



BRIDPORT COMMUNITY ORCHARD GROUP

The 7th annual Wassailing ceremony on Sunday afternoon, January 18h 2015, drew a large cheery crowd in bright crisp sunshine to the community orchard. Wyld Morris led the proceedings, first with spirited dancing, then their musicians accompanying the community singing of the four traditional songs. The old ceremony of making a loud noise to frighten the bad spirits gave everyone the opportunity to bang their drums, blow their horns, clash anything metal, and let rip. In country areas a gun is fired, but this is peaceful Bridport, and we respect our neighbours. The trees were then adorned with bread and their roots watered with (a very little) cider, which was kindly provided hot and mulled, and delicious by West Milton Cider. The last of the community orchard apple juice was also drunk, around a blazing fire.. There will be pictures on our website www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk and on our Facebook page.

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