

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper J3C-65 (Modified) Cub, G-BPVH	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Continental C90-12F piston engine	
Category:	1.3	
Year of Manufacture:	1946	
Date & Time (UTC):	17 July 2005 at 1430 hrs	
Location:	Frieslands Farm Airstrip, Sussex	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - 1 (Minor)	Passengers - 1 (Minor)
Nature of Damage:	Substantial	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	69 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	247 hours (of which 129 were on type) Last 90 days - 5 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was carrying out his second flight of the day, a sightseeing trip. Weather conditions were clear, the surface wind was from 230° at 6 kt with occasional gusts. On returning to the airstrip he made an approach to Runway 06 which has a grass surface, is 650 m long and has a pronounced upslope averaging at 2.8° along its length.

The pilot was familiar with the airstrip and commented that sink can be expected at short finals on the approach to

this runway. In view of this and the tailwind he allowed himself an extra margin of speed for the approach. On final approach the aircraft started to sink so he applied full throttle in an attempt to correct it, but the main wheels caught in a standing crop short of the threshold. The aircraft pitched nose down and flipped over before coming to rest some 12 m along the runway.

The pilot and his passenger were both able to escape from the aircraft unassisted and with only minor injuries.