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www.tostock.pc.org

Tostock 41st Art Show



Weekend of 18th and 19th September

Saturday: 10am to 6pm • Sunday: 10am to 5pm

Open Gardens

Sunday: 11am to 5pm

- St Andrew's Church
- Homemade teas and refreshments
- Plant and craft stalls



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**PREVIEW
EVENING**

Wine & Canapés

Friday 17th September

7pm to 9.30pm

Opportunity to make
an early purchase



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Health

Woolpit Health Centre	01359 240298
Out of Hours	111
West Suffolk Hospital	01284 713000
Samaritans	01284 750000
Drugs Hotline	0800 253 253

Police

Non-emergency	101
Crime Stoppers	555

Leisure

Cineworld	0330 333 4444
Theatre Royal	01284 769505
Apex	01284 758000
Picture House	01284 754477

Travel

Bus: www.travel-galloway.com	01449 766323
Rail:	
Dial a Ride	01440 712048

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Please may I have your contributions on or **BEFORE 19th JULY**

preferably in word or publisher format, much appreciated.

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MSDC

REPORTING: anti-social behaviour / bonfires, Environmental Health reporting tool www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/environment.

potholes, overhanging trees and any other road / roadside issues can be raised on the Highways reporting tool www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport.

INFORMATION: Suffolk Community Foundation grants@suffolkcf.org.uk

41st Tostock Art Show – New 2021 Dates

It is disappointing to hear that the Government's COVID roadmap means that we will not be able to hold the Tostock Art Show at the usual time in June. The good news is that this very popular event has been rescheduled, COVID restrictions willing, for September, alongside Open Gardens.

The artworks will be displayed in the beautiful St Andrew's Church in Tostock.

New Diary Dates

Frid, 17 September	7pm – 9.30pm	Art Show Preview Evening
Sat, 18 September	10am – 6pm	Art Show
Sun, 19 September	10am – 5pm 11am - 5pm	Art Show Open Gardens

There are lots of opportunities to get involved over the weekend. Help is needed with setting up and dismantling the marquees and stands, baking and serving refreshments, being on the rota etc.

If you are interested in helping, please get in touch.

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Art Show organisers





A **big**  to everyone in Tostock who helped Jane when she broke her leg on January 1st. I think most know of you know that she is making a good recovery thanks to fantastic surgery and care at West Suffolk Hospital.

As we return to some sort of normality I am planning two things for early September.

It would be great to have another Tostock STEM club on **Friday 3th Sept.** I am working on new fun activities as well as keeping some favourites. The next day, **Saturday 4th**, I am planning to hold my exhibition of Ingenious Machines which is aimed at raising money for EACH.

These events will of course all be dependent on the relaxation of the Covid rules.

John Parnum.

*See next page

STEM inspired event

EXHIBITION of INGENIOUS MACHINES

All proceeds to EACH

Saturday 4th September 2021

10am to 4pm at Tostock Village Hall

Adults £2 Children (under 12) £1

Some machines require £1 to operate

Bombs Away Automata

House on Fire Automata

Rock Musicians Automata

Dinosaurs Automata

Squash Mixing Machine

Lego Sorting Machine

Chladni Plate

Rube Goldberg Chain Reaction Machine

Marble run from Cardboard



Jazz musicians in miniature Schrödinger's Clock® Museum Piece

Refreshments available

**Tostock Village Hall, Norton Road, Tostock,
Bury St Edmunds ,Suffolk IP30 9PT**

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TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held a meeting on 17th May 2021, which was attended by 7 councillors and 6 members of the public.

Covid secure measures included all attendees signing in, use of hand sanitiser, social distancing and ventilation. Masks were worn throughout, although those speaking had the option to remove these for that period.

The post of Chair remained with Pip Fletcher, and Vice-Chair with Julian Kearsley.

Council voted on 7 motions which were passed by a majority / unanimously. These included the provision of a further dog waste bin where the footpath across the playing field joins Norton Road; a simplified response to some planning applications; gifting the outdoor gym equipment, purchased by the Parish Council, to the Village Hall; payment for hire of the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings.

