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**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA 23 Aztec G-BAKP (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1983

**Date and time (GMT):** 1 December 1984 at 1115 hrs

**Location:** Thruxton Aerodrome

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

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

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

**Nature of damage:** Nose landing gear collapsed, propellers and underside of aircraft substantially damaged.

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with IMC rating

**Commander's Age:** 45 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 300 hours (of which 168 were on type)

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

The pilot carried out a normal landing on grass runway 13 in a surface wind estimated to be 120°/15 kt. Available runway length was 750 metres and the grass was wet. He applied the brakes to slow the aircraft before crossing an intersecting paved surface and the aircraft responded normally. However, after crossing the paved surface with brakes still applied, the aircraft began to skid. It over-ran the runway onto soft ground where the nose landing gear collapsed. The pilot later stated that he had received no warning from air traffic control that the runway was slippery.

Runway state is listed in CAP 410 among those items on which information should be passed to pilots by Aerodrome Flight Information Service Officers (AFISOs). Thruxton, however, has no AFISO and is promulgated only as an air/ground station.

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