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**Aircraft type and registration:** Jodel D117 G-BDIH (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1958

**Date and time (GMT):** 9 December 1984 at 1200 hrs

**Location:** Rydinghurst Farm, Cranleigh

**Type of flight:** Private (Pleasure)

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

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Damage to undercarriage legs and mountings and also engine cowling.  
Propeller broken

**Commander's Licence:** Airline Transport Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 37 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 3,337 hours (of which 50 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The pilot was attempting to land on a farm strip with a light tailwind component but misjudged the approach. As a result the aircraft touched down heavily in very soft ground approximately 6 metres short of the runway threshold. The undercarriage sank into the ground causing the aircraft to tip forward on to its nose. It skidded to a halt in about 8 metres, and both occupants escaped without suffering any injuries.