



74/75 STAFF 50 YEAR REUNION

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2025

AS YOU WERE

1974

Prime Minister – Edward Heath (till 4 March) Harold Wilson (from 4 March)

Ronald Milhench jailed for three years for forging Harold Wilson's signature

Lord Lucan disappears

John Stonehouse disappears

Gallon of petrol – 50p

Pint of beer – 22½ p

Pint of milk – 4½p

Average house price - £10,000

New Year's Day a public holiday for the first time

Three Day Week introduced to conserve energy
(1 January – 7 March)

Television closed down at 10.30 pm until 7 February

McDonald's open first UK restaurant in Woolwich

Brian Clough appointed manager of Leeds United

Liverpool win FA Cup

Ceefax information service started on BBC

Bagpuss first shown on BBC1

Rising Damp first shown on ITV

It Ain't Half Hot Mum first shown on BBC1

Porridge begins on BBC1

There are two general elections – one in February and one in October – Harold Wilson remains PM

Camra's first *Good Beer Guide* published

Margaret Thatcher Education Secretary – abolished free milk for primary children in 1971

British Airways created

Manchester United relegated to Second Division – by a Denis Law goal who was playing for Manchester City

A Ford Cortina cost £1519

The Watergate scandal led to the resignation of Richard Nixon

1975

Prime Minister – Harold Wilson

Gallon of petrol – 73p

Pint of beer – 28p

Pint of Milk – 7p

Average house price - £11,000

Brian Clough becomes manager of Nottingham Forest

Austin Princess (*The Wedge*) launched by British Leyland

Headingley Cricket Ground vandalised – *Free George Davis* –
England v Australia match abandoned

First episode of *Fawlty Towers* broadcast on BBC2

The Sweeney first broadcast on ITV

The Good Life first broadcast on BBC1

Poldark first broadcast on BBC1

Bohemian Rhapsody released by Queen

Colin Dexter's first *Morse* novel published – *Last Bus to
Woodstock*

Agatha Christie's last *Poirot* novel published – *Curtain*

It snows in London in June

Derby County win the Football League First Division title for the
second time in four seasons

Margaret Thatcher becomes leader of the Conservative Party

Two new laws, the *Sex Discrimination Act 1975* and the *Equal Pay
Act 1970*, come into force aiming to end unequal pay of men and
women in the workplace

Manchester United return to First Division

Inflation at 24.2 %, the highest since 1800

Withdrawal of the Direct Grant begins

Lord Lucan named as guilty of wilful murder *in absentia*

A Ford Cortina cost £1765

The Rubik Cube invented by Ernő Rubik

Dutch Elm disease virulent in the UK affecting 1 million elms

