



The Curzon Community Cinema 46 Old Church Road Clevedon North Somerset BS21 6NN

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It was a busy weekend of fundraising at the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon last weekend, with money being raised for two very worthy causes.

On Saturday the Curzon's presentation of Phantom of the Opera raised over £300 for the Asian Tsunami Appeal. Throughout the week at each performance of the new film version of the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic stage musical, a specific collection will take place also in aid of the Disaster Emergency Committee's special appeal.

Curzon General Manager, Jon Webber said, "Following the devastating events in Asia on Boxing Day everyone at the Curzon felt we had to do something to help all those people rebuild their lives, and donating the proceeds from Saturday's screening seemed the obvious way in which we could help."

The donation of the film takings for disaster relief follows a tradition set by the cinema's original owner Victor Cox when, back in 1912, he donated all the takings from the cinema's first day's screenings (£2 2s 0d) to the disaster appeal for the survivors and families of the Titanic tragedy.

The second fundraising event took place on Sunday afternoon when Curzon projectionist Colin Love organised a special screening of 16mm and 35mm films featuring some of silent cinema's star attractions. The films, which included stars such as Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton and Laurel & Hardy, were accompanied by local professional keyboard player Richard Baker.



Organiser Colin Love said, "All the films we screened were classic comedies featuring classic stars, and the audience reaction was just fantastic. It was great to see the Curzon packed to the rafters with people from every age group and to hear everyone roaring with laughter. I am sure it is something we shall do again."

Before the films commenced and during the interval Brian Boobyer on the Curzon's Compton Organ entertained the packed audience of over 270. The proceeds from the silent film show amounted to £1,000, which was donated to the Curzon Restoration Fund.

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