



900 CHRISTO LEFROY BROOKS A CENTURY OF CLASSICS



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 '1900 Black' – 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: BK 4502 Classic Black Fine Bone China Mug and Holder.

Opposite Page: BL 1220 Classic Black Lever Three Hole Basin Mixer with Pop-up Waste.



Left: BL 1517 Deck Mounted Black Ceramic Lever Bridge Mixer.

Below: BL 1228 Mackintosh Black Lever Three Hole Basin Mixer with Pop-up Waste.



Right: BL 8704 Exposed Black Lever Thermostatic Mixing Valve with Riser Kit, Handset, Lever Diverter and 8" Rose.

Below: BL 8725 Exposed Black Lever Godolphin Thermostatic Mixing Valve with Top Return Bend to wall for concealed shower outlet.







Above: BL 8717 Concealed Black Lever Thermostatic Mixing Valve with Sliding Rail and Handset.



Left: BK 4511 Double Robe Hook with Black Ceramic Acorns.



Right: BL 1151 Classic Wall Mounted Bath Filler with Black Levers.

Below: BL 5002 Shower Body Jets Flow Control Valve.







Above Top: BL 1250 Classic Black Lever Four Hole Bath Set with Diverter and Pull-out Shower.

Above: BK 4505 Cast Brass Soap Holder with Black Fine Bone China Dish.

Left: BL 1144 Classic Black Lever Bath Shower Mixer with Standpipes.



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Above: BL 8823 Exposed Black Lever Godolphin Thermostatic Bath and Shower Valve with Cradle and Handset. (Available Wall or Deck Mounted).





Above: BK 4500 Black Ceramic Paper Holder.

Left: BK 4507 Classic Large Bore (1") Black Stove Enamelled Towel Bar with Large Backplates (Standard 20" Length), BK 4508 for Extra Long 30".

> Page Opposite: BK 7303/BK 7304 Metropole Three Hole Basin and Pedestal in Black with BL 1228 Mackintosh Black Lever Three Hole Basin Mixer with Pop-up Waste shown with assorted accessories — see index.

Lefroy Brooks manufacture the range of white Metro Tiles seen throughout this brochure.

Left: BK 4513 Black Stove Enamelled Grab Bar (15") with Large Backplates.



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BL 1224 CONNAUGHT BLACK LEVER THREE HOLE BASIN MIXER WITH POP-UP WASTE

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BL 1517 Black lever bridge mixer with 9" spout (also available bl 9007 with 6.5" spout)



BL 8030 CLASSIC BLACK LEVER LONG NOSE BASIN PILLAR TAPS (| PAIR) (ALSO AVAILABLE BL 8054 BATH PILLAR TAPS - | PAIR)



BL 8823 EXPOSED BLACK LEVER GODOLPHIN THERMOSTATIC BATH AND SHOWER VALVE WITH CLASSIC HANDSET



BL 1228 MACKINTOSH BLACK LEVER THREE HOLE BASIN MIXER WITH POP-UP WASTE

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BL 1230 TUBULAR BLACK LEVER THREE HOLE BASIN MIXER WITH CLICK-UP WASTE



BL 1461 Classic black lever bidet three hole with ascending spray and pop-up waste



BL 1220 CLASSIC BLACK LEVER THREE HOLE BASIN MIXER WITH POP-UP WASTE



BL 1216 EDWARDIAN BLACK LEVER THREE HOLE BASIN MIXER WITH POP-UP WASTE



BL 1195 CLASSIC BLACK LEVER BIDET MONOBLOC WITH POP-UP WASTE (ALSO AVAILABLE BL 1185 BASIN MONOBLOC WITH POP-UP WASTE)



BL IIOO CLASSIC BLACK LEVER BATH SHOWER MIXER DECK MOUNTED (ALSO AVAILABLE BL IIG6 WALL MOUNTED)



BL 1144 CLASSIC BLACK LEVER BATH SHOWER MIXER WITH STANDPIPES (ALSO AVAILABLE BL 1145 WITH ADJUSTABLE STANDPIPES FOR MOUNTING UNDER BATH RIM)



CLASSIC BLACK LEVER BATH FILLER DECK MOUNTED (ALSO AVAILABLE BL II5I FOR WALL MOUNTING)



