



WASSAILING

Stanley Lord Orchard, Shenley Park.

Sat 5TH JANUARY 2025, 5pm

Meet in the main car park.

Wassailing! An ancient practice of blessing Apple Orchards to ensure that there is a plentiful crop of wonderful apples the following year.

How? We lead a procession, torch lit, into the Orchard where upon we gather around a tree. We hold a short ceremony; give nature pieces of toast that we hang from the branches of the tree and pour apple juice around the base of the tree as a present to the tree! We then make lots of noise with drums, bells and anything else musical that people bring along to scare away any evil spirits! A special Wassail song is sung, some fireworks are let off and we then retire to the Tea Room Garden for apple juice and Wassail cake.

Please come and join us - and bring something to make a noise with - a musical instrument or even a saucepan and a spoon! A torch or lantern is also useful. Suggested donation of £2 per person. Please let us know if you would like to come and join us shenleypark@gmail.com

