

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28R-200 Cherokee Arrow II, G-GYMM	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-360-C1C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1971	
Date & Time (UTC):	8 October 2008 at 1200 hrs	
Location:	Old Warden Airfield, Shuttleworth, Bedfordshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Propeller bent, engine shock loaded, minor damage to flaps	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	43 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	103 hours (of which 40 were on type) Last 90 days - 11 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot made an initial approach to Runway 03 but decided to go around after seeing vehicles moving close to the runway. He then repositioned for an approach to Runway 21. During this second approach he heard an alarm, which he associated with a low throttle position. Its function is, in fact, to alert the pilot that the landing gear is up and it will sound when power is reduced significantly

with the landing gear retracted. He advanced the throttle slightly, believing this would silence the alarm, but when it did not, he assumed the switch had malfunctioned and continued with the approach. Shortly before touching down he suddenly realised that the landing gear was up and selected it down, but too late to prevent the aircraft from landing wheels up.