



# THE WHERSTEAD COUNTRY FAIR

**SATURDAY 18 JUNE 1988 2PM - 6PM at WHERSTEAD PARK**

*To Be Opened By John Wark*

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Ipswich Hospital Military Band ● Sideshows

Greyfriars Scottish Dancers ● Rural Displays

Ipswich Judo Club ● Childrens Fancy Dress

Archery Display ● Steam Traction Engine

Market Stalls ● Teas ● Bar

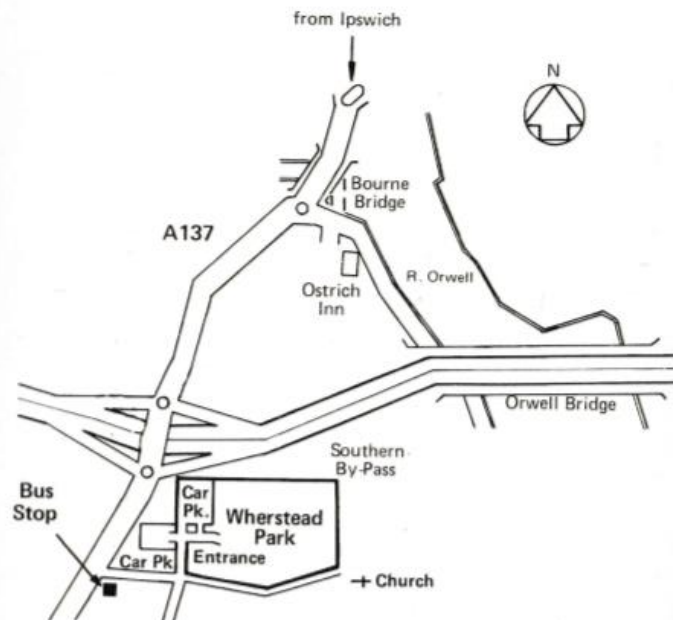
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Admission Programme Price 50p (Children 20p)

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Ipswich Bus Company's 'Imp' Service No. 36 from Tower Ramparts terminates at the end of Wherstead Street as shown above.

## WELCOME

### to the Wherstead Country Fair

This is the third Wherstead Country Fair organised jointly by the Suffolk Branch of the Electrical and Electronic Industries Benevolent Association, the Wherstead Parochial Church Council and Eastern Electricity. The proceeds will be divided between the EEIBA and the Wherstead Church Restoration Fund.

The Fair is very much a family event and it is hoped that lots of children will arrive in fancy dress (see page 19) and take part in the fun races during the afternoon.

The Organising Committee is most grateful to the many organisations and individuals who have donated prizes for the event. A full list of donors will be found posted in the Bar.

The Wherstead Country Fair is being held in the grounds of Eastern Electricity's Headquarters, Wherstead Park. The grounds, in common with so many wooded areas, suffered a great deal of damage during the hurricane of October 1987. New planting has been carried out and visitors are asked particularly to take care when in the vicinity of young trees to avoid the possibility of any damage.

