

Food Court Forays

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I love these fresh fruit stalls. This one in Newton Circus is unusual because they still hang the fruit overhead in the traditional manner. Ah Chai, the stall holder, was keen to be in the picture and posed very nicely for me between drinks deliveries! I have encountered a lot of kindness when out sketching and many complete strangers bring me drinks. Today was no exception.

This Tiong Bahru chicken rice stall is always extremely busy, to the extent that I could hardly see it a lot of the time. Lots of people also come and chat to me while I am sketching so it can sometimes take a long time to complete any one sketch. On this occasion it was the local MP and I found myself posing for a photo and appearing in her blog.



Busy Maxwell Road Food Court at lunch time. I had to squash myself up against a food stall which was not open in order to avoid having to move while I sketched the never-ending queue for Zhen Zhen porridge.

Sian Appleyard has lived in Singapore for ten years and has in recent times enjoyed recording the people, colour and life of Singapore in a series of sketches. Food courts, food stalls and markets generally have always attracted her. These are a few from Singapore's food courts.