



WHAT'S ON



INFORMATION

Nearly all Croydon Harvest events are free to attend and to take part in. Please see craft listings for the one exception.

Activities are suitable for all ages and all abilities unless otherwise stated. See recommendations within the listings.

As in the case of all live events, timings and locations may change, especially so in the case of poor weather. Please be flexible and patient.

WALKABOUT

Walkabout performances take place on Katharine Street, High Street (outside Grants), North End, and on Saturday in Surrey Street too. They start and end at Katharine Street and last between 30 – 45 minutes.



THE BEE CART (PIF PAF THEATRE COMPANY)

Bee Guides Bombus and Borage are from a secret government organisation called The Human Union of Pollinators. Delve into the world of bees with them, learn the pollen packing dance and the waggle dance, and try out their Buzz Pollenator or their Flapper-Winger-Tronerators. **Walkabout, Sat 4 Oct 12.30pm, 2.30pm & 4.15pm and Sun 5 Oct 12pm, 1.15pm & 3.15pm**

FLOCK (BREAD AND BUTTER THEATRE)

Meet Heidi and Henrietta, two Herdwick sheep who have ventured down from the Lakeland fells to proudly show-off their quintuplet lambs. It is a little-known fact that Herdwick sheep are really good at dancing, so why not join in? **Walkabout, Sat 4 and Sun 5 Oct, 12pm, 1.45pm & 3pm**

HOPE THE HEDGEHOG (ARTFUL)

Hope has been crafted from recycled materials to delight and inspire communities far and wide. She carries luggage-tag leaves on her back, inviting community members to write their 'Hopes for the Future.' These heartfelt messages travel with **Hope** wherever she goes, transforming her into a living emblem of collective aspiration. **Walkabout, Sat 4 Oct 12pm, 1.30pm & 3.15pm and Sun 5 Oct 1pm, 2.30pm & 4pm**

SOFIYA (GLOBAL GROOVES)

Meet and dance with the beautiful **Sofiya**, the Ukrainian Carnival Queen. This beautiful puppet was made with love by Global Grooves' lead artist Mel Roberts, working alongside Ukrainian artists, the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, and Dorset Ukrainian Community CIC. **Walkabout, Sat 4 Oct 1pm, 2.30pm & 4.30pm and Sun 5 Oct 12pm, 1.15pm & 3pm**



THE VEGETABLE NANNIES (PLUNGE BOOM)

If you see an old pram brimming with some beautiful babies, come over and say hello as there's no doubt the **Vegetable Nannies** could use a hand with feeding and changing nappies. Characters include Jessica, the award winning Sweet-Potato beauty queen, Roger the Leek, who aspires to be a famous Magician, and many more. **Walkabout, Sat 4 Oct and Sun 5 Oct, 12.30pm, 2pm & 3.30pm**



WALK OF THE DANDELION (LUKE BROWN COMPANY)

Meet Daniel, a kind, wandering ancient man, made of moss and memory. With a crown of dandelions on his head and bare feet on the earth, he shows the grace of someone who has faced struggles but chooses kindness. Daniel offers small acts of care to everyone he encounters as well as gifting dandelions. Accompanied by an all-day workshop in Katharine Street, for you to make your own dandelions with a positive message. **Walkabout, Sat 4 Oct 12.30pm, 2.15pm & 3.30pm and Sun 5 Oct 12.30pm, 2.30pm & 4.15pm**

PERFORMANCE

BAILA PERU

On Saturday, watch and join in **Huaylarsh** - a traditional Andean Peruvian folk dance, perfect for Harvest. On Sunday, Baila Peru will perform a new creative Andean dance piece giving thanks to Mother Earth, followed later in the afternoon by a Peruvian rhythms dance workshop. **Katharine Street, Sat 4 Oct 12.45pm & 2.15pm. Katharine Street, Sun 5 Oct performance 12.45pm. Braithwaite Hall, Sun 5 Oct, workshop 2.45pm**

CHOIR CHERVONA KALINA

Choir Chervona Kalina present a performance of Ukrainian folk songs, including accordion and guitar, and singers in traditional dress. **Katharine Street, Sat 4 Oct 4.30pm and Sun 5 Oct 1.15pm**

JAMAICAN JONKONNU QUEEN (LIN KAM ART)

Linett Kamala will be holding court as Queen, one of the characters from the lesser-known Jamaican traditional masquerade Jonkonnu. Come and visit our modern day version of the Queen at Croydon Harvest. **Katharine Street, Sun 5 Oct 12.45pm, 2.15pm and 3.30pm**

