

Subject: Willoughby Hall Reunion – 50 Years On

Date: Saturday 3rd October 2026

Location: University of Nottingham Campus

Dear Willoughby Hall Alumni,

As we look ahead to 2026, it seems the perfect time to come together and mark a very special milestone—50 years since our time at Willoughby Hall in the mid-1970s. Those were formative, unforgettable years, full of friendships, laughter, adventures, and memories that have stayed with many of us ever since.

To celebrate this anniversary, there will be a Willoughby Hall alumni lunch on Saturday 3rd October 2026, at The Orchard Hotel on the University of Nottingham campus. The aim is simple: to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about our days in Willoughby, and enjoy the chance to revisit favourite corners of the campus.

The estimated cost for the lunch is £50-65 per head, and the event would be for alumni only. However, for those who would like to make a weekend of it—whether to spend more time informally with old friends or to enjoy a break in Nottingham with their partners—there is excellent accommodation at the hotel, at nearby Wollaton Park Travelodge, and of course across the wider City.

We hope the idea of gathering together after 50 years will appeal to many of you. This may well be the last chance to bring our Willoughby Hall cohort together in person, and it would be wonderful to celebrate this milestone with as many familiar faces as possible.

At this stage, we are simply looking to canvas interest. If you think you would be likely to attend, or even if you're just considering it, please do let us know as soon as possible. A simple YES or NO reply sent to the organiser, Mark Lightowler mightowler@gmail.com will suffice for now. Your response will help us keep track of numbers and progress with arrangements.

We very much hope you'll join us for what promises to be a warm, memorable, and nostalgic occasion.

With best wishes,

Mark Lightowler, Nigel Young, Mandy Ferguson (Eves)

PS if you are in contact with any other Willoughby Hall friends from 50 years ago, please send this message on to them.