

The President of The Friends of Gainsborough Old Hall



Sir Nicholas Bacon Bt; Premier Baronet of England

Sir Nicholas Hickman Ponsonby Bacon, 14th and 15th Baronet (born 17 May 1953) is the Premier Baronet of England. Sir Nicholas is the son of Sir Edmund Bacon, 13th and 14th Baronet and was educated at Eton College. He served as Page of Honour to Queen Elizabeth II, 1966-69, then studied at Dundee University (MA) and at Gray's Inn and was called to the Bar as a barrister.

In 1981 he married Susan Henrietta Dinnis, and they have four sons. He succeeded to the title in 1982. Sir Nicholas resides in Norfolk and has interests in Lincolnshire. He is a council member of the National Trust and Hon Treasurer of the Historic Houses Association. In 1998 Sir Nicholas was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk.

In 2005 he was appointed to the Prince's Council of the Duchy of Cornwall and in 2006 succeeded William Peel, 3rd Earl Peel as Lord Warden of the Stannaries and Chairman of the Prince's Council

Sir Nicholas Bacon's father Sir Edmund Bacon KG Bt once owned Gainsborough Old Hall, which the Bacon family had inherited in 1826 from Lady Frances Hickman. In 1970, Sir Edmund sold the Old Hall to the Nation for £1. In 1949, Sir Edmund supported and encouraged the formation of The Friends, which saved the building from dereliction.

Sir Nicholas has been President of The Friends of the Old Hall since 1982.
