

# ***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](http://www.llangrove.org.uk)**

Sign up for the village email news letter  
at **[llangrovelinks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:llangrovelinks@yahoo.co.uk)**

Facebook page:

**[www.facebook.com/llangrovevillage/](http://www.facebook.com/llangrovevillage/)**



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 has 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 the village's defibrillator for emergency use.

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

**Christ Church, Llangrove**, is part of 'The Borders Group of Parishes'.

Vicar: Rev Ben Bentham

Tel: 01989 770454

Regular services:

First and fourth  
Sundays: Parish  
Communion - 9.30am

Second Sunday: Family  
Service - 9.30am

Third Sunday: Evensong  
4.30pm

Most Tuesday mornings  
at 10am a small group  
meet for fellowship and  
prayers at Christ Church.



**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.



### **Groups and Activities in the village**

- Afternoon Teas
- Art classes
- Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Rainbows
- Community Productions - Pantomime
- Coffee mornings
- Gardening Group
- Llangrove Village Singers community choir
- Table Tennis for adults and juniors
- Quiz evenings and fun events at The Royal Arms
- Walking Group
- WI

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

**[www.llangrove.org.uk](http://www.llangrove.org.uk)**



## **Local Services**

### **Store**

Woods of Whitchurch, tel Tel 01600 890363

Mon-Sat: 7am-8pm, Sunday: 8am 7pm

### **Post Offices**

Welsh Newton Common, NP25 5RT, tel 01989 770278

Goodrich HR9 6HX, tel 01600 890352

### **Community Police**

Telephone 101 (in emergency always call 999)

Email: [rossonwye.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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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