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Dear All,

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the recent passing of Chris Wright, former Councillor for Old Coulsdon and a Croydon Council Honorary Alderman. Chris Wright, was a dedicated councillor for Coulsdon East from 1990 to 2018 and will be remembered as a true community champion who played pivotal roles in supporting local events, organisations and celebrations.

Alderman Wright was a deeply valued member of the Old Coulsdon Residents' Association committee and a passionate local historian. Local paid tributes, including from across local political parties, have highlighted his kindness and infectious passion – his community spirit will leave a lasting impression.

There will be a thanksgiving service as follows for anyone who wants to attend:

- Date/Time: Wednesday 12 August 2026 @ 12.30pm
- Venue: St John's Church, Old Coulsdon, Canon's Hill, Coulsdon CR5 1HA

In honour of his memory, the Council will observe a period of silence at the next Full Council meeting on Monday 20 July 2026, providing Members with an opportunity to pay their respects.

Kind regards
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Hema Vasanthakumar
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