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Panfield Village Hall Hire



The Village hall is available to hire for one-off events, regular bookings, clubs or groups.

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<https://panfieldcommunityassociation.co.uk>

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A returnable deposit of £50.00 is required against any damages

Charges include use of kitchen facilities, crockery, glasses, tables, chairs and WiFi.



Panfield Community Association

Registered charity since 1975

Friday 9th May – Small Things Like These

In 1985 coal merchant Bill Furlong uncovers disturbing secrets in a small Irish town that's controlled by the Roman Catholic Church.

Coming in June – The Fall Guy

Quiz night

Saturday 29th March

Join us for another fun quiz night, this is a very popular event, so book early to avoid disappointment.



Garage Sale

Saturday 10th May

We are pleased to announce our Garage Sale is returning this year providing that there is enough interest to make it worth everyone's effort. To that end we are asking that you let us know by the 22nd April if you wish to book, especially if you want a pitch on the green as these are very limited. The cost will be £7 per pitch

Panfield Fete

Saturday 14th June 12-4pm.

The annual village fete and dog show, held in conjunction with The Bell will take place on the football field on Saturday 14th June, so please save the date in your diaries. This is always a well-attended fun event and a brilliant way for us all to come together as a community, whilst raising much needed funds for local charities.



Beetle Drive

Saturday 7th June. This is a new event for us, but I'm sure will be a fun one, more details to follow.

Under 8's Halloween Party

Sunday 26th October: More details to follow later in the year

Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 9th November: Join us on the village green for this wonderful service.

Vintage Villagers Christmas Meal

Thursday 11th December: Far too early to mention Christmas, so details later in the year.

I will keep you informed of more, and updates, to events later in the year. A huge thank you to the residents that attended our AGM and have offered to either join our committee or give their help, it is much appreciated.

Thank you all for supporting our events, hopefully winter won't stay too long this year and that spring is just around the corner.

Kind regards

Caroline

Chair of Panfield Community Association

Mobile 07837 803198. Email: pca@panfieldvillage.uk

Panfield Village

GARAGE SALE

**Panfield Village Green
Saturday 11th May 2025**

Open up your garage and sell all your unwanted items –
only £7.00 per garage

Tables will be available for hire on the village green, ideal for
those living on the outskirts of the village – £7.00 per table.

Maps will be available from the village green
from 9am onwards

**Refreshments
and cakes
served on the
Village Green
9am to 1pm**



To take part in the village garage and table top sale
please email panfieldvillagehall@gmail.com
or call Julia on 07711 079122

All garage sale bookings to be received by Tuesday 22nd April.

PARISH COUNCIL

With the imminent and very welcome advent of spring, the staff and Members of Panfield Parish Council would like to wish a rather belated Happy New Year to all our residents, and we hope that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas.

During the recent couple of winter months, our Ranger, Nick Manley, has not been quite as busy as usual, however, he has been doing winter jobs such as clearing fallen trees from footpaths, mending the allotments tap, cleaning the bus shelter on the village green, removing brambles from around the gate at the end of Bell Lane and clearing upgrowth on numerous footpaths.

Due to very high winds, our planned sapling planting did not go ahead as scheduled, but, when the weather became a bit more clement, Nick, with the help of his wife, planted all the new saplings from the Woodland Trust on the Coronation Woodland on Thistledown Playing Field to replace those which had not survived.

At the December meeting, we agreed to implement an exciting new initiative. Panfield Parish Council is delighted to announce the launch of **Protecting Panfield**, a community safety initiative aimed at enhancing the safety, security and well-being of our village. Backed by a £5,000 fund for 2025, this programme is built on three key pillars: **People, Privacy and Property**.

The primary goals of the initiative are to foster cooperation among residents, safeguard personal spaces and enhance the protection of homes and public areas. Here is a closer look at how each element will contribute to making Panfield safer:

People:

The People pillar focuses on empowering residents to take an active role in community safety. Plans include expanding the Neighbourhood Watch network, hosting safety workshops and encouraging participation in a new evening Community Patrol Programme in partnership with local police.

There will also be strong collaboration with the police through regular

meetings, public forums and joint initiatives such as the Community Speedwatch Programme to address road safety concerns.

Privacy:

Safeguarding personal data and responsibly managing security resources is the focus of the Privacy pillar. The programme will map existing CCTV systems across the village, creating a “Community CCTV Area” to support incident response, while maintaining strict compliance with data protection laws.

