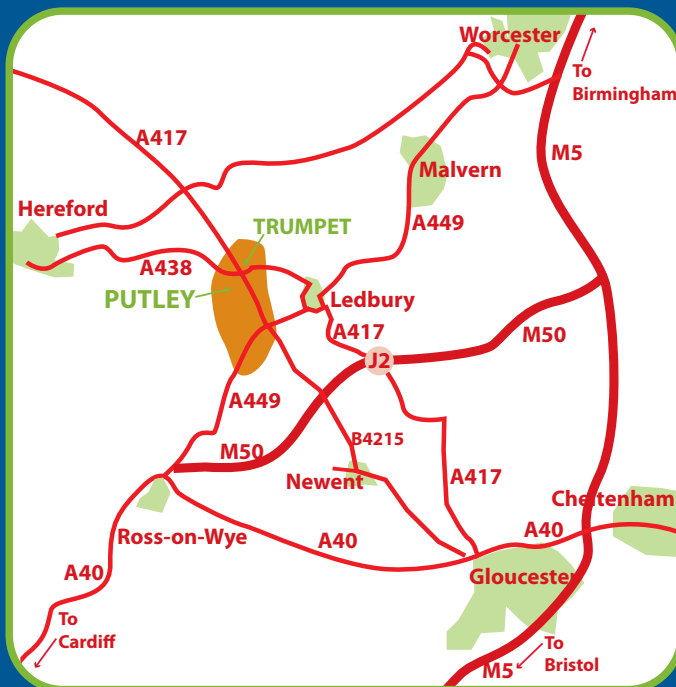


# MARCLE RIDGE COUNTRY

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.



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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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 8th & Sunday 9th October 2016  
In Much Marcle

- WALKS - TALKS - TASTINGS - ORCHARDS - BLOSSOM -

# Blossomtime



in Putley



Sunday 1st & Monday 2nd May 2016

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



CIDER - PEARS - PERRY - CELEBRATION - PRODUCERS



# Blossomtime



## Special events: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

## Special events: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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.

**9.30am A walk above Putley** 7 miles, steep in places. No dogs please. Through the orchards of Putley, to take in The Wonder, site of a landslide in 1575, and the Silurian fossil record of the Woolhope Dome. Return via Aylton where lunch available (separate charge). Donations welcome. **Meet PVH**

**9.30am Family service.** For the rest of the weekend, Putley Church will be open for visitors to enjoy the peace and stillness and to add to a miniature garden by planting a seed. Local jam, known as Gleanings and made with fruit that might otherwise have gone to waste, is available to purchase. **At PCH**

**11am Bluebells and blackcurrants.** Round off this 1-hr guided walk around the blackcurrant fields and bluebell woods of Pixley Court, with a tasting of Pixley Berries own fruit cordials. Dogs welcome at owners responsibility. Meet Pixley Court. **Meet PXC**

**From 12.30pm Cheese ploughman's lunch** in restored Grade II\* cruck barn. £5 (£3 for hot dog). **12.30–2.30pm** Flower Festival in the Church next door and Blossomtime crafts for children with Ruby Florence Designs (donation). Proceeds to Aylton Church and Salters Hill. **At CFA**

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

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

**6.30pm Lighting the Golden Fire** A talk by Rich Matthews from Rural Media about the Golden Fire app - a digital guide to Herefordshire cider production since 1945. Golden Fire is a newly digitised archive and exhibition of photography, oral histories and online content - all pulled together in an exciting new app that will guide visitors and locals around the county's cider producers, festivals and growers, telling the story of the people, past and present, who make and ferment the "golden fire". Cider bar. Entry free. **At PVH**

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



**From 9.30am** Putley Church is open all weekend (see Sunday) **At PCH**

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

**11.00am Poetry and Cider** - A guided walk around Dragon Orchard with tastings of cider & apple juice along with poetry inspired by the orchard seasons on route. 1 hour. **At DRO**

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

**1.30 pm 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 **PVH**



### Locations:

**PVH** (Putley Village Hall, HR8 2QN, GR651375);  
**PCH** (Putley Church, GR646376);  
**PXC** (Pixley Court, HR8 2QA, GR661388);  
**CFA** (Court Farm, Aylton, HR8 2RQ, GR658376);  
**DRO** (Dragon Orchard, Putley 2RG, GR652381)

### Round and about:

**Trumpet Corner (HR8 2RA)** Tea room offering freshly baked cakes, light lunches and afternoon teas alongside a vibrant art studio showcasing the work of local artists and artisans (01531 670082). 10am - 4pm

**The Nest, Little Verzons (HR8 2PZ)** Casual café, local produce shop, picnic boxes for the orchard (01531 670816). – plus Newent Plant Centre (01531 670121). 10.30am – 4pm

**Westons Cider, Much Marcle (HR8 2NQ)** Open all weekend. 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, Walwyn

## Grand Cider Tasting And Tea



**Putley Village Hall, HR8 2QN**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May: 2pm to 6pm**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 12noon to 5pm**

**Cider, perry and apple juice tasting**

**£1.50 for 5 tokens on the door**

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

**Also** Paul Hand of 'Bees and Trees' with fruity activities; Tools for Self Reliance Cymru with re-conditioned garden and green woodwork tools; 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.