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Panfield Village Hall Hire



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

To check availability and to secure your event please contact the Bookings Clerk, Julia Wilson;

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<https://panfieldcommunityassociation.co.uk>

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Hopefully you are all managing to enjoy the wonderful weather we are having this year. As I am writing this we are not yet on a hosepipe ban, but I have a feeling that it may be in our future.

A fantastic Thank You, to all those that took part in, helped or just visited the Fete in June, it was a roaring success. A very good sign that the community spirit is still alive and kicking in Panfield.

If you have ever wondered what we do with money we raise at our events, one very important item that we maintain, is the Defibrillator (this is located at The Bell Pub), we recently had to replace the battery at a cost of £350, obviously a very important asset to have within the village.

Panfield Cinema Due to a regrettable lack of interest in the last few films, we have made the decision to put this on hold for a time. I will keep you updated of any changes to this decision.

The 50th Anniversary of the Panfield Community Association

Saturday 30th August 12-4pm
(Please note, this is a date and time change)

50 YEARS Panfield Community Association
Serving our village for 50 Years

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Black Caps

Saturday 18th October 7pm – 11pm

One of our most popular events of the year, this great band perform in the village hall every year and it is always a sell-out. Make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.





Race Night

Friday 24th October

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Many of you have requested that we reintroduce Race Nights into our calendar, so it is back and it promises to be a really fun night. Please feel free to bring your own drinks and food.

8's and Under Halloween Party

Sunday 26th October. From 4.30-6.30pm.

Entertainment and fish and chip meal. There is a £5 charge per child just to cover the cost of food, non-walking children go free. As it's such a popular event we give priority to children that live in Panfield. For more information please contact Geena on 07738 554409.



Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November

The annual Remembrance Service will be held on the Village Green, this is a lovely well attended service, a great time to all come together to give thanks to those that paid such a high price.

Quiz Night

Saturday 15th November

Once again, we have listened, many of you have said that one quiz a year is not enough, so, here it is, Quiz mark II. As the first quiz night sold out early, make sure you request your table early, a maximum of 6 players to a table.

Please enjoy the rest of summer, and as always please contact me if you specific requests, I can't promise to always grant your wishes but I will try.

Kind regards

Caroline

Chair of Panfield Community Association

Mobile 07837 803198. Email: pca@panfieldvillage.uk



PARISH COUNCIL

We are delighted to announce that the village sign has been beautifully restored and re-installed. Our thanks to everyone involved in this project for their time, expertise and enthusiasm, including Rhena for the stunning re-painting and artistic work, Tony for the dismantling, preparation work and re-installation, Steve for arranging the forklift and Nick our Parish Ranger for his assistance.

After a very long wait for the suppliers, the new Vehicle Activated Sign has now been installed at the Jaspers Green end of Kynaston Road. The new sign matches the one at Church End and will increase our data on traffic speeds which will help both our Speed Watch group and with any future plans we might consider for traffic calming measures.

Councillor Julia Hill has been representing Panfield Parish Council at the new Police and Parish Councils Teams meetings. At the June meeting the Area Commander, Chief Inspector Martin Richards attended alongside PC Draper. It was announced that 6 new officers are joining the Neighbourhood Policing Team (formerly the Community Policing Team); these are new recruits and not moves from other parts of the force. It was reported that the biggest problem the area faces is domestic abuse which far outweighs the incidents of anti-social behaviour and is on the rise.

Referring to a recent Speed Watch incident in which Cllr Hill was involved in her role as a Speed Watch volunteer, a question was raised about follow up action members of the public can take if they are not happy with a police response. If members of the public are not satisfied with the outcome of an investigation, a review can be requested under a "Victim's Right to Review" procedure.

The matter of the Nottingham Knockers (unlicensed cold calling to peddle wares door to door) was raised. Both police officers confirmed that no one has a licence to peddle or carry out cold calling in the area, and they asked for incidents to be reported when they arise and where possible to obtain details where it is known they are in a vehicle. All residents are urged to report incidents and suspicious activity to the police.

