

MARCLE RIDGE COUNTRY

Come to Blossomtime simply to enjoy this wonderful stretch of countryside. Fields, orchards and woodland create a living farming patchwork. The slopes of the Marcle Ridge offer splendid views across to the Malvern Hills to the east: to the west Woolhope is within the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

HOW TO FIND US

Putley lies south of the Ledbury to Hereford road. A keypoint is the Trumpet crossroads with its garage and inn. We are just 15 minutes from the M50 motorway, 2.5 hours from London and 1.25 hours from South Wales and the West Midlands.

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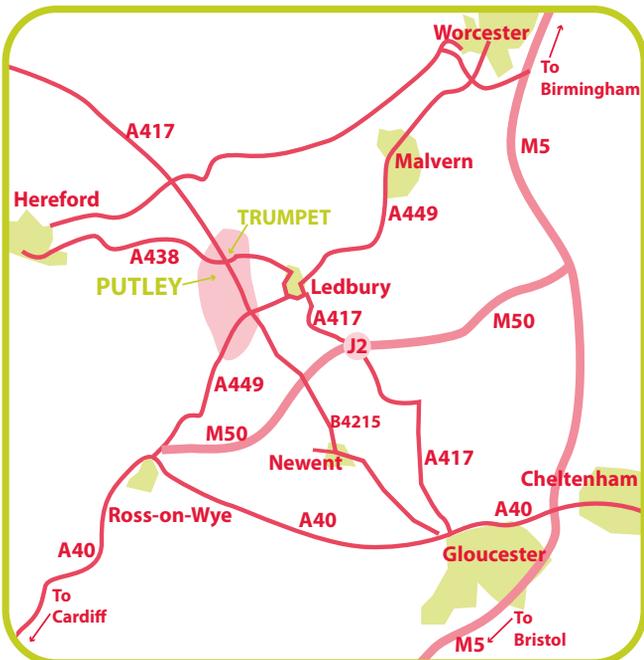
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A springtime celebration of English apples and cider in the Herefordshire parishes of the Marcle Ridge

BLOSSOMTIME IN PUTLEY

3rd & 4th May 2015

As the flowers set for this year's apples, the cider made from last autumn's crop becomes ready to taste....



**Cider tastings
Orchard walks
Lunches & teas
And more...**

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BLOSSOMTIME

"A unique blend of orchards in blossom and traditional cider tasting"

Here is a special springtime opportunity to enjoy the lovely countryside and orchards of the Marcle Ridge area of Herefordshire, where local orchards are famous both for their cider fruit and their dessert and culinary fruit.

The events are based around a grand cider tasting in Putley Village Hall, where you will find an array of traditional ciders and perris from Herefordshire and surrounding counties, together with some of the makers for you to meet.

Blossomtime is not just for cider enthusiasts, there are also apple juices to taste. You can enjoy a walk through the orchards around Putley, with or without a guide, then refresh yourselves with excellent homemade food.

Walk across the orchards to Aylton to visit the refurbished Manorial Barn and Aylton Church.

GRAND CIDER TASTING AND TEAS

Putley Village Hall, HR8 2QN

Sunday 3rd May: 2pm to 6pm

Monday 4th May: 12noon to 5pm

Cider, perry and apple juice tasting

£1.50 for 6 tokens on the door

Common Bond – a collection of portraits of nearby cider and perry-makers, seen through the eyes of their friend and mentor Jean Nowell

Leaflets available for **self-guided orchard walks**

Also Paul Hand of 'Bees and Trees' with fruity activities; Sarah Blenkinsop, Master Composter and Organic Gardener, with plant sales and advice on growing your own veg and compost making; Pork and Two Veg with tastings of locally reared pork sausages.

Special events: Sunday 3rd May

9.30am A walk above Putley 7 miles, steep in places. No dogs please. Return via Aylton where lunch available (separate charge). Donations welcome. **Meet PVH**

11am Orchard walk including sampling Jus's award winning single variety apple juices – taste each one right by the tree that it came from. £2.50 (children free) (proceeds to Little Marcle Church). 1 hour. **At Birchley, Aylton** (HR8 2QH, GR657366)

From 12.30pm Cheese ploughman's lunch in restored Grade II* cruck barn. £5 (£3 for hot dogs). Proceeds to Aylton Church and The Music Pool. Flower Festival in the Church next door and art workshops for budding artists in the Ox Byre. **At CFA**

From 2pm Apple teas will be served by Tarrington Brownies. **At PVH**

From 2pm 'Have-a-go' with Ledbury Archers – all welcome (age 8 upwards; under 16s to be accompanied by a responsible adult). Instruction given. £2 for 6 arrows. New House Farm (**near PVH**)

3pm Leominster Morris will dance at Putley Village Hall **PVH**

4.15pm Mining Bees and Ten Commandments - an introduction to the management and wildlife of Putley Churchyard. Putley Wildlife Group. Meet at **PVH** for short walk to Putley Church.

Special events: Monday 4th May

10.00am Natural history of orchards – guided walk to discover local wildlife with Herefordshire Ornithological Club. No dogs please. 1½ hours. **Meet PVH**

11.30 am Guided walk (Part 1) through the orchards and fields of Putley. £1.50 (children free). (Parts 1 and 2 are different walks which can be done separately or joined together with a break for lunch) 1¼ hours. **Meet PVH**

From 12 noon Delicious lunches, proceeds to Village Hall. **At PVH**

From 1pm Fiddlers Two - musical interludes drawing on the folk traditions of the British Isles and further afield. **At PVH**

1.30 pm Guided walk (Part 2 – see Part 1) through the orchards and fields of Putley. £1.50 (children free). 1¼ hours. **Meet PVH**

From 2pm Apple teas will be served by Putley WI **At PVH**

Locations:

PVH (Putley Village Hall, HR8 2QN, GR651375);

CFA (Court Farm, Aylton, HR8 2RQ, GR658376);

Please see our website www.bigapple.org.uk for further details of all events in this programme.

Round and about:

Trumpet Corner (HR8 2RA) Tea room offering freshly baked cakes, light lunches & afternoon teas plus a vibrant art studio showcasing the work of local artists & artisans. 10am - 4pm

The Nest, Little Verzons (HR8 2PZ) Casual café, local produce shop, picnic boxes for the orchard – plus Newent Plant Centre (01531 670816). 10.30am – 4pm

Westons Cider, Much Marcle (HR8 2NQ). Open all weekend. Guided mill tours (charge applies) at 11am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm. Cider sales, Tea room, Children's Play Area & Farm Animals. 10am - 4pm

Nearby pubs: Trumpet Inn

Woolhope: Butchers Arms, Crown Inn

Much Marcle: Royal Oak, Scrumpy House, Slip Tavern, Walwyn Arms