

# Donkeyfield Community Orchard Online Wassail 2021

## 1. Bear Good Fruit

*Words: 19<sup>th</sup> Century South Hams*

*Music: Jane Lewis*

Apple tree, apple tree bear good fruit  
Or down with your top and up with your root

## 2. Carhampton Wassail

*Trad. Somerset, arr. Penny Stone*

Old apple tree we'll wassail thee,  
And hope that thou wilt bear  
For Lord doth know where we shall be  
come apples another year.

For to bloom well and to bear well,  
So merry let us be  
Let ev'ry one take off their hat  
And shout out to the old apple tree (x2)

*(Spoken)*

Old apple tree we'll wassail thee,  
And hoping thou wilt bear  
Hatfulls, capfulls, 3 bushel bagfulls  
and a little 'eap under the stair

## 3. Wassail Round the Branches Bare

*Jane Lewis*

1. Root and shoot and bud and berry  
Apple, pear and plum and cherry,  
Friends and neighbours let's be merry  
*Wassail round the branches bare,  
Wassail round the branches bare,  
Oh wassail round the branches*

2. Robin Redbreast fluffed and free,  
Perching on the feasting tree,  
May there be fruit for you and me  
*Wassail etc*

3. Summer sun and autumn showers,  
Plenty work and lazy hours  
Drink a toast for orchard flowers  
*Wassail etc*

4. Splash some cider round the roots,  
Stamp the earth down with your boots,  
May the tree put out new shoots  
*Wassail etc*



## 4. Donkeyfield Community Orchard Canon

*Tune: Tallis canon Words: Jane Lewis*

James Grieve, Coul Blush, Lass O'  
Gowrie,  
Ard Cairn Russet, Discovery,  
East Lothian Pippin, Scotch Dumpling,  
Mabbot's Permain, Carlisle Codlin.

## 5. May there be Fruitfulness

*Jane Lewis 2019*

To your health, dear tree to the depth of  
your root,  
To your health, dear tree to the tip of your  
shoot,  
To your health dear friend as I take your  
hand,  
May peace grow in these troubled days  
May we learn more loving ways  
May there be fruitfulness – wassail!

## 6. Coventry Wassail

*Trad, arr. Jane Lewis*

Oh apple, apple tree,  
We have come to wassail thee  
Will you bear some fruit for me  
When the season changes?

## 7. Portobello Lockdown Wassail Blues 2021

*Music: Jane Lewis; Words: Jane Garven, Cath Norman,  
Mary Jane Elton, Tessa Haring, Roz Mackenzie, Diana  
Cairns, Franny and Peter Wraith, Jane Lewis,*

1. When the mould of loneliness has blackened your walls  
And your bricks are crumbling with grief  
When your door is rubbed raw by absent friends,  
And you can't see how this pandemic will ever end,  
Portobello Apple will sweeten your lockdown blues

2. When your ears are full of all the latest rules,  
And your heart is down in your boots  
When your eyes have turned red from endless Zoom  
And you can't see anything around but gloom and doom  
Portobello Apple will sweeten your lockdown blues

3. When your hands are cracking up from all o' that soap  
And your arms are aching to hug  
When your brain has got lost in a fog of despair  
And you can't see how you'll ever comb your hedgerow  
hair  
Portobello Apple will sweeten your lockdown blues

4. When your pals come around and they ring on your bell  
And you can't say come awa in.  
When your home's not warmed by laughter's ring  
And you still don't have a clue when they will let us sing  
Portobello Apple will sweeten your lockdown blues

5. When you step outside to look at the stars  
And the clouds are piling on in  
When the wind swings round to a Northern blast  
And you cannot bear another day that's overcast  
Portobello Apple will sweeten your lockdown blues

6. When you're tired of watching Netflix and Joe Wicks  
And your sourdough refuses to rise  
When you walk on the Prom but people get in the way  
And you're thinking that you can't get through another  
day.

Portobello Apple will sweeten your lockdown blues

7. When your friends are asking for a verse or two  
And your Muse has vanished again  
I suggest you make use of Gordon's special juice  
It's the recommended Portobello Lockdown Booze  
Portobello Apple will sweeten your lockdown blues

## 8. Stand Fast Root 2020

*Music: Jane Lewis  
Words: 19th century Sussex, Surrey*

Stand fast root, bear well top,  
Pray the God send us a howling good crop  
Ev'ry twig apples big,  
Ev'ry bough, apples now