Continued overleaf



In news on our Open Spaces Maintenance projects, wildflower seeds have been ordered to replenish the wildflower mound on Thistledown, and rubber spikes have been ordered for the top of the new swings in John Barr Playing Field in order to prevent bird droppings.

Panfield Parish Council is frequently approached about issues such as potholes, pavement repairs, hedges overhanging or obstructing pavements and defective traffic signage. We would like to remind everyone that any issues with roads and pavements should be reported directly to Essex County Council Highways on the “Report a Fault” page of their website. If there is an issue which is the remit of Braintree District Council, such as fly-tipping or graffiti, then please report it on the BDC website for their “Clean Team” to deal with promptly.

If any resident has reported an issue and has had no response or the problem is not acknowledged or resolved within 12 weeks of the report, then please contact our Clerk, and include any relevant emails or evidence of the initial report, for follow up and support.

Panfield is without a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator at the moment. This is a voluntary role which involves liaising with the local Neighbourhood Watch Team to keep updated on crime and crime prevention in our area, receiving regular newsletters and publicising alerts on the Neighbourhood Watch noticeboard on the village hall when appropriate. If you would like to take on this role serving our community and helping to keep our village safe, please contact Clerk (details below).

Finally, we still have a vacancy for a Councillor: if you would like to become part of our team and help us protect and enhance our lovely village please contact our Clerk, **Michelle Baker CiLCA**, via email at: clerk@panfieldparishcouncil.uk.

Please note that the Clerk’s office hours are:

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

Tel: 01376 773018

We wish everyone a very 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

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,

It is twenty years since my father-in-law passed away and he was quite the character. Born and brought up in Lancashire, he was the absolute double of Fred Dibnah. Do you remember him? The famous steeplejack who was on our TVs through the eighties and early nineties!

Well, my father-in-law, had many wonderful qualities, but the best was whenever he had done something really nice, or had a little surprise, you would already know, because his chin would wobble. Even now I can see it so clearly! One of the funniest times I saw it was when not long after being diagnosed with diabetes we had said you really have to change your diet, please. He was very stubborn at first, but a few weeks on announced 'I have done it'. As I say, we knew something was coming as the chin was wobbling. We waited for this new diet regime to be revealed, and he told us 'I have made one change, but a really significant one'. This was sounding very promising, a start at least. He went on to say, well you know how I drink R Whites Lemonade, yes we said, well I have switched to the Diet version! True story!

I hope it made you smile; it is making me smile all over again! In the end many

other ailments caught up with him and we were glad that he only changed his lemonade type in the end.

The chin wobble that came with it, we also saw when he had done something to ‘help’ us. It wasn’t, ‘I have transferred some money over’, no it was usually something totally unnecessary that didn’t help at all. Now, please don’t get me wrong, he was the most wonderful man, and we continue to miss him terribly, but he did that thing that so many do of saying they are helping, but not really asking what would help in the first place! I suspect we all know someone like that, but maybe we are guilty of it too.

As we know, a certain supermarket is very keen to remind us that every little helps, but it does need to be something we actually need help with. Part of the difficulty here is that we feel awkward in asking for helping, and awkward in being direct about what actual help we might need or want. For example, someone saying I would love to knit, will benefit far more from someone showing them the technique, than someone just giving them lots of wool.

This thought of being helpful was very timely when I popped in to see a local Panfield resident. They had noticed how challenging it can be to ask for help and just as challenging to know who to ask for help particularly when our family support is spread far and wide. We are blessed to have Chivonne as our Community Agent here in Panfield and her details will be in RAP, but we wondered if there were others in the village who would like to help but don’t know how? Or those who feel embarrassed about asking for help and need support?

