No: 10/85 Ref: EW/G85/09/02

Aircraft type

and registration: Piper PA28-140 Cherokee G-ATVO (light single engined fixed wing

aircraft)

Year of Manufacture:

1966

Date and time (GMT):

3 September 1985 at 1030 hrs

Location:

Cromer Airstrip, Norfolk

Type of flight:

Private (pleasure)

Persons on board:

Crew — 1

Passengers — 1

Iniuries:

Crew — None

Passengers — None

Nature of damage:

Slight damage to left hand undercarriage and wing. Bent

propeller, twisted nose wheel gear.

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

44 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience:

190 hours (of which 145 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report form submitted by the pilot.

The pilot had obtained permission to land at Cromer Airstrip prior to his departure from Stapleford. He was advised that the strip would be unmanned. From the windsock at the strip the pilot judged the wind to be 260° at 20 kt with some gusting. Visibility was reduced in rain showers. The grass strip at Cromer is 600 metres long and the pilot touched down on runway 18 some 150 metres in from the threshold. After touchdown the wind, which the pilot reports had now veered to 290°, caused the aircraft to weathercock. The landing direction was maintained by use of rudder, but a combination of the wet grass surface and downhill slope prevented the aircraft coming to a halt before the end of the runway which is crossed by a cart track. The aircraft nosed gently into the cart track, striking the left wing tip and undersurfaces, and the propeller, before coming to rest back on its wheels.