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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-28-140, G-BEEV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-320-E2D piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date & Time (UTC): 16 April 1991 at 1020 hrs

Location: Rayne Airstrip, near Braintree, Essex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - Minor Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Aircraft damaged beyond economical repair

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 39 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 65 hours (of which 8 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

Before take-off the pilot obtained an Airmet forecast which showed a moderate surface wind from the north east for his destination area. The terminal forecasts and actual weather reports from airfields adjacent to his destination showed winds between 8 and 12 kt.

He made an approach to land with full flap to runway 09, crabbing into a cross wind from the north-east. He reported that he flared the aircraft slightly high and applied power to cushion the touchdown. After touchdown, the aircraft veered to the left and, seeing a field of crops ahead, he attempted to go around again. He applied power but, realising that he was about to collide with a fence, he closed the throttle again. The left wing was torn off by the fence and the aircraft continued into the field of crops, where it turned over. The pilot was adequately restrained by his lap belt and diagonal strap and was able to leave the aircraft with only minor injuries.