

Flight Lieutenant Andy Potter

Andy Potter and his wife lived in Hemswell village. He was killed in an aircraft accident on 25 May 1986 at the RAF Mildenhall air show. He was the pilot of a Gloster Meteor T MK 7 which collided with a Vampire XH304 whilst flying in formation during the air display & crashed, killing both crew of the Meteor aircraft (F/Lt Potter and Cpl Kevin Turner). As a direct result of this accident, public display flying was limited to singleton aircraft.

These aircraft were known as The Vintage Pair on the airshow circuit.

This is a link to the incident which includes a video of the crash.

https://youtu.be/_FgAume4aQ8

<http://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/wiki.php?id=20246>