**Society of Authors (South-West Group) Lunches**

**Spring Lunch**

**Date: Thursday 5 March 2020**

**Place: The Mercure White Hart Hotel, 1 St John’s Street, Salisbury SP1 2SD**

**Time: 12.30pm for 1.00pm**

Our Spring Lunch is taking place once again at the 17th Century White Hart Hotel in the centre of Salisbury. It has its own car park, a great advantage, and we shall be eating in the Squires Restaurant overlooking the pretty courtyard garden. The plan is to arrive about 12.30pm where you can have a glass of wine or a coffee in the Spires Bar with lunch served at 1.00pm.

Lunch will be followed with a talk by **Wayne Winstone, owner of a small chain of bookshops in the south west.** Wayne has over 30 years’ experience in the book trade including directorial and senior management positions in Ottakar's and Waterstones. He was judged national Independent Bookseller of the Year in 2016 and became South West Bookseller of the Year three times. In 2018, **he** was one of three judges of the Costa Prize for Fiction and this year selected as one of the top 100 people in the Book Trade’s Most Influential Figures listing.  His talk is **Working** **with Independent Booksellers**. This talk is especially important for authors. Book early as places are limited.

We should finish by 3.00pm. The meal will cost £23.00 for two courses, followed by coffee and chocolates. Please would you add an extra £1 to go towards hosting speakers in the future (total £24.00). Guests are welcome at £25.00 per head.

**Please read carefully**. It is the policy of the Society of Authors not to refund any money if a cancellation is made within 14 days of the lunch. If you need to cancel at the last minute then please text or ring me at **07950 353 941**

Cheques are payable to **SoA South West Lunches**

Please send, with the form below giving your menu choices, to me

**Judith Spelman, Higher Farmhouse, Thornford, Dorset DT9 6QB**

by **Monday 25 February at the latest**

**If you have any queries, please contact me on** **judithspelman@gmail.com**

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Please complete in capital letters.

Name……………………………………………. **(tick member or non-member**)

(Are you joining us for lunch for the first time? Yes / No (please circle)

Address………………………………………………………………………………….

 Tel/email contact………………………………………………………………………………..

 Name of guest…………………………………… (**tick member or non-member**))

**Choose from the following menu options; initial one for yourself and one for your guest**

□ Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding □ Treacle Pudding with clotted cream

□ Poached Salmon on a bed of wilted Spinach □ Fresh fruit Pavlova soaked in Malibu with Chantilly cream

 With lemon butter sauce

□ Breast of Chicken with Feta and Spinach □ Cheese and biscuits (£2.00 extra)

 wrapped in Parma Ham in a cream sauce

□ Baked Aubergine filled with Ratatouille □ Selection of ice creams in a Brandy Snap Basket

 with Goat’s cheese and a Pesto cream sauce