Thank you very much indeed for your kind message of condolence over John's sudden death. It was indeed a great shock but the many messages, such as yours, have made it a little easier to bear.

The blessing was that that it was very quick. With Angela helping him in the garden John was about to plant a replacement pear tree. His death was instant and he suffered no pain or distress. It may amuse you to know that Air Marshal Sir John was taken away still wearing his best green wellies!!

In view of his long professional career and varied appointments the family wish to have a small private funeral, to be followed in the spring by a Thanksgiving service.

With thanks from Angela, Shenagh, Shaun and Steve