

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 **£6.50**

Served in a large soft bap

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) **£8.50**

Gently poached hen eggs, smoked Scottish salmon and creamy hollandaise sauce on a split toasted muffin

Eggs Benedict (gfa) **£8.50**

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) **£4.00**

Please ask a member of the team for choices

Coffee and tea served with a scone (fruit, plain or cheese) **£5.00**

Cream Tea (gfa) (served between 12-5pm) **£8.00**

Two scones, fruit and plain and a hot drink of your choice

Savoury Cream Tea (served between 12-5pm) **£9.00**

Two cheese scones, chilli jam, cheese dip a hot drink of your choice

Raspberry Pavlova **£9.00**

Fresh British raspberries with home-baked meringue with Chantilly cream

Belgium Chocolate Cheesecake (v)(vg) **£9.50**

Served with Jude's vanilla ice-cream

Affogato **£7.00**

Shot of hot Espresso, Ice Cream, Amaretti Biscuits

Traditional Cheese and biscuits (gfa) **£16.00**

With fruits, biscuits , continental and British cheeses



House Burgers

8 oz Poets' House Burger **£20.50**

Beef patty with gem lettuce, mature cheddar, beef tomatoes, plum chutney and fries

8 oz Poets' House Vegan Burger **£19.50**

Vegan patty with gem lettuce, vegan cheese, beef tomatoes, vegan brioche bun and fries

House Salads

Poets Caesar Salad (v)(vg) **£14.00**

Mixed salad with cucumber and tomatoes with crushed ciabatta, anchovies, topped with Caesar dressing

Add chicken or halloumi- **£3 each**

Avocado Crispy Bacon and Egg Salad (va) **Starter £9.00/main £18.00**

Slices of avocado, crispy bacon strips served on a bed of mixed salad

Sandwiches

Served between 1200-1800

Served on white/granary/sourdough/gluten free bread

All served with house dressed leaves and crisps

Minute Steak Ciabatta Sandwich **£15.50**

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

Norfolk Ham Roasted 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

Ask about our Cake Of The Day!

Plates Rapides

Served between 1200-2100

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| Lemon Grass and Chilli Prawns | £9.50 |
| Served with baba ghanoush dip and a small side salad | |
| Ramona's Falafel (gf)(vg) | £9.00 |
| With sweet chilli sauce and a small side salad | |
| Panko Halloumi Fingers (v) | £9.00 |
| Served with sweet chilli dressing and a small side salad | |
| Chorizo Queso Fundido | £9.50 |
| With a melting pot of monterey jack cheese and fine chorizo with dunking artisan bread | |
| Vegan Nuggets (v)(vga) served with side salad cooling vegan sauce | £8.00 |
| Sticky BBQ Chicken Wings (gf) | £9.00 |
| Served with a cooling sauce and small side salad | |
| Battered Calamari | £8.50 |
| With a small side salad with tartare sauce | |
| Breaded Jalapeno's | £8.00 |
| With creamy mint mayonnaise and small salad | |
| Pigs in blanket | £8.00 |
| Served with small salad and mayo | |
| Arancini Mozzarella Balls | £9.00 |
| Served with rich tomato sauce and parmesan shaving | |
| Bang Bang Cauliflower Florets (vg)(gfa) | £9.00 |
| Served with naked vegetables and a cool dipping sauce | |

4 bar bites for **£29.00**

Nibbles

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| Sharing platter of flatbreads and flavoured humus, marinated Sapori Greek Olives | £15.00 |
| Rosemary and Garlic Butter Focaccia Bread | £6.50 |
| Piquant Olives marinated in Harrisa (v)(vg)(gf) | £5.50 |
| Marinated Sapori Greek Olives (v) (vg) (gf) | £4.50 |
| Savoursmith Crisps | £2.50 |
| Tyrralls Crisps | £1.70 |

Small Plates

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| Soup of the Day (vg)(gfa) | £9.00 |
| Served with a soft artisan roll and butter | |
| Chicken Liver Pate | £10.00 |
| Served with blackcurrant under bed and toasted ciabatta bread | |
| Bang Bang Cauliflower Florets (vg)(gfa) | £9.00 |
| Served with naked vegetables and a cool dipping sauce | |
| Breaded Goujons of Cod | £9.00 |
| Served with a tartare sauce and a side salad | |