

Round and about: Over the weekend

Trumpet Corner (HR8 2RA) Tea room offering light lunches alongside gallery showcasing work of guest artists (01531 670082). 10am - 4pm (not Sunday)

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). **Saturday only:** pop up pub night with local beers and ciders, 6-10pm

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

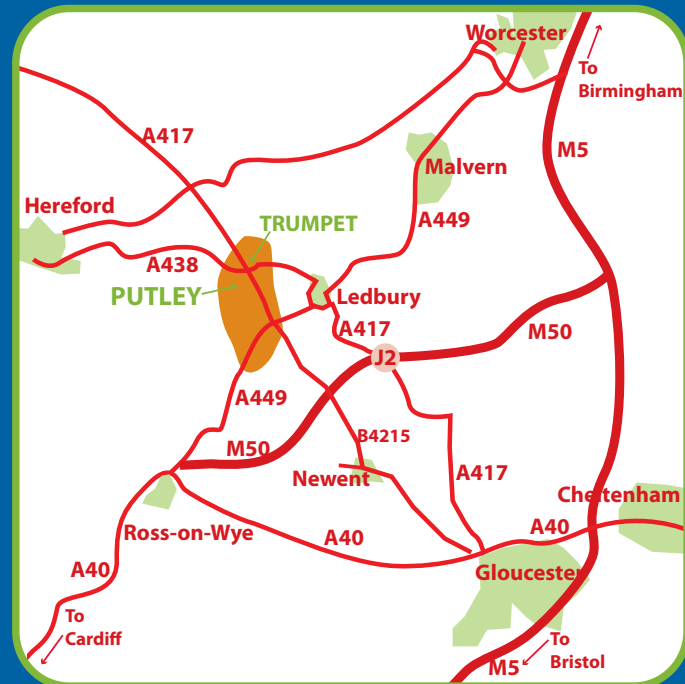
Nearby pubs: Trumpet Inn

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 in Much Marcle for
Harvestime too!
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th October 2018

CIDER - PRODUCERS - CELEBRATION - PERRY - LUNCHES -

Blossomtime



in Putley



Sunday 6th May & Monday 7th May 2018

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 6th May

9.30am Guided walk through the orchards and fields of Putley. £1.50 (children free). 1¼ hours. **Meet DRO**

11am The impact of cider on rural poetry, the Archers and the world at large – James Crowden author, poet and cider enthusiast, and Graham Harvey, playwright, author and agricultural story editor for 'The Archers', share their thoughts. £4 (children <16 free). **At DRO**

From 12.30pm Cheese ploughman's lunch in restored Grade II* cruck barn. £5 (£3 for hot dog). **12.30–2.30pm** Church open next door, florally decorated. Proceeds to St Michael's Hospice/Aylton Church/Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. **At CFA**

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

2.30pm Guided walk through the orchards and fields of Putley. £1.50 (children free). 1¼ hours. **Meet PVH**

3pm Tutored tasting with The Ciderologist, Gabe Cook – Single Variety Ciders. Over 18s only. Limited numbers – book on day. £2. **At PVH**

4pm Leominster Morris will dance at Putley Village Hall. **At PVH**

5pm Tutored tasting with The Ciderologist, Gabe Cook – Cider for Wine Lovers. Over 18s only. Limited numbers – book on day. £2. **At PVH**

“A unique blend of orchards in blossom and traditional cider tasting”



Grand Cider Tasting And Teas



Putley Village Hall, HR8 2QN

Sunday 6th May: 2pm to 6pm

Monday 7th 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

Gregg's Pit Cider and Perry

Lyne Down Cider

Newton Court Cider

Once Upon a Tree Cider and Perry -

(celebrating 10 years of cider making this year!)

Woodredding 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; Pork and Two Veg (Sunday) with locally reared pork sausages.

Special events: Monday 7th May

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

10am Fitness walk – 2.5-3 miles (1 hr approx) on roads around Putley, including warm up and cool down stretches. No dogs. Apple juice on return to village hall! **Meet PVH.**

10.30am Guided 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 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**

From 2pm 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 Tutored tasting with The Ciderologist, Gabe Cook – Single Variety Ciders. Over 18s only. Limited numbers – book on day. £2. **At PVH**



Gabe Cook - The Ciderologist

Locations:

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

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

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