

## **Back to the Future at Bradwell: new life for the Old Field Hut.**

**Help! By volunteering and donating you will save the crumbling wooden hut in the Lower Field and create an accessible Education/Residential Centre. Want to know more.....read on.**

What do we call that **old wooden hut in the lower field**? The Old Wooden Hut? The Riemer Hut? .....with thanks to Martin and his family for keeping it habitable over the years. And what do we see? A crumbling eyesore....or the place where we first listened to Lectures in the early 1960s? It is part of our heritage, and now we have the opportunity to renovate it for ourselves and for the next generation. With ideas for its use bubbling up from the Community, and as it is central to the area now known as the Othona Coastal Park with its pond-dipping area and Jonney's Fruit Route, it is to become our **Education Centre - with a seasonal residential option.**

The Essex Community Foundation (Bradwell Wind Farm Fund) offers funding for community projects that will benefit local people from Bradwell and Tillingham, and wider Essex, in ways such as education. Othona has been given a grant of £10,000 towards an education facility at Othona, where we can offer indoor teaching spaces to bring knowledge and understanding of our amazing wildlife and the natural environment to all. School groups, ecology and environmental students - and ourselves, within our seasonal programme, will all benefit. **The building will be totally renovated and refurbished**, this spring/summer, bringing in running water, showers and toilets, including accessible facilities - but it will still look like our Old Hut and will use as much of the original material as possible. The bonus is that the four rooms, with one planned to have french doors for wildlife observation, will all be available as residential accommodation when not required for study - fitting in with our Summer Season when the school groups have left.

**The Othona Community is behind this development - and now needs to be up front.**

The Project will cost around £40,000 - one of the Project team (Tim, Trevor, Jonney, Richard, Susanne and Roo) will be happy to explain more. To keep costs down, we will employ a local builder to do the essential construction work only. **The rest will be completed by Othona Volunteers - you!** Some money is available from investment growth, from the sale of Othona's East Hall Farm and from donations currently saved in the Bradwell Building Fund. This is our community. When funds are needed our Members and Friends dig into their pockets. For those who remember, we raised around £500,000 to build our Norman Motley building - **please give generously to bring the Old Field Back to the Future.** To donate please make a payment to Othona Bradwell in the same way as you pay for your stay, noting: donation for the Education Centre Renovation. Please remember, if you are a U.K. tax player, **Gift Aid** gives extra to Othona!