

Round and about: Open all weekend

Trumpet Corner (HR8 2RA) Tea room offering light lunches alongside gallery showcasing work of guest artists (01531 670082). 10am - 4pm

The Nest, Little Verzons (HR8 2PZ) Relaxed family friendly café, local grocery store, picnic boxes for the orchard (01531 670816) – plus next door Newent Plant Centre (01531 670121). 9am – 5pm (10am – 4pm Sun)

Westons Cider, Much Marcle (HR8 2NQ). Guided mill tours (charge applies) at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm. Cider sales, Tea room, Children's Play Area. 10am – 4pm

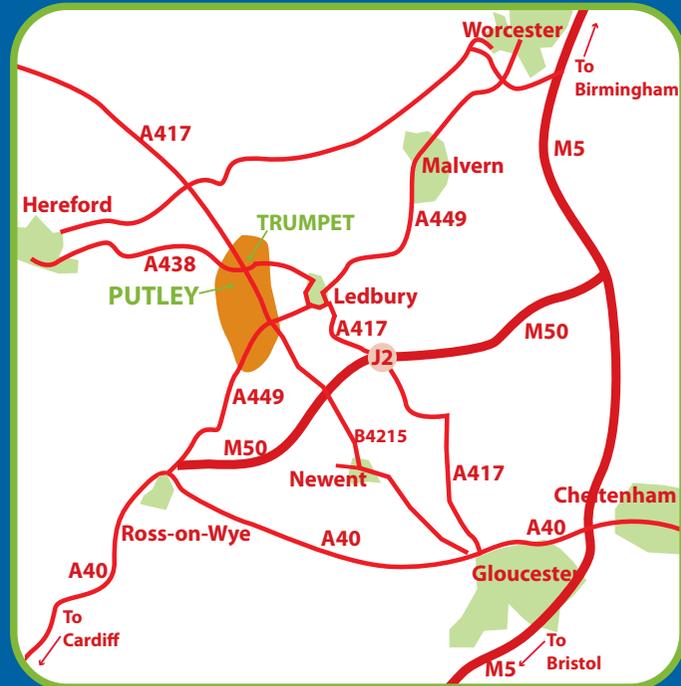
Nearby pubs: Trumpet Inn

Woolhope: Butchers Arms, Crown Inn

Much Marcle: Royal Oak, Scrumpy House (daytime only), Slip Tavern, Walwyn Arms

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.



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



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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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For programme information, phone Mrs. Jackie Denman on (01531) 670544. Our website includes details of accommodation in the area.



Scan for quick access to our website.



Remember to visit us for Harvestime too!
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th October 2017
In Much Marcle

CIDER - PRODUCERS - CELEBRATION - PERRY - LUNCHES -

Blossomtime



in Putley



Sunday 30th April & Monday 1st May 2017

A seasonal celebration of apples, orchards and cider in the Herefordshire parishes of the Marcle Ridge



- WALKS - TALKS - TASTINGS - ORCHARDS - BLOSSOM -



Blossomtime

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 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.



Special events: Sunday 30th April

9.30am Walking to the Wonder A walk through the orchards of Putley with occasional readings of blossom time haiku from our own haiku poet, David Walker. No dogs please. Donations welcome. (Return in time for talk at 11.15). **Meet PVH**

11.15am Bees - and the Fascinating World of Pollination. Bee advocate and wildlife gardener, Brigit Strawbridge, will talk about her love of native wild bees and explain why they are so important to biodiversity. £3.50 (children <16 free) **At DRO**

From 12.30pm Cheese ploughman's lunch in restored Grade II* cruck barn. £6 (£4 for hot dog). 12.30-2.30pm Church open next door and creative activities in the Ox Byre with our local, internationally renowned, screen printing team Sunny and Emma Todd (donation). Proceeds to Aylton Church and RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution). **At CFA**

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

From 3pm Fiddlers Two - folk trio performing wide range of traditional fiddle tunes from around the world, from gentle airs and waltzes to rip-roaring foot-stompers. Jigs, Reels and Fiddle Surreals! **At PVH**

3.30pm Guided walk through the orchards and fields of Putley. £1.50 (children free). 1¼ hours. **Meet PVH**

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



Grand Cider Tasting And Teas



Putley Village Hall, HR8 2QN
Sunday 30th April: 2pm to 6pm
Monday 1st May: 12noon to 5pm
Cider, perry and apple juice tasting
£2 for 6 tokens on the door

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

CIDER AND PERRY SALES from:

Avenue Cottage Perry

Bartestree Cider

Cwm Maddoc Cider

Gregg's Pit Cider and Perry

Lyne Down Cider

Oliver's Cider and Perry

Once Upon a Tree Cider and Perry

Also: Jus Apple Juice; Anne Crane with her bee friendly plants and advice for making your garden a pollinator paradise; Paul Hand of 'Bees and Trees' with fruity activities; Sarah Blenkinsop, Moors Wood Forest School with seed sowing, plant sales and advice on compost and keeping chickens; Pork and Two Veg (Sunday) with tastings of locally reared pork sausages.

Special events: Monday 1st May

9.30am Natural history of orchards – guided walk to discover local wildlife with Herefordshire Ornithological Club. No dogs please. 1½ hours. **Meet DRO**

11.15am 'The Apple: Magic and Mythology'. **Pete Brown**, a writer specialising in "making people thirsty" and author of BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week 'The Apple Orchard', will share some of the myths associated with apples from Eden onwards and why ritual and magic still seem important to us. £3.50 (children <16 free). **At DRO**

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

1.30pm Guided walk 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**

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



Author Pete Brown & "The Apple Orchard"



Locations:

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

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

DRO (Dragon Orchard, Putley HR8 2RG, GR652381)