

# WHAT'S ON

## Celebrate The Walnut Fair reimagined at Pollock's Toy Museum.

📍 Ground Floor Whitgift Centre (near Wellesley Road subway)

<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am - 4pm</b>	<b>The Walnut Fair</b> reimagined with toys, stories, live performances and workshops. Wonder at a magical menagerie, travelling shows, a waxwork museum, miniature worlds in walnuts and period peep shows!
<b>Sat 11.30am, 1:30pm &amp; 2:45pm</b>	<b>Gentleman Juggler - The Showabout.</b> A mobile variety show on wheels, which will amaze, amuse and astonish!
<b>Sat 12pm &amp; 2pm</b>	<b>Richardson's Famous Theatrical Booth</b> where Melodrama and Pantomime mingle in a miniature Victorian toy theatre performance. Oh yes they do!

## Learn about faiths, traditions and The Walnut Fair.

📍 The Mayor's Reception, Croydon Town Hall, Katharine Street

<b>Sat 11am</b>	Presentation on the Town Hall steps of a Harvest Wreath to Cllr Lynn Hale (Deputy Executive Mayor) from members of the Ukrainian Community. The wreath will be processed and left with the <b>Harvest Queen</b> .
<b>Sat 11:15am</b>	<b>The History of the Croydon Walnut Fair.</b> Learn the fascinating history and all the fun of the fair in an insightful talk by Carole Roberts, President of the Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 2pm</b>	Presentations and harvest blessings from members of Faiths Together.

## Celebrate the joys of the season with the Harvest Queen, farmyard friends and a curious allotment.

📍 The Queen's Gardens, Fell Road/Park Street

<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am to 4pm</b>	Say hello to the goats, sheep, rabbits and chickens visiting from <b>Vauxhall City Farm</b> .
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am to 2.30pm</b>	Make a paper apple charm to bring you good luck all winter, plus write a message to Mother Nature to be pegged with thanks on to the skirt of the <b>Harvest Queen</b> .
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am, 12:30pm &amp; 2:15pm</b>	<b>Let's Grow Pop-up Allotment</b> - experience the daily duties of feeding, bathing and caring for adorable vegetable babies.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 3pm</b>	<b>The Strange but True(ish) Stories of Croydon's Walnut Fair.</b> Join <b>White Rabbit</b> for stories and songs from Croydon's Walnut Fair - featuring a cake stealing elephant, a magic key and dancing sheep to name a few!

## Look out for some incredible walkabout street theatre.

📍 Around and about Katharine Street, Surrey Street, High Street and North End

<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am, 12:45pm, 2:15pm</b>	<b>Farrah the Fox</b> is on tour in Croydon, be prepared to be astounded by her foxy scooter skills.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11:45am, 1:30pm, 3:20pm</b>	Meet <b>Plucky</b> , a very big, very friendly and possibly over curious chicken.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11:15am, 1pm, Sat 2:45pm, Sun 3pm</b>	<b>The Vegetable Nannies.</b> Two eccentric gardeners are showing off their bouncing baby fruit and veg in the town centre - come and help with some extraordinary babysitting.
<b>Sun 11am, 12.30pm &amp; 2.30pm</b>	<b>Gentleman Juggler - Culinary Capers.</b> Watch as Gaston the Gastronomer performs feats with fruit, shows versatility with vegetables, launches legumes, chucks crockery, balances baguettes and displays plenty of daring deeds with dishes!

## Free folk dance workshops and performances based on harvest traditions from all around the world!

Suitable for ages 7 - 97, from beginners to the very brilliant.

