

NEWSLETTER

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NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that the new parish council website is now live at

www.stisted-pc.co.uk

Our old site will cease to exist on 31 March 2020 and until then will redirect you to our new site.

The information on the new site has, in the main, been taken from the old site and we'd love you all to go and check it out. Hopefully we have covered all bases, but please drop us an email if there is something inaccurate or missing.

Don't forget to bookmark the new site.



PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE – facebook.com/stistedparishcouncil

Are you following the parish council Facebook page? Not yet? Then give us a 'Follow'

This is where we issue information relating to parish council business, such as notification of meetings and other dates for your diaries. Plus posts that may be of interest to the village as a whole - ECC Highways (road closures) / BDC notifications / Trading Standards / Police etc.

Join us and then spread the word and help us reach more members of the parish.

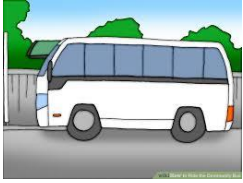
Village Green - Replacement Tree

Hopefully you will all have seen that we have replaced the tree on the Green. As you will be aware, the previous tree had to be removed due to disease and we are delighted to note that a flowering cherry blossom has now been planted in its place.

We would like to thank Braintree District Council for a community grant which covered the tree, delivery and planting costs.



VILLAGE LITTER PICK – Sunday 15 March
DUSTCART – Saturday 28 March 9:00-12:00 – Church Walk



Saturday Shopper Bus - Timetable - February to June 2020

February 2 and 22 / March 7 and 21 / April 4 and 18
May 2, 16 and 30 / June 13 and 27

The bus leaves the Montefiore Institute at **9.30am**, goes via Mark's Farm Tesco arriving at Braintree Sainsbury's car park at 9.45am. On return the bus departs from Sainsbury's car park at **11.30am**, arriving back at the Montefiore Institute at 11.45am. The bus is available for anyone to use - the cost of a ticket is just £4.00, unless you have a valid bus pass. Many thanks to our team of volunteer drivers, without whom this service would not be possible.

Stisted Neighbourhood Plan Update

Welcome to the first Stisted Neighbourhood Plan update. Seeing as this is possibly the first time some of you will have heard of the neighbourhood plan, it seems only right to explain what it's all about.



A neighbourhood plan is a document that sets out planning policies for a local area. It's used to decide whether to approve planning applications, including new buildings (e.g. community facilities) or changes to existing buildings (e.g. giving permission to change the upper floors of shops to flats). It's written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place.

Once a neighbourhood plan is brought into force (after a referendum) it carries real legal weight. Decision-makers will be obliged to make decisions in line with Braintree District Council's local development plan (which will include any neighbourhood development plans that are in force) when they consider proposals for development in the neighbourhood.

Stisted Parish Council has been leading the development of a neighbourhood plan since late 2017, assisted by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. You may have seen posters and banners about the parish advertising our public meetings from time to time. Our most recent being held in the Montefiore in early October where we had a total of 33 members of the public that came to see the progress we have made, and comment and provide feedback on the work so far. If you attended, thank you for your support and interest.

Since those meetings, we have gone on to successfully apply for a grant to progress our work further. In the coming weeks we will be appointing consultants to perform a number of surveys and tasks around the parish. If you receive a form or questionnaire from the neighbourhood plan (and everybody should receive one), please do take the time to complete and return it. It is your opportunity to contribute, have your say and help form the final neighbourhood plan.

If you are reading this, and would like to get involved with the neighbourhood plan, we are actively seeking to recruit steering committee members in an effort to improve diversity on the committee and we are always pleased to welcome volunteers onboard. Please drop us a line to info@stistednp.org.uk and we'll be in touch.

If you would simply like to keep abreast of developments, you can do so by visiting our website - <http://stistednp.org.uk/> - or you can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Stisted Neighbourhood Plan'.

Dave Willingham

2019 Best Kept Garden Competition

At the November meeting, the Chairman had the honor of presenting the trophies and certificates to the winners of the 2019 Best Kept Garden Competition. They were:

- 1st Place - Ms. C. Rayner - Silver Firs
 2nd Place - Mrs. P. Harrington - Sandycroft
 3rd Place - Mrs. Parker - 42 Sarcel



Congratulations to our winners and thanks to Linda Barnes for organising the competition. Don't forget to keep an eye out for details of the 2020 competition.



Community Pruning Day Report by Howard Hollands

Thanks to Orchards East and Dr. Anna Baldwin for running the enjoyable and informative Apple and Pear pruning course on Sunday 19 January in the Stisted Community Orchard opposite the Village Hall. This is a resource for the whole community which we hope will be shared through various projects in the future.

All attendees reported having had a good day.

Stisted Community Partnership

The community shop and post office is open Monday and Thursday afternoons, it is well stocked with everyday essentials and of course has the full range of Post Office services available.

Once a month between March and December we arrange days out using Braintree District Council 12 seater minibuses. These trips are available to all who live in or have a connection to Stisted.

However to continue this popular community service we need more drivers. Full training is available with the only criteria being a D1 category on your driving license and be under 70 years old. If you can help or just want to find out more please leave your details in the shop, alternatively talk to Simon, Doreen or Jennie.

Finally our thanks to Doreen who after 15 years of driving the minibuses has stepped aside from driving duties. However she has not retired from the Partnership and remains an integral part of running the shop and arranging days out.

