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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Fuji FA-200-160, G-BEUK

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-D2A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1977

**Date and Time (UTC):** 30 December 1990 at 1355 hrs

**Location:** Compton Abbas Airfield, Wiltshire

**Type of flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1                      Passengers - 2

**Injuries:** Crew - None                      Passengers - None

**Nature of Damage:** Slight damage to wingtip and spinner

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 42 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 154 hours (of which 15 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and telephone enquiry to engineer

The aircraft was being taxied along the north side of runway 26 with some 3 metres clearance between the left wingtip and the airfield boundary hedge. The wind was reported as 15 to 20 kt from 220°. The pilot felt the aircraft pitch as it hit some bumps on the ground and he closed the throttle and braked hard with both pedals. The aircraft yawed quickly to the left and skidded. The left wingtip contacted the hedge and slewed the aircraft into it causing damage to the spinner and enmeshing the propeller in the vegetation. Checks carried out after the accident found no defects in the operation of the braking system.