THE MISFORTUNE TELLER

As the world's foremost practitioner of Dark Therapy, **The Misfortune Teller** will deliver a sweet sting of truth. In just a few minutes, after consulting with his crystal ball, he will pen a personalised dark prophecy and gift it to you. Adults only. **Katharine Street, Sat 4 Oct and Sun 5 Oct 12pm – 5pm (with breaks as required)**

OLD PALACE CLOG

Old Palace Clog are a fun and friendly dance side from South Norwood. Watch them clog dance (a mix of traditional and self-choreographed dances) in a style of Morris which hails from Northwest England, and then join the workshop. **High Street, Sat 4 Oct performances 12pm & 3pm, workshop 1.15pm**





THE ORBITZA (ROST PRODUCTIONS)

Join the 'Holders of the Harvest' to transform Croydon High Street with puppetry, dance, music, and spoken word. Audiences can pass through portals, give thanks, make wishes, and parade with the beautiful Cornucopia puppet. Cornucopia will then close Croydon Harvest with a sharing of food and joy, in partnership with Fair Share and local community performers from Croydon Mencap and SLIDE Dance. You can also leave donations for local food banks at **The Orbitza** throughout the weekend. Co-commissioned by Milton Keynes Council and Croydon Council. **North End and High Street, Sat 4 Oct and Sun 5 Oct, pop-up performances throughout the weekend. Come to decorate The Orbitza at 2pm Saturday, and join the parade from 4pm Sunday at the entrance to The Whitgift Centre.**



PERIOD PRESTIDIGITATION (MATT BARNARD)

In true Walnut Fair style, enter Mr. Barnard, a beautifully attired Victorian gent with an array of amazing tricks. There is plenty of audience participation and a little bit of Dickens quotation in this rib-tickler of a show. Don't be a curmudgeon! Enjoy the wonder and consternation and fulfil all your great expectations. Plus learn a few tricks of your own with a fabulously curious circus workshop on Saturday afternoon. **North End, Sat 4 Oct 12.15pm and Sun 5 Oct 1.15pm & 3.45pm. High Street, Sat 4 Oct Circus Workshop 1.30pm, and performance Sun 5 Oct 2.30pm**

PLASTIC FANTASTIC (GARETH JONES)

DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME! Marvel as Gareth is manually wrapped in 100m of multi-purpose cling film and gasp as he is sealed from head to toe. With his life in the hands of the audience, Gareth attempts the seemingly impossible escape... **High Street, Sat 4 Oct 12.45pm & 4pm and Sun 5 Oct 1pm & 4pm. North End, Sat 4 Oct 2pm and Sun 5 Oct 2.30pm**

TEABREAK (TRIGGER)

Catch your breath and enjoy a free, freshly made brew in this heartwarming show by Trigger. Have a well-deserved **TEABREAK**, glide through an audio journey of tea, and share an uplifting moment of pause and appreciation. **Katharine Street, Sat 4 Oct 12.15pm, 2.30pm & 4pm and Sun 5 Oct 12.15pm, 2pm & 4pm**



STORYTELLING

Stories will last between 30 - 40 minutes in the story tent.

THE COWFOOT PRINCE (USUFU JALLOH)

Travel with **The Cowfoot Prince** to sit at the ancient feet of his Grandmama Foyre in the forest and farm at Kamakoni. Listen to stories about how modern harvesting technologies came to be. **The Queen's Gardens, Sat 4 Oct 12.15pm, 2pm & 4pm and Sun 5 Oct 12.15pm, 2pm, & 3.30pm**

DEBBIE GUNERATNE

Tales from Sri Lanka and Mexico as well as **The Apple Tree Man** and the off-putting **Tale of John Barleycorn** (for adults only). Master storyteller, Debbie Guneratne, weaves traditional tales with history and the natural environment, as well as her amazing family stories that she has collected on her travels. For aged 5+, but the last story of the day is for adults only. **The Queen's Gardens, Sat 4 Oct 1pm, 3pm & 4.30pm (adult only) and Sun 5 Oct 1pm, 2.45pm & 4pm (adult only)**

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

BASKET WEAVING WITH JUDITH NEEDHAM

Try your hand at basket making with natural willow with Judith Needham. Drop-in workshop on Saturday to craft a mini spiral basket in just 20 minutes! **Katharine Street, Sat 4 Oct, 12pm - 2pm and 2.45pm - 5pm**