Other matters discussed and taken forward to future meetings included possible charitable donations; flooding in the village; state of the hedge alongside Armstrong's wood.

The dates for council meetings for the rest of 2021 were agreed and are 5th July 2021; 23rd August 2021; 11th October 2021 and 6th December 2021 .

For the remainder of 2021 the Parish Council will be meeting on a Monday to facilitate the cleaning schedule of the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting, which is an open public meeting designed for residents to fully engage with parish matters, will **provisionally** be held on 21st June 2021. This will depend on whether there is further easing of restrictions, as at the moment the limit on numbers using the Village Hall make it impossible to hold the APM until this time. This meeting will be called and chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, whose role is to facilitate the discussion and any points raised that should be addressed by the PC at a later date will be noted.

Once again, I would like to emphasise that there are various reporting tools available on both Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council websites.

These include the highways reporting tool (www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport) which is useful for reporting potholes, flooding, fallen trees etc.; the environmental health reporting tool (www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/) for reporting anti-social behaviour or environmental issues etc; and the waste reporting tool (www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/dog-bins-litter-and-fly-tipping/) for reporting fly-tipping and other waste issues. Anyone can report issues using these tools but if you have any trouble with this then, of course, please get in touch with a council member.

Pip Fletcher and Julian Kearsley
Chair and Vice-Chair, Tostock Parish Council



Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) is an emergency medical charity, based in Woolpit, operating across Suffolk and its border areas. Volunteer SARS clinicians provide immediate and advanced medical care to patients with serious or life threatening conditions or trauma. SARS responders have enhanced prehospital skills and are authorised to carry specialist drugs and equipment not normally found on frontline ambulances – they can undertake procedures and provide a level of patient care that would not normally be available outside the hospital environment. Since SARS started in 1972 it has helped treat thousands of patients and saved countless lives.



The clinicians give up their time and provide their skills without charge. This 'donation' of time equates to many hundreds of thousands of pounds each year, and the benefit that SARS clinicians can bring to a patient in terms of life-saving interventions, relief from pain and quicker recovery times is immeasurable. In 2020, the amazing volunteer SARS clinicians gave over 6,000 hours of advanced prehospital medical care throughout Suffolk. They were called out to over 100 locations across the county and all of this during a pandemic.

SMED27, our third rapid response vehicle joined SARS in early April, all thanks to the generosity of local business Smarter Metering Services. It is a significant addition to our fleet and responded to an emergency call within just 30 minutes of being handed over! With a third vehicle in operation, we have, for the first time in our nearly 50-year history, established a second base in Suffolk – hello Saxmundham. SMED26 is now based there and will help provide additional coverage and critical care along the East coast.



SARS receives no central government funding and relies on voluntary fundraising to maintain its activity. There are many ways you can get involved and help support SARS. Please take a look on the SARS website www.sars999.org.uk/get-involved/

Or why not sign up to the SARS 999 Lottery. For as little as £1 a week you could win up to £25,000 while helping save local lives. To sign up please visit www.sars999.org.uk/lottery/

We are always keen to hear from you so please get in touch via admin@sars999.org.uk or phone us on **01359 244186**. With your support, we are determined to keep responding and keep the work of SARS going. Thank you!

Join us on social media - help raise awareness of our cause by promoting us to your networks.....

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Tostock Village Hall News

June & July 2021

The Village Hall back up and running...

In line with the Government's roadmap, the hall was able to re-open from 17th May 2021 for many indoor events. Current Covid-19 secure safety measures continue to apply, which include the hall operating at a reduced capacity and the 'Rule of Six' remaining in place for informal events. The next easing of restrictions is due to take place from 21st June 2021. If you have any questions regarding the re-opening of the hall,

please email: tostockvillagehall@outlook.com



TOSTOCK VIL- LAGE HALL COMMITTEE



AGM
Annual General Meeting

Can you give a bit of your time to be involved in the running & future improvement of our Village Hall & Playing Fields?

We meet 4 times a year, meetings are kept informal yet focused and often discuss future fundraising, and many other sociable aspects of village life.

