Great Lakes 2T-1A, G-BUPV

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Aircraft Type and Registration: Great Lakes 2T-1A, G-BUPV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Gladden Products Kinner R55 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1932

Date & Time (UTC): 29 May 1999 at 1600 hrs

Location: Peterborough (Sibson) Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 - Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None - Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Punctured wing fabric and one aerodrome PAPI installation

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 555 hours (of which 10 were on type)

Last 90 days - 6 hours

Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The Great Lakes is a two-seat fabric-covered biplane. The aircraft was approaching to land in light wind conditions on Runway 15 which has a grass surface. The pilot lost sight of the runway centreline as he flared to land. He did not notice the aircraft drift to the left during the flare and its left wing struck the PAPI installation beside the runway.