

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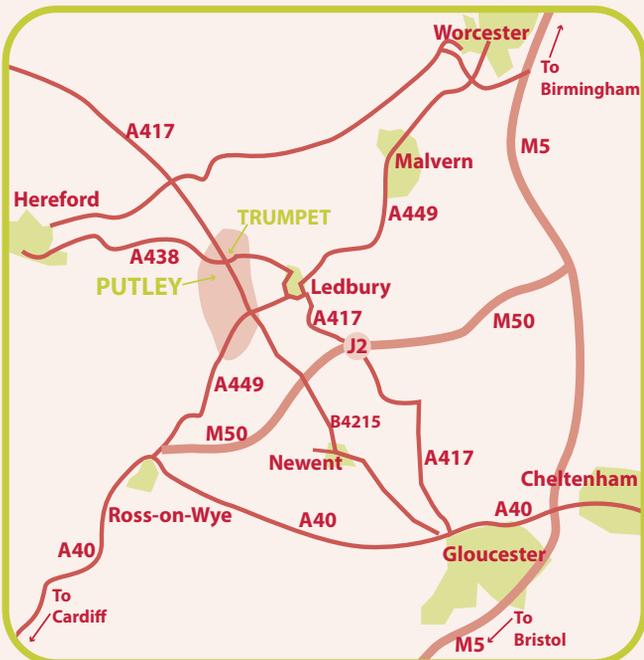
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A springtime celebration of English apples and cider in the Herefordshire parishes of the Marcle Ridge

BLOSSOMTIME IN PUTLEY

4th & 5th May 2014

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 perries from Herefordshire and surrounding counties, together with some of the cidemakers 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 4th May: 2pm to 6pm

Monday 5th May: 12noon to 5pm

Cider, perry and apple juice tasting

£1.50 for 6 tokens on the door

Apple teas will be served in the village hall

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

Also Paul Hand of 'Bees and Trees' with fruity activities; RSPB activities; Master Composter and Gardener, with advice on grow your own veg and compost making; tastings of locally reared pork sausages.

Special events: Sunday 4th 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**

10 - 6pm Flower Festival in the newly restored Church next to **CFA**

11am Tour & sampling of Jus single variety apple juice. See where our apples are grown, pressed & pasteurised, & taste our award winning apple juice. £2.50 (children free) (proceeds to Little Marcle Church) 1 hour. **At Birchley, Aylton** (HR8 2QH, GR657366)

12.30-2.30pm A Child's View: Blossomtime through the eyes of a child – True Colours Education with art & craft resources for children to express their seasonal discoveries. Orchard trails too. **CFA**

From 12.30pm Cheese ploughman's lunch in restored Grade II* cruck barn. £5 (£2 for hot dogs). Proceeds to Aylton Church and Herefordshire Growing Point. **At CFA**

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From 3pm Fiddlers Two - musical interlude drawing on the folk traditions of the British Isles and further afield. **At PVH**

Special events: Monday 5th May

10.30am Natural history of orchards – guided walk to discover local wildlife with Herefordshire Ornithological Club. No dogs please. Donations welcome. 1½ hours. **Meet PVH**

10 - 6pm Flower Festival in the newly restored Church next to **CFA**

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**

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

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

4.30pm Cider with Rosie - Wye Theatre presents a rehearsed reading adapted from Laurie Lee's book, based on his Cotswold childhood. 1 hour (approx). No seating so bring a low back chair, rug or cushion. **The Big Hug, DOP**

Locations:

PVH (Putley Village Hall, HR8 2QN, GR651375); CFA (Court Farm, Aylton, HR8 2RQ, GR658376); DOP (Dragon Orchard, Putley, HR8 2RG, GR653381)

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

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 New Play Area & Westons Farm Animals. 10am - 4pm

Nearby pubs: Trumpet Inn

Woolhope: Butchers Arms, Crown Inn

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

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