



# South Gloucestershire Fair Trade Network

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### New items introduced in the Fairtrade range...

- Apples, lemons and oranges at Tesco and Co-op
- Percol Columbian Arabica instant coffee at Tesco
- Somerfield own brand Columbian roast and ground coffee and Tanzanian tea
- The Day Chocolate Company have 3 new chocolate bars - Tangy Orange, Divine Coffee and Divine White
- Hot chocolate from Clipper and Divine
- Mango chutney from Geo Organics
- Seville Orange marmalade from Traidcraft

### Did you know...

The film 'Love Actually', currently showing in cinemas, includes a fair trade company in its story line.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The FAIRTRADE Mark will be 10 years old in 2004

Dear SGFTNers,

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have shown to Fairtrade this year. I have recently returned from a study tour of Nicaragua, and can report that the benefits we hear about really are true for fairtrade producers, and the more we promote fairtrade, the greater the number of people that can experience those benefits.

I'm sure you all have 101 other things to think about as we all get ready for Christmas, but please take a few minutes to read this newsletter as there are a few important things that can't really wait until the next SGFTN meeting.

Firstly, a reminder that the date of the next meeting is: **TUES 13TH JAN 2004, @ 7.45pm, @ Zion United Church, Frampton Cotterell.** The purpose of this meeting is to plan what South Glos will be doing during Fairtrade Fortnight 2004 e.g. supermarket stands etc., so please attend if you can. The more of us that help with the fortnight the less is put on any one person, and if you are present you get more of a say in what is decided.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, I would be very grateful for all offers of help during the fortnight (Mar 1-14), and the sooner I can be informed of those offers the better.

Secondly, as an extra incentive to come to the meeting, there will be a display by Bridge Valley during the meeting. Bridge Valley are suppliers of vending machines and coffee makers etc., dealing with fairtrade products, and they will bring along some of their products and let us taste the drinks - tea, coffee, hot chocolate. So if you know of an office, or public building, that is looking to go fairtrade with it's catering this is the thing for you, and if not, well just come and press buttons and see what you get!

Thirdly, in preparation for fairtrade fortnight, I have been asked to do a training evening about fairtrade for a local church, to increase the knowledge base when manning the supermarket stands etc. If you, or anyone you know, would like to come along to this evening, you are most welcome. Details are: **Sunday Feb 7th, Yate Methodist Church @ 7pm - 9pm.** Contact me if you need to know more.

I wish you all a truly Happy Christmas, and may 2004 be a great year for you and for fairtrade.