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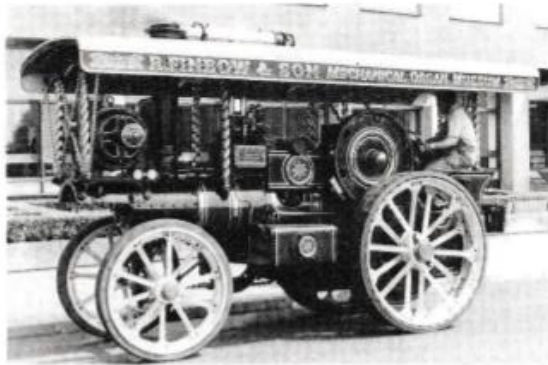
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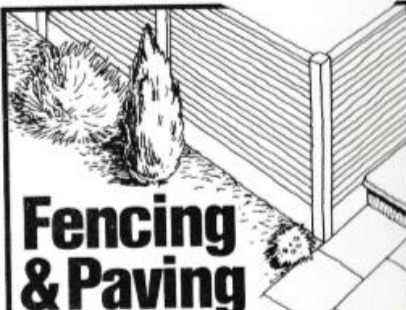
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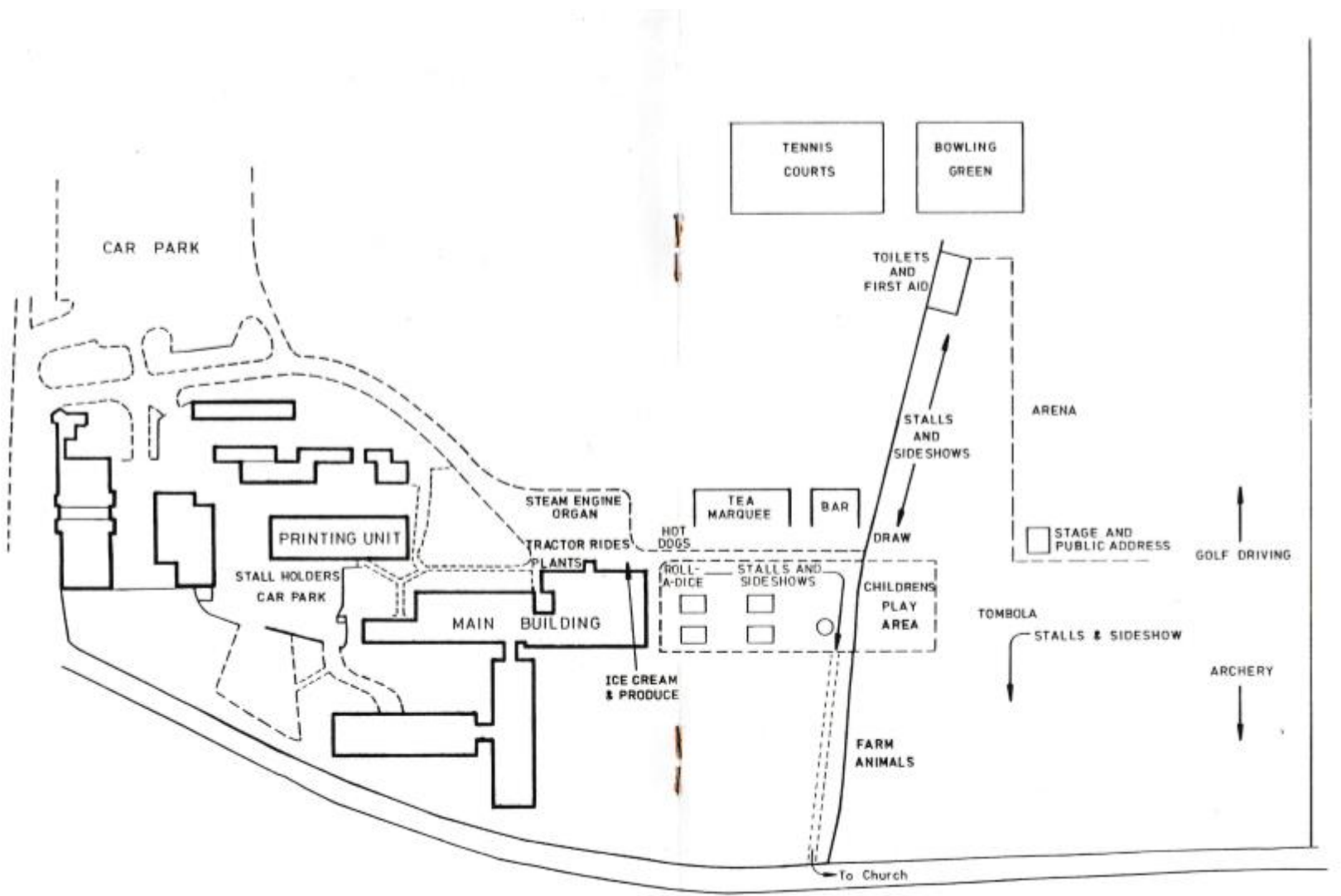
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# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 2.00 pm Tombola, Stalls, Sideshows and Bar open.
- 2.15 pm Official Opening by John Wark.  
Ipswich Hospital Military Band  
(and at various times throughout afternoon).
- 2.30 pm Children's Fancy Dress Competition.
- 3.15 pm Children's Games.
- 3.30 pm Tea Marquee Opens
- 4.00 pm Display by Ipswich Judo Club.
- 4.30 pm Greyfriars Scottish Dancers.
- 5.00 pm Ipswich Hospital Military Band – Final Set.
- 5.30 pm Prize Draw.  
Bar Closes.
- 6.00 pm Tombola, Stalls & Sideshows Close.



CHURCH

## GREYFRIARS SCOTTISH DANCERS

Scottish Country Dancing has existed for hundreds of years, reaching its hey-day in the 18th and 19th centuries, and the modern dances which you will see today are based on the steps and formation then in use.

This form of dance is world-wide thanks to the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society which was founded in 1923 to preserve the old music and dances, many of which had not previously been written down, and to standardise the steps and formations.

Greyfriars Scottish Dancers have been in existence since 1966 and have been part of Adult Education in Colchester since 1972, hence our name, from Greyfriars Adult Education Centre where we hold our classes for all levels of ability from absolute beginner to advanced level.

Our programme today consists of Reels, Jigs and Strathspeys, the latter – the slow ones – being found only in Scottish Country Dancing and having a rhythm which simulates the flowing of a river.

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## CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

We hope to see lots of children turning up for the Fancy Dress Competition. There will be prizes for the best costumes as follows:-

*Age 7 and under* – Nursery Rhymes Character.

*Age 8 - 16* – Television Programmes or Adverts or Space Theme

Please assemble in the arena next to the stage at 2.30 pm.

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Later in the afternoon, at 3.30 pm, Eastern Electricity trainees will be organising children's races. These will be held in the Arena area next to the stage. No pre-entry required – just bring the children along.

