

Sir Montague Bacon, Bt, DL

Scratching Hall
Stywold
Norfolk
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Biographical Information

Date of Birth: 05/05/1947 Age: 57
Birthplace: Trumpington, Cambridge

Business Information

Pig Improvement Company
Banbury
Oxfordshire

Tel: 01225 6256800
Secretary: Mrs Carol Swine (01225 625680)

Education

Eton
St Porks, Oxford (Graduated with a 1st in agriculture)

Spouse Information

Penelope (nickname 'Babe') (nee Tamworth)
Date of Birth: 13/12/1944 Age: 59

Relationships

Nicholas W Berkshire, OBE	known to	Countryside Alliance; a stockbroker Administrator of the Farrow Trust Chairman of Trustees of the Gourmet Club
Sir John D Duroc	known to	
Lord Roger S Gloucester	known to	
Lord Ambrose Hampshire	known to	Old Spot Association Pork Futures plc and formerly with Arthur Anderson in Blandford
David S Landrace, DL	known to	
Sheriff Simon Pietrain	known to	National Trust member and vice president of the British Pig Association

Business Affiliations

The British Pig Association	President
The Countryside Alliance	Member
The Pig Improvement Company plc	Chairman
The Old Spot Association	Chairman of Trustees
Pork Futures plc	Non executive Chairman

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Farrow & Ball

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Philanthropic Links

The Farrow Trust	Trustee	01/01/2002 - Income: £869,037 Expenditure £972,002
The Bacon C.T.	Settlor	05 Apr 2003 Income: £16,283 Expenditure: £21,895. Supports farming and animal rights issues.
Norfolk Gamekeepers Association	Beneficiary	Donated a day's shoot

Notes

S Times Richest 500 1994 #274 £45m

Joins list on strength of art collection. Two large estates in family - 4,000 in Norfolk and 10,000 in Staffordshire. He has arguably the best collection of English watercolours, valued at £7 million. Sir Montague is a keen gardener, especially interested in woodland trees.

7/94 No 368 BusinessAge Rich 500 1994 £37m

No. 395 BusinessAge Rich 500 1995 £45m

Worth £60m =305th ST Top 500 1997.

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Worth £55m =446th ST Top 1000 1999 - value fallen as a result of drop in land prices.

Owns 13,000 acres valued at £60m. ST 1/8/99

=586th in the ST Rich List 2000. Wealth estimated at £58m.

No. 619= in the Sunday Times Rich List 2001. Wealth estimated at £60 million.

#591= worth £61m ST Rich List 2002

#484= ST Rich List 2003 worth £70m

#568= ST Rich List 2004 valued at £70m

This charming neo-gothic house (not open to the public) is the home of Sir Montague Bacon and his family. Although parts of the 18th century garden remain, they are predominately a 20th century masterpiece. The fascinating plantsman's garden was laid out approximately 100 years ago and is filled with rare plants, shrubs and trees. The old country house garden has superb yew hedges backing wide herbaceous borders and collections of old roses under-planted with over 50 varieties of lilies. The kitchen garden is 200 years old and in the greenhouse there are peaches, vines, figs and cucumbers together with jasmine and 'Climanthus maurandias'. Old melon pits and a Victorian conservatory have been restored.

Scratching Hall also grows huge quantities of flowers for florists and raises many rare plants and shrubs for its fascinating catalogue.

Owns 4,449,564 shares in Pork Futures plc, value £15.5m. Business Age Jan 1993

Sold more than 1 million Pork Futures shares, netting £2.5m. S Times Top 400 1993 No 113 £80m

Owns 4.3m Farrow & Ball shares valued at 284p worth £2.2m (12/1996).

Owns 9.25m Farrow & Ball plc shares at 364p. CR 12/99

Sold 1,179,300 Pig Improvement Company shares at 430 (£5,070,990) Holding now stands at 7,875,000 (2.969%) IC 6/10/00

Holds Pork Futures shares valued at £10,677,577. AR 12/02

Sold Trough Holdings to an American company for £11m after a £25m management buyout. Sunday Times Top Pay 2003 income £11.245m.

Wife, Penelope, a former model and governor of Crosfields School, Berkshire. She is an active fundraiser for the Distressed Gentlefolk's Association and on several fundraising committees for events in London. She is well connected in her own right as she is the eldest daughter of Lord Tamworth of Staffordshire who died in 1984 and left an estate valued at £4.3m. She was his only surviving offspring.

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Interests

barbecues
stalking
shooting
Military service Queens Own Dragoon Highlanders
Warden of the Worshipful Company of Farmers

Sources

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