

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	£2.00
Norfolk Smoked Ham and mature Cheese Croissant	£6.00
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
Eggs Florentine	£12.50
A toasted English muffin, a layer of fresh spinach with a poached egg resting on top draped with creamy hollandaise sauce	

Desserts and Cakes



Cake of the Day (gfa)	£4.75
Please ask the team	
Coffee and tea served with a scone (fruit, plain or cheese)	£5.75
Cream Tea (gfa) (served between 12-5pm)	£8.75
Two scones, fruit and plain and a hot drink of your choice	
Savoury Cream Tea (served between 12-5pm)	£9.75
Two cheese scones, chilli jam, cheese dip and a hot drink of your choice	
Poets House Signature Sticky Toffee Pudding	£9.50
Served with Poets sticky toffee sauce and vanilla ice cream	
Lemon Meringue Tartlet (gf) (v)(vga)	£9.00
Chantilly cream dressing	
Classic Blackberry and Apple Crumble	£9.50
Served with creamy custard	
Celebratory Chocolate Dome	£9.50
Filled with a strawberry ice cream and a delight Belgium mousse served with fruits and Chantilly cream	

Small Plates and Burgers

Poets Burger (gfa) **£20.50**

A juicy flame grilled home-made beef patty, served with a soft toasted bun, fresh lettuce, tomato, red onion and a burger relish, topped with melted cheese. Accompanied by a salad garnish, fries and an onion ring

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

Served with a warm artisan roll with butter

Smoked Salmon Blinis (gfa) **£11.50**

Delicate light blinis topped with smoked salmon and garnished with a fennel, dill and cucumber salad with a lemon mayo dressing

Avocado Crispy Bacon and Egg Salad (gfa) **£9.95**

Mixed leaves salad topped with crispy bacon, boiled eggs, avocado, drizzled with a light vinaigrette

Moules Normande (gf) **£10.95**

Fresh mussels steamed in a rich cider and apple sauce with sautéed onion, garlic, crème Fraiche and parsley

Sandwiches

Served between 1200-1800

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

Healthy and Happy **£8.75**

Greek feta cheese with mixed salad and red pesto

Seafood Sandwich **£9.75**

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

Roasted Norfolk Ham Sandwich **£9.75**

Served with dijon mustard

Chicken Club **£13.35**

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

Cheese and Red Onion Chutney Sandwich **£9.25**

Melted Ham and Cheese Panini **£9.25**

Santa Maria Chicken Wrap **£12.75**

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 **£12.75**

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

Bar Bites

Served between 1200-2100



Panko Halloumi Fingers (v) Served with sweet chilli dressing and a small side salad	£9.00
Sticky BBQ Chicken Wings (gf) Served with a cooling sauce and small side salad	£9.00
Breaded Calamari With a small side salad with tartare sauce	£12.00
Pigs in blanket Served with a small salad and mayo	£8.50
Sticky Plant Ribs With cooling and hot dipping sauces	£8.50
Breaded Jalapenos With seasonal hummus dip	£9.00
Poets Homemade Hummus with Baked Pita Fingers	£9.00
Gouda and Bacon Doughnuts Served with a dipping sauce	£8.00
Ramona's Falafel With Poets handcrafted hummus	£9.00

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

Hot Plates

Toasted Steak Panini Filled with minute steak, creamed horseradish alongside a tomato, house fries and rocket salad	£20.00
Moroccan Chicken Laying on lemon hummus resting on a warm flatbread or soft focaccia with a small green salad	£15.50

Nibbles

Cheeseboard– 3 Cheeses with Pickles and accompaniments	£16.00
Rosemary and Garlic Butter Focaccia Bread	£6.50
Assorted Marinated Olives with Feta	£5.50
Crisps	£1.95

Sides £4.50 each
Skinny Fries ~ House Chips ~ Broccoli

Flatbreads

Warm Flatbread with Salsa Verde, Two Poached Eggs and Grilled Vine Tomatoes	£11.50
Warm Flatbread with a melt of Crème Fraiche, Red Onion, Gruyere Cheese and Bacon bites	£9.95
Toasted Flatbread with a blanket of cheese and apple topped with sliced avocado	£11.20
Toasted Garlic Flatbread or Warm Focaccia served with Poets Basil and Tomato Dipping Sauce	£6.50