

THE POET BEHIND THE POETS HOUSE

SYBIL MARSHALL

In Sybil's 91 years, three distinct careers were enjoyed. Her life was remarkably creative. Her first career was as a Fenland primary school teacher, which began in the early 1930s and ended in 1962.

Sybil's first book was published in 1963 by Cambridge University Press. This was an account of her experience as singlehandedly running a one-room school of 26 children aged between four and eleven. In the same year her Fenland Chronicle, memories of her parents written in their own Fenland dialect. Angus Wilson (English novelist and short story writer) hailed it as "a classic of the rural past".

It is interesting, though, that the 1970 edition for her work contains a cautionary forward. She welcomed what Plowden had to say, of course, but worried, presciently enough, about how the wrong influences could be drawn. Sybil showed what wonderful creative work pupils could produce, given the right stimuli. Her programmes were exhaustively prepared and drew upon her own rich cultural legacy.

She had her own mentor here: Oliver Cromwell, Lord of the Fens who had said "Tis for their good, not what pleases them that counts".



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POETS HOUSE

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Sonnet Lounge & Bar Menu

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Morning Selection

Served between 1000—1200 in the Sonnet Bar



Canadian Pancakes	£7.50
Five Canadian pancakes, maple syrup, Norfolk smoked bacon	
Norfolk Smoked Bacon, or hand made Gluten free Sausage	£4.50
Served in a Brioche roll	
Add Egg	£1.50
Add Bacon or Sausage	£2
Norfolk Smoked Ham and mature Cheese Croissant	£6
French Toast	£9.00
Mixed fruits, cinnamon, served on sourdough	
Eggs Royale (gfa)	£12.50
Gently poached hen eggs, smoked Scottish salmon and creamy hollandaise sauce on a split toasted muffin	
Eggs Benedict (gfa)	£12.50
Honey roast ham, gently poached hen eggs, creamy hollandaise sauce on a split toasted muffin	
Smashed Avocado (v) (gfa)	£7.50
Served on toasted Granary bread or Sourdough	
Add Marinated Greek Feta or Poached Egg	£1.50

Desserts and Cakes



Cake of the Day (gfa) Please ask the team	£4.00
Coffee and tea served with a scone (fruit, plain or cheese)	£5.00
Cream Tea (gfa) (served between 12-5pm) Two scones, fruit and plain and a hot drink of your choice	£8.00
Savoury Cream Tea (served between 12-5pm) Two cheese scones, chilli jam, cheese dip a hot drink of your choice	£9.00
Vegan Gingerbread Cake (vga) (v) Served with Judes vanilla ice-cream and a helpful gingerbread man!	£9.00
Raspberry Crème Brulee (gfa) Served with crisp mint ice-cream	£9.00
Traditional Christmas Pudding (va) (vga) (gfa) Crème Anglaise or vanilla ice-cream	£9.00
Lemon Meringue Tartlet (gf) (v) (vga) Chantilly cream dressing	£9.00
Chocolate and Caramel Cheesecake (v) (gf) Served with toffee sauce	£9.00
Hot Jam Sponge Pudding (v) Served with crème Anglaise	£9.00

Small Plates and Burgers

Festive Poets Burger (gfa) **£20.50**

Cranberry and melted brie, chunky fries, small dressed salad,
topped with a large crispy onion ring

Homemade Soup (gfa) (va) (vga) **£9.00**

Served warm artisan roll with butter

Smoked Salmon Slices Topsy, In Pink Grapefruit Gin **£11.50**

Served with beetroot hash and a small light salad

Duck and Apricot Pate (gfa) **£10.00**

Served with smoked bacon salad with ciabatta fingers

Warm Goats Cheese Roulades (v) **£9.00**

Served with a pine nuts, cherry tomatoes, balsamic oils with oak leaves
(vegan cheese available on request 12 hours notice)

Sandwiches

Served between 1200-1800

Served on white/granary/sourdough/gluten free bread
All served with house dressed leaves and crisps

Healthy and Happy **£8.00**

Greek feta cheese with mixed salad and red pesto

Seafood Sandwich **£9.00**

Warm tiger prawns, marinated in a seafood dressing with gem lettuce

Roasted Norfolk Ham Sandwich **£9.00**

Served with dijon mustard

Chicken Club **£12.60**

Chicken, mayonnaise, smoked bacon, gem lettuce and sliced tomato in a triple
deck sandwich

Cheese and Red Onion Chutney Sandwich **£8.50**

Melted Ham and Cheese Panini **£9.00**

Santa Maria Chicken Wrap **£12.00**


Sliced chicken with Shiracha mayonnaise, fries, red onion slices and
tomato, wrapped in a warm wrap served with a side salad

Santa Maria Halloumi Wrap **£12.00**

Panko Halloumi with Shiracha mayonnaise, fries, red onion slices and tomato,
wrapped in a warm wrap served with a side salad

Festive Bar Bites

Served between 1200-2100



Panko Halloumi Fingers (v) Served with sweet chilli dressing and a small side salad	£9.00
Vegan Nuggets (v)(vga) Served with side salad cooling vegan sauce	£8.00
Sticky BBQ Chicken Wings (gf) Served with a cooling sauce and small side salad	£9.00
Battered Calamari With a small side salad with tartare sauce	£8.50
Pigs in blanket Served with small salad and mayo	£8.50
Sticky Plant Ribs With cooling and hot dipping sauces	£8.50
Gala of King Prawns With a seafood dressing and garlic focaccia	£9.00
Breaded Jalapenos With Seasonal hummus dip	£9.00
Poets Homemade Hummus with Baked Pita Fingers	£9.00
Festive Breaded Mini Camembert Served with a warm cranberry sauce	£9.00
Ramona's Falafel With Poets handcrafted hummus	£9.00

4 Bar Bites & 2 Glasses of Prosecco £40 for two people

Nibbles

Cheeseboard– 3 Festive Cheeses with Pickles and accompaniments	£15.00
Rosemary and Garlic Butter Focaccia Bread	£6.50
Assorted Marinated Olives with Feta	£5.50
Burts Crisps	£2.50
Tyrralls Crisps	£1.70

Sides £4.50 each
Skinny Fries ~ House Chips ~ Broccoli

Festive Afternoon Tea

Enjoy a selection of finger sandwiches, cakes and warm scones with clotted cream and jam, all lovingly prepared and served in beautiful historic surroundings.

Available from 12pm-4 pm Monday-Friday, 2pm-4pm over the weekend.

Festive Afternoon Tea £34 pp

Sparkling Afternoon Tea £40pp

Please note that Afternoon Tea must be pre-booked 24 hours in advance and full payment is required on booking .Subject to availability.