

Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA28-140 G-CGHH (light single engine fixed wing aircraft).

Year of Manufacture: 1974

Date and time (GMT) 16 June 1983 at 1630 hrs

Location: Elstree Aerodrome

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Collapsed nose wheel, with damage to the propeller, fuselage and engine mountings.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence (USA)

Commander's Age: 21 years

Commander's total flying experience: 55 hours (of which 5 hours were on type)

The aircraft landed on runway 27 at Elstree with a light easterly wind. The initial touchdown was reportedly deep, and the aircraft 'ballooned'. During the subsequent landing, the nose wheel collapsed, causing damage to the propeller, fuselage, and engine mountings. There was no fire.