Residents will also benefit from privacy awareness campaign offering tips on securing digital devices and personal information

Property:

The Property pillar aims to protect homes and public spaces from theft, vandalism and damage. Alongside increased public vigilance, residents will be encouraged to adopt measures such as those suggested by the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, for example using property marking kits or UV pens to mark their belongings in order to deter theft and aid in the recovery of stolen items.

Regular community clean-up days will also be organised to keep Panfield’s public spaces well-maintained, creating an environment less conducive to crime.

Community Engagement:

Protecting Panfield is designed to adapt to the needs of the village. A monthly progress bulletin will keep residents informed, and feedback mechanisms will allow community members to share concerns and ideas.

Join the Movement:

Protecting Panfield is a community-driven initiative, and its success depends on your participation. Whether you join the Neighbourhood Watch, attend workshops, or simply share your feedback, every contribution will help make Panfield a safer place for everyone.

Together, let’s build a village that prioritises safety, responsibility and collective vigilance. **Protecting Panfield** is more than an initiative - it is a promise to our community.

For updates and information on how to get involved, watch out for announcements in the RAP, on our website and our Facebook page.

Continued overleaf

In the meantime, don't forget the **Keeping Panfield Safe WhatsApp** group which alerts residents to any incident or suspicious activity. If you would like to join the group, please contact our Chairman, Sean Vickers at cllrvickers@panfieldparishcouncil.uk.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public, and we greatly welcome residents' input and feedback. There is a designated agenda item near the beginning of each meeting for residents to raise issues or ask questions. If you cannot get along to a meeting but would like to contact us on any matter, please email our Clerks, Michelle Baker, CiLCA, and Shelley Boydell, CiLCA, at:

clerk@panfieldparishcouncil.uk or telephone 01376 773018

Please note the office hours:

Mon 10:00 – 12:00; Weds 13:00 – 15:00; Fri 16:00 – 18:00

Or you can drop a note with your name and contact details and addressed to Panfield Parish Council in the post box on the Village Hall.

Cllr. Jean Dilworth,
on behalf of Chairman ***Cllr. Sean Vickers***
Panfield Parish Council

PANANZA LOTTERY

November Winners

	Initial	Ticket	Street
£75	J	139	Meadow Close
£50	DB	28	Church End
£25	KJ	178	Church End
£25	DB	35	Kynaston Road

Congratulations to this month's winners!

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PANANZA LOTTERY

December Winners

	Initial	Ticket	Street
£75	P	242	Church End
£50	KS	147	Church End
£25	LD	123	Shalford Road
£25	TT	289	Meadow Close

Congratulations to this month's winners!

January Winners

	Initial	Ticket	Street
£75	C	60	Kynaston Road
£50	GM	110	Queens Gardens
£25	MY	215	Kynaston Road
£25	MC	193	St Mary's Close

Congratulations to this month's winners!

Thank you to everyone who entered our monthly draws.
Your entries have helped to raise money for the village.

 **Panfield Community Association**

OUTREACH *from Panfield Church*

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Rod Reid

The Deanery, Deanery Hill, Braintree CM7 5SR

Tel: 01376 324887

email: panfieldchurch@panfieldvillage.uk

Secretary: Bridget Smith

4 Church End, Panfield

Tel: 328907

Church Hall Booking: Bridget & David Smith

4 Church End, Panfield

Tel: 328907

Church Wardens: David & Sara Peak

2 Church End, Panfield

Tel: 321045



Dear Friends,

Time marches on. Whether we want it to or not, time keeps slipping away. Tick, tock.

I don't know about you, but I can't believe we are out on the other side of Christmas, into a New Year with shelves full of Easter Eggs and Valentine's Cards! I know for some time marching on can feel a little like a bereavement, it can feel like it slips through our fingers too quickly. It is a scarce resource and seems to pass more and more quickly.

That said, time marching on relentlessly is also a reminder that we can and will come through the tough times too, because even if we can't feel it, and question if it really will, time still goes tick tock. However, we can become handcuffed by chronology, whether it is counting down to something, or just being driven by the order of time. The reality of our lives is one much more of chaos and than order, and maybe sitting with a little chaos might be good.

This metrical, never-ending sense of time with its inevitability is chronology, from the Greek word for time, Chronos. However, it isn't the only word the

Greeks have for time, the other is Kairos. A very different understanding of time, and one we often miss and maybe should pay more attention too. It may well be lesser known but no less important. 'Kairos' is what many philosophers and mystics would refer to as 'deep time'. This is the time we're talking about where the world seems to stop entirely. It can be measured in deep breaths, a shared laugh, or by a colourful sunset. It is qualitative time where you have the opportunity to move forward in the present, released from the tick tock of a clock or indeed the calendar.

