



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

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Curzon Flushed Away?**

Glitz and glamour returns to the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon later this month – all part of a special Charity Gala Night to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Curzon as a community owned and operated cinema. The Curzon was saved from closure, following a public campaign in 1995, and began operating as a registered charity on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1996.

Curzon Chair of Trustees, Chris Brain said, “We are very proud to have reached this significant milestone of our first 10 years, and to have established The Curzon as a successful community enterprise. This special event provides the opportunity for local filmgoers to join us in celebration, with an early screening of the latest animation feature film from Bristol-based Aardman Animations.

*Flushed Away* is the latest from Aardman’s partnership with Steven Spielberg’s SKG Dreamworks. It is part written by Aardman founder and Director Peter Lord, and features the voices of Kate Winslet, Hugh Jackman, Sir Ian McKellen, Bill Nighy, Andy Serkis, Shane Richie, Kathy Burke and David Suchet.

To celebrate the occasion The Curzon will be hosting a special screening of the film on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> November, in the company of Aardman Directors and Curzon Patrons, Peter Lord and David Sproxton.

Curzon General Manager, Jon Webber, added: “The support from our friends at Aardman over a number of years has provided a continuing boost for everyone involved with the Curzon project and it is largely thanks to them that we are able to offer *Flushed Away* two days ahead of the UK release date.”

There will be a limited number of tickets available to regular Curzon filmgoers and these are available to purchase now at a price of £10 per head (no concessions), with all proceeds going to the Curzon Restoration Fund. The ticket price includes a wine and nibbles buffet.

In addition to the new 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 opens on 20<sup>th</sup> November and operates Monday to Friday between 10.00 and 13.30. It will be stocked with an initial allocation of only 100 general release tickets, so people are recommended to book their tickets early to avoid disappointment. 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](http://www.curzon.org.uk).
4. On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006 The Curzon Community Cinema celebrates 10 years as a community owned and operated cinema.

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