📍 Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street

<b>Sat 11am</b>	<b>Bhangra dance workshop</b> - join in this popular folk dance that originated from Punjab and is mainly performed around spring harvest festival Baisakhi.
<b>Sat 12pm</b>	<b>Spanish Flamenco dance workshop</b> - this vibrant dance is performed at harvest time to celebrate the cycle of life. Olé!
<b>Sat 1pm</b>	<b>Sri Lankan Kandyan dance workshop</b> - traditionally performed to celebrate a rich harvest.
<b>Sat 2pm</b>	Watch folk dance performances and celebrate Croydon's communities - dances including Bhangra, Marathi, Kandyan, Mohiniyattam, Flamenco as well as traditional dances from Mauritius and Bangladesh.
<b>Sun 11am</b>	<b>Garba dance workshop.</b> Garba is a Gujarati folk dance celebrated during the Hindu Navratri festival, a celebration lasting nine nights (Oct 3 - 12).
<b>Sun 12pm</b>	<b>South Indian Kolattam dance workshop.</b> Kolattam is an ancient folk dance practiced mainly in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
<b>Sun 1pm</b>	<b>Afro Urban dance tutorial.</b> This workshop will take you from one continent to another.
<b>Sun 2pm</b>	Watch folk dance performances and celebrate Croydon's communities with dances including Bhangra, Garba, Afro Urban, Belly Bolly and Marathi.

## Get crafty and hear some stories in the Clocktower.

📍 Atrium and Children's Library, Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street

<b>Sat 11:30am, 1pm &amp; 2.30pm</b> <b>Sun 11am, 12:30pm &amp; 2pm</b>	Join our Ukrainian community to make a stunning traditional <b>Harvest Crown</b> . Artist <b>Svetlana Goncharuk</b> will guide you through how to make your very own wheat or flower crown to take home.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 1pm to 4pm</b>	<b>Indian Kite Making</b> drop-in workshop. A kite is a symbol of gratitude for the arrival of the Indian harvest season.
<b>Sat 11:30am</b>	<b>Storytelling from Cheikh Diop</b> in the Children's Library - come and hear stories from West Africa's harvest traditions.
<b>Sun 11am - 3pm</b> <b>in The Arts Bar</b>	Upcycle scrap fabric into your own unique tote bag with <b>Norwood Junk Action</b> .

## Poets, puppetry, arts, crafts, face painting, markets, Morris and more turn Katharine Street into Croydon Harvest Festival Central.

📍 Katharine Street

<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am - 4pm</b>	<b>Croydon Harvest Market</b> - enjoy arts, crafts, holistic healing, beauty products and information stands.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 12pm to 4pm</b>	Get your face painted as your favourite woodland or farmyard creature. Free! Designs by <b>Atelier Arzu</b> . Queue closes at 3.30pm.
<b>Sat 11am, 1.30pm &amp; 3pm</b> <b>Sun 11am, 2pm &amp; 3pm</b>	<b>Puppet Petting Farm</b> - come join us down on the farm with a collection of loveable animals made from recycled materials for this brand-new puppet show from <b>HandMade Theatre</b> . Plus, on Saturday after their first two shows, <b>HandMade Theatre</b> will be running free puppet making workshops!
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am to 12:45pm &amp; 1:45pm to 3:45pm</b>	<b>Let's Grow Magic Shed</b> - collect your clues, trails and stickers from the <b>Vegetable Nannies</b> and set off on a quest to complete a giant game of <b>Hide &amp; Seek!</b> Once you've completed the trail, you'll get to see why it is a magic shed... Some awesome awards await you!
<b>Sat 11.20am</b>	<b>Balamuc</b> is an international orchestra of seven diverse musicians who will be performing enlivening Eastern European Gypsy Folk tunes from Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am to 1pm &amp; 2pm to 4pm</b>	Join poet <b>Beth Calverley</b> at <b>The Poetry Machine</b> , together you will weave your words into a typewritten co-created poem to take away.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 12pm</b>	<b>Clog and Morris dance workshop - Old Palace Clog</b> will lead you through traditional English dances. Bells at the ready!!