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[facebook.com/stistedparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/stistedparishcouncil)*

Essex 2020

Essex 2020 is an Essex-wide, year-long programme of science and creative events, exhibitions, festivals, performances, workshops, activities and opportunities for every Essex resident to be a part of. It offers a unique opportunity to celebrate Essex's pioneering past and embrace the future to create a sense of identity and pride that can drive prosperity.

Essex 2020 aims to deliver:

- 350+ events
- 500,000+ participants
- 100s of businesses, schools and community organisations taking part.

Residents can check out all the details of events registered so far here at www.Essex2020.com and find out more about the specific events in their area. Through the website, organisations and community groups are able to submit expressions of interest/event proposals, so that they too can become a part of this landmark programme.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS / CONTACTS

The Allotments Association	A sub-committee run in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee. Contact: 07716 990599
Stisted Bowls Club	Every Tuesday evening. Open to all ages. Contact: Trevor Blows 01376 325242
Stisted Women's Institute	Meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall. Contact: 07716 990599
Stisted Village Hall	Contact: 07716 990599 www.stistedvillagehall.org.uk
All Saints Church	Contact: vicarbradwellandstisted@btinternet.com
Stisted Community Shop & Post Office	Mon & Thurs 14:00-17:30pm - Montefiore Institute

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chairman:	Dave Burge	Councillors:	Marc Guy
Vice Chairman:	Neil Denley		Mark Hughes
Clerk:	Melanie Whiteside		Jack Poulton
Email:	stistedparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk		Hayley Waine
			Dave Willingham

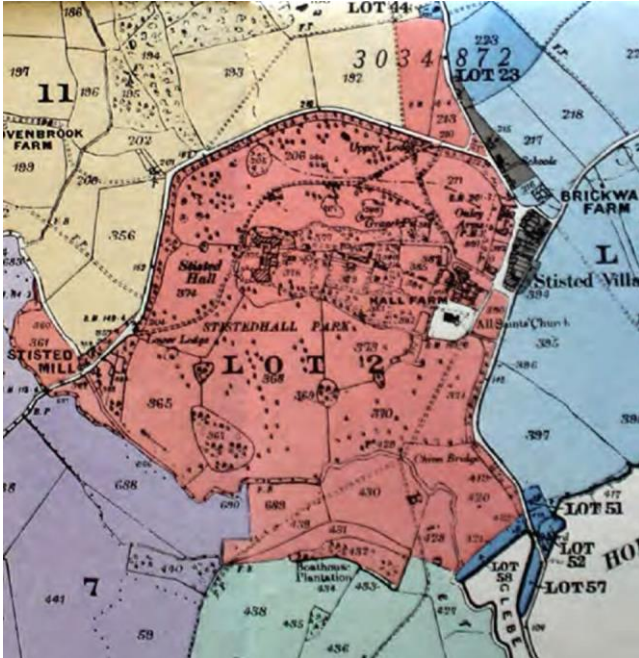
Parish Council Meeting Dates 2020

All meetings are held on a Tuesday evening in the Montefiore Institute commencing at 7:30p.m.

4 February	10 March (2 nd Tuesday)	7 April	5 May	2 June
7 July	1 September	6 October	3 November	1 December

More Neighbourhood Planning

A Request for Sites



As part of the ongoing preparation of the Stisted Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Committee would like to hear from local land owners that have areas of land within the parish of Stisted that they would be willing to put forward for consideration for future development.

If you have such a piece of land and would like it to be considered for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan as a potential development site, please send details of the location of the land, the size of area covered, and current use to info@stistednp.org.uk or call 0771 665 2252.

If you are not a landowner and are reading this, please rest assured that this request for sites is an integral part of the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. It facilitates an assessment of the land available for development within Stisted Parish (assuming there is land available) for possible inclusion in the plan. It does not mean that there is any planned forthcoming development for the Parish.

Your Favourite Views From Around the Parish



One of the reports that we have recently commissioned for the Neighbourhood Plan involves walking the local footpaths and roads around the Parish and getting an appreciation of the setting of the parish. We have been asked if there are any key views within the parish that parishioners feel are of outstanding beauty or interest that should be highlighted.

For instance there is a Northwards view from the footpath which leads from the old Dolphin public house down to China Bridge. As you walk down the valley towards Stisted you are afforded a lovely picturesque view of the south part of the village including the church.

As you pass down King's Lane after leaving the A120, again heading in a Northerly direction, there is a lovely view of the Old Mill and adjacent buildings situated next to the River Blackwater.

Finally, the approach to All Saints Church over Braintree Golf course from the River Blackwater is a particularly wonderful view which much have been enjoyed by many folk over the ages.

So now it's over to you. Bearing these examples in mind, are there any other views that you can think of that would highlight the beauty, history, and tranquil setting of Stisted village or other areas of the Parish?

If you would like to contribute your 'views' to the Neighbourhood Plan, please email info@stistednp.org.uk with the details. Please include the location, the direction to face. If you have photo's of the view you are writing about, please include them, particularly if they show the view in Spring, Summer or Autumn.

Thanks for your help and participation.

And finally

At the Christmas Party run by the Youth Club the children had a visit from Santa himself. He has asked that we let you know that he thought all the children were very polite and well behaved and is looking forward to visiting you all again.



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