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Panfield Village Hall Hire



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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Summer is upon us and what glorious weather we have had. I have my fingers firmly crossed that this will continue, although I do understand that many of you are gardeners so maybe some overnight rain would keep all of us happy.

I was so pleased to see everyone joining in with our Garage Sale and VE Day celebrations, it really was a fantastic day. Obviously, the weather helped, but apart from that the enthusiasm for everything we put together was very rewarding. A very special 'Thank You' to all the bakers, PCA members and their husbands that gave up so much of their time to make the day so special.

Panfield Cinema

Friday 20th June – Fall Guy

After leaving the business one year earlier, battle-scarred stuntman Colt Seavers springs back into action when the star of a big studio movie suddenly disappears. As the mystery surrounding the missing actor deepens, Colt soon finds himself ensnared in a sinister plot that pushes him to the edge of a fall more dangerous than any stunt.



Unfortunately, we had to take the regrettable decision to cancel the showing of 'Small Things Like These'. This is not something we like to do but, these films are quite expensive for us to show, there is the nominal charge for the DVD, but we then have to pay a license fee which is about £80. We don't show the films to make a profit but there must at least be enough people watching to mitigate some of the cost, I hope that helps you understand why we sometimes cancel.

Panfield Fete and Dog Show

Saturday 14th June 12-4pm.

The annual village fete and dog show, held in conjunction with The Bell is always a wonderful event when we can all get together as a community and enjoy what is always a great day, whatever the weather. Although personally I am really hoping it is not quite as wet as last year!!



There are many attractions this year including: model planes, miniature steam engines, bike display team, Rock choir, fly past by a Piper Cub L4J, a plane used during WW11, too many to mention them all.

It is also a very important way of raising much needed funds for our nominated charity, which this year is, the 'Lennox Children's Cancer Fund'. It will be great to see you all there.

Beetle Drive

Saturday 19th July 7.30pm

Join us for some fun in a Beetle Drive. If you are unaware, as I was, exactly what a this is, then let me try and explain:

It is a simple, popular game played with dice and paper, where players race to complete a drawing of a beetle. The game is often played in groups of four, with players taking turns rolling a die and drawing the corresponding beetle body part. The first player to shout "Beetle" after completing their drawing wins that round.



The 50th Anniversary of the Panfield Community Association

Saturday 6th September 6pm

We invite all of you to come to the Village Hall to help us mark this momentous occasion. There will be a BBQ with 70's theme music and memories of 1975 and onwards. Many of us will endeavour to dress as we did then, maybe not the platforms, which I'm sure will only add to the fun.

Black Caps

Saturday 18th October

Definitely a date for your diaries, our favourite band will once again be entertaining us in the village hall, so dancing shoes at the ready. This event is always sold out, so book early to avoid disappointment.



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Race Night

Friday 24th October

Back by popular demand. We will be holding our first Race Night in a long time, as is usual with events at the village hall, you are invited to bring your own refreshments.



8's and under Halloween Party

Sunday 26th October 4.30 – 6.30

Always a very popular event, so please book early. There will be entertainment and a delicious fish and chip supper. £5 per child (non-walkers free of charge). Contact Gina on 07738 554409.

Quiz Night

Saturday 15th November

As this event was a complete sell out earlier in the year, we have decided to give you all chance to impress us again with your incredible knowledge.



Lastly, please remember the Village Hall is there for all of us. Whether you need a regular venue or just somewhere to hold a gathering, it may be that our hall is the answer. Hiring is not expensive and includes all the kitchen facilities, plus the free use of crockery, cutlery, glasses etc. There is even a dishwasher for your use.

Enough from me, whatever you are doing or have planned, I wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you at our events and around the village.

Kind regards

Caroline

Chair of Panfield Community Association

Mobile 07837 803198. Email: pca@panfieldvillage.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Chair's Annual Report

The past year has been a particularly busy and rewarding one for Panfield Parish Council, marked by significant achievements, strong community partnerships, and a continued commitment to preserving the unique character of our village.

One of the most exciting milestones was the installation of the new playground at John Barr. This project, the result of two years' dedicated planning and effort, has been met with fantastic feedback from residents. It is now a popular and well-used facility, bringing enjoyment to families and children throughout the village.

During the year, we said farewell to our village ranger, who relocated. We were fortunate to welcome Nick to the role, and he has quickly proven himself to be an invaluable member of the team. Nick works hard to keep a watchful eye on the village and has built strong relationships with residents, making a real difference in his short time with us.

