

Othona Bradwell Warden's Report, 3rd February 2018. Tim and Roo

Most of you have visited, phoned or kept in touch through Facebook, so this is just a quick summary of what has been going on at Bradwell since we last met in September 2017.

The Othona AGM and annual service and shared tea was a quiet affair compared to last year's major celebrations for Othona's 70th Anniversary, but as ever it is good to have support from you all, and a chance to chat with our fellow Centre Committee members and staff from Othona West Dorset.

At Bradwell our Harvest weekend in October was very well attended. Working weekends are very popular, huge thanks to Jenne and Susanne for encouraging such great participation and fun as work was shared and completed together. All BCC members are encouraged to volunteer to lead a Working Weekend. Bargain Break brought in many younger people, we love to offer free places to youngsters and help out families, and we need to think together as a BCC how to keep attracting families whilst balancing the books. Rev Canon Oakley led a most memorable weekend "The Splash of Words," it is a privilege to have such a high profile speaker, thanks to Rosie for securing and promoting this experience. Othona's Fireworks and BBQ was popular as the local Fireworks event, while Winter Watch and Open Space offered a more reflective time.

Advent – and into Christmas and New Year, when we had around 20 people staying much of the time, and many day visitors. This season is our major Christian Festival, we love extend our welcome to all – so how do we reach those in need and often isolated, include our regular visitors, welcome families and bring a sense of joy and enthusiasm to the Othona Christmas and New Year time? The Bradwell Staff team need as much support as possible from the BCC, and were very happy to see to those who visited or stayed and shared in our community time together. Our EVS volunteers Yanis, with Anouke and Tosca, + their Mums, added a new dimension to Christmas cooking and New Year entertainment. In January the team stayed at OWD – good to catch up!

We are on the waiting list for more EVS volunteers for 2018/9. Sandra & Dave leaving this April, after nearly 3 years – we are so grateful for their time on the team. Now we are very fortunate to be joined by Richard and Debbie – from Volunteers to resident team members in a year!

The Wind Generator is playing up and awaiting repair – and as part of the Strategy we are reviewing all aspects of our power supplies.