

Bradwell Historical Society.

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN PROJECT 2011

From time to time the Officers of the Society receive enquiries from people who have connections with Bradwell. These usually come down to questions about who lived where and when in the village. Usually the best the Officers can do is to refer the enquiries to our members who have long memories of Bradwell and these seem to be the same small number of people. The Society has decided that it would like to start a project to gather information about the houses of Bradwell to which future enquirers can be referred. This is clearly going to be a big task but on the principle that mighty oak trees grow from little acorns we thought to start the project by asking members to contribute any factual information and memories about the house they now live in or in which they used to live. In order to help you in this project you will find below a series of questions we would like to be able to answer about the houses of Bradwell. Of course these are only suggestions and if you are unable to answer them just say so. In the same way there may be other interesting facts not included in the list and if so please include them. The Society has a computerised map of Bradwell showing all the houses, each with a unique identifying number. As the project proceeds we will add your information, and that from others, to a file with the same identifying number so that it will be possible to associate information about a house with location on the map of Bradwell. The information we have collected will then be made available to researchers.

We are hoping that you will also be able to persuade your friends and relations to contribute to the project with information about their houses so that it can grow. Any small bit of information is better than no information at all so don't worry if you (or they) seem to have very little to contribute. In order to keep up momentum in the project we would like to ask you to return your contribution(s) at the next meeting of the Society on 15th March 2011.

The sort of information we are seeking:

1. Your name.
2. The name and address of the house. (Any information about how it got its name would be interesting.)
3. Any outbuildings.
4. The dates you have lived there.
5. The names of any previous occupants and (if possible) their dates. The names of owners may be found from deeds but it would be very helpful if the names of other occupants e.g. children would be helpful.
6. The date it was built. Was it built on open land or did it replace an existing building? If a rebuild do you have any information about the earlier house/building?
7. If the house has been extended or modified in any other way how and when was this done?
8. Have you any old photographs or documents (title deeds, covenants, wills etc) relating to the house and if so would you be willing to allow the Society to make copies to add to the archives?