

Screen Talk

The Newsletter of the
Curzon Community Cinema

CELEBRATING
100 YEARS
1912-2012

Curzon
community cinema



School's Out

Pupils from local schools packed the Curzon to see *Arrietty* as part of National Schools Film Week. More details on page 4.

Full calendar of all films and events
curzon.org.uk | Box Office 01275 871000

Registered Charity No.1058389

Winter 2012 | Issue 13



Clevedon's favourite film: the results! | Latest centenary news



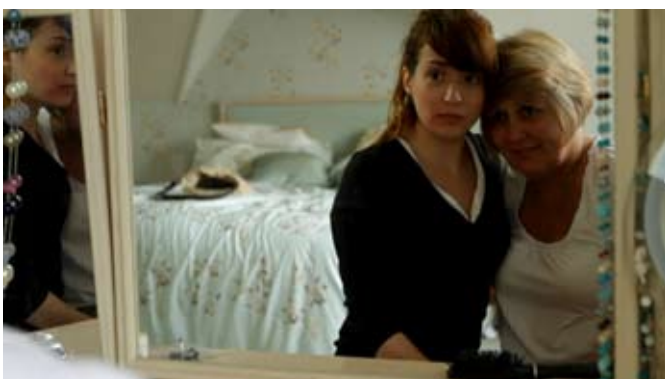
Survivors film premiered at Curzon



Above, L-R: Rose Forrest Gover, Richard Young, Mark Baker and Heather Thomas. Below: Rose and Heather in a scene from the film.

Survivors: Sophie's Story, a new film produced and shot in Clevedon, will receive its premiere at the Curzon Cinema on Sunday 20 November.

The film is directed by Mark Baker, whose company Cool Planet Films is based in Clevedon, and tackles the challenging subject of domestic abuse. Mark had been working on the script for several years, and was finally able to film it over a six month period this year.



Mark was helped in his research by members of Seeds, a North Somerset Domestic Abuse charity.

The cast is headed by professional actress Rose Forrest Gover as Sophie.

Many other local people can be seen in the film; Heather Thomas, who plays Nan, was recruited by Mark after he asked to use the Aspirations Hair and Beauty Salon, of which she is a partner, as a location.

The film has a 12A certificate, and is showing on Sunday 20 November at 5pm & 7.45pm.

Barry Walsh immortalises Curzon in song

Sunday 20 November sees Clevedon featured not only on the big screen, in the premiere of *Survivors*, but in song. Audiences will be able to see a recording of a live song inspired by the Curzon Cinema.

At the Curzon was written by Barry Walsh (right), who performed the song live with his band at their sell-out Colston Hall gig in October. This performance was professionally recorded, and the song will be shown before both screenings of *Survivors*.

Barry has had a song played on Coronation Street and is enjoying local success with a stream of performances at Bristol's Colston Hall, St Georges Hall, and others. He supported Fairport Convention at The Colston Hall in May. The Band is due to start recording an album in the coming weeks. The performance can also be seen at www.facebook.com/CurzonClevedon.



New Friends scheme Reduced rates until Christmas for

The Curzon Cinema has launched a new supporter's scheme, the Friends of the Curzon.

The new scheme offers a range of benefits, and is also intended to help the Curzon Clevedon Community Centre for the Arts - the charity which owns the cinema - to rebuild its reserves, which have been substantially depleted following the major refurbishment and development of the past year. The Friends will be offered special deals on tickets and occasional exclusive events. The Curzon is also hoping to arrange special exclusive deals for members with local businesses.

Benefits include:

- 2 complimentary tickets (4 for joint membership)
- One £1 off admission per month per member (valid for any

performance)

- Free membership of the Curzon Film Club (worth £16.00)

- Free mailing of the film programme and Screen Talk newsletter

- Reduced rates for special events (such as silent films and opera screenings)

The Friends will also have a role to play in shaping the Curzon's future. Not only will their financial support help maintain the cinema but, when considering strategy and options for future major developments, the Curzon Board will come to the Friends first to seek their feedback and help with their plans.

Gareth Negus, Curzon Director, said "We have often been asked over the years whether we could start a Friends

Friends of

The Friends' membership

Heritage sponsor Curzon Centenary Calendar

The Curzon has produced a special calendar for its centenary year, 2012.

The last time the Curzon produced its own calendar, in 2004, the inspiration was the film *Calendar Girls*. This time, for better or worse, everyone has kept their clothes on. Instead, the calendar commemorates significant dates in the cinema's history - from the opening of the first Picture House in April 1912, to the launch of the Curzon Community Cinema in 1996, and the Heritage Lottery Funded refurbishments of 2010.

The calendar also notes confirmed dates of events planned for the centenary year.

Production of the calendar

has been sponsored by Heritage Estate Agents, who will be working with the Curzon throughout 2012.

Hilary Neal, Chair of the Curzon Board, said "We are delighted that Heritage will be joining us in 2012 as Centenary sponsors, supporting their local heritage cinema. We are very grateful for their generous support of the publication of this Calendar."

Richard Van De Velde, Heritage Managing Director, said "Heritage are delighted to be working in association with the Curzon Cinema during their centenary year."