Book online via culturecroydon.com to join an onion basket weaving workshop on Sunday, price £12.50. Sessions are 2.5 hours and are limited to 12 adults per session. **Croydon Clocktower, Sun 5 Oct, 11am - 1.30pm & 2.30pm - 5pm**

COLOURS OF AUTUMN WEAVING WITH MOMTAZ BEGUM-HOSSEIN

Celebrate the colours and textures of the harvest season in a hands-on weaving workshop inspired by folk art traditions. No loom is needed, just simple materials and your creativity. Take home a handmade decoration that captures the spirit of the season. **Katharine Street, Sun 5 Oct, 12.15pm - 2.15pm & 3pm - 5pm**

CROYDON IN A (WAL)NUTSHELL WITH LYDIA ALLAIN CHAPMAN

In this collaging activity you can create your own picture of Croydon, past and present, 'in a nutshell'. A great way to celebrate the town's history, famous folk, particular peculiarities, as well as local myths and legends. **Katharine Street, Sat 4 Oct, 12.30pm - 2.30pm & 3.15pm - 5pm**

THE GRATITUDE AND ABUNDANCE HARVEST TREE WITH FEE UHSSI

Make a collage on a tree template using natural materials, vibrant African fabric scraps, and patterned papers inspired by African textiles. Celebrate gratitude and prosperity using art and colour! **Katharine Street, Sat 4 and Sun 5 Oct, 12pm - 1.45pm and 2.30pm - 5pm**

PACHAMAMA MOTHER EARTH HARVEST CRAFT WITH CAROLINA RIECKHOF AND MOYRA SILVA

In the Andes, people give thanks to Mother Earth (Pachamama) through meaningful offerings made from natural materials. Inspired by this tradition, use natural materials to create your own jewellery - wearable symbols of nature's blessings. **Katharine Street, Sun 5 Oct, 12pm - 2pm & 2.45pm - 4.45pm**

VINOK (FLOWER CROWN) MAKING WITH SVITLANA AND ANHELINA

Svitlana is dedicated to sharing the rich heritage of her Ukrainian culture, as well as preserving and celebrating the traditions of her ancestors. Join her and her daughter in a masterclass on weaving harvest crowns of decorative flowers, roses, and colourful ribbons - the symbols of beauty and love. **Workshop places are limited to 12 people at a time and are offered on a first come, first served basis only. Croydon Clocktower, Sat 4 and Sun 5 Oct at 12pm, 1.30pm & 3.30pm**



FOR FAMILIES

FACE PAINTING WITH ATELIER ARZU

Free, vibrant and imaginative harvest-themed face painting that will delight children and adults alike.

Katharine Street, Sat 4 and Sun 5 Oct, 12.30pm – 4pm

THE MAGIC SHED (PLUNGE BOOM)

The Magic Shed offers interactive fun for all the family. Follow a trail with maps, stickers, and clues to find hidden Fruit and Vegetable Babies, whilst enjoying surprises, and earning awesome awards on your quest. **The Magic Shed** wakes up for one hour, three times a day. In between, you are welcome to come and chill out with the **Vegetable Nannies** and maybe help them with some Vegetable Baby naming. **The Queen's Gardens, Sat 4 and Sun 5 Oct, open 12pm – 5pm. The Magic Shed will be awake Sat 12.30pm, 2.30pm & 4pm, and Sun 12.30pm, 2.15pm & 3.45pm**

PLAY THE RIG

Play the Rig is an interactive, upcycled musical playground where creativity meets sustainability. Using everyday objects and recycled materials, little ones can explore sound, rhythm, and melody. Recommended 0 – 11 years. **High Street, Sat 4 Oct 12pm – 1.30pm & 2.15 – 5pm, and Sun 5 Oct 12pm – 1.30pm & 2.15 – 4.30pm**

SEED (PIF PAF THEATRE COMPANY)

A surprising and inspiring show about the journey from small acorns to great oaks, with a rockabilly tree-planting nomad, Wilford, planting trees where he shouldn't. He is on the run from his arch-enemies, SLUGS! They are out to get him for his contraband seeds. **The Queen's Gardens, Sat 4 Oct, 1.30pm & 3.30pm and Sun 5 Oct 1.30pm & 3.15pm**

VAUXHALL CITY FARM

Vauxhall City Farm is a charity that offers educational, horticultural and recreational animal experiences in the heart of London. They will be bringing chickens, a goat, sheep and bunnies to The Queen's Gardens!

