

THE POET BEHIND THE NAME

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".



Cocktail Masterclass

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Prices start at £30 per person.
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POETS HOUSE

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Sonnet Lounge & Bar Menu

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Due to our process, we CANNOT 100% guarantee allergen free ingredients or environment. We do our best to remove shot and bones from game & fish, there may however be a small possibility that some remain

Morning Selection

Served between 10am – 12pm in the Sonnet Bar

Please inform your server of any allergies or dietary requirements.

Canadian Pancakes Canadian pancakes, maple syrup, smoked bacon	£7.50
Smoked Bacon or Sausage in a Brioche Roll (GFA) Add an egg £1.50 Add bacon or sausage £2.00	£4.50
Norfolk Ham and Mature Cheddar Croissant	£6.00
French Toast Mixed fruits, cinnamon	£9.00
Eggs Royale (GFA) Gently poached hen eggs, smoked Scottish salmon and creamy hollandaise sauce on an English toasted muffin	£12.50
Eggs Benedict (GFA) Norfolk ham, gently poached hen eggs, creamy hollandaise sauce on an English toasted muffin	£12.50
Smashed Avocado (V)(GFA) Served on toasted Granary bread or Sourdough Add Greek Feta or Poached Egg £1.50	£7.50
Eggs Florentine A toasted English muffin, wilted spinach with a poached hen's egg and creamy hollandaise sauce	£12.50

Desserts & Cakes

Please inform your server of any allergies or dietary requirements.

Cake of the Day (GFA) Please ask the team	£4.75
Coffee and Tea served with a Scone (Fruit, Plain or Cheese)	£5.75
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, butter and a hot drink of your choice	£9.75
Affogato With a shot of espresso coffee and vanilla ice cream	£7.00
Ice Cream/Sorbets Please ask for flavours	£5.00
Strawberry Crème Brûlée (GFA) Silky custard with warming spices, finished with a crisp caramel top and an Amaretti biscuit	£9.50
Chocolate Dome A chocolate mousse topped with a rich Italian chocolate dome, filled with strawberry ice-cream	£9.50
Chocolate & Clementine Toret (VGA)(GF) Served with Chantilly cream and seasonal fruits	£9.50
Eton Mess A classic British dessert, crushed meringue, Chantilly cream and fresh strawberries	£9.50

Small Plates & Burgers

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Seasonal Soup (V)(VG)(GF)

Served with warm bread.

Allergens: *Gluten, Celery*

Pork and Duck Pâté (GFA)

Served with caramelised red onion chutney, toasted brioche and a side salad

Allergens: *Milk, Gluten, Egg, Sulphites, Mustard*

Avocado Crispy Bacon and Egg Salad (GFA)

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

Allergens: *Fish, Gluten, Eggs, Mustard*

Pea & Mint Arancini (V)

Crispy pea and mint risotto balls with basil mayonnaise and Parmesan

Allergens: *Gluten, Milk, Egg, Mustard, Sulphites*

Bacon & Cheddar Beef Burger (GFA)

Juicy beef patty topped with crispy bacon, melted cheddar, and caramelised onions, layered with lettuce, tomato, and pickles, finished with our house sauce. Served with

fries, a fresh side salad, and a crunchy onion ring

Allergens: *Milk, Gluten, Egg, Mustard, Sulphites*

8 oz Poets' House Vegan Burger (V)(VG)

Vegan patty with gem lettuce, vegan cheese, beefsteak tomatoes, vegan

brioche bun, and fries.

Allergens: *Gluten, Soy, Mustard, Sulphites, Sesame*

Chicken Caesar Salad (GFA)

Grilled chicken breast, romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, drizzled with a creamy Caesar dressing, topped with crunchy croutons and fresh Parmesan.

Allergens: *Gluten, Milk, Egg, Mustard, Sulphites*

Panko halloumi is available as an alternative to chicken

£9.50

£10.95

£9.95

£9.95

£20.50

£19.50

£18.50

Sandwiches

Served between 12pm – 5pm

Served on white/granary/sourdough/gluten free bread

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Brie and Cranberry

Warm melted Brie with crispy bacon and sweet cranberry, served with crisps and fresh salad garnish.

£10.50

Seafood Sandwich

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

£10.75

Roasted Norfolk Ham Sandwich

Served with Dijon mustard, crisps and a small salad garnish

£9.75

Chicken Club

Chicken, mayonnaise, smoked bacon, gem lettuce and sliced tomato in a triple deck sandwich, crisps and a small salad garnish

£14.75

Cheese and Red Onion Chutney Sandwich

Served with crisps and a small salad garnish

£9.25

Santa Maria Chicken Wrap

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

£12.75

Santa Maria Halloumi Wrap

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

£12.75

Bar Bites

Served between 12pm – 9pm

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

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Panko Halloumi Fingers (v) Served with sweet chilli sauce, side salad	£9.00
Sticky BBQ Chicken Wings (gf) Served with a BBQ sauce, side salad	£9.95
Pigs in Blankets Served with a small salad and mayo	£8.50
Plant Ribs (vg) With cooling and hot dipping sauces	£8.50
Breaded Jalapenos (v) With sweet chilli dip	£9.00
Poets Homemade Hummus with Baked Pitta Bread	£9.00
Ramona's Falafel (vg) With sweet chili sauce, side salad	£9.00

Nibbles

Cheeseboard - 3 Cheeses with accompaniments	£16.00
Rosemary and Garlic Butter Focaccia Bread	£6.50
Assorted Marinated Olives with Feta	£4.50
Crisps	£2.50

Paninis

Served between 12pm – 5pm

Served with crisps and small salad

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Melted Ham and Cheese Panini	£10.50
Brie, Bacon and Cranberry Panini	£10.50
Cheese and Tomato Panini	£9.50
Chicken, Cheese and Green Pesto Panini	£12.00