ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Gemini Flash IIA, G-MWWK

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 582-2V piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1991 (Serial no: 866-1191-7-W661)

Date & Time (UTC): 11 November 2012 at 1620 hrs

Location: Redlands Airfield, Swindon

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damaged beyond economic repair

Commander’s Licence: National Private Pilot's Licence

Commander’s Age: 51 years

Commander’s Flying Experience: 68 hours (of which 47 were on type)
Last 90 days - 7 hours
Last 28 days - 40 minutes

Information Source: Enquiries by the AAIB

At the time of notification of the accident, the pilot had informed the AAIB that he had been landing behind another aircraft which unexpectedly performed a go-around. On touchdown, G-MWWK had entered the propeller wash of the preceding aircraft and the pilot had lost control of his aircraft which tipped onto its left side.

The pilot states that he was taxiing and practising ground manoeuvres when a gust of wind caught under his right wing and the left wing entered some tall grass at the side of the taxiway. He intended to brake sharply to bring the aircraft to a halt but accidentally depressed the foot throttle, causing the aircraft to tip onto its left side and collapse the left wing. The pilot could not explain his differing accounts of the accident.