The Queen's Gardens, Sat 4 and Sun 5 Oct, open 12pm – 5pm
Please wash your hands thoroughly after touching the animals, it is not sufficient just to use sanitiser.



FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS CURATED BY BEEJA DANCE

Dance performances are in Katharine Street and workshops are in the Braithwaite Hall. All workshops are free. Dance performances are between 15 – 25 minutes, workshops are between 25 – 45 minutes.

All dancers come together for relaxed performances with a chance for audience participation at the end of the day. Feel free to drop in and out. **Braithwaite Hall, Sat 4 Oct and Sun 5 Oct, 3.30pm – 5pm**

BEEJA DANCE

Beeja means 'seed' in Hindi. In keeping with its name, Beeja aims to generate new ideas, new understanding and fresh creative forms. Beeja was started by Anusha Subramanyam – dancer, choreographer, teacher and dance movement therapist – who is seen as one of the most exciting exponents of bharatanatyam working 'inside' and 'outside' of its tradition.

A LA CARTE (JOSE NAVARRO)

A delightful puppet variety show celebrating global traditions through dancers, circus acts, and inventive puppetry. **Sat 4 Oct, 1pm**

BALINESE DANCE AND WORKSHOP WITH DR MARGARET COLDIRON AND LILA BAWA

Lila Bawa presents dances from Bali: **Sekar Jagat** (welcome dance), Lègong Mahawidya (classical court dance celebrating Mother Earth), and **Tari Pengendag** (temple festival dance). **Sat 4 Oct, performance 2pm, workshop 2.30pm – 3pm and Sun 5 Oct, performance 1.45pm**

BHANGRA DANCE AND WORKSHOP WITH GEORGIA CORNWELL

A high-energy North Indian folk dance full of rhythm and colour. Expect infectious beats and a lively performance that will get everyone clapping along. Learn the joyful steps of Bhangra with a fun, interactive workshop for all ages. **Sat 4 Oct, performance 12pm, workshop 12.15pm – 12.45pm.**

CHHAU SWORD DANCE WITH ARITRI KUNDU

A martial arts-based traditional Indian dance form originating from the Chhau dance tradition, particularly prevalent in the Mayurbhanj, Seraikella, and Purulia regions of eastern India. **Sun 5 Oct, 3pm**

FLAMENCO WORKSHOP WITH JOSE AGUDO (AGUDO DANCE COMPANY)

A workshop introducing Flamenco rhythms, clapping, and steps, inviting audiences to experience its energy and expressiveness. **Sun 5 Oct, 2pm – 2.45pm**

GUJARATI GARBA WORKSHOP WITH ARAMBH KATHAK PATHSHALA

Join this interactive Garba workshop where everyone can dance together in circular formations. **Sat 4 Oct, 1.45pm – 2.10pm and Sun 5 Oct 12.20pm – 12.50pm**

KANDYAN DANCE AND WORKSHOP WITH ACHILA DANCE COMPANY

A dynamic Sri Lankan dance tradition, with striking costumes and powerful rhythms. Full of energy and grace. **Sat 4 Oct, 1.45pm and Sun 5 Oct, performance 1pm, workshop 1.15pm – 1.45pm**

KARAGAM FOLK WITH AMRITHA VARSHINI

Karagam is a traditional South Indian folk dance performed by balancing pots on the head, combining rhythm, devotion, and skill. **Sat 4 Oct 3.15pm**

MARATHI TAMIL FOLK WITH ARAMBH KATHAK PATHSHALA

Vibrant folk dances from India's Tamil and Marathi traditions. Colourful, rhythmic, and full of spirit, with audience participation. **Sat 4 Oct, 1.25pm and Sun 5 Oct, 12pm**

MAURITIAN DANCE WITH SOULMA HOSANY

Dancers bring the lively Segha dance of Mauritius, blending African, Indian, and Creole influences into a vibrant performance. **Sat 4 Oct, 3pm**

PALESTINIAN DANCE WORKSHOP WITH JUZOUR DANCE COLLECTIVE

An all-women's group blending Dabke and contemporary dance from Southwest Asia and North Africa. Their performance celebrates heritage and resilience, while their workshop invites everyone to join a Dabke circle – moving together in joy and connection. **Sat 4 Oct, 1pm – 1.25pm**

TAMIL KOOTHA WITH GEORGIA CORNWELL

A dance-drama tradition that tells epic stories from folklore through music, dance, and oratory. **Sun 5 Oct, 2.45pm**

