For those of you receiving this column and who knew David personally, this is David’s wife, Gwenda Ellis, writing to let you know that David passed away suddenly and peacefully, in his sleep during an afternoon nap on Friday afternoon, 1st March.

He had just been diagnosed on Tuesday with severe sleep apnoea and fitted with a CPAP mask for sleeping at night. His doctor thinks that he suffered a seizure due to obstructed sleep apnoea but we are comforted to know he had lived an amazingly full and adventurous life and enjoyed his writing with a passion.

He had prepared this column earlier in the week and I searched for the photo to attach relating to the column and found four – but as I was unsure which one was the right resolution you required, have attached the four and hope that one of these will be of use.

It is sad to have to write that this will be his last STRUTH column, and knowing his love of writing has finally ceased at 79 years of age.

Kind regards,

*Gwenda*

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