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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28R-200 Cherokee Arrow II, G-RONG

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming IO-360-C1C piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1973

**Date & Time (UTC):** 8 May 1995 at 0900 hrs

**Location:** Stapleford Tawney Airfield, Essex

**Type of Flight:** Private

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Propeller destroyed and engine shock loaded; minor damage to fuselage underside

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with Night Rating

**Commander's Age:** 73 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 1,676 hours (of which 474 were on type)  
Last 90 days - 22 hours  
Last 28 days - 7 hours

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

The pilot had been for a 50 minute local flight with his son as passenger. On returning to the airfield he was given permission for a straight-in approach to Runway 04L and lined up with the runway at approximately three miles with the intention of carrying out a flapless landing. The pilot thought he had completed the normal landing checks but realised too late that he had landed with the landing gear retracted. Both occupants were using lap and diagonal harnesses and there were no injuries.