

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Europa, G-OURO	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912ULS, piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1995 (Serial no: PFA 247-12522)	
Date & Time (UTC):	12 June 2014 at 1515 hrs	
Location:	Six miles west of Sywell Airfield, Northamptonshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - Minor
Nature of Damage:	Nosewheel detached and damage to front of the aircraft	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	68 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	262 hours (of which 40 were on type) Last 90 days - 9 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot reported that while flying in the cruise at a height of 2,200 ft he heard a single loud bang. At the same time the aircraft juddered and the engine lost power and stopped. The pilot changed to the reserve fuel tank and unsuccessfully tried to restart the engine. He selected a suitable landing site in a field of wheat, set the transponder to 7700 and made a MAYDAY call to Turweston Radio. The aircraft touched down on both mainwheels, but despite holding the control column aft to keep the weight off the nose gear, it collapsed during the ground roll and the nosewheel detached. The passenger sustained minor bruising from the shoulder harness. Paramedics, police and the fire service all attended the scene of the accident. The reason why the engine stopped has not been established.