

Much Marcle Wassail 2019

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Old Apple Tree we Wassail thee, and hope that thou will bear Hats full, Caps full, 3 Bushel Bags full - and a Little Heap under the Stairs.

Silurian Border Morrismen will present their popular Wassail in Much Marcle on **Saturday 5th January 2019** starting from the car park of Westons Cider Visitor Centre (HR8 2NQ). Dancing will be at 7pm followed by an atmospheric torchlight procession into ancient cider orchards. After the ceremony of singing, carousing and general merriment there will be music and Mummers at the Slip Inn, Much Marcle.

The 'donations only' event raises funds for St. Michael's Hospice at Bartestree. The wassail bucket takings are matched pound for pound by Westons. In 2018 this meant a tasty £2200 went to supporting the hospice - and Silurian is eager to increase it this year.

Westons apple crop relies on Silurian Wassail every January. Without it the world would be a drier, duller place... And St. Michael's relies on local support too! We need people there on the 5th to share in a ceremony bursting with fire, poetry, weird gifts, ancient songs and lots of laughs. Add in a bit of Silurian's vigorous Border dancing and you've got a great night out for the whole family.

Silurian would like to remind all participants that REAL fire is involved - come prepared!