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<b>Sat 2pm Sun 1:30pm &amp; 2:30pm</b>	<b>Old Palace Clog</b> and <b>Madder Mills Morris</b> bring the streets to life with traditional English folk dance.
<b>Sat 12:45pm</b>	<b>Rhythm Generation African dance workshop.</b> This experience will take you into the rice fields of the green Casamance in the south of Senegal for a chance to immerse yourself in West African cultures.
<b>Sun 11:30am</b>	<b>Mariachi Las Adelitas.</b> A six-piece band bring the sounds of South America to south London. Originally from Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Italy and the UK – they are the only female Mariachi band in Europe.
<b>Sun 12:45pm</b>	<b>Bulgarian dance workshop,</b> learn the Horo – a dance that brings sunshine and prosperity.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am to 2pm</b>	<b>Rangoli craft workshop.</b> In Indian folk art tradition, the Rangoli represents happiness, positivity and liveliness. We will be using seeds and dhal at our drop-in workshops to make the beautiful patterns even more festive.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm</b>	<b>Wooden spoon craft workshop</b> – turn a humble wooden spoon into a wonderful work of harvest art.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 12pm – 3pm</b>	<b>Indian woodblock printing.</b> Drop-in and learn the technique of pressing and stamping fabric with carved wooden blocks filled with colour.
<b>Sun 11am to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm</b>	<b>Puppet making</b> workshop. Inspired by <b>Plucky</b> and <b>Farrah the Fox</b> . Join artist <b>Caroline Coates</b> to make your own chicken and fox hand-puppets.

Fantastic food, music, dance and memorable trees to celebrate.

📍 Surrey Street

<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11:30am &amp; 2pm</b>	<b>Museum of Memorable Trees.</b> Be transported to a different time and place as you listen to tales of great trees that have woven themselves into people's lives and memories.
<b>Sat &amp; Sun 11am – 4pm</b>	<b>Croydon Harvest Market.</b> You can eat the world with fabulous street food in a bigger than ever Surrey Street Market – wood fired pizza, empanadas, African fusion dishes and much more!
<b>Sat 1pm</b>	<b>Balamuc</b> is an international orchestra of seven diverse musicians who will be performing enlivening Eastern European Gypsy Folk tunes from Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.

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<b>Sat 3pm</b>	<b>Old Palace Clog.</b> bring Surrey Street to life with traditional English folk dance.
<b>Sat 3:30pm</b>	Dance experience from <b>Rhythm Generation.</b> Come celebrate with the field Diola tribe's farmers dances! They have energetic moves that will get your body talking and telling stories through dance.
<b>Sun 2pm</b>	<b>Mariachi Las Adelitas.</b> A six-piece band bring the sounds of South America to south London. Originally from Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Italy and the UK – they are the only female Mariachi band in Europe.

Workshops and street theatre performances are generally 45 minutes unless otherwise stated.

Folk dance performances in The Braithwaite Hall are for one hour in total (it is OK to drop-in and out) and in the street for 30 minutes.

All events are free apart from the Ukrainian Harvest Crown workshops which have a minimal charge to cover the cost of materials which you get to take home with you.

Advance booking recommended for Ukrainian Harvest Crown workshop, dance workshops and The History of The Walnut Fair talk. Please visit [www.culturecroydon.co.uk/croydonharvest](http://www.culturecroydon.co.uk/croydonharvest) for booking.

Craft workshops are suitable for all ages, and other than Harvest Crown workshops are all drop-in.

Due to the nature of live outdoor events the schedule is subject to change, especially in the case of wet weather.

LOCATIONS

Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street, CR9 1ET (Including Braithwaite Hall, Atrium and Children's Library)

The Mayor's Reception, Croydon Town Hall, Katharine Street CR0 1NX

Surrey Street, Croydon, CR0 1RG

The Queen's Gardens, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1YJ

Pollock's Toy Museum, Whitgift Shopping Centre (ground floor Whitgift Centre near the subway to Wellesley Road)



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Welcome in the autumn with a free weekend of food, folk, traditions and festivities from all over the world.

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