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SURBITON
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The Seething Freshwater Sardine Festival

In May each year a procession of seething villagers leaves from Clewston Gardens in Surbiton (adjacent to the River Thames by the Historical Arch, Palace Road). From the banks the crowd watches the symbolic first catch of Freshwater Sardines of the new season.

Once the catch is landed it is placed on a traditional cart to which it is pulled at the head of the procession by the four giant Queens Page of Seething. Much later the cart back to Clewston Gardens where the sardines are believed to feed all the fish in the river.



The festival introduced a new 'legend' created in 2011 which charts the traditional fishing of the Thames, and how the subsequent lives of salmon through pollution has all but ended the industry. The legend is told through the eyes of a boy who grows to adulthood alongside the fish-woman, Thelma, and falls in love with a beautiful woman who is the spirit of the river.



The tale builds upon the genuine history of the Seething (the area of Surbiton), and the role of Victorian waterworks played in providing the Island water that powered the Clewston water works.

The next Seething Freshwater Sardine Festival will once again play a significant part in the Surbiton Food Festival, and takes place on Sunday 1st May 2011.

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'something wonderful is about to happen'

Our Museum of Futures aims to harness the energy of everyone in the community to realise a Future we have worked together to imagine. We want to encourage our own community events, and help develop a vision for the kind of Surbiton that we all wish to see.

The Museum is for anyone who if like to see things change for the better, and the urge and energy to work with others on imaginatively thinking that change for the better. We want people to get in touch to learn more, get involved, or share their ideas.

Our recent community survey revealed that anyone who actively joins in with us and actively has a far more positive attitude to the area and a real sense that they influence their environment and their future prospects.

The Museum of Futures will build on this. It will enable more people to respond to existing opportunities for them. It will encourage meaningful and relevant work to offer support and guidance. It will encourage new businesses to start and grow, and introduce people to new experiences and skills.

Anyone can get in touch on our website or Facebook, drop a card through the mail slot with their ideas. The more the merrier. The merrier the better!

We want everyone to help imagine the exciting new futures that can be designed, realised through collaborating, creativity with others.

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