These experiences are often called Kairos moments. A Franciscan friar and author Richard Rohr, refers to Kairos as those moments in life where you stop and say, 'Oh my God, this is it. I get it.' Or, 'This is as perfect as it can be.' Or, 'It doesn't get any better than this.' We all know those moments, don't we? They may be few and far between but sometimes a Kairos moment in life can feed your soul, like fuel, for many months at a time. There is an element of serendipity, and a feeling of seizing an opportunity, in those precious moments where time stands still and everything feels possible.

For the church, too often we move from Christmas and Christ's birth straight into Easter and the Way of the Cross without finding the time to breathe, for Kairos moments. This year, Easter is almost as late as it can be, and I know I am going to try in this in-between space to make more time to notice Kairos moments, to put aside the clock and calendar. They can feel like Master, but what would happen, if even for a little time, we decided to put them aside?

A few quotes to close these reflections, Benjamin Franklin said that, "lost time is never found". None of us know what time we will have, but maybe we can be too focussed on that and in miss something even more important, which is how are we spending that time, are there moments of joy, moments that feed our soul. I am certainly going to try to seek more of those in answer to Tolkien's quote which I want to finish with. I wonder how you will answer his question...

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." – J.R.R. Tolkien
With every blessing,

The Revd Rod Reid

Church Services

February	2nd	11am	Holy Communion
	9th	11am	All Age Service
	16th	6pm	Evensong
	23rd	11am	Holy Communion

March	2nd	11am	Holy Communion
	5th	7pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
	9th	11am	Holy Communion
	16th	6pm	Evensong
	23rd	11am	Holy Communion
	30th	11am	Holy Communion

April	6th	11am	Holy Communion
	13th	11am	All Age Service – Palm Sunday

Church Hall Hire

The Church Hall would be a suitable venue to hire for use after funeral wakes etc., and for parties and clubs. For more information contact Bridget:

Telephone: 01376 328907

Mobile: 07849 894244



TEA AT TWO

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13 & 27 February

13 & 27 March

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Panfield

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11th June 2025

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- Prize Raffle

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The CREAMER Fund

Life-saving bleed management kits installed

The installation of six bleed management kits providing emergency first aid to someone suffering a life-threatening injury is under way in local villages, thanks to an initiative by The CREAMER Fund.

The bleed management kits contain dressings and bandages designed to seal wounds and control serious bleeding to save the vital few minutes after an injury or wound occurs, which is often paramount in preventing death in severe bleeding. The kit also contains clear and basic instructions; no training or previous experience is necessary.

Bleed management kits are not just for busy towns and cities, but also quieter residential and rural areas. A catastrophic bleed resulting from a collision, cycle accident, falls, accidents at home or work can happen anywhere.

The kits, some of which have already been installed, will be located at:

- **Cornish Hall End, Horse and Groom Public House**
- **Finchingfield, Freshwell Health Centre**
- **Great Bardfield, Community Information point (adjacent to Village Hall)**
- **Saling, Centenary Village/Sports Hall**
- **Stebbing, Village/Sports Hall**
- **Wethersfield, Village Hall**



The bleed management kits are part of CREAMER's initiative to improve access to medical care in our rural communities. In many cases they will sit side-by-side with the village defibrillator, also funded by CREAMER. The fund has provided a combined total approaching £50,000 to place these bleed kits and 23 community defibrillators across local villages, which are directly saving lives.



The CREAMER Fund is a local charity to Finchingfield and surrounding parishes which aims to enhance well-being and improve access to medical care through provision of facilities, equipment and support services. Chair of The CREAMER Fund Dr Andrew Hildrey said:

“The CREAMER fund was started over 30 years ago with legacies from three patients and has continued solely from donations and fundraising. It has provided equipment including 23 defibrillators to help people within the local village communities and funds services to augment the NHS care. It remains totally dependent on local donations.”

Parish Councils wishing to express an interest in receiving a bleed management kit or have suggestions for other sites can email creamerfund@gmail.com

For more information on The CREAMER Fund, visit our Facebook page or www.creamerfund.co.uk. The fund relies on donations and any contribution, however small helps make a huge difference.

If you would like to donate, please use this QR code or contact us at creamerfund@gmail.com.





