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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA-18 G-AXGA

No & Type of engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp C90-8F piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1952

Date and time (UTC): 26 December 1986 at 1530 hrs

Location: Felthorpe Airfield, Norfolk

Type of flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — 1 (minor) Passengers — 1 (minor)

Nature of damage: Substantial general damage to aircraft

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 61 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 122 hours (of which 43 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The surface wind, at Felthorpe Airfield, was reported as 240°/6 knots with gusts to 15 knots. The aircraft was about to touch down on runway 23 when the pilot felt the right wing rise rapidly. Full power was applied immediately. The aircraft turned approximately 90° to the left and subsequently struck the top of a tree and came to rest in a hedge on the boundary of the airfield.