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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-20, G-BHMO

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-290-D piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1950

**Date and Time (UTC):** 13 January 1989 at 1200 hrs

**Location:** Leavesden

**Type of Flight:** Pleasure

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Substantial to right wing and elevator

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

**Commander's Age:** 77 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 2545 hours (of which 12 were on type)

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

An approach to runway 24 was made with a surface wind of 190° to 210° gusting to 25 kt. The pilot states that he made an angled approach from the right of the runway to minimise the drift. Following a three-point landing the aircraft was aligned with the runway. After a ground roll of about 50 yards, the left wing rose and the aircraft yawed rapidly to the left and rotated through approximately 180°. During the manoeuvre the right wing tip and right elevator struck the grass to the left of the runway. The pilot who was wearing a full harness with full upper torso restraint was uninjured.