

## **Othona Bradwell New Year Update 2020**

Happy New Year to you all.

This is to give an update to Bradwell Centre Committee members, and to share our news with Othona Members and Friends through our Website - and spread further by any media you like.

Since our November Strategy Meeting, Christmas has come and gone - but remaining with us is the Christmas Spirit of love and hope that we happily shared through carols, presents and visits to loved-ones.

Do look again at the minutes of the Strategy Meeting - some people agreed to take on specific tasks - all of us gave thought to our strategic aims, the areas where we feel most drawn to develop, to keep Othona alive. Although the BCC is a small group of Othona people, we represent the whole Community, and always welcome opportunities to share and welcome new people and new ideas.

This Winter has seen more activity at Bradwell than the liveliest of Summer days. As soon as the Trustees had given the go-ahead to our proposal to upgrade the Power and Energy supplies, the appointment of Project Manager Kevin Knight and his company Neutron Solutions was confirmed, and work commenced. Tim's office is now the site of the water tank; his new office is in front. All manner of plumbing and electrical works are being carried out to ensure the whole of Othona Bradwell is properly supplied with electricity and hot water, including the under-floor heating system. The planning applications are in hand, with a view to installation of a second wind-generator by the Summer. The Othona Team and Volunteers continue to contribute. The new Education Building is nearing completion, with particular thanks to Trevor Darley and Mick Crowe. The whole Othona site is now out of bounds to all visitors.

Tim, with one or two Volunteers, is at Othona while the works proceed. Debbie and Richard are taking a well-earned break for January. The next European Volunteer Group will be welcomed in the Spring. The Programme is out there, and we ask everyone to keep spreading the word; we are still taking bookings and look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Community - Members, Friends - urged the Committees and Trustees to take a Green view. The new project drastically reduces our carbon footprint, shifts Othona to a long-term future with green fuel and electricity, and opens our doors to a Sustainable future.

The BCC is a small and committed group of people. We have room for one or two more people, and have hopes of including someone with a fresh approach to reconciliation in this troubled world.

For BCC Members - a reminder that our next meetings are 7th March and 6th June, both at Bradwell from 10am - 12,45 pm.

**The Open BCC is on Saturday 15th August, 2pm at Bradwell - all are welcome.**

The 2020 BCC Strategy Day at Bradwell is on Saturday 14th November.

Do keep in touch in between meetings - phone or email with any news & views - also welcome from all our Members and Friends.