The calendar can be purchased from the Curzon Box Office. All proceeds raised will go to the cinema.



... launches ... for early joiners



... scheme, and the start of our centenary year seemed like the ideal time. We hope that the Friends of the Curzon will become an integral part of our planning as we think about the next phase of the restoration, and will also enable those joining the scheme to try a wider number of films and events. In particular, membership of the Friends would make an ideal Christmas present."

Membership of the Friends is being offered at the reduced rate of £50 (£75 joint membership) until the end of 2011. Anyone paying by standing order will be guaranteed the reduced rate for a minimum of three years. The usual price will be £95 (£125 joint). Memberships can be purchased using the form to the right.

I would like to join the Friends of the Curzon

_____ single membership: £50

_____ joint membership: £75

Your name: _____

Second member's name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I enclose a cheque for:

£ _____

Standing Order

Your details (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Title: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/other) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

To: _____

Bank Name: _____

Full Bank Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Please make the payments detailed below debiting my/our account until further notice.

Sort Code ___ / ___ / ___

A/C No. _____

A/C Name _____

Please pay The Curzon Community Cinema Ltd (sort code: 090150), (account number 01160192)

£ _____ annually

Starting on ___ / ___ / ___

Signature: _____

Date: _____

King dethroned by Dancing Queens!



The Mamma Mia! cast celebrate their poll victory

The Curzon's survey to discover Clevedon's favourite film resulted in a narrow victory for *Mamma Mia!*

The Abba musical, a worldwide hit in 2008, narrowly beat the 2011 Oscar winner *The King's Speech*.

Older titles included *Some Like it Hot*, *Gone with the Wind* and *Casablanca*. *The Shawshank Redemption* had taken an early lead in the poll, but eventually had to settle for sixth place.

The survey, held online and via the last issue of Screen Talk, was designed to compile a list of favourite films to be shown at the Curzon during its centenary year. Though some are not currently available for booking, the cinema intends to screen ten of the top

twenty titles during 2012.

The full top 20 included:

1. Mamma Mia!
2. The King's Speech
3. Some Like It Hot
4. Gone with the Wind
5. The Shawshank Redemption
6. Lawrence of Arabia
7. Schindler's List
8. Star Wars
9. Casablanca
10. Cinema Paradiso
11. It's a Wonderful Life
12. Pulp Fiction
13. 2001: A Space Odyssey
14. Grease
15. West Side Story
16. Four Weddings and a Funeral
17. Monty Python's Life of Brian
18. To Kill a Mockingbird
19. The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
20. Rocky Horror Picture Show

Senior Screenings continue to draw crowds

The Senior Screenings programme resumed in December with *Made in Dagenham*. A lively discussion followed the screening with the personal experiences of the audience adding to the debate. In addition to the local audience, minibuses brought Seniors from Wrington and Churchill. The rest of the autumn programme presents film from the fifties, two musicals, *Calamity Jane* (October) and *White Christmas* (December) and Hitchcock's *Rear Window*.

Introducing Children to the Arts

The Curzon has been selected along with only nine other organisations nationally to participate in the Start programme. This scheme provides UK school students with the opportunity to engage with the arts.

The Curzon's programme includes opportunities to see films they might not previously have had access to, to learn how the language of film works, both through viewing and making their own, and the chance to engage with cinema staff and find out what they do. The Curzon is working with all the Clevedon primary schools and with St Andrews, Congresbury and

Ravenswood and Westhaven Special schools. 493 pupils will participate, making three visits over the course of the school year and Curzon Learning staff and filmmakers will go into the schools in order to extend the experience. Project delivery started in November with a teacher in service session about reading a film.

Youth Panel Launch new Film Club



The Youth Panel are meeting weekly to develop a programme for a new film club for their age group. They worked with designer, Sam Bessant, to create a brand for the club, a loyalty card and a poster for the first screening – a fancy dress screening of *Back to the Future* on November 11th. Maddy Varley said "Adults have a film club at the Curzon and we wanted one that would represent our age group, so we're making it happen." The Youth Panel now has a Facebook group, facebook.com/thecurzonreelers, and a Twitter presence, twitter.com/CurzonReelers. The group plan to create their own blogs about films they have seen.

National Schools Film Week

National Schools Film Week in October brought in nearly 1000 young people. *Attack the Block* was very well received by secondary students from Nailsea and Mark College, a school for young people with Specific Learning Difficulties. 8 - 10 year olds enjoyed the beautiful animated African tale about friendship and the environment, *Tree of Spirits*. The film is made in French with subtitles, and was enthusiastically introduced by Sarah Miller, a Clevedon primary school French teacher. So popular was Studio Ghibli's *Arrietty* with 5 to 8 year olds that a second screening was needed.

Lounge Bar grows in popularity

The Curzon's Oak Room Lounge Bar is now fully licensed, which means you can enjoy a glass of wine before the film - an innovation that has so far proven popular with regular visitors!

The Lounge Bar is open every evening from 6pm. We are grateful to Premier Pensions Management Limited for sponsorship which has enabled us to purchase a new fridge for the Lounge bar.

