It is with deep sorrow that I have to report the news of the sudden death, from illness, of John Champion at Boatshed Bristol.

Everyone at Boatshed, as you can imagine, is deeply shocked by this awful news today.

Since joining the group and creating Boatshed Bristol, he became not only a deeply respected colleague, but a friend to so many of us.

On behalf of Boatshed we offer our condolences to the bereaved family.

Neil Chapman - Co Founder & Managing Director, Boatshed

2016-09-19 17:49:22 / Jo Hallam Boatshed Plymouth

So very sorry to hear this. Please extend our condolences to his family. Jo & Billy

2016-09-19 18:47:19 / Tim Kingston Boatshed Brighton

Awful news, so sorry to hear this - condolences from us too. Tim, Jules and Kiaran.

2016-09-19 19:21:14 / Andy Topham Boatshed St Lucia

Very Sad indeed, thinking of the family, Andy & Caroline

2016-09-19 21:50:36 / Barbara Spittal Boatshed Liaison Manager

Sleep peacefully John, you know you were always one of my favourites - what you did with the Bristol brand was amazing. Have fun up there. Barbara xx

2016-09-20 06:00:59 / Chris Capel Boatshed New Business Development Manager

A true professional and very decent and highly respected chap. I will miss you John. Sending my deepest sympathy to your family. xx

2016-09-20 07:17:19 / Paul Watson Boatshed Yorkshire

Very sad - was a lovely man. Our thoughts with his family. :-(

2016-09-20 07:49:29 / Mandy Chapman Co Founder & Design Director, Boatshed

Really sad, lovely man, very decent man, will miss John. Thoughts with the family.

2016-09-20 07:53:23 / Jane Wilkins Boatshed Poole

So very sorry to hear this, our thoughts are with his family. Ian, Jane, Andrea, Will & Lloyd xx

2016-09-20 08:09:02 / Phil Key Boatshed Torquay

Very sad news, please pass on our condolences to the family. Phil and Val

2016-09-20 08:38:13 / Solenne Vaudin d'Imécourt Boatshed Riviera

Very sorry to hear this. John was a very nice person. On behalf of the Boatshed Riviera team, we send our deepest condolences and sympathy to his family and friends.

2016-09-20 09:23:37 / Simone Ray Boatshed Thames

John was a lovely chap, my thoughts are with his family at this time.

2016-09-20 09:49:26 / Chris Fuller Boatshed Falmouth

Saddened and shocked to hear this awful news. John was always extremely helpful and generous with his advice. Condolences to his family at this distressing time.

2016-09-20 14:56:10 / Paul Diffin Boatshed Lancashire

That's terrible, such a nice guy. Please send our condolences to his family.

2016-09-20 15:48:24 / Ian Sawkins Boatshed Scotland

We are really saddened and shocked to hear of Johns sudden Illness and passing away. He was always a pleasure to be with, please pass on our sincere condolences to his family, our thoughts are with them.

2016-09-20 17:07:58 / Alan Nash Boatshed Suffolk

Very sorry to learn about John a very nice guy and good fun to be with our thoughts are with his family

2016-09-21 07:49:37 / Geoff Jaguest Boatshed Suffolk

I never met John but judging from the above comments I wish I had. My condolences to the family.

2016-09-24 14:37:35 / Ian Dawes Boatshed Port Solent

What a tragedy! So very sad. I knew John well and met him at several SIBS. Visited him at Bristol once on his home patch. He will be sadly missed.

2016-09-27 07:31:25 / John Stokes Boatshed Bristol

It's said that if you enjoy your work so much then it will be a permanent holiday. That's what it was like working alongside John who was always a font of knowledge and a calming influence. I affectionately used to call him Champion the wonder horse which some of us will remember. He will be missed by so many. So have a good trip Matey and catch up with you in Fiddlers Green.

2016-09-28 10:13:06 / Suzzanne McDonald Boatshed Kent & Boatshed Medway What a shock, we did a lot of deals together and always had a laugh too. A very kind and decent man - a great loss!