Another major highlight was the successful appeal against the proposed development of 150 houses on the outskirts of the village. This was a deeply important issue for the community. Our councillors and the Clerk worked tirelessly in opposition, and we were absolutely delighted when the appeal was rejected. This outcome was a victory for all those who care about protecting the integrity and character of Panfield.

We also made good progress with our asset management plans, installing new benches as scheduled and continuing to build our reserves to secure the future of our open spaces. In the Coronation Woodland, we reinforced our planting by adding new tree protectors and replacing whips that had not taken. This area is now developing beautifully, supporting wildlife and providing a peaceful space for visitors.

Despite the significant expense of the new playground, I'm pleased to report that we concluded the financial year under budget. We take pride in our careful financial management, which has enabled us to deliver more than ever before while maintaining a strong and sustainable financial position.

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This year also saw the strengthening of our partnership with the Panfield Community Association, through the signing of a goodwill agreement. This formalises our collaboration and lays the groundwork for working more closely together in the future, to support each other's aims and deliver real benefits for the village.

Sadly, we also saw the departure of two long-serving councillors: Cllr Paul Summers and our former Chair, Cllr Sean Vickers. Both brought great commitment and insight to the Council, and their contributions have played a significant role in getting us to where we are today. They will be greatly missed, and we hope they will continue to be active members of the community.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting initiatives in the pipeline, including a review of our allotments, the launch of the 'Protecting Panfield' initiative, and the continuation of our asset management programme.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank all the villagers for your ongoing support, engagement, and community spirit. Together, we will continue to keep Panfield the brilliant village we all know and love.

Cllr A. Cole

Chair, Panfield Parish Council

We are delighted to say that at our May meeting we welcomed Peter Kotze as a new Councillor. Peter has been a Panfield resident for 15 years, and we greatly look forward to working with him.

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you could give a few hours per month and are passionate about protecting and improving our village, please consider joining our team. Being a Parish Councillor is a very rewarding role which can involve initiating projects, and helping projects progress to successful outcomes, deciding on actions to respond to residents' concerns and ideas, and improving and enhancing our village assets and environment. No previous experience is necessary – all training is supplied – we need your enthusiasm for and commitment to keeping Panfield a safe and thriving community which contributes to every resident's well-being.

Panfield Parish Council relies on the residents who volunteer their time as Councillors: without a Parish Council, Panfield will be subsumed into Braintree (as Bocking was taken over by Braintree when their Parish Council folded through lack of Councillors). This would mean that Braintree District Council would take all decisions for Panfield; there would be no village



Deer running towards Rose Cottage, Panfield.

consultations (such as our recent consultations on John Barr play equipment, allotments and priority spending), and Panfield would not have a specific, co-ordinated voice in the decision-making of Braintree District Council which affects us all – most notably in Planning Applications which affect our village integrity and threaten our surrounding countryside.

Please consider becoming a Councillor and be part of the team whose sole aim is to protect our village for future generations to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of lovely surroundings and be supported by a caring community.

We are also still hoping to hear from interested individuals who would be available to attend Parish Council meetings as a note-taker. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month (except August and January) at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Notes required would be restricted to a formal, separate record of voting outcomes for agenda items. If you are interested in this role, please contact the Clerk enclosing your details and a quote for your provision of this service.

For more details of either becoming a Parish Councillor, or applying for the role of note-taker, please contact our **Clerk, Michelle Baker, CiLCA** via email at: **clerk@panfieldparishcouncil.uk**

Please note the office hours: **Mon 10:00 – 12:00; Weds 13:00 – 15:00; Fri 16:00 – 18:00. Telephone: 01376 773018**

We hope that everyone has a safe and happy summer.

Cllr. Jean Dilworth

OUTREACH *from Panfield Church*

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Rod Reid

The Deanery, Deanery Hill, Braintree CM7 5SR

Tel: 01376 324887

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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,**

Some tasks in life just seem too big, too daunting, don't they?

Often, so much so that we keep putting them off! On a personal note, the particular task that fits this bill in our house is the laundry. Now this isn't about ironing, I love a bit of ironing, but no, this is the piles of washed, clean clothes that never seem to go away.

The reality is that even if it isn't the laundry there are some things in life that just seem too overwhelming to deal with. It seems to me this is just as true of the mundane things in life, as well as the bigger challenges, like how to forgive, how to grieve, how love one another, how to make the world kinder, fairer?