It might be that you have some free time on a regular day and could offer that help, or maybe you are very handy at DIY, maybe you have the perfect scone recipe or anything else really. Wouldn’t it be lovely to further support Chivonne’s work by having a list of a few volunteers here in Panfield who could help. If this sounds like it could be you, or that you might want to call upon this potential service please email me or speak to someone from the church. We can then gauge the responses and link in with Chivonne.

I am sure we can all do our bit to help, our bit to look out for each other, and continue to foster that good sense of community here in our own village. As you reflect on that during these summer months, let me close with a few words from a very well-known song, that may just prove a constant refrain and with it a constant reminder of what we can do for one another, because it is true, every little helps.

*When I was younger, so much younger than today
 I never needed anybody's help in any way
 But now these days are gone, I'm not so self-assured
 Now I find I've changed my mind and opened up the doors*

*Help me if you can, I'm feeling down
 And I do appreciate you being 'round
 Help me get my feet back on the ground
 Won't you please, please help me?*

With every blessing,

The Revd Rod Reid

Church Services

August	3rd	11am	Holy Communion
	10th	11am	All Age Service
	17th	6pm	Evensong
	24th	11am	Holy Communion
	31st		No Service at Panfield – 10am St Mary's Bocking
September	7th	11am	Holy Communion
	14th	11am	All Age Service
	21st	6pm	Harvest Festival - Songs of Praise
	28th	11am	Holy Communion
October	5th	11am	Holy Communion
	12th	11am	All Age Service
	19th	6pm	Evensong
	26th	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**

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Hope to see many of you there.

HELP – if you or any of your families have photos of PCA events or committee members, ranging from 1975 to present day, whatever they be, I would very much appreciate copies of them. If they are actual photos rather than digital copies, I will take pictures of them. Thank you.

50 YEARS **Panfield Community Association**
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GAMES**

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June Winners

	Initial	Ticket	Street
£75	JS	141	Bell Lane
£50	RD	425	Kynaston Road
£25	H	121	Kynaston Road
£25	JW	157	Meadow Close

Congratulations to this month's winners!

July Winners

	Initial	Ticket	Street
£75	BG	341	Shalford Road
£50	JS	140	Bell Lane
£25	SR	360	Queens Gardens
£25	AW	12	Ketleys View

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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- Tea bags (small 40's)
- Jam
- Chocolate
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Rice (1kg bags)
- Packet/tinned custard
- Tinned fruit
- UHT/powdered milk



Non food items

- Washing up liquid

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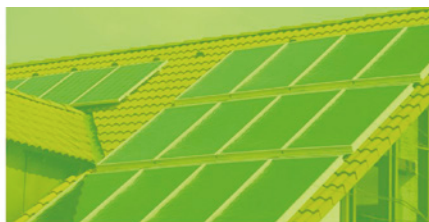
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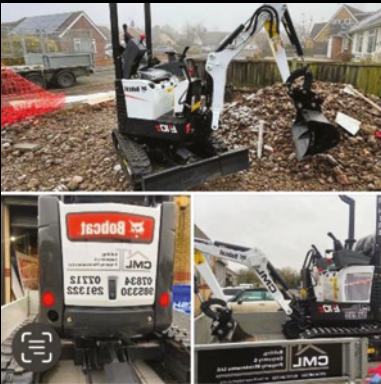
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Tuesday – Thursday 6.00pm till 8.00pm.

Friday – Saturday 6.00pm till 9.00pm.

Sunday is Roast Day! Served 12.00pm till 3.00pm.

Our Roasts are Beef, Leg of Lamb, or Roast Chicken Supreme. Our meat is supplied by our local Butcher who we have used for over 20 years.

We also have our Main Menu and Snack Menu available everyday Lunch and Evening. We also have our over 55's Lunch Menu available Monday – Friday 12.00pm till 2.00pm, Main Course and Dessert with Tea or Coffee for £14.95.

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 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

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
31st October	Halloween Party with High Frequency
28th November	Live Music - Afterlife

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
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: 18 August, 8 September, 29 September, 20 October.

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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