

Members News

Member Pineapple Developments Ltd

Pineapple Developments Ltd based in Bridport, Dorset, has been appointed to project manage the diversification of Lodge Farm, Northrepps, Near Cromer, Norfolk into a business park.

Currently the site has a mixture of redundant modern steel framed and traditional brick farm buildings and once transformed will be known as the North Norfolk Business Centre offering both light industrial and office space to the local community. Pineapple Development will oversee the whole process from the design of the scheme to the delivery of the completed buildings ready for letting.

Pineapple Developments specialise in delivering rural business solutions to farmers and landowners who are looking to develop and prosper in the countryside. They offer a complete service to identify opportunities, deliver the construction of projects and



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manage the resulting property, if required. They have a hands-on approach and a wealth of experience to draw on.

Mike Perry, Pineapple Developments' Contract Manager, commented "We are delighted to have been appointed to project manage the build and development of North Norfolk Business Centre and so bringing new business opportunities to the area... It is our expertise and understanding of rural issues together with our practical know-how that is proving an attractive proposition to farmers and landowners who are looking to diversify".



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Member Cover-All Offers Ideal Equipment and Livestock Building Solution

Cover-All Building Systems Inc., an ISO 9001:2000 certified manufacturing facility, is one of the world's largest manufacturers of fabric covered buildings. Agricultural producers have discovered the advantages and benefits of Cover-All buildings as free-stall barns, equipment storage, manure containment facilities, maintenance shops, as well as commodity storage. For livestock producers, Cover-All buildings contribute to better herd health, longer operating hours and less building maintenance. The polyolefin characteristic of the Cover-All DuraWeave fabric cover is inert to corrosive environments such as manure storage and composting processes, and the recyclable membrane is not biodegradable. Cover-All's DuraWeave fabric covers have translucent properties, allowing tremendous amounts of natural light inside the building. The fabric is thermally non-conductive providing a building that is warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. The spacious clear span environment provides agricultural producers ample room to work on equipment or to design a personalized floor plan for livestock housing. Cover-All buildings are available in clear-span widths of 5.4 to 24.9 meters, to any length and are engineered to meet local building code requirements. For more information on Cover-All Buildings call their toll free number, 0800 3891490 or visit their web site: www.coverall.net.



Secretary's Column

I write this after returning from the great Spring Conference organised by our Yorkshire Branch.

There was a write up earlier in this magazine, which I hope gives a taste of how interesting the two days were. There was something for everyone.

It was particularly interesting and inspiring to see the attitude of the two farmers. They had both been hit very hard by foot and mouth, but had decided to stay in farming, although both going down different routes. They are optimistic enough to continue to invest large amounts of time and effort into ensuring that they were as efficient as possible, even though the returns they were getting for all this money, time and effort were far too low.

Without this commitment from farmers you do have to ask what would happen to the English countryside that we all love and how much extra food would we have to import.

It was also good to see that the planners are beginning to allow some development in the rural economy. We were in danger of rural villages becoming dormitories.

The changes to our name and logo continue to cause dissent, it is disappointing that so much time is spent on discussing the changes, even though council and the EGM took all views, on the change of name, into account before agreeing the change. Too little time is spent on the big important issues such as where we are going and how we are going to get there.