The size of that task is also overwhelming, and similarly so, we find it too hard to do anything. Now that's probably okay when it is the laundry, but not when it comes to those other things. If we don't tackle them we will find we are stuck. I meet lots of people who feel stuck, I have been there too. That desire to try and tackle something but it just feels too immense, where would we even start. It was that thought in my mind when I came across this story...

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left. The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice cheque, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said “You’ve already paid me for painting the boat Sir!”

“But this is not for the paint job. It’s for repairing the hole in the boat.” “Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it’s not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant.” “My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: “When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. “When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. “They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time. “When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. “Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. “Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole! “You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your ‘small’ good deed.”

So, if the question is how do we tackle the big challenges in our lives that feel so daunting maybe the answer is step by step, by doing the little things well, through small good deeds, acts of kindness. Instead of being daunted or giving up, we are reminded today that no matter who, when or how, we must continue to help, to sustain, to wipe tears, to listen attentively, and carefully repair all the ‘leaks’ you find. Along the way, you may have repaired numerous ‘boat holes’ for several people without realising how many lives you’ve saved.

Make a difference... be the best you and keep on going. What the world needs now is love. What the world needs now is you. Go and love one another, step by step.

With every blessing,

The Revd Rod Reid

Church Services

June	1st	11am	Holy Communion
	8th	11am	All Age Service
	15th	6.00pm	Evensong
	22nd		No Service at Panfield – 10am St Mary's Bocking
	29th		No Service at Panfield – 10am St Mary's Bocking

July	6th	11am	Holy Communion
	13th	11am	All Age Service
	20th	6pm	Evensong
	27th	11am	Holy Communion

August	3rd	11am	Holy Communion
	10th	11am	All Age Service
	17th	6pm	Evensong
	24th	11am	Holy Communion

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

PANANZA LOTTERY

April Winners

	Initial	Ticket	Street
£75	M	196	Kynaston Road
£50	GD	207	Kynaston Road
£25	EI	49	Kynaston Road
£25	JK	175	Queens Gardens

Congratulations to this month's winners!

May Winners

	Initial	Ticket	Street
£75	JC	167	St Mary's Close
£50	DC	54	Meadow Close
£25	KC	366	St Mary's Close
£25	JS	160	Church End

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

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- ✓ Want to be part of team who are passionate about eradicating poverty?
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3rd, 17th, 31st July

14th, 28th August

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ALL REFRESHMENTS ARE FREE, DONATIONS WELCOME.



Our current shopping list 2025

Food items

- Coffee
- Tinned rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned hot meat (stew/chilli)
- Tinned cold meat (Spam/Ham)
- Small bottles of squash

Non food tiems

- Toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid
- Shampoo (male and female)
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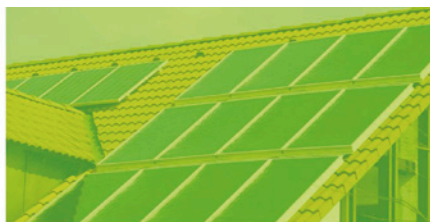
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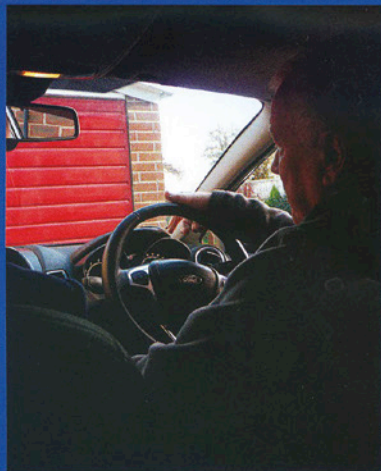
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Bingo Night

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 8.00pm, 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

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
16th August	80's night with Rob Ashfield & Cocktails
24th August	Bank Holiday BBQ & Music
6th September	Italian Night with Live Music from James Burrage
26th September	Live Music: Old Skool Duo
11th October	Oktoberfest & Live Music - Gotcha Band

LOCAL HELP LINES

Clerk to the Parish Council.	01376 773018
Panfield Church - Revd. Rod Reid	01376 324 887
Braintree District Council.	01376 552 525
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Community Agents' office (www.essexwellbeingservice.co.uk)	0300 303 9988
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Citizens Advice (Braintree, Halstead and Witham).	0808 278 7852
National Debtline (Freephone)	0808 808 4000
Age UK (Freephone)	0800 678 1602
Relate (relationship counselling)	0300 003 0396

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits Meadow Close at 1:30pm to 2:00pm every third **Monday**.

Next visits: 16 June, 7 July, 28 July, 18 August

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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