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On the main field, just south of the gate at the end of the roadway, you will find a children's play area with an inflatable play surface and assault course. Further down the field will be found a small compound housing some farm animals.



**IPSWICH HOSPITAL MILITARY BAND**

We are pleased to welcome the Ipswich Hospital Military Band to the Country Fair.

The band was formed some eleven years ago and is made up of local hospital employees, their families and friends. It is a military band, that is it includes woodwind as well as brass instruments. The band has a wide repertoire of popular tunes.

Regular appearances include events associated with the Area Health Authority, local fetes and concerts in Ipswich parks.

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The Ipswich Judo Club has been established for 25 years and has a membership of 100-150 people of all ages.

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#### WHERSTEAD CHURCH

It is hoped that you will follow the diagram in the centre pages to visit our ancient church of St. Mary, which has stood for 900 years on its knoll overlooking the beautiful Orwell estuary. A wedding is scheduled to take place at the church at 2.30 pm, after which it will be open to visitors.

Like most mediaeval churches, St. Mary's has been altered and beautified over the centuries by people of different times and traditions. The Domesday Survey in 1086 mentioned a church at Wherstead and there was probably a church here in saxon times. Indeed, the huge boulders or sarsen stones, on which part of the tower rests, seem to suggest that there was a place of worship here in pre-Christian days. But about 1100 AD the earlier building was replaced by a Norman structure, as we can see from the simple 11th century north doorway and the fine 12th century semi-circular arch over the south door. The tiny Early English windows towards the west end of the chancel indicate that this was probably remodelled in the late 12th or early 13th century.

The tower has been carefully restored during recent years, but most of its fabric is 15th century work. The pinnacles were replaced in 1900. From 1800 to 1902 a large copper ball, five feet in diameter, stood atop a staff at the summit of the tower. This served as a navigation mark for vessels sailing up the Orwell. Inside the church there is much of interest including some beautiful and intricate carving on the font and pulpit.

From the 1984 Country Fair the Restoration Fund benefitted by the magnificent sum of £1,500, which helped in no small way to reach the required total of £16,000 and the work was soon completed. Continuing work includes the complete redecoration of the inside of the church and necessary maintenance.

We hope that you will enjoy the great charm and atmosphere of St. Mary's Church, and feel at home there. It is a place where people of all faiths, or none, may find peace and inspiration.

The side gate indicated on the site plan will be open from 2.45 pm to 4.30 pm to provide access to the church.

## **GRAND DRAW**

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## **ABOUT WHERSTEAD**

Wherstead is a scattered parish. The main centre of population is the village street leading to the church and Wherstead Park. Wherstead Mansion appears in Domesday (1086) as part of the Manor of Bourne Hall, one of seven manors now in the parish of Wherstead.

The Manor of Bourne Hall was at one stage vested in the Priory of St. Peter in Ipswich, and in 1528 when the Priory was suppressed by the Pope the Manor was granted to Cardinal Wolsey, who was born in Ipswich in the early 1470s.

In 1609 the Manor of Bourne Hall was purchased by Sir Edward Coke, the Chief Justice of England, described by Trevelyan as 'one of the most disagreeable figures in our history'!

In 1780 the actual house which has been Eastern Electricity's Headquarters since 1948 changed hands for £460 and later passed into the ownership of the Harland family. Sir Robert Harland substantially extended it in 1792 at a cost of £50,000 and the grounds of the house were laid out by the famous landscape artist, Humphrey Repton, in 1792/94.

It seems likely that when the house was extended the main centre section of the present stable block was built. The origins of the stable block as a whole are unclear, but a 1637 map shows a house with some outbuildings approximately on the site of the present structures. The clock which is such an interesting feature of the block can be dated with more accuracy than the building itself. It was originally a one-faced clock, probably serving a gable end, and is one-handed, which fixes the date of its making before 1690 when the minute hand was introduced on clocks.

Restoration work, which carefully retained the character of the stable block, was completed in 1976 and at that time the clock was lovingly restored by Michael Wood and Harry Cook of Eastern Electricity. Today the stable block houses "The Room", which is used for village functions.

The house and stables changed hands many times in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and during the ownership of the Dashwood family in the first world war half the house and the stable block were converted into a hospital.

The house has been visited or occupied by many famous people in its time, including Edward Fitzgerald, Huskisson, Canning and Wellington, who accidentally shot his host, Lord Granville.

#### WHERSTEAD VILLAGE SIGN COMPETITION

The village of Wherstead hasn't an official sign. Could you design one? If so, please use the blank page opposite for your drawing (entries only accepted on this). A prize of a framed copy of the design will be presented to the winner.

The finished article must have a minimum width of 3' 6" with height in proportion.

Entries, together with details of name, address and telephone numbers, should be sent to D. Taylor, 22 The Strand, Wherstead, Ipswich by 31 July 1988. The Competition will be judged by Mary and Henry Moore of Brandeston.



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