

No: 7/85

Ref: EW/G85/04/10

**Aircraft type and registration:** Piper PA38-112 Tomahawk G-DFLY (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1979

**Date and time (GMT):** 28 April 1985 at 1330 hrs

**Location:** Wycombe Air Park

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

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

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

**Nature of damage:** Damage to propeller, nose undercarriage, engine bulkhead, rear fuselage, centre fuselage, and port wing

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

**Commander's Age:** 32 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 73 hours (of which 66.35 were on type)

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

The aircraft was landing in gusty conditions, after a cross-country flight. On short finals the pilot closed the throttle. The aircraft sank rapidly and made a heavy landing, causing the nosewheel to collapse backwards.