

CANTERBURY TALES

SPONSORED SLEEP-OUT

The sponsored sleep-out at St Albans Abbey will begin at 9pm on Friday 5th December and end at 7am the next morning. There will be a formal registration when you arrive followed by worship at approximately 9.30pm. There will be time to socialise over refreshments before bedding down around the outside of the Abbey. The aim of the sleep-out is to raise awareness of homelessness and to raise funds for four local charities dedicated to helping homeless people: Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter, Leighton Linlade



Homeless Service, Open Door in St Albans and Watford New Hope Trust. Free hot drinks, toilet facilities and first aid will be available during the night. Emergency shelter will be available in extreme weather conditions. There is no age limit for those taking part in the sleep-out. However, we cannot take responsibility for those under 18 years. They are welcome as members of an organised group with the correct ratio of one adult over 21 years to eight young people maximum and a completed sleep-out registration form giving parental and medical consent.

HEAD TEACHER TO RETIRE AT THE END OF THE SPRING TERM

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of Wilbury School,

I have decided to retire at the end of next term and the school governors have started the process of finding my successor. By Easter 2009 I will have worked here for almost twelve years and have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with the Letchworth Garden City Community and in particular with the children, staff, parents and governors of Wilbury Junior School who have always been supportive and a pleasure to work with.

My career in Education will not be completely over as I have been offered the position of Director of Education on the very remote island of Tristan da Cunha in the South Atlantic Ocean where I worked from 1985 to 1992. It is likely that my wife and I will return there in September 2009 for up to 2 years and my main task will be to support and train all the staff in the tiny island school with less than 30 pupils aged between 4 and 16 years, a big change from leading a school of over 300!

If you are interested in Tristan da Cunha that has a population of less than 300 people living on a volcanic island that can only be reached by a 6 day ocean voyage, they have an excellent website: www.tristandc.com



Yours sincerely **Jim Kerr**

Following Barry's visit to Dominica, our collections at the Harvest services amounting to £200 were sent to the Calls Centre. The following is an extract from an e-mail that Barry has received. Hello Br Barry Pate!

Special greetings to you.

It was really good hearing from you. Thank you very much for the email and lovely contribution. This year we registered 45 trainees but due to lack of space and furniture we could only accommodate 26. Our agriculture programme is taking shape with the procurement of an instructor for that programme but would like some assistance in paying him a reasonable salary in the region of \$2,800 EXD monthly. This donation will be put into immediate use in the refurbishing of the agriculture shed at the One Mile agriculture Station. We are still seeking funds to keep our head afloat and to continue to build a positive sense of well being in our youth. I have met with Carmen and John and we spoke at length on an idea which they will brief you on when they return home.

Due to the downward trend in the economic world today, the exchange rate for the British Pound in Dominica, is \$4.02 EXD.



I do hope you will receive our news letters which we will send via email.

Father Dave Conway is still on island. He is a real blessing to CALLS. I do hope this will reach you safely and may God continue to bless you, your family and your mission.

"On The Word Made Flesh"

Sincerely, Olivia.

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