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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 150A, G-ASMS

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Continental Motors Corp O-200-A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1961

**Date and Time (UTC):** 18 July 1988 at 1915 hrs

**Location:** Wallingford Air Strip, Oxon

**Type of Flight:** Private (pleasure)

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Minor - to left wing leading edge and right wing tip

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

**Commander's Age:** 35 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 78 hours (of which 70 were on type)

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

The aircraft was making an approach to runway 03, a grass strip 1000 feet in length, with the wind north westerly at 10-15 kt. There was smoke from burning straw across the approach path.

The aircraft touched down halfway down the runway and the were brakes applied. Braking action, on grass which was wet with dew, was found to be too poor to enable the aircraft to stop on the runway and there was insufficient distance remaining to initiate a go-around. The pilot swung the aircraft to the right into long grass, hoping for improved deceleration. Control of the aircraft was lost and the aircraft came to rest in a shrub on the bank of the River Thames.

The passengers were wearing diagonal upper torso restraint and were uninjured.