example, the coffee farmers in Peru.

Perhaps the next time you are passing a *Greggs* store it's logo will remind you of the very real needs that many people in these poor communities have, and how YOU CAN help to make a difference by choosing to use *Greggs* more often to get your Fairtrade refreshments. Nearest branches are Canterbury, Margate and Westwood Cross.

Christmas Is Coming!

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that we now have a supply of the NEW *Traidcraft* CATALOGUE for you to borrow along with an **Order Form**.

Not only does it contain some very tempting grocery items which you may want to include in your Christmas shopping, but you will see a wonderful selection of unique, hand made gift items as well as Christmas cards, gift wrapping materials, stationary. Take a look and be impressed!





Catalogues and Order Forms will be available at the monthly Fairtrade Stalls in October, November and December, with the closing date for all orders being **Sunday 3rd December**.

FT Stall Dates

Sunday 15th October

Sunday 19th November

Saturday 9th December (S.t Laurence Christmas Fair)

Sunday 21st January 2018

And so to conclude

So, a varied package for you in this month's Update, but we trust that there has been at least one thing which has really struck a chord with you, and given you food for thought As well as FAIR FOOD to eat!

Next month we will be highlighting Fairtrade **Vanilla Essence** which is part of the 'war' on **CHILD LABOUR** in **Madagascar**.

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