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**INCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Bishop and Dunn Escapade 912 (1), G-CDIZ	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912 UL piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2005	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	15 June 2008 at 1200 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Sandown Airport, Isle of Wight	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Left landing gear leg deformed	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	National Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	70 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	275 hours (of which 50 were on type) Last 90 days - 36 hours Last 28 days - 14 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

**Synopsis**

The pilot stated that while conducting his normal short field approach to land on the grass Runway 23 at Sandown, the aircraft encountered turbulence. Noting that he may have flared the aircraft too high, he reported that at an indicated airspeed of 40 kt the aircraft unexpectedly "ran out of lift". The firm landing was followed by a normal

landing roll but when the aircraft vacated the runway it ran over some bumps and the left landing gear leg began to deform. The pilot stopped the aircraft, turned off the engine and got out to push the aircraft back to its parking position.