

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

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 – 5pm

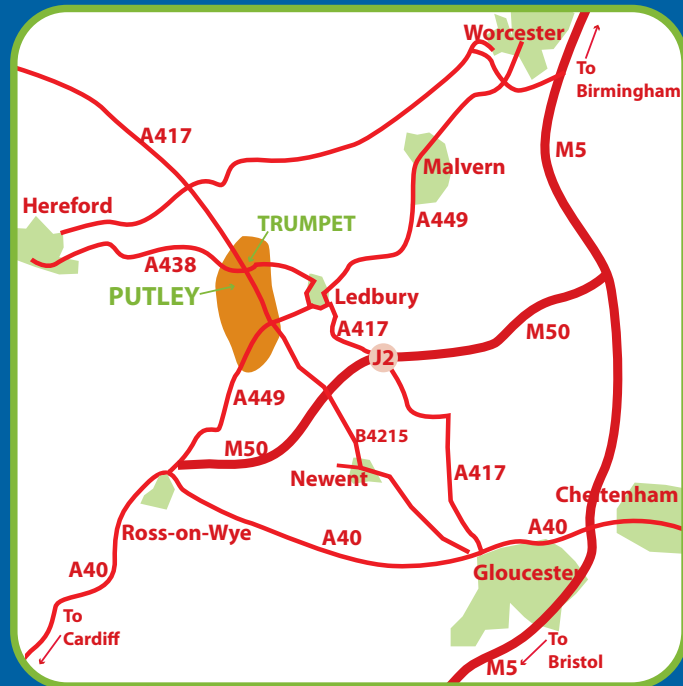
Nearby pubs: Trumpet Inn

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...



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Blossomtime

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 12th & Sunday 13th October 2019



in Putley



Sunday 5th May & Monday 6th May 2019

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 5th May

9.30am Natural history of orchards – guided walk to discover local wildlife with Putley Wildlife Group. No dogs please. 1¼ hours. **Meet PPH**

11am Cider in the Shire: exchanging ideas and experience in a global forum. Fresh from CiderCon 2019, local authors and cidemakers Susanna Forbes, Gabe Cook and Simon Day discuss whether Herefordshire has more to give to or learn from the rest of the world when it comes to cidemaking. £5 (children <16 free). **At DRO**

10.30am - 3.30pm Yew Tree Farm Perry Pears. Sample four single-variety perry pear pressings under the very trees that grew the pears. Sales of farmhouse perry and 'Aylton Sausages' made from home-grown pork infused with our 'Aylton Red' Perry. **At YTF**

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 Hope Support Services/Aylton Church. **At CFA**

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

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

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

4pm Leominster Morris will dance at Putley Parish Hall. **At PPH**

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

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



Grand Cider Tasting And Teas



Putley Parish Hall, HR8 2QN
Sunday 5th May: 2pm to 6pm
Monday 6th 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:

Bartestree Cider

Gregg's Pit Cider and Perry

Newton Court Cider

Pope's Perry

Ragged Stone Cider

Woodredding Cider and Perry

Yew Tree Farm

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.

Payments. We are unable to take card payments everywhere. Cash is always acceptable... The nearest ATMs are in Ledbury.

Special events: Monday 6th May

9.45am The secret life of Pixley Berries. A behind the scenes visit to this specialist ingredient supplier which offers a range of products to the craft cider maker and makes use of its technologies to undertake pressing of bittersweet apples. Numbers limited to 25. Free entry. **At PXB**

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 parish hall! **Meet PPH**

10.30am-3.30pm Yew Tree Farm Perry Pears. See Sunday.

11am The Overseer's Tale. Join Norman Stanier as he muses over the life and times of his Great Grandfather Harry Taylor and his part in nurturing fruit growing on the Putley Court Estate almost one hundred and fifty years ago. Free entry. **At DRO**

From 12 noon Delicious lunches, proceeds to Parish Hall. **At PPH**

1.30pm Guided walk through the orchards and fields of Putley. £1.50 (children free). 1¼ hours. **Meet PPH**

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

From 2.30pm 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 PPH**

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

Locations:

CFA (Court Farm, Aylton, HR8 2RQ, GR658376);
DRO (Dragon Orchard, Putley, HR8 2RG, GR652381);
PPH (Putley Parish Hall, HR8 2QN, GR651375);
PXB (Poolend, Pixley, HR8 2RB, GR648392);
YTF (Yew Tree Farm, Aylton, HR8 2RQ, GR654380).