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**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA28-180 "Cherokee" G-AXSG (light single engined, fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of manufacture:** 1969

**Date and time (GMT):** 9 April 1984 at 1628 hrs

**Location:** Sleap airfield, Salop

**Type of flight:** Private

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — 3

**Injuries:** Crew — Nil                      Passengers — Nil

**Nature of damage:** Damage to nose landing gear nose wheel and propeller

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 33 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 100 hours (of which 11 hours were on type)

After a two hour flight from Shoreham, the pilot carried out an approach to Runway 01 at Sleap. He reported that he flew a normal approach at 74 kts with full flap selected and that after touchdown, as the nose wheel was lowered, there was a loud bang. It was found that the propeller had contacted the runway, the nosewheel axle was bent and that the nosewheel tyre had deflated.