

Welcome to Llangrove



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***- and a very warm invitation
to enjoy the many activities
taking place in our friendly
and busy village.***



Llangrove Village Singers in performance



Fundraising cake sale

To find out more:

Keep an eye on the notice board outside the village hall.

Visit the Llangrove website at
www.llangrove.org.uk

Sign up for the village email news letter at
llangrovelinks@yahoo.co.uk

Join the village Facebook group:
Llangrove Living

A short history...

Historical records are scanty, particularly before the 1600s because of the absence of industry, major ecclesiastical establishments, important trade routes, a big house and famous names, but this is not unusual in a small settlement which developed over many centuries of mainly subsistence farming. Llangrove is on a ridge 150m high without an easily accessible natural water supply, which would have made life difficult for those seeking to set up home here. It was not until about 1880 that a public system was provided: water was pumped up from the River Garron to a holding tank at the top of the village, Tank Meadow, and distributed through seven roadside taps like the one outside the school which commemorates Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee of 1887.

Looking back two centuries or so, we would recognise the shape of the village with its maze of lanes and scattered houses, the unmistakable sign of settlement on common or unenclosed land. There were already a few older houses dating back to the 1500s and 1600s, and by the mid 1800s the village was becoming self-sufficient. Trade directories later that century list builders, tailors, a wheelwright and a blacksmith, carriers, an undertaker, bootmakers and plenty more. There were three shops, two (possibly three) pubs and, well into the 20th century, regular bread, fish and meat deliveries. Llangrove Transport ran seaside excursions and a frequent daily bus service to Ross and Monmouth in the 1920s.

Up to World War I, the church registers show occupations were mainly agriculture-based, but this starts to change as miners, railway shunters, roadmen, a constable, a ship's carpenter, a nurseryman, engineers, and a 'gentleman' are listed, suggesting diversification of population, mobility and increasing employment opportunities. By the 1960s new residents were starting to move in from further afield, some to work locally, Hereford and Gloucester, having turned their back on the cities or choosing to work from home. Completion of the A40 in 1965 provided a fast link to the expanding motorway system, specifically London via the Severn Bridge and M4, and increasing car ownership brought villages like Llangrove within reach of many people attracted by the idea of country living and being part of a small community.



Llangrove Village Hall opened in 1961 and has become and remained central to the social life of the village.

It has become the centre for the village's clubs and youth groups. Many new activities have been introduced ranging from table tennis, to choirs and art classes.

Outside the hall is one of the village's defibrillators for emergency use. (The second is outside The Royal Arms.)

The village hall is also responsible for maintaining the local book exchange (ie former telephone kiosk).

Christ Church is part of the Wye Brooks group of parishes.

Vicar: Rev Ben Bentham

Tel: 01989 770454

Sunday service at 10am on first 4 Sundays of the month.



See website for other services:
<http://llangrove.org.uk/christ-church.html>

Llangrove CE Academy strives to provide an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice.



We recognise that every child has the potential to succeed in the right surroundings. With this in mind we aim to provide a caring and supportive learning environment with exciting and engaging learning opportunities to suit individual needs.



Some of the groups/activities in the village:

- Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings
- Art classes, Craft N Chat
- Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Rainbows
- Community Productions - Pantomime
- Gardening Group
- Llangrove Village Singers choir
- Table Tennis for adults and juniors
- Royal Arms Quiz Night & Reading Group
- Repair Cafe
- Walking Group
- WI
- Yoga

Please check the Llangrove website for further information and contact details:

www.llangrove.org.uk

Local Services

Store

Woods of Whitchurch, tel Tel 01600 890363

<http://www.woodsofwhitchurch.co.uk/>

Community Police

Telephone 101 (in emergency always call 999)

Email: rossonwye.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers

West Mercia Police, tel 0300 333 3000

GP Surgeries

Pendeen Surgery, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5AH

Tel: 01989 763535

<http://www.pendeensurgery.nhs.uk/>

Chippenham Surgery, Monmouth, NP25 3EQ

Tel: 01600 713811

<http://www.chippenhamsurgery.co.uk/>

Dixton Surgery, Monmouth, NP25 3PL

Tel: 01600 712152

<http://www.dixtonsurgery.co.uk>



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