



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

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Stinking Bishop at the Curzon?

A fine array of cheeses, some local and some not so local, will be on display at the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon next month – all part of a special Charity Gala Night to mark the release of the first ever Wallace & Gromit full-length feature film.

The Curse of the Were Rabbit is the latest release from Bristol-based Aardman Animations, and represents a partnership with Steven Spielberg's production Company SKG Dreamworks. It is the first feature-length animation starring the ever-popular Wallace & Gromit, and is a step up from the earlier 'shorts' such as *A Grand Day Out*, *A Close Shave* and *The Wrong Trousers*.

To celebrate the occasion The Curzon will be hosting a special screening of the film in the company of Aardman Directors and Curzon Patrons, Peter Lord and David Sproxton. It is also hoped that the film's Director Nick Park – another Curzon Patron – will be returning to the UK in time to attend.

There will be a limited number of tickets available to regular Curzon filmgoers and these are available to purchase now at a price of £15 per head (no concessions), with all proceeds going to the Curzon Restoration Fund. The ticket price includes a wine and cheese buffet, with a selection of cheeses that would be guaranteed to get Wallace's mouth watering.

In addition to the new Wallace & Gromit feature length film, it is hoped that the audience will be treated to some earlier Aardman short animations, full details of which will be announced nearer the date.

After the film there will be a question & answer session, giving the opportunity for the audience to ask questions of the Aardman Directors. The Curzon is very pleased to announce that BBC Points West presenter Sally Challoner will host the Q&A session.

Those wishing to purchase tickets to what promises to be a very special evening should call the Curzon's new ticket hotline (operated by MusicBox) on 01275 349010. The hotline operates Monday to Friday between 10.00 and 13.30, and is stocked with an initial allocation of 100 general release tickets. There is a booking fee of 50p per ticket.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Curzon Community Cinema is a social enterprise and has been operated as a registered charity for eight years. It is believed to be the oldest purpose-built, continuously operated cinema in the world, having opened its doors for the first time on 20 April 1912.
2. The Board of Trustees are planning a phased £5m restoration of the historic Curzon Cinema, with the support of Heritage Lottery Fund. The Board recently announced its intention to embark upon the restoration in a series of six key phases, the first of which will be re-roofing in order to prevent arrest continuing deterioration to the fabric of this historic building, and enabling internal restoration to be progressed.
3. The Curzon Cinema shows all the latest film releases, as well as undertaking community education projects with local schools and youth organisations. Full details can be found on our web site: www.curzon.org.uk.

Our normal press contact, Chris Brain, is away on holiday in the build up to this event. Any press enquiries should be directed in his absence to Hilary Neal on 01275 876548.