FRESH INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME and the AGM is the ideal time to come along.

So please join us at the

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL AGM

Tuesday, 22nd June 2021

at 7.00pm.



Village Hall Improvement Project

The results from our Village Survey have been collated and are being reviewed by the Committee. If you would like to understand more about the next steps of this project, please email tostockvillagehall@outlook.com

Village Hall Outside Play Area Maintenance and Improvement Work

Maintenance and improvement work is being carried out on the play area at the end of May 2021. This will include the climbing frame, which has recently been fenced off, being repaired – once again, our apologies that this has been out of action for a while. Our play equipment should always be fit for plenty of safe fun, and is regularly inspected – however, if you ever notice any damage please help us by reporting it immediately to tostockvillagehall@outlook.com

'New Football Posts'

The new set of football posts will hopefully have been installed on the playing fields by the time you are reading this – this smaller five a side pitch will be especially suitable for younger players within the village.



Many thanks to all for kindly remembering to

KEEP YOUR DOGS ON LEADS

when walking through or using the Village Hall's paths and playing fields.



New signs have recently been put up to replace those which were sadly vandalised and stolen in February. This matter was reported to the Police who took it very seriously as it constituted two criminal offences. Should anyone have any further information relating to this crime which took place around 14th February 2021, the Police have asked that they contact them directly quoting the crime number: 37/8112/21



HOLD THE DATE :

41st Tostock Art Show

NEW 2021 Dates; 17th – 19th September 2021

The Tostock Art Show has been re-scheduled, and Covid Restrictions allowing, will now take place over the weekend of 17th – 19th September 2021 in its usual venue at Tostock's St Andrew Church.

HOLD THE DATE :

**TOSTOCK FIREWORKS,
SAT 6th NOVEMBER 2021**

The first planning meeting will take place in the coming months, and we will look forward to seeing all of the event team again. There is always space for more willing helpers, so if you weren't previously involved, and would like to be – please email hannahgracejones@hotmail.com



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Booking restrictions in line with the Government's roadmap will



St Andrew's Church Tostock

**(Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock with
Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)**

Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095

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Website: for more details of all our churches - including Tostock - see the national Church of England website www.achurchnearyou.com

Our benefice Church magazine is also available online at www.vcnews.org.uk

BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES & OPENING TIMES JUNE 2021

Please find below details of the services we plan to hold in June. Norton, Tostock & Pakenham will continue to be open for private prayer Sundays and Wednesdays 10am-4pm, and Great Ashfield Sundays only 10am-4pm.

It is not possible to plan for JULY at the moment, but our aim will be to continue to provide one service in the benefice each Sunday. When restrictions are lifted we will be hoping to increase the number of services available. Please see local church notice boards for more information, or feel free to contact me or your churchwardens.

JUNE 2021

6TH 10am	1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Family@Church	Pakenham
13TH 10am	2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Benefice Communion	Great Ashfield
16TH 10am	Wednesday Holy Communion	Norton
20TH 10am	3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Morning Worship	Tostock
23RD 10am	Wednesday Holy Communion	Pakenham
27TH 10am	4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Benefice Communion	Norton
30TH 10am	Wednesday Holy Communion	Tostock

ONLINE SERVICES.

Our **You Tube Channel reflections** will continue for those who wish to worship at home. If you haven't already tried them you can just enter "Pakenham Benefice" into a You Tube search to see the latest offering.

You can also look at your own parish's **A Church Near You** website - just google 'A Church Near You' and put in the name of your own village to see the latest video reflection.

Sunday Services and Daily Prayers are being streamed live from both the Cathedral and the Bishops, and you can access these via the cathedral website <https://stedscathedral.org>, or the diocesan website: <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/our-bishops/> or you can look at the Church of England website <https://www.churchofengland.org> to join in services from churches around the country.

PRAYERS TO USE AT HOME

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and the fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. *(from St Patrick's Breastplate)*



Everything is subject to change at the moment, but be assured that the people of all our villages are in my prayers, and that will not change. We can all be constant in our prayers for all those we know in any kind of trouble, facing any kind of challenge, and needing any kind of help. With every blessing, Katherine.