BL 8700 Exposed black lever godolphin thermostatic mixing valve



BL 8801 ARCHIPELAGO THERMOSTATIC VALVE AND BLACK LEVER FLOW CONTROL (ORDER SHOWER HEADSET SEPARATELY)



BL 8717 CONCEALED BLACK LEVER THERMOSTATIC MIXING VALVE WITH SLIDING RAIL AND HANDSET



CLASSIC BLACK LEVER FOUR HOLE BATH SET WITH DIVERTER AND PULL-OUT SHOWER



BL 8725 EXPOSED BLACK LEVER GODOLPHIN THERMOSTATIC MIXING VALVE WITH TOP RETURN BEND



LB 1771 Classic eight jet brunswick adjustable head with shower arm



BL 8704 EXPOSED BLACK LEVER THERMOSTATIC VALVE WITH RISER KIT, HANDSET, LEVER DIVERTER AND 8" ROSE (ALSO AVAILABLE BL 8703 WITH 5" ROSE)



CLASSIC BLACK LEVER CONCEALED WALL BATH FILLER (ALSO AVAILABLE BL 1212 WALL MOUNTED BASIN FILLER)



BL 8706 concealed black lever godolphin thermostatic mixing valve



MK 1774 mackintosh 8" apron rose with short arm (suitable for cubicle) also available lb 1774 classic rose – see picture below



BL 8825 EXPOSED BLACK LEVER THERMOSTATIC BATH AND SHOWER VALVE WITH RISER KIT, HANDSET, LEVER DIVERTER AND 8" ROSE (ALSO AVAILABLE BL 8824 WITH 5" ROSE)



BK 4500 black ceramic paper holder



BK I307 black ceramic cistern lever handle (complete)



BK 4512 SINGLE ROBE HOOK WITH BLACK CERAMIC ACORN



BK 4515 FREESTANDING SOAP DISH HOLDER WITH BLACK FINE BONE CHINA DISH



LB 4941 Classic wire corner soap dish (also available lb 4934 for flat wall)



BK 4505 CAST BRASS SOAP HOLDER WITH BLACK FINE BONE CHINA DISH



BK 4513 BLACK STOVE ENAMELLED GRAB BAR (15") WITH LARGE BACKPLATES



BK 4511 Double Robe Hook with Black ceramic Acorns



BK 4501 spare paper holder with black ceramic acorn



LB 4510 Classic shower bottle rack



BK 4502 Black fine bone china mug and holder



BK 4507 black large bore (1") stove enamelled towel rail (standard 20") also available bk 4508 long 30"



BK 4503 brush and black pot with wall bracket and brass cover plate (also available bk 4504 free standing brush and black pot)



BK 4517 glass shelf with twin fine bone black china mugs



LB 4506 classic circular real sponge basket



CLASSIC SINGLE WALL BRACKET WITH 6" OPAL GLOBE



BK 7303 Black metropole three hole basin 24.5" (620 mm)



LB 4009 CLASSIC OPAL TUBULAR WALL LIGHT

BK 7301

BLACK METROPOLE ONE HOLE

BASIN 24.5" (620 мм)

TWO HOLE BASIN BK 7302 ALSO AVAILABLE



LB 4004 classic ceiling light with 10" oval opal globe



BK 7304 Black pedestal for metropole basins



LB 7242 Classic black lavatory seat with bar hinge



EN 3202 CLASSIC BALL JOINTED CAST IRON RADIATOR IN BLACK H37.5" X W26.5" X D8" (H953 X W669 X D205 MM)



LB 4518 three tier glass shelf



BK 7208 CLASSIC BLACK CLOSE COUPLED CISTERN WITH SIDE FLUSH (REQUIRES CISTERN FITTINGS LB 7299)



BK 8623 SUPER SIZE DOUBLE ENDED BATH IN BLACK L77" x W37.5" x H24" INCL FEET (L1950 x W950 x H610 mm)



LB 4509 Classic tilting mirror with bevelled glass



BK 7207

CLASSIC BLACK CLOSE

COUPLED PAN

LB 8625 SET OF FOUR LEFROY BROOKS CAST IRON FEET AVAILABLE IN ALL PLATED FINISHES AND 'READY-TO-PAINT'



BK 3701 LARGE CLASSIC MEDICINE CABINET IN BLACK



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

The complete Bathroom Range of Taps, Showers, Chinaware, Accessories, Lighting and Spares can be found in the Price Book.

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