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French film evening: Thursday, 28th June.

The season's last film is a refreshing change from Hollywood films designed for family viewing

THIS delightful, light-hearted French-Belgian family comedy made in 2009 is based on the best-selling books by René Goscinny (the creator of Astérix) chronicling the adventures of Nicolas, a mischievous French schoolboy.

PARIS 1956. When Nicolas overhears his parents talking about a new arrival, he knows it can only mean one thing – a baby!

Convinced they are making plans to abandon him to make room for his sibling, he enlists the help of his fellow classmates to make sure he will survive.

Offering a wonderful child's eye view of the world, this Gallic style 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' is bound to enchant children, parents and grandparents alike.

Shown with English subtitles.

The meal choices are :

- Scrumpy beef casserole with parsley and horseradish dumplings
- Garlic chicken with oven roasted vegetables
- Moroccan carrot and chickpeas stew

To book your meal and film deal, please contact Jean Mansell jeanmansell2@gmail.com with your meal choice **by Thursday, 21 June**. Cheques (£16 per person) should be sent to Jean at Nightoak, 2 Stourscombe Wood, Launceston PL15 9JP, and please note on the back of the cheque that the payment is for the French film night and for the number of people. Those who would prefer to come along just to see the film can do so for just £5.



Get out the walking shoes and the picnic baskets

Enjoy a mid-summer walk from Minions

MINIONS is the highest village in Cornwall and, set as it is in dramatic landscape, the village and surrounding area is a perfect location for walking on Bodmin Moor.

Our walk on Sunday, 24 June will start at Minions car park (on right hand side) where we'll meet at 6 pm for picnic (everyone to bring their own) and then choose from a variety of walks. There is plenty to see and visit in the area.

The Hurlers, a unique Bronze Age Monument (c.1500 BC) consisting of a set of three standing stone circles, are located on the west side of the village, a short distance away from the car park.

Local legend has it that some of the local men were playing the Cornish game of hurling on the Sabbath and were turned into stone as punishment. The Hurlers attract visitors from all over the world who come to dowse the stone circles and feel the energy that is said to come from them.

Rillaton Barrow is a very large Early Bronze Age burial barrow located 200m north east of 'The Hurlers'. The barrow is approximately 30m in diameter and is clearly visible from the main road through Minions, but ironically, often difficult to find once on the moor - due to the number of old tin workings and pits scattered around the site.

An excavation by local miners in 1837 'searching for stone' in a very rocky area discovered a granite cist set in its eastern edge. The site of the cist is still visible in the side of the barrow. The cist contained the remains of a human skeleton, beads, spear head, pottery and the 'Rillaton' Gold Cup.



The Cheesewring is a short walk (about 1½ km to the north) across the moor from Minions. On a clear day its distinct shape can be seen from most parts of the moor.

Its shape has been the subject of many debates; the result of weather erosion on the granite strata of the moor over many years.

From the Cheesewring, the views across the Cornish countryside and into Devon are nothing less than stunning on a clear day.

Note: Some may recognise Minions from its starring role in the 2015 remake of Poldark, where it featured as the iconic crossroads where Ross first dismounts the carriage on homecoming.