SERVICE AT ROMNEY COTTAGE

Monday 21st June 10am

This informal service of prayer and praise has moved house! After many years of meeting at The Croft, we will now be meeting once a month at Romney Cottage just down the road on the Green, at the kind invitation of Gail Moyle. We are looking forward to resuming this service after being without it for more than a year! All are welcome.

Katherine Valentine.

St Andrews Church News



On Tuesday May 18th, we held our first **Coffee Morning** since last September – a chance at last for people in the village to get together outside and meet up for a chat. On Monday evening, things looked very unlikely as there was a huge thunderstorm with rain and hail, but on Tuesday, the sun shone and lots of people brought their chairs onto the Green. There were lovely cakes, plenty of tea and coffee and even Lynne's Raffle! **£110** was raised for Church funds, but the social get-together was even more important after all the lock-down restrictions. Thanks to all our helpers, bakers, and friends for a memorable morning!

The next Coffee Morning should be on **Tuesday June 8th**, if possible we hope to hold it on the Green again, weather permitting -look out for the notice board on the Green!

Flood-lights for June are sponsored by Maureen and John Cytacki, to celebrate their Golden Wedding.

Jeanne 'O'Reilly

News From The Tower.

It seems ages since we were allowed to ring but following the latest easing of restrictions we are now allowed to ring again. We rang for the first time at The Service on 23rd May, it was lovely to be back in the tower and several members of the congregation commented how lovely it was to hear the bells again, one small step back towards "normality"

We are planning to ring at mid-day on 21st June to mark Suffolk Day and hopefully celebrate the end of all the lockdown restrictions. Fingers crossed Boris doesn't change his mind.



TOSTOCK TIDY DAY SATURDAY 10TH JULY

At long last we have a date for the first Tidy Day for 2021. Initially we will meet at the Village Hall at 1000 and aim to finish by 1200. Hopefully you will be able to attend and help with the Tidy Day. The tasks for this Tidy Day will be:

Cut and trim back the grass on the paths outside of The Crofts.

Trim back the grass around the slabs beside the Telephone Box and Post Box.

Tidy the triangle area opposite the Green leading to The
Hopefully you will be able to come and support us and get involved.



If you have any questions or wish to suggest tasks for future days, which could be done as part of this initiative, please contact: jimlanglois@btinternet.com

Tostock Book Club

We are planning to host our first indoor bookgroup meeting since February 2020 , in June.

The date is **Wednesday 23rd June** .

The venue is at the home of Kath Lord - The Mews House, Tostock Place.

The book we are discussing in June is "**Educated** " , by **Tara Westover**.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all members back after such a long time and to any new members who may be interested in coming along .



Contact as usual is Julie Harrison 01359 270247

Without any doubt at all, the highlight of Spring and the Easter season have to be the start of the lambing season when all our farmers are busy bringing into the world thousands of new born lambs. It is such a delight and joy for us all, and oh so cute to see them just after a few hours of being born, skipping and jumping around our meadows, full of all the joys of Spring.

Undoubtedly it's these little lambs that steel the limelight, deservedly so. But for me it's the little piglets I feel so sorry for. They have to play second fiddle to them, but they are just as cute and cuddly as the lambs, that's my opinion anyway. So for this edition we will take a look at some pig breeds, seeing that we covered sheep in a previous edition number 8 of my Country Life articles way back in 2016. Just after the 2nd World War lots of households the men used to keep a pig or (a couple), at the bottom of the garden, mainly for extra food or income. Also around about the same time one of the highlights of any village fete, would be the fiercely fought competition – bowling for the pig, when competitors from neighbouring villages would come and challenge the locals for the top prize, often leading to a heated showdown. The idea being to knock down three heavy skittles with just two heavy cannon balls, each go, if the first ball knocked all three skittles down they were then replaced upright for the second ball, so the maximum score was six. Bowled from a long distance of 10-20 yards along the grass. Also in the 50's I can remember (Browns Pudding Factory) down at Rushbrooke Lane, Bury St Edmunds roughly where Dobbies Garden Centre stand today. The factory used to boil up waste food and then distribute out to pig breeders around the county. It was well known as the pig swill factory, it changed names to Milbecks Foods at some point or other.



