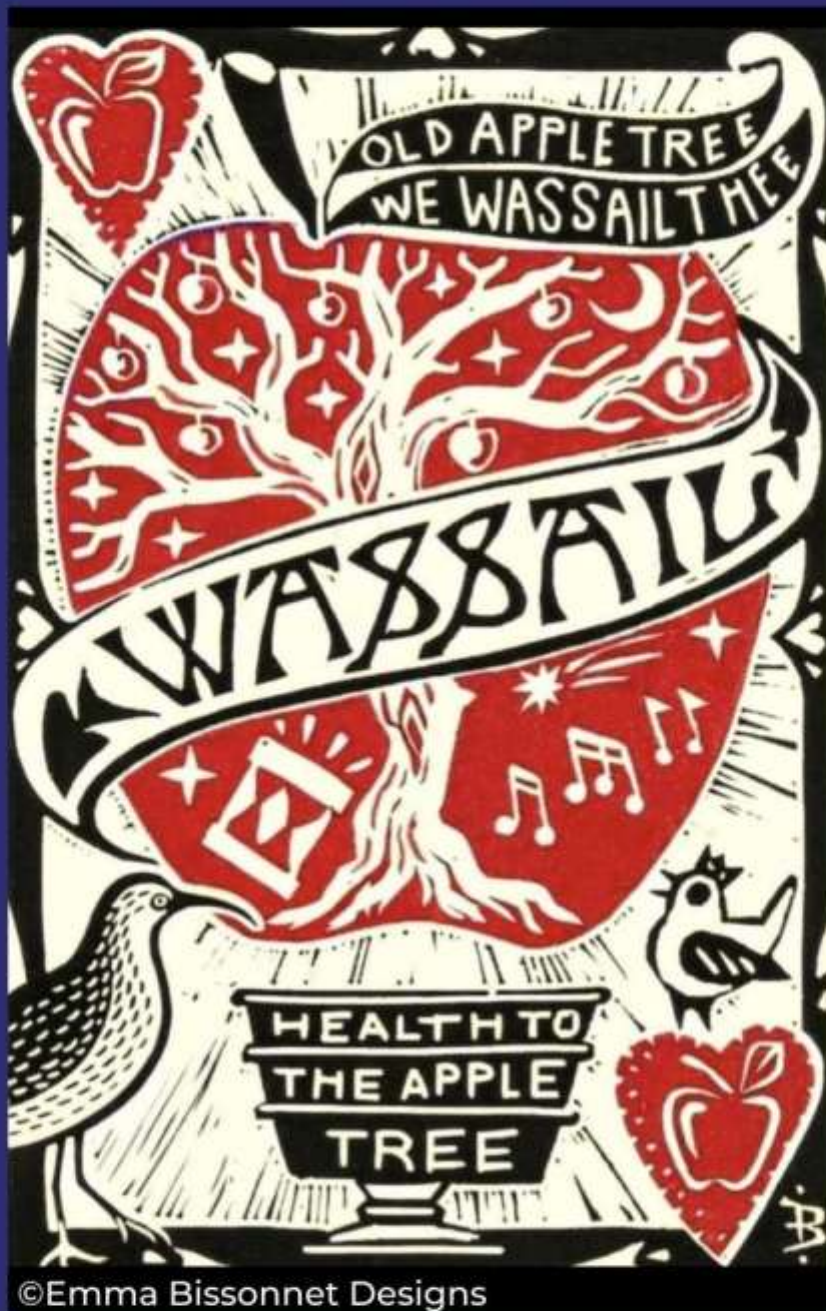


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Priestess and Green Woman...



*The Wassail Maiden
and her loyal attendants...*



From out of the woods...



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The rhythm...



Hats will be worn...



The Magic begins...



Torches at the ready...

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Lighting up time...



The Curlew appears...



A child's wonder...



The procession starts...

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Leek Morris Dancers...



The blessing of the tree...



Midwinter music....



A burnt offering...



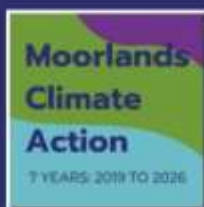
A moment of peace...

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In January 2026 Moorlands Climate Action held its first ever Wassail to celebrate the wonderful community orchards it manages in Leek. The rain held off, the crowds came and over two hundred people of all ages took part in a tradition that stretches back for centuries.

Together we lit up a dark midwinter evening in Leek. A heartfelt thanks to all who helped in whatever way and to the community who came to celebrate the wonders of our fruit trees. A particular thanks to Leek Morris and to OUTSIDE Arts for adding that extra touch of magic.



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