February shopping list 2025

Food items

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Custard

Non food items

- Washing up liquid
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo

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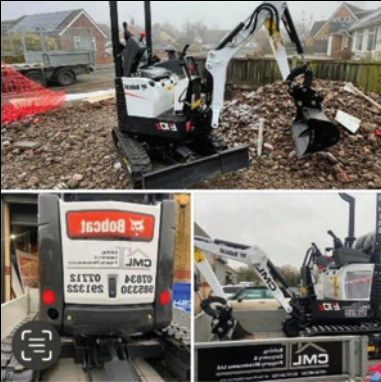
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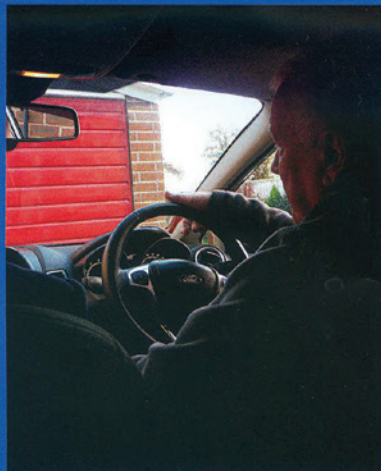
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- Understanding new road signs and markings.
- Tips and techniques to keep you driving happily and safely.

Here's what other Driving With Confidence course attendees had to say:

“My husband used to do all the driving, so I didn't have to. My circumstances changed last year, meaning I now have to drive to get around, so I wanted reassurance that I drive safely. The course helped me to refresh my driving skills and gave me the confidence to continue driving.”

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- Anyone who hasn't taken any refresher training since they passed their test, or is not familiarised with the new Highway Code (2023).
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- Anyone who finds themselves planning journeys around daylight or at quieter times of day.
- Anyone looking to provide reassurance to a friend or family member that they are still a safe driver.
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A very warm welcome awaits you from Graham and all the staff at The Bell Inn at Panfield. As a Greene King tenant we serve Greene King Ales, Guest Ale's, Premium Larger's, Ciders, Gins, Wine's, Non-Alcoholic Beers & Ciders and Soft Drinks.

We serve food lunchtimes and evenings everyday.
Monday – Saturday 12pm till 2pm. Tuesday – Thursday 6pm till 8pm. Friday – Saturday 6pm till 9pm.

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We can cater for all events on site or at an outside venue.

Bingo Night

Wednesday Night is Bingo Night, with cash prizes and once a month we have a game of Boozy Bingo too, arrive at 7:30pm and eyes down at 8pm, bookings a must as limited tables.

We also have a lot of events this year from quiz nights to live music and our annual beer festival. See inside the pub for more information and follow us on Facebook.

Our Events 2025

February 28th	Live Music: Duck for Cover
March 28th	Live Music: KeeleyMac Duo
April 20th	Easter Quiz
April 25th	Live Music: So Yesterday
May 30th	Live Music: The Elevators
June 14th	Fete & Evening Live Music: Gunnyfaulks & Hog Roast
July 11th-13th	Beer Festival Live Music - The Upstanding, Barney and the Rubbles, Cakehole Mafia & Disraeli

LOCAL HELP LINES

Clerk to the Parish Council.	01376 773018
Panfield Church - Revd. Rod Reid	01376 324 887
Braintree District Council.	01376 552 525
Community Agent (chivonne.claydon@caessex.org.uk)	07540 720 603
Community Agents' office (www.essexwellbeingservice.co.uk)	0300 303 9988
Shalford Primary School	01371 850 336
British Gas (electrical emergencies)	105
British Gas gas leaks / carbon monoxide	0800 111 999
Anglian Water	03457 145 145
Panfield Dedicated Police Officer & PCSO.	07812 065 122
Crimestoppers (Freephone)	0800 555 111
Essex Police Non-Emergency	101
Braintree Station (Greater Anglia)	0345 600 7245
Traveline (Public Transport information).	0871 200 2233
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803
Mid Essex Hospitals	01245 362 000
Childline (Freephone)	0800 1111
Essex Young People's Drug & Alcohol Service	01245 493 311
Samaritans	116 123
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 917 7650
Citizens Advice (Braintree, Halstead and Witham).	0808 278 7852
National Debtline (Freephone)	0808 808 4000
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Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits Meadow Close at 1:30pm to 2:00pm every third **Monday**.
Next visits: 10 February, 3 March, 24 March, 14 April

Office Hour at Panfield Church

Revd. Rod Reid is in Panfield on Tuesdays from between 5pm and 6pm. This hour will begin with a short service of Evening Prayer followed by a discussion time for general enquiries, to book weddings or baptisms, discuss churchyard matters or for other pastoral conversations. Items for Braintree Foodbank can also be dropped off in church at this time.

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