These rather cute little Tamworth piglets – are just a few hours old

The cottages pig kept in a stone sty near to the house eating scraps from the kitchen, was a common site up until the 1950's. Now it is more difficult to keep pigs this way. Feeding waste to pigs is strictly controlled and meat is never allowed, and neighbours usually prohibit the keeping of the pig nearby. But if you have a good-sized garden, with a large airy stone building or room for a modern pig arc and no near neighbours, then pig keeping may be for you. Pigs can provide bacon and pork for your freezer, but also pigs can be pets and also provide companionship. They can help gardening by providing manure to compost for vegetable gardens, and they are delighted to help you turn over rough ground. Pigs, if well kept, are clean and straightforward to look after. But there is no doubt that pigs have a pungent smell, even if kept very clean. Which is a constant sharp reminder about 25 years ago when we both moved to Tostock there was a pronounced nasty smell which hung in the air over the entire village especially when the wind was in the wrong direction, likewise known by the locals as the 'Woolpit Whiff'. So you need to be prepared for this. Choice of breed is important as commercial pigs get absolutely huge so the garden pig needs to be from a relatively small breed such the Berkshire or the traditional cottages pig, the Gloucester Old Spot.

Another possibility is the Oxford Sandy and Black. The Berkshire is a black pig and is made more attractive by having white feet and a white tip to its tail. It is hardy and thrifty. The Gloucester Old Spot has a fatter carcass than the Berkshire and does well in cold conditions.

The Oxford Sandy and Black is a docile pig that thrives on rooting. Piglets are very appealing but they need very good fencing as they root under fencing as well as pushing against it. They can clear land for future vegetable growing for you.

Pigs are naturally clean if given plenty of straw and not overcrowded. Whatever pig you choose you will need to sort out identification and movement and register with DEFRA before the pig or piglets arrive. Pigs of any age moving from holdings to a market of any kind must be permanently identified with the DEFRA herd mark of your holdings. Also if you move them off your holdings to slaughter they are still required to be permanently identified with the DEFRA herd mark. What goes into the trough. Pigs have a reputation for living on waste products but to achieve health and meet modern requirements, they need to have a balanced diet. Pigs love to eat, love to root in their straw beds, in their pens and if at pasture in the grass and mud.

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Feeding time should also be fun for pigs and should be fed at least twice a day and to be able to look for food for at least part of the rest of the day. A foraging pig will find grass, grubs including earthworms, roots and fallen fruit to supplement its diet in a healthy way. So a confined pig also needs to be busy perhaps searching out waste vegetables and roots as well as the balanced ration that you will need to provide. Bagged pig food is readily available and is designed for the purpose so you can buy feeds that range from piglet creep feed to pet pig feeds. Meals must not be fed dry, pigs like wet feed and you can add surplus goats milk to feed in a trough. Pigs troughs are usual way to feed and this way you can dampen the food and the trough needs to be kept clean.

Now for some rare pig breeds - Gloucestershire Old Spot also known as Gloucester Old Spot, is an English breed of pig which is predominantly white with black spots, its named after the county, known for its docility, intelligence and prolificity. The boars reach a mature weight of 600 lbs (272 kg) and sows 500 lbs (227 kg). The pigs are white with clearly defined black not blue spots. There must be a least one spot on the body to be accepted to be on this registry. The breeds maternal skills enable it to raise large litters of piglets on pasture.

The Gloucestershire Old Spots (GOS) breed society was formed in 1913, the originators of that society called the breed Old Spots because the pig had been known for as long as anyone could remember. The first pedigree records of pigs began in 1885, Much later than it did for cattle, sheep, and horses because the pig was a peasant's animal, a scavenger and it was never highly regarded. No other Spotted breed was recorded before 1913, so today's GOS is recognised as the oldest such breed in the world from the British Pig Association, although there have been spotted pigs around for two or three, centuries, GOS has only had pedigree status since the early 20th century.



