

In 1965 Brian & Kathleen Passmore opened the doors to B&K Passmore Ltd - we were small with big ambitions. Fast forward to 2015 and we are celebrating our golden anniversary - in 2015 Passmore's are 50 years old!

Over the past 5 decades we have exceeded our dreams and aspirations, becoming one of the region's leading full service home improvement companies. The timeline highlights our key achievements to date and also what else has happened sectorally, locally & nationally in the same amount of time.

KEY

Passmore History

Leeds History

Bathroom History

British History

# 50

passmore  
celebrating 50 years

## 2005 - 2015

- 2005** Brian & Kathleen Passmore retire and Steve Passmore takes on the role of Operations Director
- 2005** Showers emerging as the preferred method of bathing among most adults
- 2012** The business undergoes a huge rebrand
- 2000's** Energy saving & going green was an emerging trend which saw eco-friendly bathroom solutions introduced into the home
- 2014** Vicki Roberts promoted to Finance Director
- 2006** Last ever edition of the iconic TV program Top of the Pop's following 42 years
- 2008** Leeds City Museum Opened
- 2012** Britain host the Olympic Games



## BIG 4-0

- 1999** More Ability was founded
- 1990's** Sculptured fixtures were introduced adding softer lines and new interest to bathrooms
- 2000** Tony Passmore become Managing Director
- 2000's** Bathroom design - new types of lighting were introduced including; recessed, low voltage & compact fluorescents
- 2004** Passmore's bought HB Broadbent Building Solutions expanding their service offering
- 2000** TV show 'who wants to be a millionaire' saw Judith Kappel become its first ever £1 million pound winner
- 1999** First ever Leeds Festival took place at Temple Newsome
- 2003** Hottest day ever recorded in Britain - 38.5 degree's in Kent!
- 2000** Millennium Square Opened

## 1995 - 2005



## BIG 3-0

- 1989** Passmore's had their first ever sign written Van
- 1980's** Recessed down lighting was a big part of the lighting design in bathrooms
- 1990** After 10 years' service Steve Passmore promoted to Bathroom & Building Surveyor
- 1990's** His & Hers spaces were beginning to emerge in the modern day home

## 1985 - 1995

- 1992** Leeds Polytechnic became Leeds Metropolitan University
- 1988** First ever Red Nose Day - over 150 celebrities took part with 30 million viewers watching
- 1995** Royal Armouries Opened
- 1994** First ever National Lottery Draw - 22 million people watched, 7 winners shared £5.8million



## BIG 2-0

- 1980** Steve Passmore joined the Business as a Plumbing Apprentice
- 1970's** The nostalgic look reappeared in a vintage toilet, the ball and claw foot tub, and pedestal lavatory
- 1981** Tony Passmore joined the Business as the Admin Clerk
- 1980's** There was a significant increase in the use of small appliances in the bathroom
- 1983** St John's Shopping Centre was Built
- 1976** The Queen sent her first ever email while visiting the Ministry of Defence's scientific research hub
- 1982** Falklands War - a 10 week territorial war between the UK & Argentina

## 1975 - 1985



## BIG 1-0

- 1965** B&K Passmore Ltd was founded by Brian & Kathleen Passmore
- 1960's** The idea of relaxation came back to form part of the bathroom offering in terms of design
- 1970** B&K Passmore Ltd opened their first Showroom in Beeston, Leeds
- 1970's** The nostalgic look reappeared in a vintage toilet, the ball and claw tub, and pedestal lavatory
- 1968** Radio Leed's began broadcasting
- 1966** England win the World Cup beating Germany 4-2 in the final
- 1974** The boundaries of Leed's were extended to include new boroughs & urban districts
- 1971** 15/02/71 - Decimal Day: decimalised currency replaces pounds, shilling & pence



2012



1990's



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2000



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2000



2014



2005



1999



1989



1992

2008



1981



1965

BBC  
RADIO LEEDS

1968



1983

## 1965 - 1975



1970's



1994



1970's



1966



1976