



Songs for the Orchard

A New Kafoozalum?

The tune and 'Kafoozalum' (and variations) has many sets of words written to accompany it – including some that perhaps tip the idea of bawdiness in to shocking realms of lewdness, misogyny and apparent racism that seem in desperate need of redeeming; hence 'a new Kafoozalum'...

These words embrace the details of the processes that have led to litres and litres of apple juice and cider from the St Ives Community Orchard trees in the bumper crop year of 2025! Maybe the word 'pawl' has never before been included in the lyrics to a song?

The tune on its own was played at the wassail event at the beginning of the year and the players went on to start up the COREchestra.

Chorus:

Oh the Or-or-chard (gardens, CORE and nature re-serve)
Oh the Orchard...
Oh the Or-or-chard, a jewel in St I-a's cro-wn!

Verse 1:

We'll - plant the trees and tend them all,
Hail 'wassail' and cheer 'byth yach'!
Blossoms come and fruit will grow.
Abundance in the Orchard!

Chorus...

Verse 2:

We'll – gather the fruit and scrat to pulp,
Place the former, fill the cloths,
Align the pawl, squeeze ev'ry drop.
Abundance in the Orchard!

Chorus...

Verse 3:

We'll – sieve the juice, use natural yeast,
Let mature, ferment and burp.
Bottle or draught to sip or quaff.
Abundance in the Orchard!

Tune: traditional

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