Gloucester Old Spot



British Saddleback

The British Saddlebacks are hardy and noted for their mothering ability. The breed is known for its grazing ability, it has secured a niche in outdoor and organic production. These are docile pigs making them more manageable more than some. They are liked by many as they are attractive pigs and because they are bigger than some of the breeds. They produce good bacon. The fine and sturdy Saddleback is an amalgamation of the Wessex and Essex Saddlebacks and is hardy, lop-eared and impressively deep-bodied. They are naturally good mothers and have an easy non-aggressive temperament, in no rush to do anything and take everything in their stride.



Tamworth picture taken at Knepp Re-wilding



Large Black



British Landrace breed large white

The Tamworth's red/gold hair makes it as one of the most recognisable of the traditional pig breeds. It is thought to be most typical breed descended from the old indigenous species, old English forest pig. The sows are excellent mothers, being milky, docile as well as protective. The Tamworth is hardy and can be kept in environments ranging from rough pasture to meadowlands.

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The founding of the Large Black Society in 1889 led to an increase in the exchange of stock between the breeders in the three localities – East Anglia, Devon and Cornwall. In the early part of the 20th century Large Blacks became more widely distributed, and were frequently crossed with the Large Whites and Middle Whites to produce both porkers and baconers. The breed was also very successful in the show rings. It is the rarest native breed pig in the U.K. Unlike most pigs the Large Black does not suffer from sunburn. It has been exported all over the world. Although the hair is black the skin of the pig is white.

Large Black sows make wonderful mothers. Most pigs rootle, the Large Black is a natural grazer. In the 1870's Mrs Beaton recommended the Black pig above all others. It's the U.K.'s only all black pig. The British Landrace is a British domestic breed of pig and one of the most popular in the United Kingdom. It is white with heavy drooping ears which covers most of the face and is bred for pork and bacon. Large Whites and Medium Whites originated in the 1949 importation of 12 Landrace pigs from Scandinavia – 4 boars and 8 gilts (immature females). It is a very versatile breed performing well under indoor or outdoor systems of management. Sows have the ability to produce and rear large litters of piglets with very good daily gain and high lean meat content in a superbly fleshed carcass, which is ideal for either pork or bacon production. Should you wish to keep pigs it is most important to ensure that you have vermin proof storage for the bagged feeds. Not only is it costly to lose good food to the vermin such as rats and mice but also they can transmit disease to you and your pigs and will need to be controlled.

Don't encourage them in the first place by giving them free meals. Also excess food (uneaten waste food) will certainly attract them. Adjust your rations accordingly, pigs tend to eat less in hot weather, and if the pig is not taking the food it should, then consult your veterinarian. If your pigs have access to good grass, they can consume up to 10lbs or so a day but the grass will need to be readily accessible. 7lbs of good grass could replace about a 1lb of pig feed. Whatever the end objective for your pigs, keeping them on a small scale means you can get to know them and make their lives more pleasurable. Remember, they are big, strong animals with a nasty bite when roused so treat them with respect as, like all large animals can be dangerous. Keep a strong fence between pigs and children or domestic pets to be on the safe side and learn pig handling skills before becoming a pig keeper.

Finally, why not have some fun and get rid of the dog and get yourself a new pet and companion instead. On the pet side of things the Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs who with their appealing wrinkled faces and intelligence can become very much part of your family. They are the ultimate pet pig and very affectionate. They have the same basic needs as all pigs and the same rules and regulations – so go on and treat yourselves.



Vietnamese pot-belled pig – This is a photo I took at Cotswold Country Park



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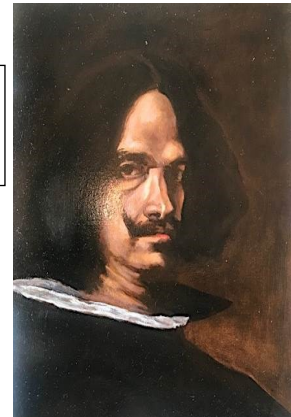
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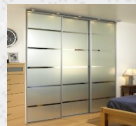
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