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As we progress into this new century I strongly suspect that the control of water will be by electronic solenoids like our dishwashers and washing machines. Taps will disappear and we will be left holding remote controls or prodding steamy screens.

Taps therefore as we know them today may have existed for only around a century and are perhaps destined like the horse and carriage to disappear into the mists of nostalgia. I have therefore taken on the task of researching this century of taps and selecting the great classics from each decade. From their domestic origins in the late Victorian era through the mechanical angularity of the Edwardians, the curvaceous turn of the century French, the colonial twenties, the Deco thirties, the streamline fifties, the starry sixties to the nineteen seventies when it all seemed to begin again. Each decade has been carefully considered and researched. I have visited many museums, countless salvage yards and been unexpectedly welcomed into castles, cottages and dealers' dens. It has mostly been a journey of joy. One develops a passion for the chase, unearthing sometimes at great length at other times in an unexpected instant these forgotten art forms of history. But what does a true classic mean and how does a design become a classic. Foremost it stands the test of time, it is popular, a design which sold well in its day and continued to be demanded and of course it worked, it functioned, it did its job. Beautiful products, beautifully made, beautifully practical and still beautiful today.

All the taps I chose were still in working order, maybe in need of some grease or new washers but functioning even after in some cases a 100 years. These are art forms – sculptures not only for the eye but also for the hand – they look right and feel right.

This is of necessity a work in progress, first and foremost, because as you will see it did not stop with taps. Today we don't buy baths we buy bathrooms so ceramic chinaware, accessories, lighting, baths and showers had to be added to complete each period. There are still gaps in some ranges and new decades will be added as production allows.

In the meantime I offer the results of my labours todate – 'A century of classics' – the story of a hundred years of bathrooms. You are currently holding '1950 Belle Aire' – which is one in a series of eight brochures.

I sincerely hope some of the pleasure I received from discovering and developing these products is transferred as you use these fabulous classics of the last century.

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Above: RL 1236 Belle Aire Basin Mixer.

Opposite Page: RL 1236 Belle Aire Three Hole Deck Mounted Basin Tap with Wing Levers and Click-up Waste shown with LB 7803 Belle Aire Ceramic Basin and LB 4971 Tubular Stand in Chromium Plated finish.



Above and facing page: RH 1127 Belle Aire Bath Filler in Chromium Plated finish.

Right: LB 8626 Belle Aire Right Hand Bath and Panel shown with RH 1127 Bath Filler (for Left Hand Bath quote LB 8627).







Left: RT 8800 Belle Aire Archipelago Thermostatic Valve and RT 2210 Bath Spout with RL 5000 Flow Control Levers shown with RT 1774 Rose and Shower Arm (330mm).



Below Left: RT 8800 Belle Aire Archipelago Thermostatic Valve in Chromium Plated finish.

Below: RL 5000 Belle Aire Flow Control Lever Valve.







Above: RH 1127 Belle Aire Bath Filler in Chromium Plated finish.

Right: LB 7833 Belle Aire Ceramic Console Basin (100 cm) with LB 4972 Tubular Stand and RL 1236 Belle Aire Lever Three Hole Basin Mixer with Click-up Waste in Chromium Plated finish.

## console







Left: LB 7808/LB 7807 Belle Aire Ceramic Close Coupled Cistern and Pan with LB 7241 Lavatory Seat in White.

Below: RH 1481 Belle Aire Ceramic Bidet Three Hole with Slow Running Waste.

## bidet



The Belle Aire range of Taps, Fittings, Tubular Stands and Accessories is available in Chromium Plated finish. Other Plated finishes available on request.

> Lefroy Brooks manufacture the range of white ceramic Metro Tiles shown throughout this brochure.

Below: RT 4510 Shower Bottle Rack shown with RT 4935 Towel Rail (20"). Also available RT 4948 with 30" rail length.







Left: LB 7803/LB 7804 Belle Aire Ceramic Basin & Pedestal shown with Belle Aire Accessories: RT 4936 Glass Shelf with Rail, RT 4939 Tilting Mirror Brackets with Dome Mirror, RT 4506 Circular Sponge Basket, RT 4959 Mug Holder with Frosted Glass Mug and RT 4934 Wire Soap Dish.

## accessories

ALL PRODUCTS AVAILABLE CHROMIUM PLATED. OTHER FINISHES ON REQUEST.



RH 1172 BELLE AIRE WALL MOUNTED THREE HOLE BATH FILLER



RH II7I BELLE AIRE WALL MOUNTED BATH FILLER



RT 8800 BELLE AIRE ARCHIPELAGO THERMOSTATIC SHOWER VALVE



RL 5000 Belle Aire Lever Flow Control



RT 1772 Belle aire 5" rose With 330mm shower Arm



RL 1236 BELLE AIRE LEVER THREE HOLE BASIN MIXER WITH CLICK-UP WASTE



RH 1127 BELLE AIRE DECK MOUNTED BATH FILLER



RL 1481 BELLE AIRE LEVER BIDET THREE HOLE WITH SLOW RUNNING WASTE



RT 2210 belle aire wall mounted bath spout



RT 1773 Belle aire 5" rose with 490mm shower arm



RH 1236 BELLE AIRE THREE HOLE BASIN MIXER WITH CLICK-UP WASTE



RL 1172 BELLE AIRE WALL MOUNTED THREE HOLE BATH FILLER



RH 1481 BELLE AIRE BIDET THREE HOLE WITH SLOW RUNNING WASTE



RH 5000 belle aire shower flow control valve



RH II2O BELLE AIRE PULL-OUT HAND SHOWER WITH SEQUENTIAL CONTROL VALVE



RT 1774 Belle aire 8" rose with 330mm shower arm



LB 7803 Belle aire ceramic basin (60 cm)



BELLE AIRE TUBULAR BASIN STAND



LB 7808 BELLE AIRE CLOSE COUPLED CERAMIC CISTERN (ORDER FITTINGS SEPARATELY)



LB 8627 belle aire left hand bath and panel



RT 1775 belle aire 8" rose with 490mm shower arm



LB 7833 Belle aire ceramic console basin (100 cm)



LB 4972 Belle aire tubular stand for console basin



LB 7807 BELLE AIRE CLOSE COUPLED CERAMIC LAVATORY PAN



LB 8626 belle aire right hand bath and panel



RT 1770 Eight jet brunswick adjustable head with shower arm



BELLE AIRE CAST IRON RADIATOR (NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE)



LB 7804 belle aire ceramic basin pedestal



LB 7241 Classic white lavatory seat with bar hinge



BELLE AIRE CERAMIC BIDET (NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE)



RT 4510 Belle aire wire bottle rack



RT 4947 Belle aire towel rail (short i0")



RT 4932 Belle aire lavatory paper Holder



RT 4934 Belle aire wire soap Dish



RT 4959 belle aire holder with frosted glass mug



RT 4935 Belle aire single towel rail (20") For 30" quote rt 4948



RT 4954 Belle aire double towel rail (20") for 30" quote rt 4949



RT 4942 Belle aire robe hook (i pair)



RT 4931 Belle aire towel Ring



RT 4952 belle aire grab bar



RT 4939 domed mirror with belle aire tilting brackets



RT 4936 belle aire glass shelf with rail



RT 4944 Belle aire wire towel Shelf



RT 4503 Belle aire lavatory brush & ceramic pot with wall bracket



RT 4506 belle aire circular sponge basket



You are holding one of eight brochures that detail the 'Century of Classics' Bathroom Range designed by Christo Lefroy Brooks.

The complete range of Taps, Showers, Baths, Chinaware, Accessories, Lighting and Components can be found in the main Price List.

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