

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 29th February – 13th March 2016

<http://fortnight.fairtrade.org.uk/>

SIT DOWN FOR BREAKFAST; STAND UP FOR FARMERS!

As Martin Luther King Jr famously said, 'Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. Despite our dependence on farmers and workers for the foods, drinks and products that we love, about 795 million people are undernourished globally.

The people who grow the food we take for granted cannot always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast.

When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families. Whether it is the extra cash in their pockets or being able to expand their farms to grow more food to eat, Fairtrade means many farmers and workers are able to fulfil a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the people they care about, all year round. And beyond that, to ensure their children can go to school and access healthcare.

This Fairtrade Fortnight, see if you can find one new fairly traded product where you shop. And be prepared to pay that little extra.....

Lord God,
in the fields of the poor
even when abundant fruits ripen,
injustice sweeps them away,
and families hunger.
Help us to share
the fruits of Your bounty
so that all Your family may benefit
from Your gracious
gifts.

based on Proverbs 13:23

Praying for Fair Trade allows us to bring trade issues before God, asking that His love and justice will transform the rules and practices of trade. We pray that God will assist those suffering because of unfair trade ... those developing new ways of trading ... those making choices about what they sell or buy.

Why don't you Stay & Play at FLORENCE PARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE ?
All welcome

Tuesdays 9:00-11:15
Wednesdays 12:30-2:30
Thursdays 12:30-2:30
Drop in for help & benefit advice

FUN FOR THE UNDER 5s

- Advice & guidance including parenting, childcare and budgeting
- Returning to work
- Volunteering opportunities
- 2 year entitlement application
- Baby Café & Antenatal support
- PEEP Sessions
- & Much More !

Telephone: 01865 777286 www.oxonchildrenscentres.org.uk/florencepark

CHRISTIAN AID - OVER THE EDGE, SUPER SOUP LUNCH

We are approaching our first Christian Aid fundraising event in 2016, with the overall annual £2,000 target.

1. It seems that only Lesley Williams will be going 'over the edge' and abseiling from the tower of St Mary Magdalen Church, Magdalen Street, Oxford, OX1 3AE on Saturday 12 March – perhaps next year there will be a team. Lesley's abseil is timed for 3.10 pm – could there be a Cowley Parish cheering/bucket shaking group for 3.00-3.30? Talk to Lesley if you can do that – and please sponsor her on the paper form or on line www.justgiving.com/LesleyJWilliams-Oxford

(photo attached)

2. There will as usual be a Super Soup lunch immediately prior to the APCM on Sunday 17 April.



WHAT'S ON AT FLORENCE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Regular activities that take place at Florence Park Community Centre include The Florence Park Over 60's Club

- The Florence Park *Over 60's Club meets every Friday 12-2pm*
- The Florence Park History group meets every first Monday of the month
- The Florence Park Flower Club meets every fourth Monday 8pm
- Book Group every 3rd Monday of month (approximately), see calendar.
- Friends of Florence Park every 4th Monday of the month
- Family Board Games every last Friday evening of the month
- Bingo every Thursday evening (8pm) and last Saturday of the month
- The centre is open as a social club and bar every evening from 7.30pm. Come along for a drink at the bar and to meet your neighbours. It is for members, but sign up for £6 annual fee or a member can sign you in for the evening for a 50p charge. There are also regular bar events that are open to all. Regular games and sports at the Club include darts matches, Aunt Sally, bingo and cribbage.
- Click the 'What's On' for a diary of regular activities and classes, including Qui Gong, Pilates, community choir, slimming groups, boxercise exercise class, kids martial arts, T'ai Chi and lots more.
- To book a room at the centre, just go to the 'How to Hire' page,

Or give us a call on 07864 028591.

Or look up details on web-site: www.florenceparkcommunitycentre.org.uk